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IT'S A BIG CHORE for two little tykes, but determination will no doubt see these youngsters clear quite a lot of the snow away from in front of grandfather's garage. Jimmy and Johnny Timmings are dwarfed by the huge snowbank blocking their grandfather, S. Braida's, driveway and garage. To give an idea of the height of the drift the garage with a peak roof ranges to a height of 14 feet. The entire lane was blocked during the weekend blizzard.

## Removal of Shoes at School Discussed Principal Labels Remark "Erroneous"

Concerned that statements at a recent council meeting regarding the removal of shoes in classrooms might be misconstrued, Principal E. Smith of the M. Z. Bennett school outlined school policy at the regular meeting of the public school board Tuesday evening.

Labelling councillors' remarks as "erroneous", Mr. Smith said the children coming in the school from outdoors are asked to remove their overshoes in the hall. Then they are requested to line them up outside the classroom. If students have shoes on they can go into the classroom but in a case where they have no shoes under their overshoes they are asked to wear slippers. No stocking feet are allowed in the classrooms.

"We try to do there exactly what you would do in your own home," said Mr. Smith, "and I don't see anything wrong with that." "I'm not concerned about parents who have children in the school—they know our policy—but some who have no children in school are apt to believe these statements," the principal continued.

**Defy Board**  
Members of the board expressed concern and one trustee told of being approached by a parent and told she would defy the board and instruct her children to wear rubber boots in the classroom.

"Can you stop them?" queried trustee E. Marks.  
Members outlined some of the hazards of rubber boots and left the policy of the school was protecting them from sickness.

"We must remember, however, that the schools are built not for teachers, caretakers or school boards, but for the children. The duty of the board is to teach children to take care of the schools," commented trustee Cliff Bradley.

Trustee Tom Watson asked principal G. W. McKenzie if the same situation prevailed at the Robert Little School, explaining that one parent approached him

complaining of his child wearing slippers during school hours. The parent pointed out that his son was forced to wear corrective shoes since babyhood and that slippers were detrimental to his son's feet.

Mr. McKenzie replied that if the student in question wore overshoes he would not be required to take anything off but them and could walk anywhere in the school in his shoes. He had cautioned students earlier however, about wearing shoes with neoprene heels. They marked the floors up badly and caretakers were pressed to perform their duties now without taking on extra work.

Another complaint emanating from the council chambers concerned a gap in a fence on Churchill Road which was closed by the board. Board members pointed out the only gap closed on school grounds was one used by cars.

"When this was a field, no one used it so we never really closed any gap," said Principal Smith.

Members felt it might be in order to approach the high school board to arrange a cinder path for pupils crossing the grounds.

**Points Out Needs**  
In his reply to the board, principal McKenzie presented a report on the new Industrial Arts room at the Robert Little school prepared by Keith Black, I.A. instructor. It included a list of needs that are standard in a well-equipped room. The board granted \$300 towards purchasing the items and intimated they would buy a first aid kit and a fire extinguisher for the room.

The final inspection of the new addition to the Robert Little school by the architect, A. Barfield, was to take place on Wednesday. Members of the board will accompany the architect.

Correspondence revealed that the board had budgeted for a total of \$171,223.00 for the year 1960. Grants forthcoming totaling \$89,147.00, non-residents' fees \$1,000 and \$276.00 in miscellaneous fees were expected. The requisition sent to council consequently was for \$80,000.00. Last

year's requisition was \$61,000.00. A discussion prompted by Trustee Watson's query concerning whether pupils were wearing snow and doing other odd jobs in school hours brought a new directive from the board.

They asked principals to refrain from allowing pupils to do these jobs in school hours even when a pupil was not able to take another class.

The board received a letter from both inspectors Bornhold and McNeil thanking them for the opportunity of participating in the open house at the Robert Little school. Mr. McNeil congratulated the board and went on record as saying this unit (Robert Little) is one of the best in the province of Ontario.

The Board also:  
• Granted permission for Principal Smith to purchase blackout curtains from the operating profit of \$280. They also divulged that a projector had been budgeted for in the 1960 estimates.

• Granted permission for the Halton Music Festival to use the Robert Little school auditorium for festival finals on April 6-8. A \$25,000 grant was also awarded.

• Made a motion that W. DuBois be engaged as assistant principal at the M. Z. Bennett school on September 1, 1960.

• Asked the Home and School officials to submit an agenda for a proposed meeting between the high and public school boards with their organization before any decision will be reached by members to attend.

• Asked the Free Press representative to withdraw while a confidential teachers' report was read.

Chairman Murray Smith presided at the meeting with trustees Bradley, Watson, Marks and Manning also in attendance.

## Will Accept

In a brief interview this week Arthur Field, candidate elect for the vacant position on council, indicated his intention of accepting the position left vacant when J. H. Goy moved up from reeve to mayor and councillor J. M. Greer accepted the position of reeve.

## Goy Urges Bd. Co-operate to Get Industry

Co-operation on industrial promotion injected new life into the North Halton Urban Board at the group's first meeting of the year, the tri-town organization, in Milton on Wednesday.

Informally organized, the North Halton Urban Board has representatives from each of the towns of Georgetown, Milton and Acton. They meet to pool ideas and discuss mutual problems but have no official status.

Mayor John Goy, Acton, suggested the board consider an industrial promotion so that if one municipality could not satisfy an industry, it might be referred to another of the area municipalities rather than losing it to the area entirely.

Milton Councillor Norm Pearce stressed the need for this type of co-operation but suggested the townships should also be included.

Members reviewed earlier efforts of the Board at the International Trade Fair and in preparation of a brochure to attract industry to North Halton.

"The North Halton area should be prepared with its sights set high enough to accommodate development," Mayor Goy urged.

Members agreed to invite each town's industrial commissioner or committee chairman to the next meeting to consider possible plans for co-operation.

Secretary Jack McGeachie was to seek information from other development areas in the meantime of their program.

Councillor John Elliott, Georgetown was named chairman of the North Halton Urban Board succeeding Mayor Childs of Milton. Present from Acton were Mayor Goy, Councillor Les Doby; from Milton Mayor Childs, and Councillors Pearce and Bob Reid; from Georgetown Councillor John Elliott.

## Total Damage \$325 In Two-Car Crash

A car driven by William Wayne Kelly of 34 Church St., Acton was one of two cars involved in an accident on the Second Line, Esquesing, just south of the Halton-Wellington line on Friday evening.

Mr. Kelly's car received \$75 damage, while the other car, driven by Murray McKenzie of Orton, received \$250 damage, police said.

**Piled High**  
The worst snowstorm in 16 years hit the Acton area last weekend and left many roads impassable, motorists stranded, hindered bus and train schedules and left pedestrians trudging through knee-high drifts as snow continued to pile up.

The blizzard, which began shortly after 3 p.m. on Thursday, increased in velocity steadily and by five o'clock when workers were returning from their places of employment, cars began to balk in the drifting snow. Tow trucks worked overtime pulling stalled cars from drifts and town snowplows kept a steady vigil in an attempt to keep all town roads passable.

Department of Highways snowplows operated on a 24-hour basis. Even then, many of the main arteries became plugged with snow and warnings were issued for motorists to keep off the highways. Sanding crews followed plows to prevent roads from icing.

One Department plow operating on Highway 25 during the storm.

**Sorry**  
During a report of a recent council meeting published in the Acton Free Press, it was reported that councillor L. Doby criticized the school board for closing off a spot in the fence at the rear of the high school and suggested that it was done perhaps to save the janitors from cleaning up the mud.

In the process of editing the story, the article was altered and some of the remarks credited to Mr. Doby were made by another speaker. Any inconvenience caused to councillor Doby is regretted by the Free Press.

## J. H. Goy to Complete Term as Mayor J. M. Greer Reeve for Balance of Year

Reeve John Goy was chosen by his colleagues to fill the vacancy on Acton Council caused by the resignation of mayor Walter Cook at a special council meeting Tuesday evening. Mayor Cook, starting his third consecutive term as mayor, found it necessary to resign his municipal council seat to accept employment with the civil service.

John Goy in accepting the mayor's gavel thanked his fellow

members of council for placing their confidence in him. He informed the councillors that this appointment upset his personal planning. It had been his intention to devote four years to municipal service and he was now in his fourth year. Mr. Goy expressed the hope that he would receive from councillors the same co-operation and support which had been enjoyed by previous mayors.

In paying tribute to Mr. Cook, the new mayor said, "From a knowledge viewpoint, I may not be able to fill his shoes. Few of us are as well informed as Mr. Cook on municipal rules and legalities."

The new mayor outlined briefly his objective of holding formal council meetings but that he did not propose to withhold from anyone the privilege of full dis-

cussion on any subject before calling the vote.

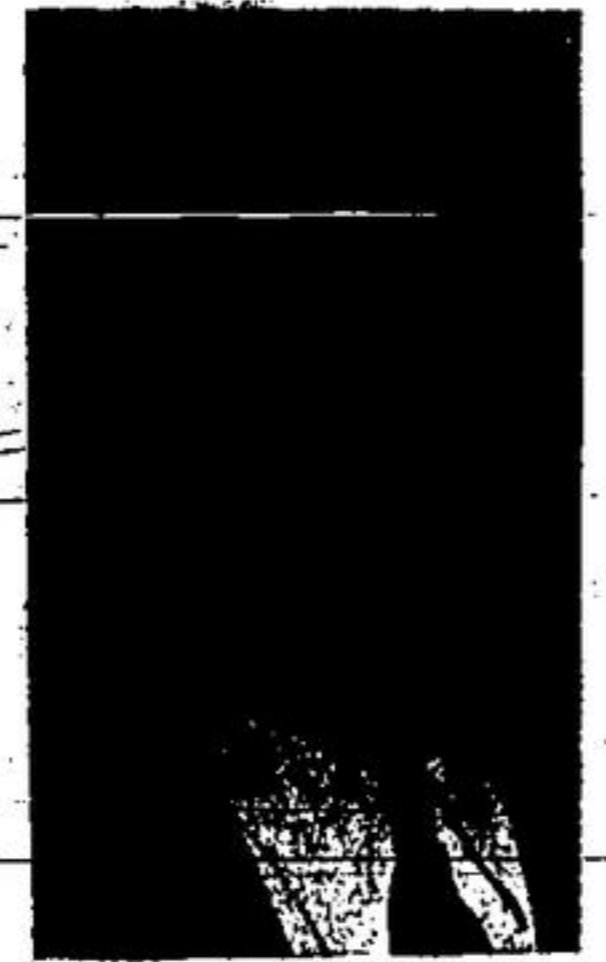
Councillor Jack Greer was chosen by members of council to fill out the balance of the year as reeve. In his acceptance of the office he expressed his desire to do all he could to keep things rolling along smoothly.

**To Fill Vacancy**  
At a field, the candidate polling the next highest number of votes at the last municipal election, will now have the opportunity of filling the vacant seat on council.

A shuffle will possibly have to be made in the personnel of council committees as Johnny Goy was chairman of the Water and Sewer committee of Committee No. 2. As mayor he is automatically a member of all committees and this will make it necessary to have a new Water and Sewer chairman.

Ex-mayor Walter Cook was also present at the meeting and expressed his congratulations to the two members on their appointments and to the council for their wisdom in selecting such able men. He wished council good luck and good fortune under their administration.

Councillor Les Doby thanked Mayor Goy and Reeve Greer for accepting the offices for the balance of the year.



MAYOR J. H. GOY



REEVE J. M. GREER



COUNCILLOR ELECT A. FIELD

## Head-on Crash

Five Guelph and Toronto residents were seriously injured—three of them hospitalized—Saturday afternoon after a head-on automobile crash on Highway 7 about two miles east of town. Police said the wind whipped a flurry of snow across the highway and both drivers appeared blinded when the crash occurred, approximately in the centre of the road.

Samuel Baxter of 61 Casino St., Guelph, driver of the eastbound car, received fractured ribs and right jaw; his wife Florence received a fractured left ankle and severe lacerations; and a passenger, Mrs. Edith McCappin, visiting from Ireland, received bruised legs, bruised shoulder and head lacerations. All are in Guelph General Hospital.

Earl Dinsmore of 73 Woodbine Avenue, Toronto, driver of the westbound car carrying four passengers for an Acton funeral that afternoon, received a sprained right ankle while his son Donald had fractured ribs. Both were treated by Dr. W. G. C. Keeney of Acton and sent home.

Two other passengers in the Dinsmore car were unhurt. Damage to each car was \$600, investigating O.P.P. officer Dave Hardy said.

## Demonstrations, Fashion Show Highlights of Night School Display

While the worst snowstorm in years swirled outside, the results of a busy fall and winter's work in 15 classes were on gala display at the high school Saturday evening.

About 300 attended through the drifts to attend the annual night school "display night" when most of those who had enrolled joined in creating an interesting showcase of the year's projects.

In several of the classrooms students were demonstrating their new skills. These included rug hooking, oil painting, upholstery, leathercraft and sewing.

**Constant Coffee**  
In the home economics room, coffee and cookies were served throughout the evening.

Alex Duncan, home decorating teacher, brought a moving picture on decorating which was shown twice during the evening.

The auditorium was ringed with displays from each class, and groups strolled from table to table making appreciative comments.

In the oil painting display, the portraits and still lifes attracted special attention. The upholstery class seemed to have specialized in chairs. Leathercraft class showed many belts and wallets, some with cleverly executed designs of horses. The rug making class had considerable variety on display, while the home decorating students showed their books of room plans and color schemes against a backdrop of fabric.

Welding, bookkeeping and typing classes completed the display.

At one large table, eye-catching articles accompanied a large sign suggesting new courses for next year—millinery, English grammar and composition, wood finishing, draperies and slipstitchery, home gardening, metalcrafts, woodworking and floral arrangements. Objects in metal and wood and some smart hats were shown.

**Fashion Show Highlight**  
Principal Ted Hansen welcomed the crowd in the gymnasium, expressed appreciation to the night school committee and introduced the fashion show.

Those who had taken the sewing classes presented the annual highlight after the large group sat down to watch.

Mrs. Brown, the advanced sewing teacher, commented, mentioning materials, patterns and remarkable savings.

**Daughters Model**  
From the advanced sewing class were Mrs. Clifford Swanson, Rockwood; Mrs. A. McKenzie with her daughters, Marsha and Joanne, all wearing dresses made in class; Mrs. William McLeod, Mrs. E. Lidka and her daughter Jean, wearing a mix match outfit; Mrs. Frank Pink, Mrs. Jack McGeachie and Mrs. K. W. Lomas of Guelph.

Moore and Mrs. James Hill of Rockwood.

Representing the elementary sewing class, taught by Mrs. McCallum were Mrs. Larry Tailfeer, R. R. 1; Mrs. William Struthers, Mrs. Art Suddaby, R. R. 4; Mrs. Bertha Campbell, Mrs. Margaret Cox and Mrs. Winnie Hiltz, Rockwood; Mrs. Joyce Adams, R. R. 1; Mrs. June Crasken and Miss Alice Pilkington.

**Stole the Show**  
An 18-month-old girl stole the show from the members of the tailoring class. Little Patty Gibson walked hand in hand with her mother, Mrs. J. Gibson, both wearing outfits of the same spring green shade. Patty added a white bonnet.

Others showing suits and coats were Mrs. Lorne Dohertin, Mrs. George Young, Mrs. C. W. Ross, Miss Alice Sidel, Mrs. Carl DeForest, Mrs. W. Sproston, Mrs. John Buckman, Mrs. Dorothy Robinson, Mrs. Jack Smith, Mrs. W. Dunbar, Mrs. Judy Masek, all of Acton, and Mrs. Leona Hoffman of Georgetown.

In charge of make-up were

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STEPS WERE TAKEN by four of the models during the fashion show in the high school auditorium last Saturday when they showed off the latest styles. One of the tiniest models was little Patty Gibson shown with her mother, Mrs. J. Gibson. Pictured in the centre is Mrs. K. W. Lomas of Guelph and at the back, Mrs. W. Sproston. The three ladies are members of the night school tailoring class.



OLD DOBBIN came into his day last Friday when rural roads were blocked and farmers were forced to hike their milk into town via the sleigh and team. Pictured above is one farmer who did just that. Walter Cole of R.R. 2, Acton, pictured holding the reins, took two and a half hours to travel three miles during the trip to town. Shown on the back of the sleigh is a neighbor, Don Swackhamer, who hitched a ride to town.