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## Operation Deep Freeze

### Howling Red Fox, Zero Temperature Interrupt Boy Scout Expedition

Eight Boy Scouts, members of the First Acton 'A' Troop, braved winter temperatures ranging from a mean zero to a high of 32 degrees to spend three days and two nights under canvas in the crispness of a Canadian winter last week.

Dubbed "Operation Deep Freeze" the hike, first of a series

planned to capture coveted winter camping proficiency badges, began Friday morning following Thursday's ice storm and ended Sunday afternoon as wintry gusts dropped temperatures well below zero.

Taking part in the camp were Patrol Leaders Glen Barr, Bob Hinton, Brian Otterbein, Ricky

Currie, Second Paul McGeachie, Troop Leader Peter Newton, A.S.M. Laurie Doby and Scoutmaster Hartley Coles.

#### First Expedition

Their first venture into winter woods as campers, the expedition encountered many new sights and sounds, some of which were unwelcome. Not the least of these was the appearance of a red fox in the dead of night which disturbed more than one occupant of sleeping bags with a nocturnal opera composed of yelps interspersed with some hideous screams.

The unnatural yelping which often resembled a human scream led the boys to suspect the fox was rabid and on Saturday night in the wee sma' hours, when the flashlight beam of A.S.M. Laurie Doby and Paul McGeachie lit on the fox skulking a few yards from the camp, axes were gripped tighter and shovels were moved closer in the event Reynard had any carnivorous designs on boy scouts.

However, the night passed without further incident, the fox leaving with the approach of daylight.

#### Three Toboggans Loaded

The hike started out on Friday morning. Three toboggans were loaded with equipment which included two tents, sleeping bags, chow and a tent fly which was later to serve as part of a lean-to. Hitched to the snow wagons by some ingenious rope harness fasten-

## Expect Big Rush On Plate Sale

1959 car markers went on sale at all agents on Friday, January 2. This year they are a black plate with white lettering. The department of transport minister has warned that again this year there will be no extension of the deadline and the public would be well advised to obtain their plates early.

Deadline for obtaining plates is March 13.

The department also points out that liability insurance slips must be given to obtain their plates or an extra \$5.00 will be charged. It is also pointed out that this \$5.00 does not in any way consist of insurance, but is merely a levy that is paid into the Unsatisfied Judgment Fund established some years ago.

Amphlets are available at agent's offices throughout Ontario explaining the demerit system affixed into force and all motorists are urged to obtain this pamphlet and give it careful study.

Locally plates can be obtained at the home of J. Hargrave, Arthur St. in Acton.

Mr. Hargrave reported this week that sale of the plates began last Friday and sales were up 50 per cent. over the same day last year. He advises drivers to obtain their plates early in order to avoid the rush.

Serial numbers in Acton and district this year being at 971001 with Mr. Hargrave obtaining the first plates himself.

The local issuer noted that for the first time since a station was opened in Acton, the station number has been changed and is now number 98 instead of the former 77.

## Mayor Forecasts Busy Year in 1959 Urges Council Investigate Pollution

Forecasting a busy year for the 1959 council, Mayor W. H. Cook informed the new council they would be called upon to make decisions that would affect the municipality for the next 15-20 years or longer, during his inaugural speech on Monday evening.

He outlined the necessity for council to give thorough investigation into the pollution of the town

water supply on the south side of Acton, acquaint themselves with sufficient information of Acton in order to assist with any enquiry from industrialists and give consideration to the Fire Department taking over the ambulance service.

The mayor outlined several programs to be carried out in 1959 such as sidewalks, paving, storm sewer installation and continuation

of the street lighting improvement program, a signal system installed at the Main Street 'N' R crossing and preservation of present town buildings.

A detailed report of the mayor's inaugural speech is contained on this page.

First chair for the 1959 council Monday night, following a brief inaugural service conducted by

Rev. K. J. Reid and Rev. H. B. Stokreef of the Acton Ministerial Association, was to form striking committees for the year.

#### Committees

The following appointments for committees were approved with the first member named acting as chairman.

Finance: J. H. Hurst, B. D. Rathlin and J. H. Greer.

Streets, lights and garbage: J. M. Greer, J. H. Hurst, W. J. McLeod, and H. Lowe.

Sewer and Water: J. H. Greer, B. D. Rathlin, J. H. Hurst and F. Watts.

Industrial: W. H. Cook, J. H. Greer and W. J. McLeod.

Welfare: B. D. Rathlin, F. Watts and H. Lowe.

Fire and Police: F. Watts, W. J. McLeod and H. Peal.

Public Buildings: W. J. McLeod, H. Peal and H. Lowe.

Administration and Personnel: W. H. Cook, J. H. Greer, J. H. Hurst and L. M. Greer.

Court of Revision: J. H. Hurst, H. Peal, J. M. Greer, B. D. Rathlin and W. H. Cook.

Other appointments were: B. D. Rathlin as council's representative to the lands, F. Watts as council's representative on the Parks Board, H. Peal as council's representative on the Planning Board, as well as Mayor Cook.

Following a motion granting the concession at the arena to Ivan Kelly at the tendered price of \$10 and the submission of an amendment to the motion, council agreed that Mr. Kelly would have the concession free of charge until the end of the skating season due to the public service supplied the arena at the arena. Councillor McLeod voted in the negative on this motion.

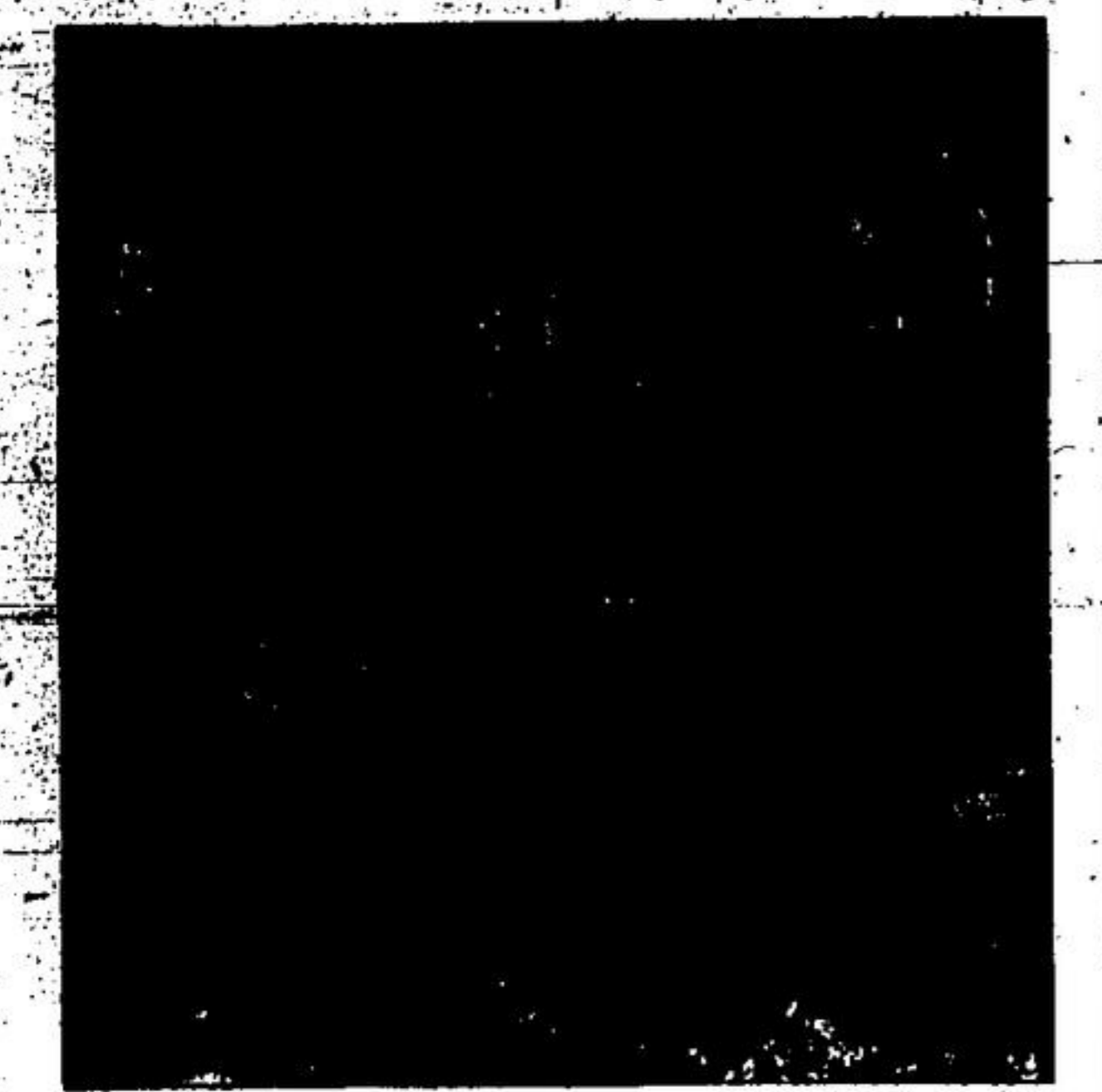
#### Irregular Procedure

When third and final reading was sought for a by-law to borrow

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SIGNING THE OATH OF OFFICE Mayor W. H. Cook, is surrounded by clerk J. McGeachie, left, Rev. K. J. Reid, centre and Rev. H. B. Stokreef, during the inaugural meeting of council Monday evening. The two ministers members of the Acton Ministerial Association conducted a brief dedication service after members took the oath of office. The mayor addressed the councillors and advised them that decisions they might make this year could affect the community for the next 15-20 years.



OPERATION "DEEP FREEZE", as the Boy Scout expedition last weekend was dubbed, saw several Acton scouts camping out during the weekend in the chilly temperatures. Part of their training in order to pass tests, the exercise had the lads cooking their own meals as pictured above. Shown are left to right: Bob Hinton, Ricky Currie, Brian Otterbein, Paul McGeachie, Laurie Doby and Pete Newton.

## Remand Turkey Thieves One Week for Sentence

Convicted of stealing turkeys from the premises of J. W. Wolfe, Bower Avenue, on December 21, Ralph Langford of RR 4, Acton and Hyroid Theriault, of Dixie, were remanded in custody for one week for sentence when they appeared in Milton court on Monday morning.

The two men were arrested by Corporal R. Mason and B. Moreau of the local O.P.P. Detachment, within three hours after the police received the report of the slaughter and theft of nearly 20 birds.

When the two men were apprehended by police, six turkeys were found in the back seat of a car they were riding in and eight more hidden in the barn at the home of Langford.

## Convicted

An Acton man was fined \$125 and costs in Milton Court on Monday when he was found guilty of impaired driving on December 21.

## No Revellers Arrested

A gala crowd at the Legion auditorium stood beneath flying streamers with rakish hats and cacophonous noisemakers to greet '59.

The usual New Year's Eve dance sponsored by the Legion again drew nearly 400 to the festivities. Dancing was to the Debonnaires orchestra.

## Damage \$125 in Car Truck Crash

Total damage was estimated at \$125 when a car driven by Gordon Leslie of RR 3, Acton, and a bread truck operated by Thomas Szonyi of Toronto collided on the second line just north of Acton Friday morning.

Police said the truck skidded sideways on the slippery road. Const. Wm. Bennett, county O.P.P., investigated.

## Canine Heroes Play Lead Roles In "Wolf Dog"

Canine stars of the movie "Wolf Dog", Nugger and Prince, two German Shepherd dogs owned by Fred Pfeifle of Acton, appeared on the stage during the premiere of the show at Brantford recently.

Bred, raised and trained by their master, the two animals play leading roles in the picture that was made near Owen Sound by an American movie company.

Nugger, who plays the part of the villain, co-stars with Austin Willis, well known Canadian actor and TV star, while Prince plays the hero's part.

## High Praise

The two animals, who respond to commands not only verbally but by signals, received high praise from movie officials for their fine performance during the shooting of the scenes.

Many hours of training have been spent by the patient master of the animals in preparing the dogs for this event and their excellent behavior reflects the ability of that patient dog owner to produce two movie stars for Hollywood.

The picture "Wolf Dog" has now been released for showing in Canada and Mr. Pfeifle and his two dogs will appear on stage at any theatre where the picture is being shown when requested.

## Mayor Charges 1959 Council To Find Contamination Cause

During the inaugural meeting of council on Monday evening, Mayor W. H. Cook addressed members of the 1959 council, as he instructed them on their duties and informed them of the position of the town as well as council members.

As the inaugural address by the mayor concerns raters in Acton as well as council members, it is printed below in its entirety.

Gentlemen: Tonight it is my honour and privilege to welcome you here as the

elected council for the year 1959. In the following minutes you are going to be called upon to make decisions which may very well affect our municipality for the next 15 or 20 years or even longer, therefore I charge you to think long and hard upon your allotted duties so in your wisdom Acton receives only the best there is to offer. We are here to help construct and administer for the well being of our town. THE TOWN OF ACTON, and as the elected council,

we must accept our responsibility at all times to ensure that we are building a better Acton for this year and for the future. Because of our geographical position in the Province of Ontario, the building of the new Seaway and the new road construction program set out by the Provincial Government we in this town are in an enviable position.

Industries are now aware of Acton that many of us may realize, and many well established firms have made enquiries regarding relocating or establishing feeder plants here in the town. During the past year these people are busily at work with a far-sighted and can visualize the great opportunities there are to be found in and around Acton.

These enquiries of industry who normally receive only preliminary investigations are very busy men, and often impatient over unnecessary delays in being provided with the basic information for industrial development in a town. An understandable impression is created by any member of a Town Council, who answers a majority of questions put to him by an industry representative with "I don't know". If you don't know, take the time to find out from the Town Office.

Going to the finances of the town, I feel that we are not in the happy position whereby we can foresee any reduction in taxes this year and I will not attempt to embarrass the Finance Committee by increasing just what they will receive. I feel that we should consider a budget for 1959 that is a reserve fund for contingencies. This year the Town Office will be at the disposal of that committee to assist them in any way they deem it wise. The water and sewerage rates will not be increased this year. The yearly deficit should not be covered by the general taxpayer but by the people who use those services over the year. This should be studied from last year's reports and put into effect as soon as it is possible to present the budget in this department. While I am speaking about sewers and water I wish to bring you up to date on the reports from the Halton Health Unit and the O.W.R.C. regarding our town water supply. The town water supply on the south side has deteriorated so much in the past few weeks that we have been notified in the effect that it is no longer fit for human consumption, particularly in people on a salt free diet.

## Trees Burned Lights Down Christmas Past

Signs of Christmas are fast fading as town workers are busy engaged gathering trees and transporting them to the town dump and workers busy removing and dismantling Christmas lights.

Men and women are gradually removing Christmas decorations from their store windows and reverting to the standard method of window displays.

One sign of Christmas still apparent at the Free Pass Office is the display of St. Nick's hat and here is the last Christmas.

To date no callers have been in to claim the bright red headpiece but no doubt some of Santa's elves will be reporting in class it.

A Kirkness, town fireman, reported the trees gathered were burned at the town dump.

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## Old Black Joe

### Furnace Huffs, Then Puffs Blows Soot into Two Stores

Black oily soot covered the counters at Bradley's Meat Market last Saturday in a freak accident caused by a furnace unit in Acton Home Furnishings store next door.

Rae West, co-proprietor of the furnishing store, reports he was sitting in the office area around 12:50 Saturday afternoon when he heard a loud bang. Thinking perhaps some of the children living in the apartment above the store had taken a tumble, Mr. West paid little attention to the noise.

However, when he turned his head toward the front of the store, he saw black soot billowing out of registers behind some of the furniture.

#### Pipes on Floor

Dashing to the cellar, Mr. West

noticed the stove pipes strewn on the floor of the basement while the furnace was apparently running in good order.

Quick thinking on the part of Mr. West prompted him to dash to the control switch and shut the furnace off. Next move was to call service men, who immediately checked the entire unit but could find no mechanical trouble.

It is believed that condensation during the night had caused the blast when the thermostat was turned up during the day.

Meanwhile in Bradley's Meat Market, several customers had just left the store. They had been standing near where the soot poured out over the counters.

#### Dividing Wall

The chimney servicing the two buildings runs up the dividing wall between the butcher shop and furnishing store. Mr. Bradley explained his section was not heated, therefore the stove pipe hole had been covered over with heavy paper and painted four or five times.

Mr. Bradley expressed amazement that the pressure of the blast would break open the covered hole instead of continuing up the chimney "Operation Mop-up" was the order of the day for employees in the meat market as they attempted to prepare for the afternoon rush of customers.

Both Mr. West and Mr. Bradley reported considerable loss due to soot damage.

## 11 Year Old Acton Youngster Recaps Weekend in New York

Allan Robinson, 11 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Robinson, of Crescent Street, Acton, and a Toronto Star carrier boy, last week, ended his first trip to New York Ontario and flew to New York City to enjoy a weekend of fun.

All the carriers who presented and sightseeing as an award for winning a contest.

The young Acton lad left Malton Airport Friday evening aboard one of T.C.A.'s large cruiser planes for his first flight Allan reported eight planes loaded with children landed at Idlewild Airport in New York as guests of the Star.

Since his return last Monday, Allan has prepared an account of his exciting weekend. His story for the Free Press includes only a few of the more exciting moments of his big weekend.

#### Own Story

The following is Allan Robinson's story of his trip:

I would like to tell you my story of my trip to New York which was made possible by the Toronto Daily Star through a contest among all the carrier boys and girls in Ontario.

me up at the Mayfair Restaurant on January 7th at 6:30 p.m. and drove to Malton airport. On arrival there, we went directly to the end joined 184 other carriers from Ontario and checked the baggage. All the carriers who presented with five dollars from the Star for extra spending money.

Our plane took off from Malton at 8:45 p.m. and landed at Idlewild airport at 10:15. We then were taken by bus to the Governor Clinton Hotel where we arrived at 11:10. We were then assigned to our room. It was a lovely room with three beds, television and a private bath.

#### Breakfast at Automat

We were called each morning at 7:30 and went out for breakfast at the Automat, which was two blocks from the hotel.

On Saturday morning, we were taken to the NBC radio and television building where we toured the building and were shown how television and radio are made possible. We were also interviewed on television.

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1959 COUNCIL MEMBERS are pictured at the inaugural meeting on Monday evening. Shown above are, front row, left to right: councillor J. H. Hurst, Reeve J. H. Greer, Mayor W. H. Cook, Deputy Reeve J. M. Greer, and councillor W. J. McLeod. Back row: clerk J. McGeachie, councillors H. Lowe, F. Watts, H. Peal and B. D. Rathlin. Present at the meeting to conduct a dedication service were Rev. K. J. Reid and Rev. H. B. Stokreef, of the Acton Ministerial Association.