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ONLY WITNESS to Tuesday morning's robbery at Don Bexton's jewellery store was his plaster jewellery model. Neighbors caught only a glimpse of the man who snatched over \$700 of merchandise after smashing the show window with a stone. Mr. Bexton is pictured pointing to the shattered crystal and crushed jewellery.

Three New Industries On Kitchener News

Growth of industry in Acton was the topic of an item on the Kitchener television station newscast Tuesday night.

Films showed the site where Macro Plastics will build, the exterior of the Wool Combing building which will house Canada Packers chicken processing and the impressive interior of the H. K. Porter plant, which is to begin operations shortly.

Bob Rutadale's store is being prepared inside for the opening of a new mens wear store. Proprietor also has a store in Georgetown. Henry's clothing store.



TUESDAY'S HEAT, which culminated with thunderstorms at night, attracted crowds to the swimming beach at the park. Toddlers to grandparents, all enjoyed a refreshing dip in the indentation of the cool lake, in a perfect shady setting. Some were out in boats and others fishing. Groups rested beneath the trees throughout the attractive park, and some even lay out flat in the blazing sun, working studiously at their fans.

Smash Bexton's Window Thieves Get \$700 Loot

Thieves made their get-away with at least \$700 worth of watches and jewellery after smashing the window of Don Bexton's jewellery store in the pre-dawn hours Tuesday.

Mrs. Bruce Shoemaker heard the window smash and looking out her window saw three men round the corner from the Mill St. store running down John St. toward Church St. Mrs. Doug Manning also caught a glimpse of the men after being awakened by the crash.

Police believe a car was parked on a back street and the thieves made their escape that way. The large plate glass window was smashed with a large stone. One piece of glass was forced in by hand, and was taken by the police. Heavy pieces of glass flew into the display window crushing costume jewellery and splintering crystal goblets as the men snatched their loot. At least eight watches are missing and four bracelets. A razor stand and cord were taken but the razor left toppled in the window. The useless cord and stand were tossed away on Church St. Pieces of watch boxes were also located on the street.

C. K. Browne in 80th L.O.L. Parade

Members of the Acton Orange Lodge joined 5,000 Orangemen from five counties when their annual 12th of July "Walk" was held in Brampton on Saturday. Population of the town of Brampton, 16,000 people—was just about doubled as thousands of spectators jammed the streets.

Mr. C. K. Browne, well-known Acton Orangeman and a member of Guelph Lodge No. 1331, attended his 80th parade on Saturday. Mr. Browne, who is 88, has been taking part in July 12 celebrations since his boyhood.

The Guelph lodge won first prize for marching at Brampton. Mrs. C. K. Browne, a member of Harmony Lodge, London, also attended celebrations in the Flower City. About 50 members of the Acton Lodge paraded in Acton Saturday morning before setting out for the festivities in Brampton. Music of the local fire and drum band attracted many spectators as the group marched about Acton's main streets.

Dismiss Charges Under Closing By-Law Expect Stores Retain Monday Closing

The majority, if not all, the Acton merchants are expected to continue with the present Monday closing as provided for under the magistratus' Court on Monday, according to Frank Terry, chairman of the retail section of the Chamber of Commerce.

Seven Acton merchants had been charged for infractions of the by-law when they remained open on Monday, June 30, prior to the Tuesday, July 1st holiday.

The phrase in the by-law was ambiguous and the charge against the merchants was dismissed. Magistrate Langdon, prior to giving a ruling explained, "The court is not always astute in disposing of charges relating to municipal by-laws without study of acts relating to them."

Others charged were E. Marks, George Benton, Cliff Bradley, Lowell Ross, Carroll's Grocery Ltd. and Ledger's I.G.A. Mr. Terry on Wednesday morning noted the retail section of the Chamber had not had any meeting on the subject but he said the consensus of opinion was that merchants would be continuing with the Monday closing. He noted those charged had all indicated they planned to continue closing on Monday.

High School Debenture By-Law Gets Two Readings by County

Members of Halton County Council, at a special meeting Thursday evening of last week, gave the second reading to the \$1,000,000 debenture by-law for the North Halton high school expansion program. The second reading has been held up when members

last month learned the title of the proposed 16-room high school to serve Milton was still part of Trafalgar Township, and decreed the second reading would be delayed until the annexation of the property had been completed.

In the meantime, Milton council had made the annexation request to the Ontario Municipal Board and although the hearing has not been held by the O.M.B., County Council decided to forward the debenture by-law for O.M.B. consideration.

Solicitor K. V. Dick is preparing a brief submission with the by-law when the O.M.B. sits for the fall hearing. The debenture by-law also covers costs of high school additions in Georgetown, and Acton.

McLaughlin Family Congregates Sunday

The McLaughlin brothers, Ellis, Charles, Tom and Mac, formerly of Nassagaweya, held their family reunion Sunday, July 13th, at Edgewood Lodge Park, Waterloo.

Student Describes Trip to Rotarians

Ted Hansen officially took over his duties as the new president of Acton Rotary Club at their regular meeting at the Dominion Hotel this week.

Princess Margaret Expected Here En Route to Festival

No word has been received at the Acton station as yet concerning the royal train taking Princess Margaret to Stratford early next month. However, it is believed the train will pass through the town. Official notification will likely be sent shortly.

The Princess has begun a whirl of social duties that see her traveling from coast to coast before departing for home August 1.



DARK AREAS indicate machines and furnaces in the large floor plan of the interior of the new H. K. Porter plant. Maintenance foreman Alex Leslie and plant superintendent G. W. Parsons look over the plan this week as machines are being moved in, repainted deep green and installed. Work on several furnaces begins soon. The Porter plant in Toronto goes on holidays this week, with work returning at the first of August in Acton instead.

Parks Board Given \$500 Bond; To Hire Full-Time Attendant

A \$500 bond has been presented to the Acton Board of Parks Management by the Acton Y.M.C.A. club when the board met Wednesday evening of last week. Ralph McKown handed the bond to parks board chairman George Barbeau, a contribution from the club to help pay for the new change stations in the park.

The change station facilities will likely not be in fullest use until that time. Mrs. M. Root was employed to supervise the junior swimming pool during the summer. Permission was granted the Y.M.C.A. to hold soccer games in the park.

Sustain No Injuries In Two-Car Crash

The four occupants of two cars which collided near the junction of the seventh line and No. 7 highway north of the CNR tracks near midnight Friday, escaped injuries but both cars were damaged.

Plan Happy Reunion At Malton Monday

On Sunday, July 30, Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson fly from Prestwick airport, Scotland, and are expected to arrive at Malton at 8 a.m. Monday morning. They will visit their daughter, Mrs. Frank Simkins, Knox Ave. Mr. Robertson has not seen Mrs. Simkins in 11 years, and it will be the first time he has seen his son-in-law and grandchildren, Jimmy and Billy.

Mrs. Agar Hostess To United W.M.S.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church met at the home of Mrs. L. Agar on Tuesday evening with president Miss M. Z. Bennett, presiding. The meeting opened with a hymn, a short prayer by Jane Scott, prayer and the Lord's prayer in union.

Secretaries of Departments reported, for the Baby Band, Miss Henderson, Literature, Mrs. R. Warner, Temperance, Miss D. Simmons, Community Friendship, Mrs. F. Cleave.

Scripture and devotional were taken by Mrs. C. W. Mason and her group. Clarinet solos by Gerald Weick and vocal solos by Miss Lillian Phillips were enjoyed. A paper given by Mrs. E. Lambert and Mrs. B. Mowat stressed using the Bible as it is preferable to any other book. The meeting closed with a hymn and benediction by Mrs. Mason.

A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Agar for her home and to all the helpers on the lunch and program. Very refreshing cake, ice cream and cookies were served by Mrs. Mason and her group.

Members were pleased to hear Rev. C. L. Poole and Mrs. R. R. Arnold are improving in General Hospital, Toronto, and also Miss M. Mainprize is able to be home again.



HOLDING THE BANNER HIGH, members of the Acton Orange Lodge 469 prepared to join the three mile march through the streets of Brampton on Saturday. Thousands of spectators lined the route of the parade to watch the Orangemen, bands and baton twirlers as they celebrated the 12th.

Washrooms Opened Saturday at Park

Washroom facilities at the new change station in the park were opened for the first time to the public Saturday.

On Friday the job of installing the 400 feet of sewer lines and 400 feet of water pipe to the station had been completed.

Members of the Board of Parks Management decided to open the washrooms as soon as possible, although the hiring of a full-time park attendant is pending. The change rooms are still closed.

Increase Staff At High School

The staff of Acton high school has increased by one. Last year there were 11 teachers. Miss Gracie is leaving to teach in Ottawa and two teachers have been hired.

Mrs. D. A. Smith of Guelph is taking the 10 week summer course at the Ontario College of Education in Toronto. She will be teaching science and social studies here in the fall.

Miss Graciela Bygones has had considerable experience as she taught in East York. She prefers now to teach in a town rather than the city, and will be taking English classes.

Two-Hour Program For Fresh Air Fund

A donation of \$500 has been given to the Toronto Daily Star Fresh Air Fund by the efforts of a few children.

Immediately after school finished, these children arranged an entertainment which was held in a garden in Rosford Terrace on Friday night.

All dances were arranged by the children, and music was supplied from a record player. The children designed all the costumes, and what did it matter if big sister's skirts disappeared? It was all in a good cause.

The admission price was ten cents, which included cookies kindly donated by Mrs. Valey and freshies made by the children.

W.I. Holiday Week Underway at O.A.C.

More than 150 women from various parts of the province are in Guelph for the Women's Institute Holiday Week being held from July 14 to 18 at the O.A.C.

Attending from Acton Women's Institute is Miss Marjorie Hall. Others are also attending from various Institutes in the district.

Three main groups will be participating under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kidd, textile painting led by Isabel Leslie, and the making of stuffed toys and dolls taught by Mrs. E. V. Thompson. A demonstration in floral designing will be given by Marilyn Walker, of the horticultural department of the O.A.C.

A bus trip to Stratford is planned for July 18 to see "Much Ado About Nothing." The group will have supper in the Festival park.

Scouters at Services Here Sunday Morning

The Part Two Course for Troop Scouters is underway this week at the Blue Springs scout reserves west of Acton. Scout leaders from all over Ontario are taking the staff training course which started Saturday.

About 35 Scouters came into town on church Sunday morning, with several attending St. Joseph's first Mass and the rest attending the early service at the United Church.

Mrs. Annie Paul Lists Promotions

Promotions at SS No. 8, Nassagaweya, are as follows:
Grade 7 to 8: Virginia Hamilton, Patay Manes, Douglas McLean.
Grade 8 to 9: Sandra Blyth, John de Blaw, Billy Diamond, Stella O'Gorman, Joyce Thomson, Ronald Varcoe.
Grade 9 to 10: Randall Hamilton, Peggy Blyth, Stephen Hamilton, Dorothy McLean, June O'Gorman, Sandra Varcoe, David Varcoe.
Grade 10 to 11: Jimmy McArthur, Joan O'Gorman.
Grade 11 to 12: Robert Blyth, Susan Hamilton, Carol Thomson.
Grade 1 to 2: Dorothy Kulken.
Mrs. Annie L. Paul, Teacher.