

Slippery Road Causes Accident

Last Thursday afternoon a London Drive-up self Chev truck, owned by W. B. and W. G. Phillips, London, driven by James H. G. Pitt, London, slid off the icy road at Crewsons Corners on No. 7 highway causing an estimated \$30 damage. Constable Ray Andrews of the O.P.P. investigated.

Police Department Report Asks New Police Building

OAKVILLE — Construction of a police building containing court room facilities, larger police offices and quarters, garages, store-rooms, larger cell blocks for male and female prisoners, together with offices for the magistrate, crown attorney, probation officer and justice of the peace, were recommended to council in the Oakville police department's annual report last week by Chief W. L. Brown.

Compliments on his report by Councillor Fred Tilley, the chief also recommended the employment of three more constables, to bring the present department strength up to 16 all ranks.

This recommendation, he said, is based on the present population of Oakville (10,000) and police statistics for 1956, which showed a ratio of 1.6 police per thousand of population.

Chief recommended that the hiring be done immediately due to the fact that two officers have been assigned to non-active duty, in one case due to ill health, and in the second case, due to retirement. "The need for a motorcycle to speed up the checking on traffic

violators, particularly during rush hours, was pointed up by the chief, who noted that traffic again presented his department with its largest problem during 1956. Accidents, he reported, numbered 235 investigated by Oakville police, as against 215 in 1955.

School student patrols are now under study in the schools, the chief reported, and it is likely that they will commence to operate at all schools this year. Constable Alfred Hooks is now responsible for safety instruction in the schools.

An all-purpose camera for photographing scenes of crime, traffic and industrial accidents and arrested criminals is also recommended, with a further proviso that if and when the new police building is constructed, that a photographic and scientific laboratory be provided in the building.

In suggesting that further consideration be given to the establishment of off-street parking areas in the business districts, the chief also asked council to consider painting of parking spaces, cross-walks and similar areas annually in order to eliminate the high cost of pre-marking.

Georgetown Tax Up Single Mill

Georgetown council met in special session last week to hear the report of the auditors presented by H. A. Lever of Lever and Hoskins, Toronto, and set the tax rate for 1957.

During his report, Mr. Lever paid tribute to the council and to the school board in holding the line against higher costs and for efficiency in management of municipal funds during a trying and hectic year.

At the conclusion of the report, the council set the tax rate for residential and farms, 50 mills; for industrial and commercial, 53 mills. The per capita debt is \$400 and the total debt will be over two million dollars before the end of 1957.

Finance chairman Garfield McGilvray made the comment: "The ratepayers were expecting a tremendous increase in the tax rate and will be pleased with only a one mill increase."

The staff of the works department will benefit to the extent of a two cent per hour increase over existing rates of pay. The water meter readers received an increase of \$100 and an assistant in the police office gets \$150 extra.

The assessment rate was upped from \$3.00 to \$4.00 and the town foreman will be richer for an increase from \$3,750 to \$3,900. No increase was stipulated for the town engineer, who at present receives \$6,000 plus a \$500 car allowance.

Weekly Draw

The Saturday afternoon merchants' draw at the Post Office last week saw Mrs. H. Dennis receive \$36 on a 30 per cent coupon and Donald Brown the \$5 award. Next week the jackpot holds \$112 for some lucky winner.

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Surprises Highlight Woodside Party, Bertha Watson Honored

Surprises galore were in store at Woodside School, S.S. 10, Erin, last Friday evening when the school section gathered to honor the teacher, Miss Bertha Watson, one of Halton Junior Farmers, who won the provincial championship for debating and was also among the finalists in public speaking.

The evening began with eulogies, checkers and cribbage, with Miss Watson, the only person not knowing the reason for the gathering. Frank Freeman called the party to order and asked Miss Watson to be seated while Mrs. R. McKeown read an address telling of the teacher's achievements and how proud the section was of her. Mrs. C. Binnie presented Miss Watson with lovely white week-end luggage.

Miss Watson was completely

taken by surprise, finding it hard to find words to thank her friends for the gift.

A group of Halton Junior Farmers, represented by Miss Doris Thompson, presented Miss Watson with a gold compact and her debating partner, John Black, with a set of gold cuff links.

After congratulations and responsive speeches, a lunch was served. Another surprise came to Miss Doris Thompson, who won a TV set in a draw at the Rotary Club Easter Seal Fun Fair. The TV set was delivered and presented by Jim Ledger, president of the Acton Rotary Club.

After the excitement subsided, the TV set was set up and the rest of the evening was spent watching television.

Witness Letter Scores Arrests

Charging that Soviet officials "may perhaps be found fighting actually against God," a strongly worded letter of protest from officials of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, legal governing body of Jehovah's Witnesses, has been sent to Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin of the USSR.

O. Dojerman, presiding minister of the Georgetown congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, in announcing the contents of the letter, cited the wholesale arrests and mass movements of Jehovah's Witnesses to slave labor camps in Siberia.

"For many years now," Mr. Dojerman quoted the letter as saying, "Jehovah's Witnesses within the Soviet Union have endured great difficulties and heavy persecution. They have constituted committees and delegations from among their own ministers for the purpose of registering their religious organization according to the statutes in force, but on each occasion they have been rebuffed and instead of being allowed to register their Christian organization, they have had ministers in the delegations arrested."

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It is surely every child's right to walk and talk. But what about the 11,000 crippled kiddies in Ontario whose handicaps make these

simple things impossible? What can be done and what is the Society for Crippled Children doing for them? And how can you help?

In the first place, the majority of the most pathetic and pathetic cases of crippled children on record in this province have been found by the Society's band of 20 travelling orthopedic nursing consultants who range over the hinterland and even employ skis, canoes and bush aircraft in their endless quest for the afflicted child.

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Lack of Education Affects Employment

That lack of education and unemployment commonly go hand in hand was the conclusion drawn from a recent country-wide survey of job seekers registered with the National Employment Service. The survey was undertaken by the N.E.S. at the request of the National Employment Committee, an advisory body on employment matters to the Unemployment Insurance Commission.

The question asked was: "Does poor education have anything to do with becoming unemployed?" The answer provided by the N.E.S. survey, the first of its kind ever taken, is "Yes, both directly and indirectly."

The survey was based on the 246,100 unplaced applicants registered with 200 local offices of the N.E.S. on November 24, 1955; of the total, 173,621 were male and 72,548 were female.

Analysis of the figures showed that 70 out of every 100 among the job seekers had Grade 8 education or less, whereas for the whole labor force only 55 out of 100 had Grade 8 education or less. Conversely, only 30 out of every 100 job seekers had Grade 9 education or better, while, for the whole labor force, 45 out of 100 had Grade 9 education or better. This disparity was common to all regions and for both males and females.

The survey also showed that the rate of unemployment for the poorly educated was almost double the rate for the better educated. Rate of unemployment is obtained by expressing the number of jobless as a percentage of the labor force. For those with Grade 8 education or less, the rate of unemployment was about five and one-half per cent while for those with Grade 9 education or better, the rate of unemployment was less than three per cent.

St. Alban's Guild Meet in Parish Hall

St. Alban's Guild held their April meeting in the Parish Hall with Mrs. Healey presiding. The meeting opened with a scripture reading by I. Higgins, followed by the Guild prayer.

The secretary's report was given by E. Taylor and the treasurer's report by M. Townsend. Final arrangements for the wedding were made, also arrangements for the men's dinner and the bank opening were completed.

It was moved by J. Jones and seconded by M. Denny that the group buy 24 more serving spoons for the set of silver. The prize for the lucky chair was won by J. Jones.

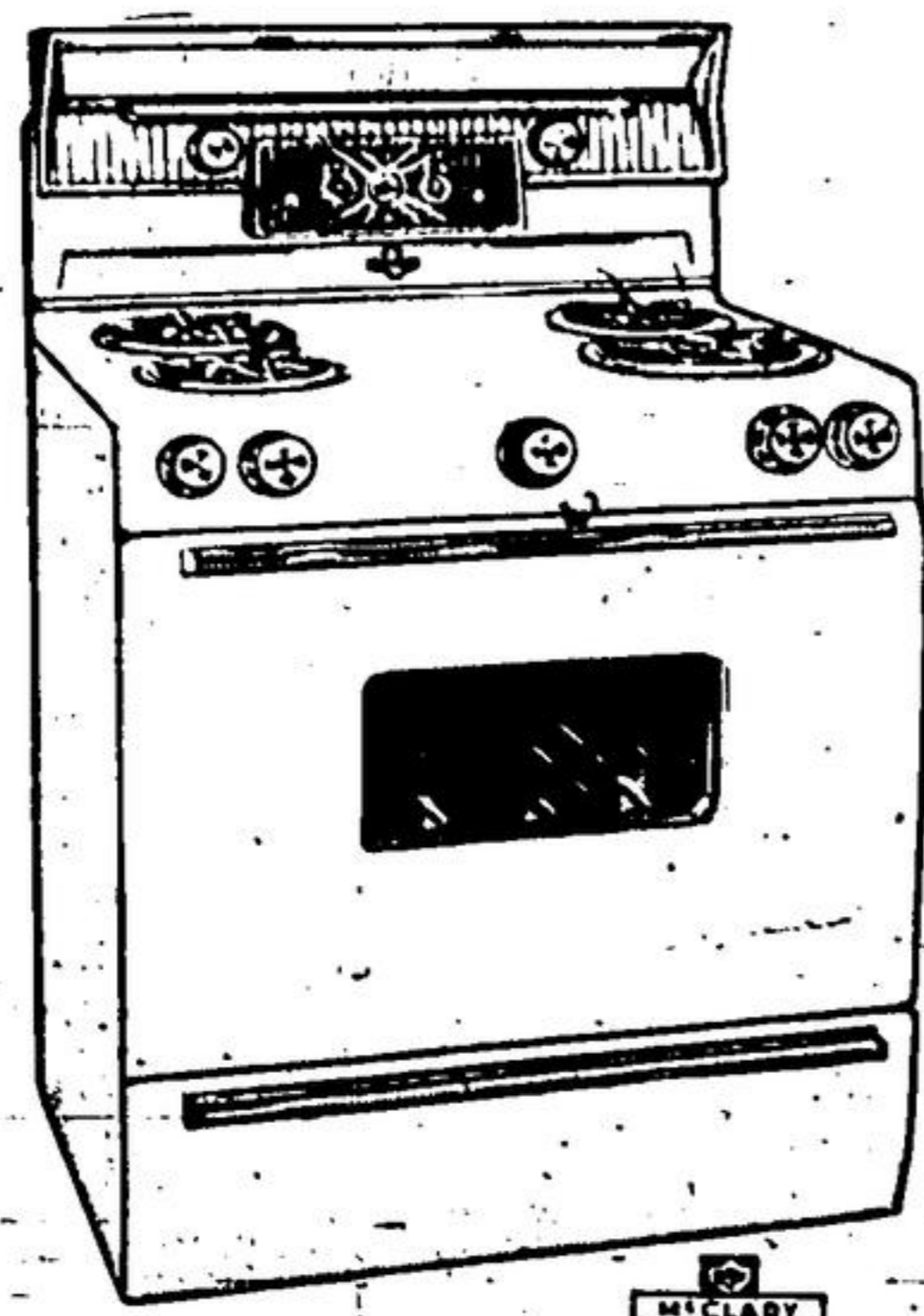
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