

### Isolated Hepatitis Cases Cause Rumor of Epidemic

Despite rumors to the contrary, there has been no sudden major outbreak of hepatitis in the Milton area. Dr. A. F. Bull, Hamilton's Medical Officer of Health, told The Champlain yesterday (Wednesday) that, although two new cases of the liver disease have been reported in the past week, there is certainly no need for alarm.

Dr. Bull explained that the incidence of hepatitis is highest in late winter and early spring and will lessen as the warm weather arrives. He pointed out that quite often two or three isolated cases will become an epidemic by the time the stores close the roads. Dr. Bull believes one reason for the increased reports of cases of hepatitis is the increased awareness of the presence of the disease brought on by recent releases on the subject by the government. In the past, many cases were never diagnosed because people did not recognize the symptoms and never consulted a physician.

**Not Too Contagious**

Hepatitis is not a dangerously contagious disease. Only members of the family and those in close contact with a hepatitis case are liable to contract the disease. Most physicians give these people gamma globulin which usually provides ample protection.

The belief of most doctors is that hepatitis, which is a virus disease, is spread by the transfer of the organism from hands to food and then to the system. Consequently, the best protection against it is cleanliness. At this time of the year especially, everyone should scrub their hands with soap and water before eating and avoid chewing on pencils and fingernails.

**Low Incidence**

The Milton area is one of low incidence of hepatitis. Dr. Bull reported. The reason is that the area, and most of the county, in fact, has good water supplies and sewage disposal systems.

### EDEN MILLS

## Old School Readers Revive Memories at W.I. Meeting

Mrs. D. Beattie hosted the Eden Mills Women's Institute for their March meeting with Mrs. R. Roy, the President, presiding. After the regular business was attended to, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. J. Hamer, convener, with her assortment of old school readers. The women were brought back to school days again. A social half followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas of Burlington, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gilbertson. Mr. and Mrs. W. Gilbertson and Mrs. J. Gilbertson attended the 50th Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Coates at L'Islel on Saturday.

### 32nd Annual Report

## County Road Cost \$620,036

Haltom County engineer Roy F. Smith presented his 32nd annual report on the work done on the county roads system, to members of Haltom County Council last week.

Expenditures totalled \$620,036, broken down as follows: maintenance, \$213,318; grading and granular base, \$131,466; double treatment, \$23,807; bridges and culverts, \$88,582; miscellaneous items, \$22,176; new machinery, \$24,161; rebates to towns, \$66,094; overhead, \$34,601; items not subject to subsidy, \$13,326; interest, \$2,501.

**Winter Cost Down**

Winter control, consisting of sanding, snow plowing and snow fencing, was down about \$25,000 in 1961, compared to the previous year, \$13,326; inter-annual year. The bulk of the plowing and sanding was done in February and March. The spring break-up was not too severe and the roads came through without serious damage, due to

### Centennial Ahead

The WMS & LA of Eden Mills Presbyterian Church "journeyed to the Manse in Rockwood Tuesday afternoon for the monthly meeting. Mrs. H. Gilbertson gave her report on the missionary meeting held at Knox Church, Guelph. Readings from the study book were by Mrs. Roy and Mrs. J. D. Javric gave a reading. Preparations for the 100th Anniversary of the Church were the main business. After a social half hour Dr. and Mrs. George Aitken were thanked for their kind hospitality.

Mrs. W. and J. Gilbertson, Mr. Stanley and Will Wilson received the sad news of the death of their aunt Mrs. W. Osland at Sashbury, Saskatchewan, also their uncle Mr. Ben Wilson of Irticana, Alberta.

Mrs. W. Osland was the former Annie Anderson of Nassagawee, N.S.

### Happy Birthday

A surprise party of brothers and sisters, also the family of Mrs. K. Gilbertson, honored her on Friday evening on her birthday. Burlington, Toronto and Guelph were represented.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Wallace spent Monday in Waterdown.

## Kathy McKenzie Top Orator In Contest

Kathy McKenzie, 13-year-old grade eight Robert Little Public School pupil, was presented with the B. D. Rachlin public speaking trophy when she topped six other speakers Monday morning. She also received from Gordon Beatty a pen and pencil set presented by Acton Hydro Commission cosponsors of the contest.

The contest staged between speakers from the Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett schools was judged by Mrs. Alec Orr, Mrs. H. H. Hinton and the Rev. A. H. McKenzie. Pupils from both schools were present in the auditorium to hear the speakers.

**Variety of Topics**

Taking part were: Nancy Lauder, grade 8 pupil from the Robert Little school, who chose as her subject "Schools in the year 2000"; Rita McCrae, grade eight pupil from the Robert Little school who spoke on "My Home, Town"; Marlee McSwain, grade eight, M. Z. Bennett school, who spoke on "Good Manners"; Peggy Holmes, grade eight pupil at the M. Z. Bennett school, who chose "Canadian History"; Linda Ralston, grade seven, M. Z. Bennett school, who spoke on "The Telephone"; Christine Prescott, grade six pupil at the Robert Little school, who gave her original version of what schools might be like in the year 2000 and Kathy McKenzie, who spoke on Sir John A. Macdonald.

Placing second was Nancy Lauder and third Rita McCrae. The three top speakers competed against Milton Wednesday night in Acton.

## Grass Fire Burns Bachelor's Home

While his seven-roomed frame home burned to the ground at Stewarttown Tuesday, Jimmy Brown, a 72-year-old bachelor, sat weeks on the scorched grass near his blazing home and wept. He was burning grass and weeds when the flames were laid toward his home which was soon a holocaust which George town firemen could not save. They arrived within five minutes and were forced to cover their faces against the heat as they attempted to quell the flames.

Mr. Brown had lived alone in the house 35 years. He said everything he owned was inside and he had no insurance.

Firemen hosed down adjoining houses owned by Walter Lawson and Mrs. Lena Hodge.

## No Joie

Just imagine going outdoors, and picking breakfast off a tree in your garden. That is just what quite a number of American residents do daily. In order to share their fortune, one American family shipped a crate of fresh picked grapefruit to Acton for distribution to relatives.

Sunday afternoon after returning from a motor trip, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Tyler Sr. were astonished to find a crate sitting on their front door step. Examining the crate closely, they both realized it wasn't just a prank but contained real grapefruit.

Mr. Tyler's brother, Matt, a former Actonite, had picked the grapefruit fresh from a tree in his garden and shipped it north with friends for Acton relatives. Also included in the shipment of citrus fruit were several colorful brochures for distribution to nephews and nieces.

## Net \$450 In Canvass

Acton Scout Group Committee is pleased with the Monday night returns from the residential section of town, when they netted an approximate \$450 from the Scout drive. All returns are not in and the committee is looking forward to additional donations arriving.

The business section of town is to be canvassed later this month in order to boost the amount of money needed to carry on the Scout and Guide movement in Acton.

## LOCALS

—Gwen Lauder recently successfully passed an examination in ballet.

—Another sign: two ground-hogs were spotted just north of town Tuesday.

—Town workmen were busy cleaning the sand from Mill Street on Wednesday.

—Most residents will welcome the street sweeper purchased by the town with the amount of dust swirling around their homes.

—The birds are having quite a field day now that grass is beginning to peak through the snow.

## \$600 Damage

A car driven by Patrick Morehan of R. R. 2, Georgetown, received \$600 damage on 25 Side road near Acton Friday when it hit the rear of a parked tractor trailer. The driver was unhurt.

## Five-Year-Old Runs On Road, Hit by Car

Five-year-old Kenneth Wilbers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Wilbers, John Street, had a narrow escape from serious injury Thursday, March 22, when he darted into the path of an eastbound car in front of the Y.M.C.A.

The youngster was standing by a parked car when he ran onto the road. The driver of the car, James Thorndill, B.R. 3, Acton, applied his brakes immediately but the skidding car knocked the young boy down.

He was taken to Dr. W. G. C. Kenney for examination but only received bruises to his left thigh and the side of his head.

Constable Mary Harness of the Acton O.P.P. investigated.

## Town Buys Sweeper

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improved as the road was washed out badly each year.

Councillor Ham Peal expressed his concern of the way the annual band grant is determined. He pointed out that the grant was 1/2 mill which amounted to \$3500 this year and could go to \$10,000 or \$14,000 with assessment growth.

**Reviews Band Grant**

Councillor Barbeau, recalled that the original band-by-law had called for a 1/2 mill grant. This was then changed to an annual grant of \$500. Another plebiscite was held in 1958 and the grant reverted to 1/2 mill. At that time it was felt the \$1500 raised by the 1/2 mill was necessary for the operation of the bands.

Since that time the value of the 1/2 mill has risen to \$3500. It is felt that a petition signed by a majority of ratepayers is necessary before any change can be made in the method of determining the annual grant.

Councillor Dubé suggested the new street sweeper should be painted a bright yellow because it is a slow moving vehicle and suggested the town front-end loader should also be yellow. The clerk replied "It was yellow and we had it painted red. It wasn't red long though, because it's all coming off."

## Music in the Air

Throughout Haltom County, elementary school students are getting down to serious practice in preparation for the 31st annual Haltom County Music Festival, coming in early April.

The North Haltom Rural final is scheduled for Brookville School, Nassagawee, April 4. Lloyd W. Tafford of Barrie will be adjudicator.

**North Urban**

Robert Little School in Acton hosts this year's North Haltom Urban finals Tuesday, April 17, and Wednesday evening, April 18. Dr. G. R. Fenwick of Toronto will act as adjudicator.

The children will be competing for medals which will be awarded for first, second and third places in solo and duet classes and cups and shields for first and second places in triple duet, trio and choir classes.

## Manor Bd. Studies Second Home Site

Haltom Centennial Manor Board is considering purchasing land for a second county home for the aged.

At a recent meeting the secretary-treasurer asked the board if there should be an allowance in the 1962 budget for the purchase of land for an additional home for the aged. The question was left with the superintendent and secretary-treasurer for further discussion prior to budget setting time.

The Board considered the need of more beds in the bed care wing and a \$2500 price was obtained on renovations. If approval of the Department of Welfare can be obtained, the work will go ahead.

As the present board room is too small, members viewed two rooms on the Manor's top floor which appeared satisfactory and the estimates on renovating the rooms were to be obtained.

The board learned the daily cost of maintaining patients during 1961 was \$450 per day and agreed to use this figure again this year as the per diem rate for residents of the Manor. Last year's ratio was \$450.

The board approved increasing residents' monthly pocket money allowance to \$9 from the present \$8 due to an increase in the Old Age Pension now being paid. All other benefits, Ontario except H.A.C. and one other, plus smaller allowances to residents.

## Cookville Company Gets Limehouse Job

O. Lovstracur Construction Company, Cookville, with a tender amounting to \$114,933 was the successful bidder for the construction of a new six room school at Limehouse. The company was chosen by the Esqueping school board when they reviewed seven tenders submitted for the job.

Construction is expected to begin within two weeks with completion ready for the fall term in September.

## Chlorine Causes Coffee Drinking

Green tea, jasmine tea, they're nice. In Acton we've got chlorine tea and many's the pot getting thrown out instead of sipped this week.

But tea that tastes a bit like disinfectant and smells like iodine is better than last year's water pollution with pots of brackish water boiling on the stove.

Try coffee. It's got the strength to drown the chlorine which is going to be flavoured off drinks for a while yet.

—There was another good crowd at the Y Show for children Saturday afternoon put on by the Y Men's Club.

—Five croquet "sprang to life" in the garden at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hargrave, Arthur Street, this week. These are the first reported this year.

—Hydro workmen are continuing their tree-trimming program this week.



WASHING DISHES in preparation for the next rush of hungry patrons, Bellinad ladies are caught by the camera in the kitchen at the United Church during their smorgasbord supper Saturday evening. A large variety of food was prepared for the visitors and as fast as tables were cleared other hungry customers were seated.

## Three Milton Pupils Top Public Speakers

Three Milton public school pupils were praised by judges when they won the public speaking contest staged Wednesday evening with Acton public schools. The event was held in the auditorium of the Robert Little school in Acton, with three competitors from Acton and Milton.

Taking top honors was 12-year-old Edna Batt, grade seven pupil at the Bruce Street school, Milton. Second place winner was 13-year-old Linda Jones, a grade eight pupil at the J. M. Demmes school, Milton. The only young man competing in the contest, Alan Walker, a 13-year-old grade eight student at the Bruce Street school, was chosen third.

**Honorable Mention**

Honorable mention went to Kathy McKenzie, 13-year-old grade eight pupil at the Robert Little school, Acton. Other competitors included: Charlotte Comber, 13-year-old grade eight pupil from Bruce Street school; Rita McCrae, 13-year-old grade eight pupil from Robert Little school; and Nancy Lauder, 13-year-old

## SCOOPS

From Speyside School

Room 1—They are learning more about the moon, Indian moons seem very interesting to them. Grade two is studying the tables of measure. Many are making signs of spring.

Room 2—Miss McInery, room two's teacher, is teaching the children about Indians. They have learned the Indian words for the mother, father, and baby and what they do. They are making a picture of Indians.

Room 3—For art this week we are doing a picture of spring. In social studies grade four is enjoying a visit to a nickel mine in Sudbury and grade five is discovering how James Bruce found the source of the Blue Nile.

Room 4—For the past week we have been having our examinations.

## Hauled Milk 16 Years Horse Deserves Rest

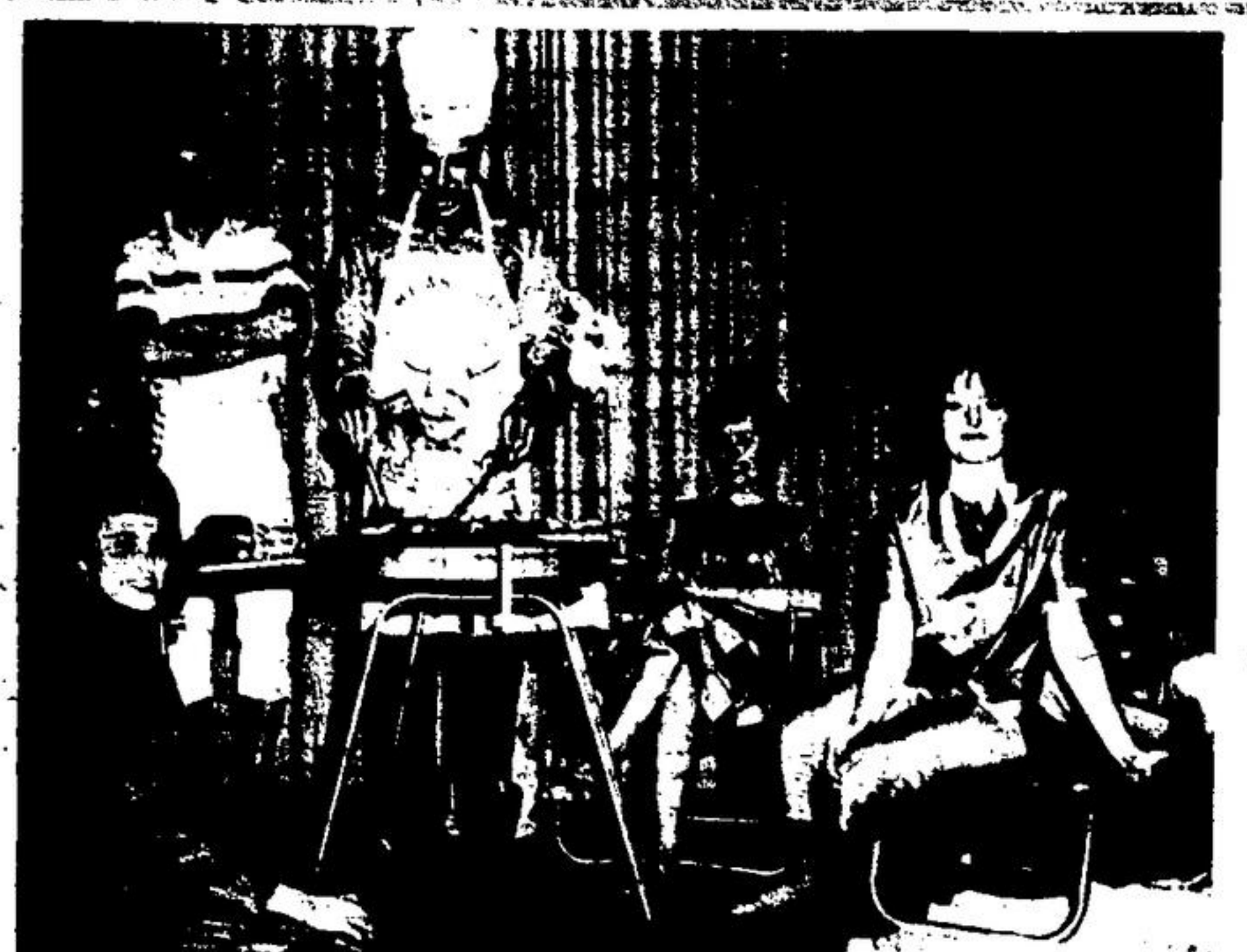
A 21-year-old Belgian mare named Nell who has been hauling milk over Acton's seven miles of streets for the past 16 years, will make her final run Saturday morning. She will be sent to pasture and given an extra portion of oats for her retirement.

Nell has hauled milk for Massey Dairy and covered the same territory for so long, she knows the route as well, if not better, than her driver. She seldom has to be nudged to move on during deliveries so familiar is she with routine.

**Afternoon Off**

The mare's day begins early and after a breakfast of oats, bran and hay washed down with a little water, she is hitched to the milk wagon around 6:30 a.m. and heads out until around 12:30 when she takes it easy for the afternoon.

The familiar brown horse will be missed by many children and adults as well but two of her favorite buddies Corporal Kay



SPRING FASHIONS for the beach this year were modelled Monday night during the "Paul and Paulette" fashion show sponsored by the United Church Women. Pictured above left to right are Sytske Bessmer, Paul Elliott, Brian Sproston, Bert Halliday, Mrs. C. de Jong, Jo-Awen Force and Bob Duby.



ATTRACTIVE MODELS showed the latest in spring wear during Monday evening's fashion show. Pictured above front row left to right are Lynn Walker, Mark Nielsen and Lynn Nielsen. Back row, Mrs. C. de Jong, Mrs. Paul Nielsen, Paul McCashe, Mrs. E. Leyland, commentator, Paul Nielsen and Moira McKelvey. The show was staged by Paul and Paulette clothing stores and sponsored by the United Church Women.