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Rabies in Eden Mills

Survey Acton Area, Set Up Pet Vaccination Clinic

The Free Press learned today from Dr. N. Harrop, formerly of Acton, who is the federal assistant district veterinarian, that two officers of the Toronto region will be in Acton today to start a survey, to embrace a 10 mile radius of Eden Mills. Next Wednesday a free vaccination clinic will be set up in the town hall. Veterinarians in charge are Dr. T. L. Dales and Dr. T. H. Spence of the federal Department of Agriculture, health of animals division.

A case of rabies was confirmed this week a few miles from Acton, as local and county authorities intensify action to prevent a dangerous outbreak of the serious disease in this district.

Last week a cat belonging to Eden Mills veterinarian Dr. W. G. Stevenson died and was sent for examination to the federal department of agriculture, health of animals division. Dr. Stevenson told the Free Press yesterday that from evidence of tests made the pet was definitely concluded to have died of rabies.

Dr. Stevenson said he believed the cat became rabid after contact with a diseased animal somewhere in the wooded creek area to the rear of his Eden Mills home.

Wellington County Health Unit officials, working with officials of the federal health of animals division, are reported meeting to establish vaccination clinics in the

Guelph-Eden Mills-Rockwood area to combat any further outbreak of the disease.

Meanwhile, in Halton county, the possibility of four cases of rabies was partially disproved this week by Dr. D. F. Damude of the Halton County Health Unit. Dr. Damude said four animal heads, two foxes and two dogs, had been sent to be analyzed for traces of rabies and one report had been returned showing a negative test.

The four animals were recently killed in various parts of the county and immediately sent for analysis.

At the same time Dr. Damude reports good progress being made with the dog control program in the county. Municipalities, including Acton, are co-operating in ordering 12-month restriction by-laws for local dogs.

The Halton Rabies Control Committee, organized two weeks ago, will meet again next week when the chief veterinarian for the Ontario health of animals division will address the group of county veterinarians and civic officials.

Dr. Damude estimated that about 25 per cent. of the 5,000-odd dogs in the county have been vaccinated. More are being vaccinated daily, he added.

Acton veterinarian Dr. F. G. Oakes reported he has vaccinated some 200 dogs in the Acton area in the last few days. On Monday, Dr. Oakes vaccinated scores of dogs in Rockwood.

Large Thermometer Gauges the Money For Treasure Chest

Acton shoppers from now on can tell at a glance how much the week-to-week Appreciation Day treasure chest holds.

Last week the committee erected a large thermometer at the corner of Mill and Willow Streets, on Gordon's Hardware building, with a movable indicator to point to the amount of money currently in the pot.

Crowds continue to make the Saturday draws a popular success. Last Saturday Marjorie Ware, with a 10 per cent coupon, won \$42.

This week the thermometer points to over \$400 in the pot.

Cars in Trouble Here, Week-end Weather Worse

Acton police reported several accidents in or near town during the stormy days of last week-end. No injuries were caused any drivers or passengers in the mishaps.

Early Friday evening a car driven by J. T. Morris, 23, of Kitchener, collided with the Milton detachment provincial police cruiser driven by Constable H. Gunn. The accident occurred just west of Acton on No. 7 Highway. Damage was estimated in the Morris car at about \$400 and about \$115 to the cruiser.

Constable Gunn was investigating an accident when the Morris car skidded off the highway and collected with the rear of the parked cruiser. The accident the officer was investigating involved collision of two cars, one a 1954 Chevrolet, owned by an Acton bike shop, and James Pinchin of Streetsville. Damage in this accident totalled about \$900.

Early Saturday morning two cars collided at the No. 7 Highway-Main St. curve into Acton. Drivers were Bruce Lewis, Toronto, and Robert Marshall, Acton. Damage to the Lewis car was about \$100 and to the Marshall car about \$500. Investigating Constable M. Harness reported a charge laid in connection with this accident.

Late Saturday afternoon, during one of the day's snow squalls, a car driven by Phoebe Charette, RR 4, Acton, collided with another driven by John Harriott, RR 2, Acton, at a Mill St. corner. Damage was estimated by Constable J. Hodgins at about \$100 apiece.

Monday night a car driven by Roy Atkinson, Acton, went out of control at the corner of Guelph and Young Sts. and hit a speed limit sign. Damage to the car was slight. Constable Hodgins also investigated this accident.

Acton Y Program Varied, Active

Events at Acton Y, as winter wears on, move freely along and strike a varied program of activity.

Bantam basketballers journeyed to Kitchener last Saturday and went down 34-37 to the Kitchener Mayfairs. The Mayfairs move on to the Canadian Amateur Basketball finals. Next Saturday the local Y bantams meet the Kitchener Y.M.C.A. team.

Last week-end two 'Gra-Y' clubs, the Ladies' Auxiliary and members of the boys' and girls' gym classes saw a documentary film based on the world-wide centennial celebration of the Y.M.C.A. in Paris last summer.

Members of the Y Ladies' Auxiliary are currently looking after a new money-raising project. The group has circulated four pairs of overalls. Recipients of the overalls are asked to patch in their name and a donation. When the overalls are collected, whoever has sewn their patch over the "lucky spot" wins a prize.

A by-law, empowering the mayor and clerk to sign the minutes of settlement with Esquing township for annexation compensation, was read under the finalized terms of settlement. Acton could pay a total of \$15,794.24, spread over 18 years for school debenture share on the annexed area. Also, the town will pay \$6,000 in \$2,000 instalments over three years.

E. Scott was granted a further concession on town hall rental for Saturday night dances up to May 19. Rental was reduced to \$25.

Formal notice from the Ontario Municipal Board, ruling assent of the \$15,000 Maria St. bridge debenture, was read by the clerk. Final reading was given a by-law authorizing construction and the clerk noted work has started on dismantling the old structure.

Refuse Service Bill.

A letter from the Lakeview contractors refused a bill from the town for installation of service lines to three houses facing No. 7 highway. Council contends the contractor owes the bill for the houses served from the rear, since it had never been the intention of the town to put sewer and water lines down the highway. Council

Emergency Ruling by Council to Bring All Dogs in Town Under Quick Control

Would Arrange Humane Society Service in Acton

Immediate action to put Acton's dog population under control, hurried by Ontario's rabies scare, was taken Tuesday night in Council. After considerable discussion, steps that could be taken to make control effective, Council decided that all local dogs should be tied up until further notice.

It was agreed that a special meeting of the Urban Board will be called to frame an agreement with the Oakville and District Humane Society whereby local dogs found on any street or public place would be picked up and disposed of if not called for in three days.

At the outset of the dog control talks, Clerk J. McEneaney reported the northern municipalities that if its service was wanted in this area, Acton and Georgetown would have to make a grant for another truck and employee. Milton has an arrangement now for the Humane Society's services.

A letter, circulated to other Halton municipalities from Acton, pointed out that dog control should be considered on a county-wide basis. Georgetown agreed that Council should take over the problem, while other municipalities such as Nelson, Trafalgar, Oakville and Bronte, considered the matter should be debated in County Council.

Early in Tuesday night's session, a question of money was raised. "Cutted" roadways in the southern end of the subdivision might be gone over again by the plow May or Tyler replied that attention would be given the area.

A question of money was raised. A representative of Peter Regina, grading and excavation firm from Toronto, appeared to confirm quoted rates for machine rental.

Engineer Frank Palleen gave further information on grade and drainage. By the adjustment the town would install a pumping manhole and lower the level, thereby serving cellar drains to some 62 houses which are not equipped with sump pumps. Council will approach the contractor to work out an agreement with the town on the basis of cost against saving.

Councillor S. Brunelle, before Engineer Palleen left, urged some agreement be worked out with the P.U.C. whereby a man can be readily obtained on loan if needed by the town or the engineer.

Mayor Tyler reported the committee of himself and Councillors Cook and Brunelle had not met with Tom Brankiewicz, as directed at the last meeting, to try for another offer of settlement on the long-disputed road course.

The committee had some disagreement between him and Councillor Cook over whether both the contractor and Mr. Brankiewicz were to be approached or Mr. Brankiewicz alone.

Councillor Cook insisted Mr. Brankiewicz, at least, should have been contacted by now. There was plenty of time between the last meeting and this meeting, he said, and voiced that in view of the publicity the Brankiewicz case had attracted, the matter of settlement should be expedited.

"Just a Misunderstanding"

Councillor E. Footitt interrupted to observe that if the Mayor and Councillor Cook wished to do the job all right, but there was business to be done in Council.

"It's no argument, just a misunderstanding," Councillor Brunelle offered. The committee of three continued to discuss the case. Mr. Brankiewicz Wednesday night.

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NEW HALTON REGISTRY OFFICE will be constructed soon following the approval of County Council of the tender of Dunker Construction Co. at \$66,000. The tender was accepted at the regular meeting of County Council on Tuesday. An architect's conception of the outside appearance of the building is shown here. Use of the present Registry Office building has not been definitely decided on.

Debate 15 Per Cent. Hike in Urban Roads Rebate at County Council

Considerable interest was indicated by members of Halton County Council in a regular session when Reeves Shannon and W. Carl, Oakville, presented a resolution seeking to have the road committee budget a rebate to townships in the county on the basis of 40 per cent. instead of the usual 25.

Reeve Shannon argued the town's road levy over the past 10 years had gone up doubly and in some cases three times. He said that if the rebate is not given, he did not feel they had skyrocketed that much, especially when the county had not added any mileage to the county road system.

"It's getting to the point where our towns are paying so much to the county for roads that they cannot afford to do the necessary work on their own roads," he stated.

The township representatives felt the 25 per cent. rebate was sufficient, especially when the provincial grant on maintenance had been reduced some \$40,000. However, council endorsed a resolution that the problem be held over until the next meeting, so road committee could further study the proposal.

Reeve Robert Marshall and Sidney Child were appointed as council representatives to the Children's Aid Society.

Approve Agreement By-Laws

A by-law was approved to allow the county to enter into agreements with Bronte and Milton respecting county road connecting links in each municipality. The Second Line

Date for Rate

Next Wednesday night council plans to meet in a special session to strike 1956's mill rate.

Rumors have been blowing around town for some weeks about how much higher or how much lower than last year's rate of 70 mills the 1956 figure will be. Council has so far indicated nothing to give any rumors substance.

At Tuesday night's meeting, Clerk J. McEneaney reported all estimates in from committees. Only hold-up now is a completed auditor's report due here next week.

road in Bronte and Bronte Street in Milton are the roads in question. The agreement allows the municipalities to do the necessary repair work on these roads and bill the county for the expense.

Another by-law was approved to provide for road expenditures for 1956 at \$320,000 or 2.33 mills. Estimates include construction at \$97,000, maintenance \$154,200, new machinery \$13,000, and miscellaneous \$55,000.

Ten tenders for the construction of the new Registry office were received for road expenditures for 1956 at \$320,000 or 2.33 mills. Estimates include construction at \$97,000, maintenance \$154,200, new machinery \$13,000, and miscellaneous \$55,000.

The lowest tender

was that of the Dunker company at \$66,000, while the highest tender received from Wolford of Guelph was \$92,500.

The new building will be of brick with stone trim and have a set-back on King Street of 40 feet. Completion date is set for next September.

Et Cal R. Charters, O.C. Lorne Scots Regiment headed a delegation to request the usual grant to the Regiment and Regimental Band. He said the strength of the regiment included 449 men with 38 officers, along with both the Regimental Brass Band and the Pipe Band. Council approved a \$1,500 grant, with \$500 each earmarked for the Regiment, the Brass Band and uniforms.

Several grants were approved, they included: Halton Junior Farmers \$400, an increase of \$50 over last year; Halton Pioneers Association \$250; Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association \$100; Halton Agricultural Society \$500; Esquing Agricultural Society \$400 and the Acton Fall Fair \$400. The last two grants were each increased \$100 over other years.

The agricultural committee is also continuing the farm pond policy setting up a grant of \$1,000. This amount is matched by the Department.

The Gazette-Printing Company of Burlington was awarded the contract to print the minutes and auditor's reports, while M. T. White was given the contract to print the Magistrate's blanks.

Damage Milton Campaign?

Survey Entire County Hospital Needs

After a lengthy debate, members of Halton County Council, by a close vote, approved a resolution to engage a firm of consultants to study and make a report on the hospital needs in the county. The move was made after an amendment to have the resolution laid over to the June meeting was lost by a split vote.

The resolution sponsored by Reeves Walter Linham and Robert Shannon followed the establishment of a committee last January to study the needs of hospitals and county assistance.

Reeve Archie Service immediately wondered if this move to engage consultants would retard the proposals for the new Milton and District hospital which was now in progress. He explained that the Milton hospital officials had and are spending some \$30,000 for the promotional work in conducting the campaign to

raise funds for the 60-bed hospital.

Survey Benefit County

Reeve Shannon did not feel it would interfere with the Milton program for a hospital, but he said the facts and figures established by Dr. Harvey Agnew in the survey would be of great benefit to the county as a whole. He explained this man was the best in the country and was recommended by officials of the Department. The cost of the services of this firm was \$4,500.

Trafalgar's reeve Robert Marshall felt there might be some confusion created, especially when Milton Hospital committee has progressed as far as it has. He requested the motion be tabled until the June meeting.

Deputy Reeve Fred Atkinson, Burlington, failed to see how the survey could interfere with Milton's program while Reeve Harold Ad-

kins, Nelson, felt there was a wealth of individuals in the county, retired professional men, who could provide this service.

"It is my council's feeling the charges for the services of these professional promoters in Milton is exorbitant, with paying them \$18,000 salary and another \$13,000 for expenses. We are sure this work could have been done more economically," he said.

Timing is Wrong?

"I am concerned when it comes out in the press that the county council is going to make this survey. I am not opposed to the engaging of a consultant, but I am sure the timing is wrong," Reeve Service injected.

"I cannot see where this will do any damage to a hospital campaign. Georgetown has a hospital committee set up to investigate the need there and I am informed a similar committee is established in Burlington and district. I would be more confident if I knew a survey was being made by a man of Dr. Agnew's calibre," Warden Stanley Allen stated.

Trafalgar Council is quite concerned about future extensions, and are anxious to know if these proposed hospitals will be large enough. Deputy Reeve Donald Bath stated, "We have had this experience in our district and have also asked for figures but none have been made available. I think this report may assist Milton if it were found necessary for Milton to enlarge their plans."

Survey Should Tie In

"This survey and report should tie in with Milton's plans," Reeve Shannon injected.

"I am sure this will not damage Milton's progress," said the Warden adding "it will be of great value to the county as a whole."

At this point the amendment

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HALTON'S DEBATING TEAMS were honored at the sixth annual Junior Farmer Banquet and Dance held in Trafalgar Hall Friday night, when they were presented with these trophies. On the left are George Greenlees and Mac Sprowl, the affirmative team, and on the right are Lloyd Vivian and Roy Ford, the negative team. They compete Friday night in Guelph. The background shows the display