

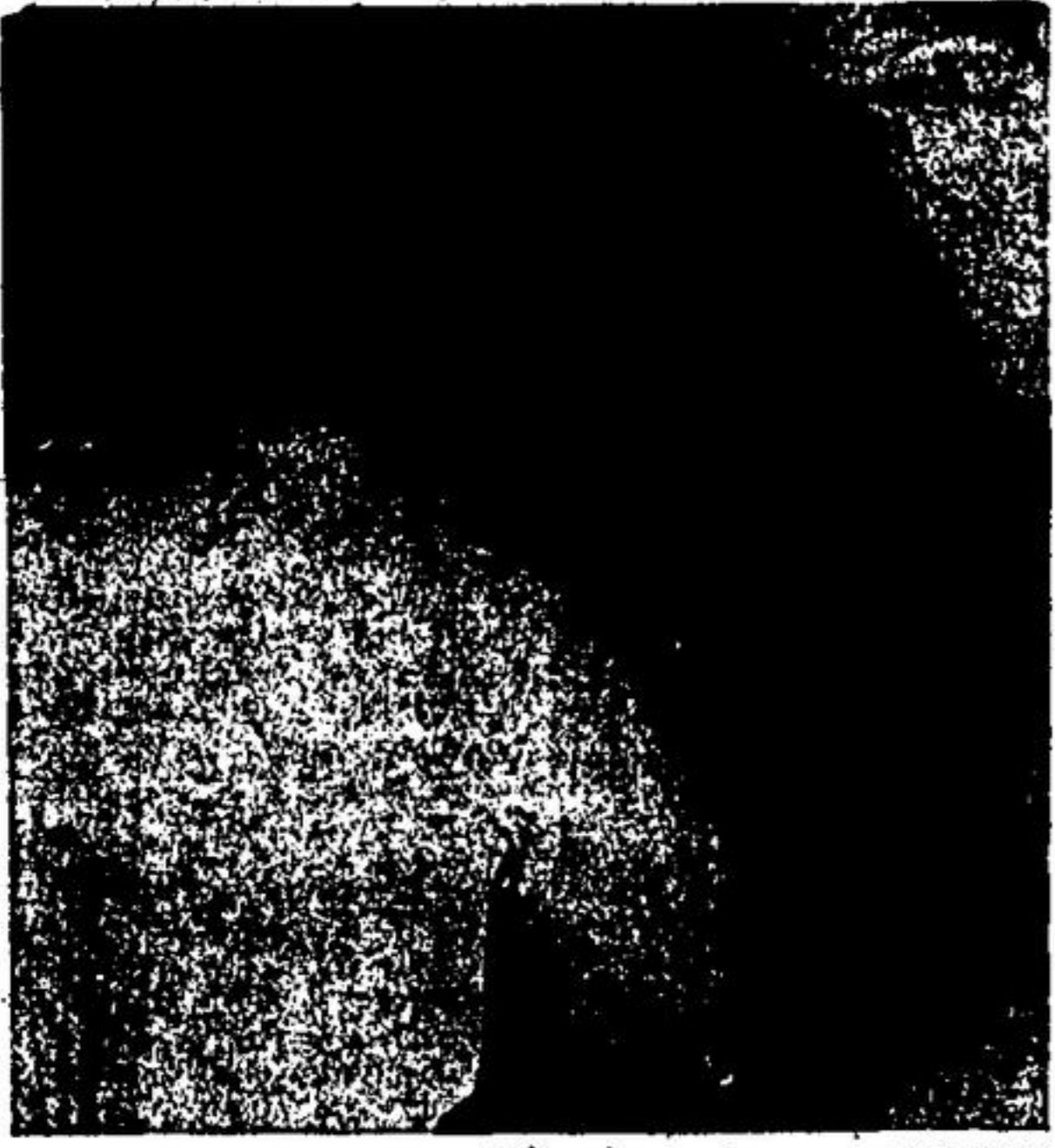
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DUSTING the safe at Ledger's I.G.A. store for possible fingerprints following a break-in early Wednesday morning, is Corporal L. G. Pelisario, of the Dundas Detachment. Thieves smashed the front door for the third time this summer and escaped with \$400 cash and approximately \$450 in cigarettes.

Follow Leads

Third Break-in Nets Thieves \$400 Cash, \$450 in Tobacco

In spite of constant checks by police, thieves managed to execute a third break-in at Ledger's I.G.A. store this summer, early Wednesday morning, when they escaped with \$400 cash and an estimated \$450 in tobacco and cigarettes.

On duty Tuesday evening, Constables Bruce Kressler and Marvin Harness checked the store doors after one in the morning and found everything in perfect order. When Constable Harness returned at 2.45, he found the front door jimmied and the building entered.

Thorough Search

He immediately called Dave Manes, store manager, to notify him of the incident and began an investigation. A thorough search of the store revealed the cash, cigarettes and tobacco had been taken. Departure was made through a rear exit.

Mr. Manes told investigating officers he had deposited most of the day's receipts but had

withheld sufficient money to start the next day with. This money had been hidden in a canvas bag in the office and was found by the thieves after the place had been ransacked.

Fingerprint Expert

Dundas police detachment was notified and immediately sent out Corporal Len Pelisario, fingerprint expert, who scoured the place for any possible fingerprints.

The search has revealed several clues and Corporal Ray Mason and his detachment are investigating all leads to the possible identity of the thieves.

Store manager, Dave Manes, found a large carton on No. 25 Sideroad on his way to work Wednesday morning. It is believed to be one used to carry away the loot.

On two other occasions the store, owned by J. Ledger, has been broken into with thieves carrying away several hundred dollars' worth of tobacco and cigarettes.

High School Cost Situation Serious Review Dissolution Inequalities

The prospect of rising costs and a system of grants which are proving unequal to meet the present expansion of Acton District High School facilities, drew Mayor J. Goy to tell high school board members Monday evening that the situation is "serious".

The mayor, along with clerk J. McGeehan, attended the regular meeting of the board to outline some of the facts and figures which would present to Department of Education officials the following day in Toronto. Unless there was some mushroom growth, the mayor said, the present assessment could not carry the load without a hard struggle over the next two or three years.

Their object in seeing Department officials was to alleviate some of the distress felt by tax-

payers over what the mayor termed the unequal distribution of assessment at the time of the dissolution of the North Halton high school district. He explained in 1958 Acton contributed 6.3 mills to the old district. The present rate is 12.8 — more than double in the last two years.

The townships would experience a similar rise, he said, "We got the short end of the stick when they dissolved the North Halton district."

Department officials were aware we could run into difficulty in the first few years, on 22.87 per cent. of the total district assessment, the mayor continued. "They instructed us to see them if we ran into difficulty and suggested they could make adjustments." Board members speculated that per-

haps officials could elevate them to another secondary school level where grants were higher.

Review Grants

Comparing the respective grants and assessments of the three areas involved in the North Halton district, Mr. Goy said the Acton district grant was \$170 per pupil on an assess-

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Pass Try Fails As Cars Crash

Two cars collided on Highway 25 about two miles north of No. 15 Sideroad, Friday causing an estimated total damage of \$500.

Leslie George McPhedran proceeded to make a left turn in a 1950 Chev sedan owned by Dru McPhedran of R.R. 1, Acton while at the same time Bruce Patrick McGinnis of R.R. 1, Milton, attempted to pass in a 1960 Volkswagen.

North Halton O.P.P. Const. Joe Feldecamp investigated the collision.

Board Engages Crossing Guard For Main-Mill Intersection

Acton Public School Board engaged Mr. Walker Main St. S., Wednesday, to act as school crossing guard at the Main and Mill Streets intersection. He will escort children across the intersection on their way to and from school.

This action followed a meeting of the board with council Tuesday evening when board members complained of the hazard to children going and coming from school at this intersection.

During the meeting, Mayor J. Goy suggested the board engage a crossing guard while continuing to work with council in an attempt to find a more suitable arrangement than the present stop sign system.

The present system allows for a stop flashing light at the Main St. intersection from both north and south approaches and provides a through street on Mill.

Building Permits Shows Marked Drop

Building permits issued by the town office since the first part of the year has amounted to \$18,810 showing a noted decrease amounting to \$83,282 over the same period last year.

Building has been slow to date this year with the last three months only producing \$6,665 in the total of permits issued.

Special Stage

A special stage will be erected in the arena and Acton Scottish Dance Club and many other artists will perform. With many free draws and Acton Citizens' and Acton Junior Pipe Bands to provide music, a complete evening of entertainment will be in store for the entire family.

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Seek Approval for \$143,200 Extension To Include Million Gallon Reservoir

Acton council Tuesday evening paved the way for an estimated \$143,200, million gallon underground reservoir and watermain extension from the Churchill Road water supply, across the northern town boundary, to connect with present mains on Main Street North, near the Micro Plastic building.

Following a recommendation of the sewer and water committee, council agreed to have the Ontario Water Resources Commission handle the financing of the project after receiving permission from the Ontario Municipal Board.

When final approval is given, it will mean an estimated yearly payment by the town to the O.W.R.C. amounting to \$15,000 including interest rates for the next 15 years.

Will Connect System

When completed, the project

will loop the new water supply on Churchill Road with mains presently installed on Main Street North and increase pressure in the area.

It will also guarantee an adequate water supply for any future town growth for a considerable time and solve any water problems regarding industrial growth.

Mayor Goy, chairman of the sewer and water committee, informed council that town engineers, combining forces with the O.W.R.C., had investigated the project and arrived at the cost-

ing. He also pointed out that the town had an adequate water supply but storage and pressure were the big problems to overcome. He told council his committee had received a price of \$195,000 for the same project to include an overhead storage type

tank but they favored the underground type tank.

Crossing Guard

Acton O.P.P. officers will assume temporary duty at the Mill-Main Streets intersection to protect school children on their way to and from school, following a lengthy discussion between school board members and council.

This measure of safety for the pupils was ordered after vice-chairman Cliff Bradley and trustees Tom Watson, Eric Marks and Doug Manning voiced their alarm at the danger to school children caused by the recently installed traffic control system.

At the intersection, flashing stop signs warn motorists of a complete stop on the south and north approaches to the intersection on Main St., while a caution light indicates a through street for traffic proceeding east and west on Mill. The intersection forms the junction of highways nos. 25 and 7.

Want Condition Corrected

Spokesman for the delegation, vice-chairman Cliff Bradley, assured council the board had not appeared to argue with them, or tell them what to do, but to help influence council to correct existing conditions.

He told council the board was aware of the trouble council had gone to, to provide a proper means of eliminating existing hazards at the intersection, not only for motorists but for pedestrians as well, and sympathized with them in the results.

Several attempts had been made and surveys taken at the intersection to persuade the Board of Transport to install proper stop lights. This action had fallen short of the mark and the present system was approved.

Warrants Change

Mayor John Goy enquired how many children crossed the intersection on their way to and from school and was told by Mr. Bradley he was unable to supply the figure offhand but could readily obtain it. He did suggest, however, the number was sufficient to warrant some change in the present system.

"The intersection is more dangerous than ever, since Mill St. was made a through street," Mr. Bradley stated, adding it was not only confusing to adult pedestrians

and children, but to motorists as well.

Mayor Goy indicated the significance of red stop lights was quite clear to most motorists in Ontario.

Mr. Bradley pointed out it might be questioned why so many children living in the area affected cross Main St. He explained parents request their children to pick up mail at the post office. "Not to expect parents to make this request is nonsensical," he emphasized.

Won't Wait

He further advised council that school board members were not intending to wait until a fatality occurred before they sought some solution to the problem.

Mayor Goy suggested "Why not put another school crossing guard at this point? It is an uncontrollable expense."

Mayor Goy told the board that no matter how much support the board added, it was unlikely the Department of Transport would change their minds until Highway 401 was opened further west and a traffic survey taken in Acton.

Mr. Goy indicated council had told the department of the existing dangers, adding "We know of it but they can't seem to realize it."

Trustee Eric Marks asked the mayor, "Do you feel the crossing is safe?" In reply the mayor suggested it was just as safe now as it was before the present system was installed.

Trustee Watson wondered why other towns located on Highway 7 were equipped with proper stop signals when they have less traffic than Acton.

Kept Fighting

Councillor G. Barbeau assured the board council had fought diligently for traffic lights for a long time. He also advised the board school children were badly in need of education on how to walk properly.

Reeve J. M. Greer assured the board the subject of stop lights had been on council's agenda since 1950. He cited frequent accidents at the corner of Queen and Young Sts., pointing out that council had requested caution lights, "They won't put caution lights up there, accidents or not. Even after a fatality occurred, no consideration was given," he remarked.

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Free Press Wins Awards

The Acton Free Press was this week named one of Canada's top weekly newspapers and awarded second place at Vancouver in the competition for the best all-round weekly newspaper. The award was announced at the annual convention of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association.

The Free Press also won a third for its front page in a similar competition. The prizes were awarded in the 1,000 to 2,000 circulation class.

Heading the Free Press' for the Charles Clark Cup and the best all-round award was the Portage la Prairie Manitoba Leader with Acton second and the Williams Lake (B.C.) Tribune third. In the best front page competition the Kimberly (B.C.) News tied with the Portage la Prairie Manitoba Leader for first and the Peace River (Alta.) Record Gazette tied with the Williams Lake (B.C.) Tribune for second. The Free Press claimed third.

The awards are part of the Better Newspapers Competition sponsored annually by the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association.

Free Press Managing Editor Dave Dills and Mrs. Dills were in Vancouver to receive the awards.

"We're naturally happy about the awards," Managing Editor Dave Dills noted. "It represents a lot of time, effort and dollars invested to give Acton a leading newspaper that both the town and we as publishers can be proud of. Winning the trophies makes the effort all seem worthwhile. I'm sure the staff deserves a great deal of credit because it is their week in week out effort that makes winning possible."

Only other Halton county winner in the competition was The Canadian Champion, Milton that took first place in the best all-round class for a circulation of 2,000 to 3,000 and third for the best editorial page in the same circulation grouping. The Champion is also published by the Dills Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd.



D.D.G.M. NIGHT was a special occasion for Walker Lodge A.F. and A.M. when Dr. A. J. Buchanan, of Acton, newly appointed District Deputy Grand Master of Wellington District, visited his mother lodge. Pictured above are left to right Dr. Buchanan, D.D.G.M., Jack Reid, Worshipful Master and Dean Leslie, past D.D.G.M., Wellington District 1939-40.

OBITUARY

Former Reeve, Industrialist C. H. Harrison Dies in Toronto

Once prominent in the business, municipal and social life of Acton, C. H. Harrison died at his Toronto residence on Friday evening.

Funeral services were held on Monday from the Turner and Porter chapel with interment in Prospect Cemetery, Toronto.

Mr. Harrison, reeve of Acton in 1936 was the founder, with F. S. Blow of the Acton Machine Company. He first started merchandising auto parts made by the late F. S. Blow in a Main St. machine shop. As the business grew new buildings were required. The buildings are now occupied by the Blow Press Co. and A. P. Green Fire Brick Co.

In his busy life Mr. Harrison served here as councillor, school trustee, reeve, fair and YMCA director, member of Walker Lodge A.F. and A.M. and churchman. In 1936 he moved his family and business to Toronto continuing with the firm until his retirement in September 1949.

Mr. Harrison is survived by his wife the former Florence Russell and two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Sault (Berth) and Mrs. John Winder (Margaret).



C. H. HARRISON a former reeve of Acton died in his Toronto home on Friday evening. Mr. Harrison, shown here in an early picture, was active in many Acton organizations during his residence here.

Plan 1960 Fair to Attract Largest Crowd Ever

Acton's annual Fall Fair this weekend — Friday and Saturday, September 16 and 17 — promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Collapse of the curling rink roof at the arena last winter made it necessary for Acton Fair Board to provide an entirely new format for the Friday evening show. The program usually provided in past years has been abandoned for a new variety entertainment.

Fair directors and Acton Chamber of Commerce have combined their efforts and visitors to the Friday evening show will witness a fast moving and entertaining program supplied by local talent.

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will include displays entered by school children and many others whose handwork will be on view.

Also on display in the arena will be exhibits from the Junior Farmers grain show, roots and vegetables, fruit, domestic science and baking, canned and preserved products, homecraft, plants and flowers, Night School display, girls' club work, W.I. display and many others.

Maple City Shows have been engaged for this year's midway and president Lloyd McEnery and his directors are looking forward to a large assortment of rides and amusements to delight old and young alike.

Saturday Parade

A parade at one o'clock on Saturday will start at the town hall and led by both Acton bands, will proceed to the park. Taking part will be school children, floats and decorated doll buggies, bicycles and tricycles.

Arriving at the park, visitors will be interested in the huge poultry and goose entry in the red building near the arena. Hogs and sheep will be judged in the usual location at the west end of the park and a large entry is expected in the cattle judging contest, with all classes being shown.

Light and heavy horses will be entered in competition and pony races, saddle classes and jumps will also be a feature of the afternoon program, as well as variety races and other special events.

Added attraction for exhibitors this year is the Jam and Jelly Contest sponsored by General Foods Kitchen and the Acton Free Press with a trophy presented to the winner.

In the New Domestic contest, first prize for the best apple pie will be four, four-piece settings of Melmac dinnerware with the same prize going to the first prize winner in the cake contest. Acton Creamery is giving \$8 first prize to winners in the butter tart, angel cake and maple leaf cakes. The commercial feature for hay and grain is also expected to draw many exhibitors.

Chamber Draw

During the fair, Acton Chamber of Commerce will make a draw on a beautiful radio-stereo

set on which many tickets have already been sold.

Acton Lions' Club members will be active throughout the fair servicing the ticket office booths and assisting at various contests and games.

Again this year Acton Rotary Club members will take their stand at the park gates and sell admission tickets to patrons.

Nothing has been overlooked by the Fair Board, under the leadership of president Lloyd McEnery, in order to provide a two-day program to excel all other years. With plans finalized, prize lists printed and distributed and entries pouring in for all events, it leaves only last minute details for board members to iron out before the big event gets underway Friday evening.



CLOSING IN THE ROOF of the new United Church building, workers are striving to have the sanctuary ready for the Sunday School Rally Day service, Sunday, September 25. The old church building shown in the background was condemned last year and will be demolished when the new structure is completed. Dedication of the new church sanctuary is expected to take place Sunday, October 23.