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## Doug Mason Bags 950 Pound Moose

Spotting a 1,200 pound bull moose leaping through the woods and wishing for a camera instead of a gun might be alright for photographers but to ardent hunters, this sight means moose meat on the table.

Hydro superintendent Doug Mason on his trip to the northern woods last week was in this spot, and didn't hesitate for a minute when he saw the huge animal at a distance of 100 yards. He took aim, fired and dropped the animal immediately.

Last year he journeyed to the north country but came home empty-handed. This year his luck turned and he and his party of five are enjoying luscious chops and roasts of moose.

The animal was dressed in the bush and carted approximately 600 yards where it was loaded on a jeep and trailer for the trek through the woods to the checking station, where it weighed in at 950 pounds dressed.

During last year's outing Mr. Mason and the northern kings of the forest dodged each other very cunningly but this year it was a different story and the king was dethroned.

After arriving home, the animal was strung up on a pulley on a nearby maple tree at the superintendent's home and he and his four partners began a game of chop-clip.

The moose was carved up and divided and everyone was happy and satisfied.

Accompanying Mr. Mason on the trip were Jim Johnson, Toronto; Bert Croft and Gordon Booth, Oakville and Allan Webb, Dundas. The Acton hunter was the only one in the party to bag a moose on this trip.

## Mayor Objects to "Smearing" of Town by Press Urges Council to Notify Attorney General's Dept.

Smearing of the town in daily newspapers and over TV regarding the town ambulance service brought a reply from Mayor John Goy at council meeting Tuesday.

"The black eye the town is receiving over the ambulance service is not justified," the mayor exclaimed as he suggested council take the initiative and notify the Attorney General of Acton's position.

"It is time for us to take action and notify someone in authority regarding our feelings on this," he stated.

Following discontinuation of ambulance service in Acton and district by Vern Bogue, Guelph City Ambulance operator, Acton was left with the problem of supplying this service.

The town was forced to curtail ambulance calls to residents of Acton only, since Mr. Bogue, who loaned one of his ambulances to the town on a temporary basis, had made that stipulation.

Since the adoption of the local service one call has been received outside the town limits. Temporary operators were unable to respond owing to the order from council.

Mr. Goy objected to the publicity given the refusals and stressed his intention to notify the Attorney General. He suggested if the government would consider some subsidy for out-of-town calls, further consideration could be given to the ambulance going out of town. He said that Mr. Bogue had informed him this week his objection to the ambulance going out of town could be altered to take in the immediate area.

Seek Township Support  
Reeve J. M. Greer, voicing his objections to the ambulance leaving the town, suggested council notify surrounding townships of the seriousness of the ambulance problem.

Mr. Goy enlarged on reports in daily papers regarding an accident Sunday afternoon at the corner of 25 Sideroad and the Blue Springs line when it was reported the ambulance to pick up injured people.

The mayor said he had conducted a thorough investigation and found that Frank Toth, garage operator and temporary ambulance driver, had received a call from provincial police to send his tow truck to move the damaged vehicles. "No call was received to send out an ambulance from Acton," Mr. Goy stated.

Council agreed to notify surrounding townships and the Attorney General's department of the plight of the ambulance service.

Future Reservations  
Council agreed to purchase for \$1 a parcel of land from Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ledger on their farm property on Churchill Road north for the future site of an underground storage reservoir. Two readings were given a by-law authorizing the town to enter into this agreement and negotiations will proceed immediately.

The property has a frontage of 300 feet with a depth of 150 feet and is located next to the Churchill church. Mr. Goy, chairman of the sewer and water committee, advised council action would have to be taken immediately to acquire this choice piece of property at a cost of \$1.

Provisions in a proposed agreement allow Mr. Ledger a hookup from his home to the reservoir to provide a maximum of 7,000 gallons of water free every two months. A fire hydrant installed near the Ledger property was also requested by the landowner.

Election Dates  
A by-law governing the dates for municipal nominations and election day sparked a heated discussion when councillor E. Pope questioned why no provisions had been made to locate a polling booth closer to Glenlea subdivision. Both Mayor Goy and clerk-administrator J. McGeachie explained the difficulties entailed and stressed the increased cost. They pointed out that in order to provide a different setup for polling booths, five additional places would be necessary at an added cost to the taxpayers. The by-law was approved with councillor Pope voting in the negative.

Approved was the establishment of a meeting for nominations at the Robert Little school auditorium on Thursday, November 24, with election date set for Tuesday, December 6.

Voters will cast their ballots in the following places under the supervision of appointed deputy returning officers: Ward one, Acton United church with Mrs. J. Inglis DRO; Ward one, polling subdivision two, Y.M.C.A. with Mrs. J. T. Hurst DRO; Ward two, Town Hall, Mrs. H. Helwig DRO; Ward three, Jackson Memorial Hall, Mrs. W. Dumich DRO and Ward four, Y.M.C.A., Mrs. F. Anderson DRO.

Mr. Pope thought holding nominations in the Robert Little school created a problem on account of the "no smoking" ban. Council agreed to give further consideration another year to a meeting place for nomination night.

An enquiry from councillor L. Duby why more councillors did not attend Urban Board meetings sparked a brief discussion during which Mayor Goy pointed out that Acton County was the only place in Ontario with such a board. He told Mr. Duby the principle of the board was good but it failed to have any power to exercise its recommendations. Mr. Goy made it clear he did not favor dropping out of the Urban Board but suggested if having such a board was a good thing it was peculiar other centres had not formed them.

Approval was given by by-law to appoint John D. Ladouceur assessor for the town retroactive from January 1.

## Inquest, Labor Council Pressure For Better Ambulance Service

Constant pressuring for better local ambulance service over the past few months flared up this week in separate incidents and at last agitators feel positive steps toward improved ambulance service in northern Halton County should become a reality.

Tuesday evening the Oakville and District Labor Council, through a request submitted by Marty Caputo and other Milton delegates, agreed to approach Halton County Council with a campaign to provide county-wide ambulance service on a sensible plan.

Then Wednesday evening a coroner's jury at the inquest into the August 6 deaths of Bruce Snow of Acton and Samuel Daigle of Campbellville, recommended the establishment of a centrally located ambulance service for this area of Halton County.

Halton Crown Attorney P. K. McWilliams was quick to back up the jury's recommendation—as he has done in a private campaign for several months—and urged the Ontario government to implement better control over ambulances by giving increased grants to local hospitals which can easily be geared to provide this necessary service.

Primary action on the solution to local ambulance problems may be expected this afternoon (Thursday) when County Council convenes for the October session in Milton.

The Oakville and District Labor Council, according to Mr. Caputo, was asked to step into the ambulance picture when Milton delegates complained that although Milton was well served by the Oakville Alexander ambulance firm, Milton employees living in Nassagaweya and Esqueving townships were lacking in service. The Oakville, Trafalgar and Milton areas seem adequately served, while Georgetown runs a volunteer ambulance brigade.

"There is absolutely no sense in having a good hospital plan if we cannot get good ambulance service which can get the people to a hospital so doctors can treat them," remarked Mr. Caputo who represents Local 1067, U.S.W.A. at Ontario Steel Products. He added that in many instances, blame was not always directed at poor ambulance work but the slowness of the service was mentioned in most cases.

At Wednesday night's inquest, it was revealed that the Snow-Daigle fatality happened at 5:40 p.m. and the first ambulance from Georgetown did not arrive at the scene until 6:35 p.m. A second ambulance from Oakville arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Mr. Daigle was killed instantly and Snow, while conscious when picked up by the ambulance, died enroute to Guelph hospital. A passenger in the car, Glen Elrott of Campbellville testified the three had taken a couple of drinks each, shortly before the accident happened.

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## Nearly 300 Students Spend First Day In Nassagaweya's Brookville School

Long awaited and slightly overdue, the new eight-room Brookville Public School in Nassagaweya opened its doors to students for the first time Friday morning of last week.

Principal Ken Trowbridge, Inspector R. F. Bornhold, members of the school board and the bus drivers were on hand to welcome close to 300 students—but so were the carpenters and subcontractors who were still scurrying to finish all portions of the brand new school. It is expected final finishing of the school will be done in halls, classrooms, washrooms, teachers' rooms and the large auditorium before the official opening ceremony in mid-November.

George Inglis of Campbellville is using three new buses to transport the students. Mrs. Inglis drives one while Jack Chapman and Mrs. Ila Bayley are the other drivers. Some buses will make two trips to carry loads of students to the various northern areas in the township. Other Nassagaweya students attend the S.S. school in Campbellville.

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Following a review by Esqueving school board Tuesday, October 6, bus transportation routes are under further consideration.

During the meeting, board members took a further look at present bus routes and agreed more changes are necessary before they are completely satisfied.

A delegation from Lignv school received the board's approval to send 10 pupils from their overcrowded school to Milton Heights school.

Review Duties  
Caretakers from all schools in the area were present. Board members Rev. Lockhart Royal and R. J. Cunningham outlined their duties.

The secretary was instructed to advertise the closed schools for sale.

Student Exchange Program Finalized by Rotarians  
Four grade 12 students, two boys and two girls, from Emporium high school, Pennsylvania, arrived in Acton Sunday for a week. They will be billeted with four Acton high school students who will return to Emporium with them after the week of getting to know each other here.

The student exchange program is being sponsored by Acton Rotary club. The students will share schools, desks, curriculum and even parents—first for a week here and then for a week in the States.

Ages and interests of the visitors must be matched before final decision can be made on where to billet them here, and principal Ted Hansen is anxious to await letters from the States with this information. Billets and names of Acton students to make the trip are expected to be finalized later today.

A teacher will be coming with the young people, and Mr. Hansen will be going back with the group a week from Sunday. After he sees things well underway, he'll return and Mrs. Reed will likely drive down to bring the visitors home.

Students being hosted by the local Rotarians will attend school and enjoy tours of local industries including a chicken farm, a visit to Toronto to view Casa Loma, museum, waterfront and other noted places in the city. Before returning to Acton they will dine at the Granite Club and watch curling.

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Next Tuesday the teacher and students from Pennsylvania will attend the Rotary Club meeting and give a brief address on their home town and visit to Acton.

Rotarians will meet the U.S. group at the Peace Bridge Sunday and after a dinner on the Canadian side of the border, will escort the teacher and students to Acton. Once here they will be given an official welcome at the school and taken to the homes where they will be billeted.

## Arena Remains Council's Problem Decision at Three Hour Meeting

Acton arena will open its doors this winter in spite of reports to the contrary. Although wash-room facilities and a heating unit will not be installed immediately, ice will be provided.

During a meeting Thursday, October 6 with representatives from local organizations Mayor J. Goy informed the group council would have ice provided for the arena. He pointed out the building committee budget had been lowered to \$500 when repairs had to be made following the collapse of the curling rink roof.

Mr. Goy told the meeting council had budgeted for the toilets and heating, but the collapse of the roof had made it necessary to spend a large portion of this money on repairs.

The mayor stressed to the group that the arena was in better condition now than it has been at any time during the past 10 years, excluding toilets and heating.

The meeting was called with local organizations in an attempt to obtain an expression of opinions regarding future control of the arena.

Three dovetailing resolutions were tabled during the three-hour meeting.

E. Marks, representing the Acton Lions Club, started the motions rolling when he suggested council continue to operate the arena until it was opened with proper facilities provided. This action was supported by 10 representatives present.

Max Storey, representing Acton Legion, proposed a motion recommending considering formation of an arena commission after necessary renovations are made. This received the support of 11 people present.

E. G. Tyler, Sr., president of the Acton Chamber of Commerce, tabled a resolution to have the Parks Board act in the capacity of an arena commission. This resolution went down to defeat with only three voting in favor.

Unanimous approval was given a suggestion by Art Gordon of the Rotary Club that the arena commission be a separate body appointed by council from the town at large.

Recommended from the floor for council's consideration as members of the proposed commission, which must include two council representatives, were Ken Blow, Mrs. G. Fryer, Art Gordon, Ray Arbis, Sam Brunelle and Earl Masales. Additional names could be suggested by interested club and local organizations.

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Three Fires Since Sunday Mar Fire Prevention Week  
The wail of the siren has broken the silence hoped for by Acton Fire Department three times this week already as Fire Prevention Week got off to a red-hot start. Instead of concentrating on fire prevention, Acton firefighters have been busy chasing fires, missing meals and time at work.

Monday morning the firemen stepped to the scene of a grass fire near the town dump. The fire was believed caused by youngsters playing with matches.

Tuesday noon before firemen could sit down to their hot meal, the alarm was sounded again and they rushed to the home of Wm. Gibbs on No. 25 highway where another grass fire was beginning to burn out of control.

Barn levelled  
Just before six o'clock Tuesday evening fire fighters rushed to the farm home of G. Pakston and F. McDonald, R.R. 1, Moffat, where a large barn had been levelled by fire. Lost in the fire were nearly 1,000 bags of soy, two seed drills and a plow.

Cause of the fire is unknown. Flames were first noticed by the Pakston children who immediately notified their mother. A call was sent to Acton firemen but directions were not explicit and

## Driver Swerves To Avoid Dog, \$200 Damage

Lou D. Jeffers of 149 Tidy Ave. Acton, was unhurt but his car sustained \$200 in damage Sunday afternoon when it went out of control and crashed into a farmer's fence.

The incident happened as Mr. Jeffers was driving along the First Line, Nassagaweya, north of 25 Sideroad. He told police a dog ran in front of the car and when he swerved, the car ran off the road.

O.P.P. Constable Walter Jordan of the North Halton detachment investigated.

High School Gridders were defeated by the fast moving Georgetown squad Wednesday afternoon 13-0 during a game at the Acton high school. The local lads had plenty of support with eight cheerleaders egging them on; but lacked the scoring punch to take the paper-town team. The Acton team is pictured above with their pretty cheerleaders prior to the start of the game. Identifications were only available for the girls as the boys raced onto the field after the picture was taken. Front row left to right are Jane McPhedran, Bernice Wasowicz, Barb Adams, Moira McKelvey, Jo-Ann Force, Sandi Davidson, Joyce Rennie and Gloria Romanik. The school soccer team suffered a 5-1 defeat at the hands of the Georgetown team

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