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C.N.R. Flyer Derailed, Transport 135 by Bus

Micro Plastics Assets Sold Employees All Released, Will Hire After January 1

Equipment this week is being moved from the Micro Plastics plant on Wallace Avenue to their new plant on Main Street North. The machinery moving is being done by the Lachle Company of Toronto, while supplies and materials are being moved by Guy Transport and employees of the firm.

During the past week notices have been received by all employees announcing the sale of the assets of the Micro Plastics Division of Frybrook Limited to Consolidated Frybrook Industries

Limited. The notices also advised employees that as Micro would cease to exist on December 31, 1958 they would no longer be employees.

It was suggested that workers apply to the new company for employment after January 1, 1959 when the new production manager of Consolidated Frybrook Industries Limited would be at the plant. It is expected that employees will be hired by the new company as the recently moved equipment is installed and made ready for production.

Broken track bed and twisted rails littered the trail of train No. 40 a flyer proceeding eastward on the main C.N.R. line through Acton on Saturday evening.

A broken rail was believed to have been the cause of a baggage car and three coaches containing 135 passengers leaving the track and landing behind the engine and

probably a quarter of a mile before coming to a halt.

Frederic W. G. Mason, C.P.E., and James W. Smith, C.P.E., of London, Ontario, the firm was contacted by the C.N.R. and they were on the scene at 10 p.m. on Saturday night.

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Auxiliary Lighting

Train crews were kept busy with auxiliary lighting passengers' coaches during the emergency. A search was made for several passengers who suffered minor cuts from flying glass.

George A. G. ...

County Paves Way for \$900,000 Expansion to Double Halton Manor

Halton County council Tuesday evening of last week paved the way for a \$900,000 addition to the Halton Centennial Manor. Milton with the first two readings of its construction by-law. The readings gave the Manor board permission

to apply to the Minister of Reform Institutions for permission to go ahead with the addition which will more than double the present capacity of the Manor.

The architects hope to call for tenders in mid-January and begin construction as soon as possible afterward. Construction is expected to take between 18 and 24 months, Manor superintendent Stanley Allen reported.

Present capacity of the Manor, which is currently filled, is 105

Weekend in New York City Won by Allan Robinson, 11

Allan Robinson, 11 year old Toronto Star reporter, leaves Friday evening for a glad trip to New York with many other children here after leaving home in the morning.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Robinson, 108 Crescent Street, Acton, Allan, who is 11 years old, is a star reporter for the Toronto Star.

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Repair Trains

Special repair trains equipped with large cranes were called from Toronto and London to lift the derailed coaches back on the track.

Comb Debris

While workmen from Acton and Georgetown were busy engaged making repairs to the tracks, F. P. Burns, superintendent of the Stratford division, J. E. Lomas, assistant superintendent, and C. C. Leger, divisional engineer, were first to comb the debris for pieces of broken track in an attempt to determine the cause of the derailment.

Police Report

Corporal R. Mason of the local O.P.P. detachment reports a quiet time over the holiday season in Acton with no accidents or arrests made by his department.

The corporal reported, however, that a full staff would be on duty during the New Year holiday and drivers were advised to use the same precautions as during the Christmas season.

First Meet

The inaugural meeting of Acton Council for 1959 has been held on Monday, January 5, at the home of Mrs. J. M. Greer. The council for the year for the first time will be Hamilton Peel, accompanied by former councillors of 1957, Hugh Love and Frank Waste.

Other members of the new council will be Mayor W. H. Cook, Reeve J. H. Gray, Deputy Reeve J. M. Greer and Councillors B. D. Rashida, W. J. McLeod and J. E. Ward.

Members of the Acton Municipal Association will conduct a brief dedication and all members of council will be sworn in by the clerk.

Next Week's Issue Is Back to Normal

Next issue regular size and regular day.

Yes, next week this newspaper will revert to its original eight-column format and will be published Thursday afternoon. This week and last week's tabloid issues were special ones for the Yuletide season. But next week, deadlines, appearance and time of publishing will be normal.

Sort 10,000 Cards More Than Last Year at P.O.

Acton Post Office staff breathed a sigh of relief this week following the Christmas rush of sorting mail and parcels, which Postmaster F. Terry reported to have been 10,000 more than last year.

The regular staff of five employees worked 137 hours overtime and during regular hours were assisted by five part-time help.

Christmas Day Fire Burns Garage

A flash fire of unknown origin caused considerable damage to a garage and contents at the home of J. S. Sargent, 224 MacDonald Boulevard on Christmas Day shortly after 1 p.m.

Mr. Terry indicated there had been no hold-ups in dispensing the mail and at no time was the office bogged down as they had been in past years.

The regular staff at the Post Office includes Postmaster F. Terry, G. McKeown, C. Ryan, Mrs. Chris Britton and Mrs. J. Chapman.

The fire, first noticed by a neighbor, nearly gutted the double garage, damaging a new stove, washing machine and various other household goods stored there, as well as tools and building materials.

Jack Sargent, son of the owner, removed his car from the garage before firemen arrived but was unable to save any of the other contents.

When firemen arrived, booster lines were used to extinguish the blaze before it spread to nearby buildings.

Cause of the fire is unknown at present, reported Fire Chief J. Newton, but loss is estimated at well over \$800.

Fox Rabid

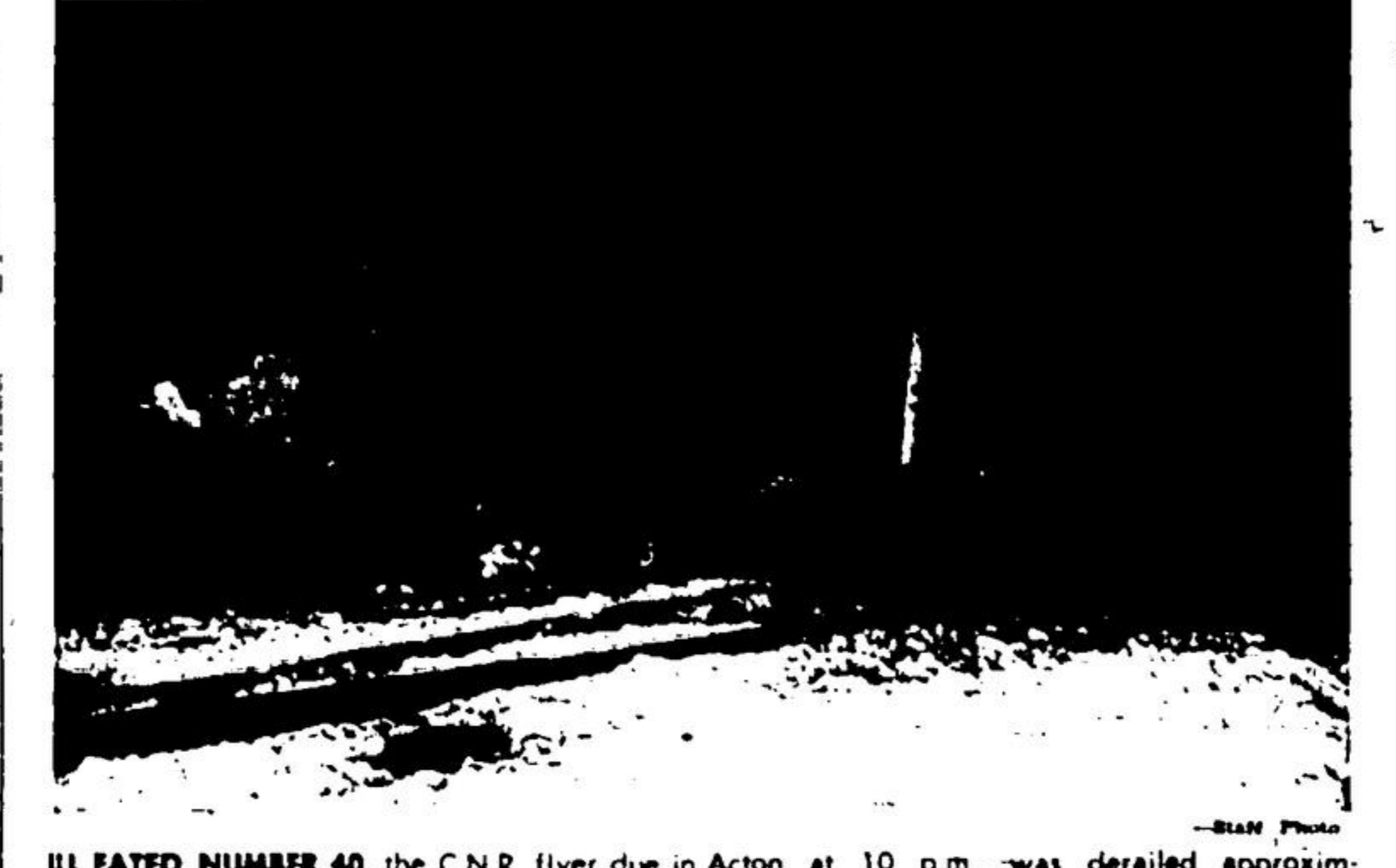
A report received from the Dominion Laboratories in Hull regarding a fox killed by Ralph McKeown on his farm at R.R. 3, Acton, recently, showed the animal to have been rabid.

One of the many killed in the area, the fox had attacked some geese on the farm home and was killed by Mr. McKeown with a shovel.

Dr. F. G. Oakes, when giving the report noted that there had not been any other foxes reported being caught in the area since the one on the McKeown farm.



ALLAN ROBINSON



ILL FATED NUMBER 40, the C.N.R. Flyer due in Acton at 10 p.m., was derailed approximately one quarter of a mile east of the station in Acton, Saturday night when the engine struck a broken rail near a switch. A baggage car and three coaches carrying 135 passengers left the tracks but remained upright between the main line and a siding. One of the coaches is pictured above completely off the tracks. No serious injuries were reported among the passengers and buses from Acton and Georgetown transported them to a waiting train in Georgetown.