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Three Injured In Copter Crash

A Weston helicopter pilot, 38-year-old Andrew Hudson and two passengers, William White, 33, vice-president and general manager of Federal Equipment of Canada and Louis Vetesse, 36, owner of Louis Transport, both from Woodbridge, narrowly escaped serious injuries Friday morning when the helicopter they were in crash-landed during a blinding snowstorm, two and a half miles west of Acton. The three men were taken to Guelph General hospital for treatment and later released.

The helicopter, owned by Federal Equipment of Canada, took off from Toronto around 9 a.m. and was reported by one Acton resident as flying quite low when it passed over his home, during Friday's heavy snowstorm. It was on a flight to Kitchener.

The $75,000 copter crash-landed from a height of about five feet in a foot of snow in a field on the farm of Herbert Brown, R.R. 1, Acton. Both pontoons were deflated, a section of the main prop broken and the plexiglass cover ing smashed to pieces.

First indication of the crash came when one of the passengers, believed to be Mr. White, made his way through the knee-deep snow to the highway and hitched a ride about one-quarter mile to the garage-general store operated by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lock, at Crewson's Corners. When the bruised and shaken passenger informed Mr. Lock of the accident, the storeowner immediately called North Halton O.P.P. detachment.

After police were notified, Mr. Lock grabbed a flasher light and hurried with Mr. White back up the highway to the place in the fence where the latter had reached the road. There the other passenger, presumed to be Mr Vetesse, was standing in a bruised and dazed condition worrying about the pilot, still in the crumpled wreck.

While Mr. Lock remained at the highway to alert police when they arrived, both passengers returned to the helicopter to assist the pilot. By the time the pilot had been removed from the plane and helped across the field to the highway, police arrived and took the men to Guelph General hospital for treatment.

Saturday, a work crew came from Toronto and assisted by a bulldozer from Mansell Nellis Construction, removed the helicopter to the road where it was dismantled and trucked away.

No Panic

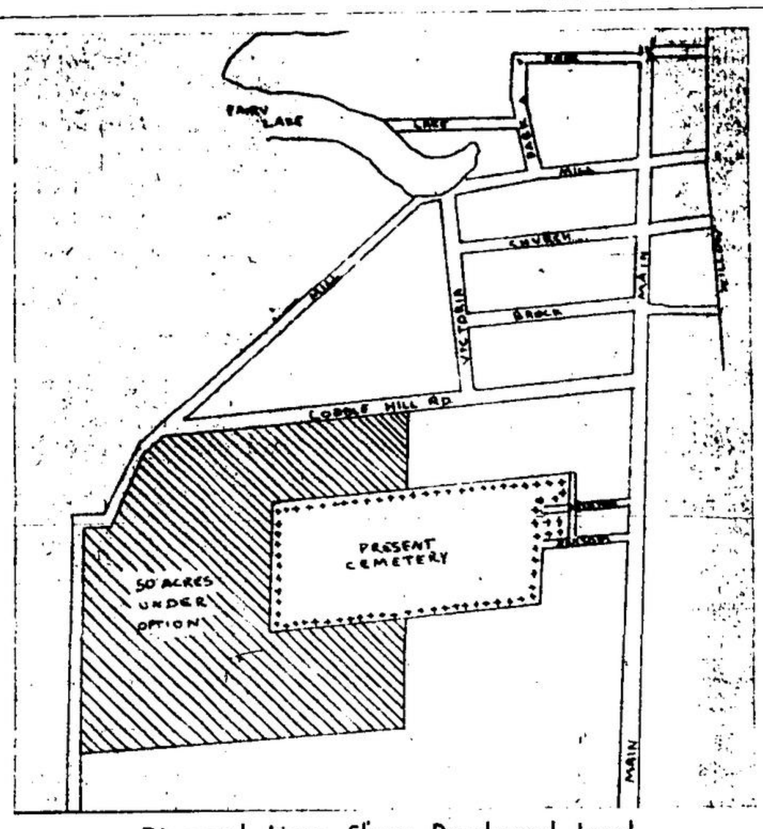
Not too many Halton residents got "panicky" last week when the international situation in Cuba flared up, according to W Bruce McGregor, Halton's Emergency Measures Co-Ordinator.

He said he had "a few" more requests for E M O literature than usual but there was no great demand. Increased interest in survival, he said had given him an excellent opportunity to promote home nursing rescue and communications classes, which are offered to all Halton residents.

Firemen Elect Same Officers

At their elections Monday firemen returned the same officers.

Mick Holmes is chief Bill Williams deputy chief A captain Bert Van Fleet B captain Alf Daby C captain Doug Mason secretary Phil McCristall and treasurer Bill Knight.



Diagonal Lines Show Purchased Land

Offer $6,000 For Land For Cemetery Expansion

A $6,000 offer to purchase by the town of Acton for approximately 50 acres of land was accepted Monday by the Wool Combing Corporation of Canada. The property adjoins Fairview cemetery and fronts on Cobble Hill Road and the extension of Mill Street West.

Accept Offer

During a recent meeting of the Wool Combing Corporation it was decided to dispose of all liquid assets and surrender the company charter. Shareholders were notified of a special meeting to be held Monday, October 29. At this meeting the town's offer was accepted.

On Wednesday, October 24, council held a special meeting to discuss the possible purchase of the property and approved a by law authorizing the mayor and clerk to sign an offer of purchase Tuesday morning. October 30 following the company meeting a registered letter was received by the clerk, accepting the town's offer.

For Cemetery Use.

The land in question will be used for cemetery extension and the clerk has been instructed to have the title searched and a survey taken.

A portion of this land fronting on Cobble Hill Road is serviced with water and sewer lines. Portions of the property are in Esquesing Township.

Council has been faced for some time with problems regarding cemetery expansion and purchase of this property will look after future requirements for many years.

$112.82 Boosts UNICEF Fund

UNICEF funds were boosted by $112.82 Wednesday evening when hundreds of children carried special boxes door to door seeking pennies to help needy children throughout the world. Last year's total was $150.

The special party sponsored by the Acton Y's Men attracted many children in original costumes carrying boxes loaded with pennies. Money was quickly counted by Y's Men, Rotary members and volunteers. Y's Men were also on hand with cars to drive children home.

Cartoons were shown as tired children relaxed in the banquet room munching on apples handed out by the club members. Judges had a difficult time choosing winners in the best costume class as children marched around the room. Prizes for costumes were awarded to Carol Masales, Bob Browne and Bob Lovell. A number of children did not arrive in time or stay for the judging.

Four youngsters went home richer by 50 cents when their names were drawn out of a box. Winning prizes were Billie Hanson, Michael Timbers, Jacob Van der Kov and Gordon Lasby.

After the judging took place, Y's Men Walter Dubois and Earl Masales showed the film once again before the lights were dimmed and children swended their way home.

St. John Brigade Here First in Canada With Combined Cadets, Charter Given

The St. John Ambulance Brigade in Acton is the first in Canada to have combined cadets for both boys and girls, and the cadet division charter night was held Friday evening in Luxton Memorial Hall.

Superintendent Robert S. Hart of the Acton Combined Division, acting as master of ceremonies, asked the large crowd to stand as the seven people elected to sit on the platform filed in followed by the Combined Cadets with Cadet Divisional Officer Mrs. E. Hefferman in charge.

Rector Welcomes

Acton Divisional Nursing Officer Mrs Ada Roughley R N played the piano for the Queen After the St John Prayer the Rev. Donald West B.A., L.T.S., as host minister and representative of the Ministerial Association, spoke a few words of welcome and congratulations.

Mr. Hart introduced the platform guests, Provincial Commissioner Brigadier E. Snow, O.B.E., C.D., O. St. John; deputy provincial commissioner Lt. Colonel J. D. H. Campbell C. D.; provincial nursing officer Miss Ruth Hayward R. N., area commissioner for Western Ontario Mr. McDonald, M.B.E., C.D.; Hamilton area superintendent Charles Jefkins and Mrs. Jefkins; Mr. West and Cadet Superintendent (O/P) Mrs. Marie Hargrave.

Awards Presented

The cadets were presented with the awards they had earned in the summer months. The Hamilton area superintendent presented the First Aid certificates and spoke a few words. The provincial nursing officer presented the Home Nursing certificates and congratulated the candidates. Corps superintendent Fred Reagele presented the Child Care certificates. Afterwards, Happy Birthday was sung for him and he was presented with a birthday cake and gift to mark the occasion by Mrs. Hargrave from the Cadets.

Brigadier Gives Charter

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the charter to Mrs. Hargrave, the new Cadet Superintendent. Brigadier Snow gave a most informative talk explaining Acton has the distinction of being the first division in Canada to have a Combined Cadet Division. This came as a pleasant surprise.

He also mentioned he had been in town all day setting up a branch of St. John to help the local brigade, the group to be headed by Ted Force with Paul Nielsen and Bill McKay as officers. He stated 10 other interested people had also offered to help in the branch.

Couldn't Come

Congratulations were given by all the officers there. A telegram was read from Provincial Cadet Superintendent Mrs. C. D. Ashley who is in hospital in Belleville and so was unable to be present. Written wishes were also read from others who had previous commitments.

A short pantomime, The Versatile Triangle Bandage, showed just how handy the bandage can be in an emergency. Bobby Hart and Jo-Ann Heatley starred as the picnickers with Michael Cooper as the thief.

Forgot Something

The boys presented their own special skit The Bicycle Accident, with Craig Perkins as the victim and the other six boys as first aiders who did everything according to the book but finally marched off with the lake stretcher poles leaving the poor patient to find his own way off stage.

Delicious refreshments were served with the Seniors and Cadets acting as hosts and waitresses.

Among Guests

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs James Brown of the Toronto Corps, Hamilton Corps officers Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carlson; Hamilton Nursing Officer Miss Edna Crespo; Guelph Divisional Cadet Superintendent (Acting) Miss Mary Ann Curtis; Guelph Divisional Superintendent Walter Hackett and Mrs Hackett, Corps Superintendent Fred Reagele and Mrs Reagele, Fergus Divisional Officer Charles McConnell and Mrs McConnell, Fergus member Mr and Mrs Aubrey Lovell, Bill Denny with Mrs Denny represented Acton council, Bill Middleton with Mrs Middleton represented the school board, Orval Chapman represented the Chamber of Commerce and Mrs Jeffrey represented the Scout and Guide Mothers Association.

A large number of parents and friends and interested townspeople helped make this evening a wonderful memory for the Cadets and their leaders.

Members Listed

Charter members and certificate winners are listed. Some have had previous awards in the summer. I A indicates a first

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Battle of Battery Bank On Brink of Completion

Acton Hydro Commission's battle over a bank of batteries for number one substation appears to be nearing an end. Thursday evening, October 25, members learned from chairman Gordon Beatty the Exide Battery Company had been contacted and had recommended a suitable type bank of batteries at a saving of $300 under a quotation received from Joice-Sweener Company.

After approving the changeover at number one substation some months ago, the commission awarded the contract to Joice-Sweener Company. Up to this time the company has not given a definite rating for batteries to be used.

Receive Quote

The chairman was instructed at the previous meeting to obtain a definite recommendation regarding a suitable type of battery. According to the report Exide Company recommended a bank of 60 125-volt 115-amp batteries with a one-minute rating. Also included in the quotation was the cost of a charger and battery rack. Commissioners agreed the saving was worthwhile and will wait confirmation from the Exide Company.

Receive Breakdown

During a previous meeting the secretary had been instructed to obtain a breakdown of commissions paid to other insurance agents in town from the broker handling the Hydro Commission's insurance policies. Thursday evening a reply was read from broker J. Bert Wood which explained the broker received 50 per cent of the premium and other agents received an equal split of the remaining 50 per cent.

A letter was received from R. V. Anderson, Consulting Engineers for the town, requesting permission to discuss a proposed plan of all hydro services in town. Previously commissioners had suggested such a plan be obtained to help with all future installations. The letter was handed to the property committee to obtain costs of such a plan.

Raps Knuckles

A letter from H.E.P.C. signed by chairman E. S. Stubbs informed the Commission he was against a senior commissioner's ruling against a policy set up for employees regarding turning off meters when customers are in arrears.

The letter in part read "It is unthinkable that a senior commissioner should over-ride a staff member when that member was correctly carrying out a policy which the commissioner himself helped to determine."

The letter referred to a report of a recent meeting when the commission learned from the chairman he had ordered power turned on in a Lakeview home after employees had shut the power off when the ratepayer was in arrears. The letter was ordered filed.

Assist C. of C.

Following a request from the Acton Chamber of Commerce the commission approved payment of $100 for repair and replacement of Christmas lights strung on the streets.

Superintendent Doug Mason reported his department had completed rebuilding on Brock Avenue and would be busy completing rebuilding on Churchill Road South and painting light standards.

To Call Tenders Immediately For New Pineview School

Tenders will be called soon for the construction of a new six room central school north of Hornby Tuesday evening Esquesing school board instructed the architects to advertise for tenders on the proposed Pineview school.

The new school will be constructed on a portion of eight acres of land purchased from Glanis Picket on the fifth side road at the seventh line of Esquesing. When the school is completed it is expected three one room schools and one two-room school will close their doors. The schools are Hornby, Ligny, Pinegrove and Quatre Bras.

Schools for Sale

The board also has three one room schools for sale at the present time. Tuesday evening secretary Len Barkon was instructed to call for bids on the purchase of Bannockburn, Blue Mountain and Gibraltar schools. Trustee Mac Sprowl disagreed with this action and requested a recorded vote.

The tender price of $14.40 per 100 gallons No. 2 grade oil and $14.90 per 100 gallons No 1 grade oil were accepted from Bill Bailey, Georgetown. Tenders were also received from Halton Co-Op and Imperial Oil Company. Mr. Bailey will supply oil to all schools in Esquesing school area number one.

Glenn V. Magnyson, Georgetown agent and William M. Boyce representative from Western Assurance Company, were present to discuss a fire insurance policy to include the new Limehouse school. Both men stressed the importance of having sufficient coverage and suggested $90,000 on buildings and $10,000 on contents. Board members were unable to make a decision but were informed a temporary coverage would continue until a decision was made.

Georgetown Fire Department informed the board arrangements are possible to have firemen check and recharge all fire extinguishers in schools throughout the area. The secretary was instructed to contact fire chiefs in the district regarding the suggestion.

Start Arena Program Tonight As Figure Skaters Don Blades

Hopeful skating enthusiasts were disappointed "No Skating" had been posted at the Community Centre last Saturday. Recreation Director Jim Casburn wasn't being mean. A breakdown occurred in one of the machines and flooding had to cease for repairs.

Now there is a good sheet of ice and tonight (Thursday) figure skaters will take to the ice to start the season. Skating instructor Andrew Drenters will be on hand and skaters will be classified in various groups before practice begins. These will be the regular Thursday classes.

Friday evening, volunteers are expected to blitz the ice surface as they wield paint brushes to mark hockey and curling lines. After this water will be poured on again and ice will be ready for the first pleasure skating Saturday morning, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

Minor Hockey

In the afternoon Minor hockey gets under way and all youngsters who are bursting with energy will have an opportunity to exercise their muscles.

Saturday evening will be open for pleasure skating again and Mr. Casburn expects a record crowd for the first night skating. The Recreation Director is hopeful of having a full time program going at the arena but presently there is still ice time available for anyone wishing to rent ice time. Contact Mr. Casburn.

—Staff Photo

CHARTER NIGHT for the St. John Ambulance Cadet Corps was attended by a number of high ranking Brigade officials. Acton Brigade established a first for all of Canada when they were granted a charter for a combined corps of boys and girls. Pictured above with Corps superintendent Mrs. George Hargrave and cadet officer Mrs. E. Hefferman are Provincial Commissioner, Brigadier Eric Snow, Deputy Provincial Commissioner Lieut. Colonel J. D. H. Campbell, Provincial nursing officer Miss Ruth Hayward, area commissioner J. McDonald, the Rev. Donald West and Corps Superintendent Fred Reagle.

Hallowe'en Damage Slight As Pranksters Celebrate

Water bombs, eggs, shoe polish and bars of soap seemed to be common ammunition packed by hundreds of Hallowe'en pranksters last night as they decorated cars and store windows during the annual trick or treat night.

Start Early

Town stores were closed for business as soap images appeared on downtown windows. Parked cars were an excellent target for soap images and some windshields were so heavily smeared drivers had to take time out for a cleaning job before they could move their vehicle.

Plastic bags loaded with water and raw eggs made perfect hand grenades for marksmen with a keen eye and strong tossing arm. Several cars and store windows showed the results of the barrage this morning (Thursday).

Several teenage girls took on a "new look" last night as shoe polish toting boys smeared their faces as they ran screaming down the street.

Damage Reported

One Main Street resident reported a pumpkin thrown at their front door smashing the glass. An Acton motorist enroute to Georgetown for an evening skate if the street had an icy surface thrown through his windshield by a passing car. Police were notified of both incidents.

Children were on the street early and well-stocked cupboards taken with candies and apples were emptied as youngsters rang doorbells and asked for a treat at the door. Funds for UNICEF were boosted as children total boxes door to door looking for pennies.

Streets were cleared early as tired but happy children made their way home loaded with bags of goodies. Today merchants are busy cleaning soap from windows as innocent looking youngsters walk by on their way to school.

—Staff Photo

UNIQUE COSTUMES were worn by many children as they visited homes throughout town last night during their annual Hallowe'en escapade. At the Y.M.C.A. where Y's Men staged a special UNICEF party for children, prizes were given for best costumes and lucky draw winners. Shown above are three who attended. Left to right are Linda Lingham dressed as "Ben Casey", Bob Bonnett as the "Rebel" and Bill Pendleton as "Frankenstein".