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Andrew Blow Reported In Satisfactory Condition

A four-year-old Guelph youngster, Andrew Blow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Blow, is recovering in satisfactory condition in Kitchener-Waterloo hospital following an accident Saturday when he was struck by a car on Mill St. in front of the Y.M.C.A.

The child was reported to have darted across the road in the path of a car driven by James Kay, R.R. 4, Rockwood. He suffered a depressed skull fracture, head lacerations, arm and leg abrasions.

The injured boy was taken to the office of Dr. Craig Hutchison for treatment and was rushed to Guelph General Hospital. He was later taken to Kitchener-Waterloo hospital for neurosurgery.

The driver of the car told investigating officer Mike Farion of the Acton O.P.P. detachment the child ran into the fender of his westbound vehicle and he had applied his brakes and swerved the car in an attempt to miss the boy.

Child marks at the scene of the accident indicated the car had been moving at a moderate rate of speed through the town's main business section.

Committee Meets

Hold Decoration Day June 6 Parade Route to be Altered

Decoration Day this year will be held Sunday, June 6, at Fairview cemetery. Plans were finalized Thursday evening of last week during a committee meeting at the home of secretary Mrs. Hazel Orr.

Heading the Decoration Day committee again this year is Al Herb Irwin with Mrs. Orr again returned as secretary. Mrs. George Hargrave is treasurer and Mrs. Gordon Currie publicity-convenor.

Continuing plans to beautify the Pioneer cemetery two shrubs will be planted there again this year. It was also agreed to purchase small flags of the new design to be placed at graves for markers. They will replace the Red Ensigns.

Parade route this year will be changed. Formation of the parade will be at the post office and marchers will proceed south on

John St., to Mill, west on Mill to Main to the cemetery.

To date arrangements have not been completed with out-of-town bands but this will be finalized soon.

Committee members are hopeful former Acton residents now living out-of-town will return for the service as well as decorating graves of loved ones.

H. and S. Bake Sale Soon Sold Right Out

Shortly after it opened, the M. Z. Bennett Home and School bake sale was sold right out Saturday afternoon. The ladies closed up shop after an hour and a half and went home, having speedily raised \$75 for equipment for the school.

Mrs. Owen Coultrap was in charge, assisted by executive members Mrs. Charles Bannan, Mrs. John Turkoz and Mrs. Bill Coats. Also helping were Mrs. Sam Brunelle, Mrs. Robert Lawitt and Mrs. E. Howard.

This was the only fund raising project undertaken by the town's only Home and School Association all year. Last meeting is May 19, when Mrs. Jeffares, principal of the Sunshine School for Retarded Children, will be the speaker.

Ajax Zoning

Tonight (Thursday) council will hear ratepayers living in the Mowbray Place area as well as any other ratepayers interested in learning details of an application by Ajax Engineering to have property rezoned for industrial expansion.

The meeting will be held in the town hall at 8 p.m.

Parks Board Meeting

Herb Ritchie Park Caretaker Ball Schedules, Rates Debated

Getting set for official opening of Prospect Park this year created more headaches for members of Parks Board than anticipated. Thursday evening of last week plans were completed for opening the park by hiring a new park caretaker, reorganizing a part time gate attendant and setting rates for rental of the softball diamond which included use of floodlights.

Herb Ritchie, who retired from Micro Plastics April 30, was hired as caretaker to replace veteran Roy Arnold who will be working at Trudgair Golf and Country Club this year. Mr. Ritchie started his duties Monday morning. Jack Ford, who is familiar to park visitors, will once again take tickets at the gate this summer.

Delegation re Rental

Setting rates for rental of the softball diamond wasn't quite as easy. A three-man delegation consisting of Acton Softball Association president Tom Pope, secretary Phil McCristall and Dave Manes, spokesman for the new Intercountry Softball League, were on hand to discuss summer schedules and rates.

After a lengthy debate rates were set as follows: Minor softball \$2 per night, Intercountry league \$4 and out-of-town teams \$7. The floodlight were installed last year by the Softball Association and turned over to the Parks Board under a signed agreement. The Parks Board assumed responsibility for maintenance and the Association agreed to pay an amount for use of hydro and some maintenance.

Maintenance Debated

Parks Board chairman Cliff Bradley made it clear to the delegates the board had not budgeted "one copper" to pay maintenance on the park floodlights. At one stage of setting rates, figures of \$3, \$5 and \$7 had been considered and Mr. Pope assured these out of the question to assure operation of softball.

Mr. Bradley told the delegates the board would have to establish a sinking fund from fees derived for rental to finance maintenance on the lights. Mr. Pope stated the softball association had backed a bank loan to the

amount of \$2,500 last year to assure installation of the lights and to date \$330 was still owing.

The board chairman also emphasized the fact the board's main concern is to operate the park on a paying basis. He also said if the demands on the maintenance account were not too heavy this year it might be possible to reduce the rates to the softball teams next season.

Seven Teams

Board members were told the Softball Association would be sponsoring four minor teams for girls and three for boys this summer.



GET-UPS GALORE are worn by motorcycle club members and a great variety of wearing apparel was evident Sunday at the Georgetown Yellowjackets field day events. Registering bike riders for events are Bob Early of Georgetown and Wayne Wilton of Acton, at Jim Becker of the Throttle Twisters from Preston enrolls.



ARTS, CRAFTS AND ANTIQUES were on display Saturday afternoon at Trinity United Church. Left to right are Mrs. F. V. Sampson who took tickets at the door wearing costume, Mrs. M. Synnott, Mrs. E. Lidkae, Mrs. W. J. Beatty and convenor Mrs. Toni Shields as they admire a treasured old copper kettle on display.

To Erect Big Elevated Stage in Arena For Lions Club's "Acton Roundup 1965"

Coproducers Joyce and Jack Carpenter are delighted at the progress shown as rehearsals near the big night for a cast of over 100 in Acton Lions Club western show Saturday, June 5. Dubbed "Acton Roundup 1965", the show will be produced on one of the biggest stages ever assembled in Acton, in the community centre. The Lions intend to erect the elevated stage on the north side of the community centre and seat up to 900 persons in chairs on the new floor. Other patrons will be seated on south side.

Rehearsals have been going on since early February in St. Alban's parish hall.

The show has a western theme but is built around early days in

Acton Music, under the baton of Joyce Carpenter, includes something for every taste. Script is under the direction of Jack Carpenter, who feels it's one of the best shows he has ever written.

Production of the show was such a large task, Acton Lions requested and have been promised help by sister service clubs in town. The Y's Men's Club generously offered to look after seating arrangements and ushering.

Signs from the tackle brush of director Jack Carpenter, placed at the three highway entrances to Acton have attracted much comment. One inquiring visitor, impressed by the scope of the show, donated a tree weekend to a judge in Minden as a prize to be offered ticket buyers.

Television, radio and newspaper people, many of them well known personalities, have shown interest in the production and several have indicated they will attend. Offers have also been received to televise the production.

The primary purpose of the show is to raise money for projects in Acton. The Lions Club would like everyone to feel it's their show, too.

Don't be surprised if you see dozens of ten gallon hats worn from now until show night. It's all part of the promotion.

The Lions hope everybody will be Roundup-minded the week they put on the show.

Place New Wig Way Tear Up Spur Line

C.N.R. sectionmen with additional forces of C.N.R. work crews are revamping the Mill Street crossing. Standards to house the new wig way signals have been installed and electricians are wiring for the signals.

The spur line which served the former coal sheds off Eastern Avenue are being torn up and will not be replaced. The coal sheds were demolished some time ago.

The new wig way is of a different type than the old and when completed will have arms extending from the standards over the highway with flashing lights to warn motorists of oncoming trains.

New Dump Site Foreseen Soon

Residents living in Glenlea subdivision who have complained of smoke from the town dump may soon have some relief. Council hopes to locate a new dump site shortly.

Negotiations are presently underway with the township of Essex regarding a new dump site and Tuesday night council learned the committee investigating a new dump site are quite hopeful of obtaining one soon.

Councillor Bob Drinkwater said he had received numerous complaints regarding paper littering tenues along Churchill Road and other areas in town. An I committee of council was asked to study the littering by-law and bring back a recommendation to council.

Mr. Drinkwater also reported cars are still being parked on the wrong side of the road at the post office and stated the police committee should take some action to control this.

Approval was given to authorize the road committee of council to approve progress payment to Len Atiss Company for work on the street widening program when payments come due. Before payment can be made the engineer's approval must be received.

A resolution to set a policy that town workmen do not install or

Spencer Roden Killed Monday

An Acton man, Spencer Roden, 17, of R.R. 3, Acton, was instantly killed Monday morning when his car was in collision with a Wellington County truck loaded with asphalt on No. 24 highway west of Erin.

The force of the impact completely demolished the Roden car and forced the loaded truck with driver Ross McCormick of R.R. 5, Rockwood, into the ditch. The truck was destroyed by fire after it broke into flames. Fire fighters from Erin responded but were unable to save the vehicle. The truck driver received minor injuries.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roden and was employed at Smith and Stone, Georgetown.

Mother's Day

At Knox church on Mother's Day, three children were baptized. The junior choir members, all wearing flowers, sang.

Temporary Zoning By-Law Gets Nassagaweya Approval

A temporary zoning by-law for Nassagaweya Township has been approved by the township planning board, and submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs for approval. Fred Cunningham told the township council at their regular meeting last week.

In other business at the meeting, Halton Weed Inspector Vern McArthur of Lowville made a verbal report to council and it was agreed letters on weed control would be sent to all taxpayers along with their tax bills in June.

Gravel pit licences were renewed for Floyd Hammond, D. McMillan and Gordon McPhail. Construction insurance on the new building was taken out with Frank Cowan Co. Accounts approved for payment included \$352, the first payment on the new township administration building.

Further Review of Financing For New Centennial Library

Acton's proposed new centennial library is still in the talking stage in spite of efforts by an appointed centennial committee to determine a method of financing the project. Tuesday evening, council rejected a committee recommendation to finance the library with a debenture issue. Further study will be given the financial problem entailed.

However, council did, on recommendation of the committee, approve formation of a Centennial Planning Committee to arrange events for the Centennial Year, 1967. Present committee members agreed to remain in an advisory capacity.

Individual Opinions

Council's lengthy discussion regarding financing the centennial project led to disclosure of individual members' feelings to ward the project.

Reeve H. H. Hinton, himself a member of the Centennial Committee, stated he had voted against recommending a debenture issue because it was his original understanding it was the intention to raise funds by public subscription. To expedite the project, council had been asked to approve a debenture by-law in order to obtain approval for grant purposes. (Before government grants can be obtained, proof of financing must be given by the town. As public subscription is not an acceptable proof to government authorities, council approved a by-law for debenture issue. This was done only as a means of expediting government approval for grants.)

Councillor Ray Arbie stated he was not opposed to public subscription but at the time it had been first suggested, he believed council was confused regarding the issue and had asked the committee to give the subject further study.

Councillor Bob Drinkwater, who is secretary of the centennial committee, read the minutes of the last committee meeting to council, which disclosed that four resolutions had been dealt with, two being defeated and two approved.

Committee Not Agreed

In reporting on the committee meeting, Mr. Drinkwater noted the possibility of a public subscription in the amount of

\$36,400 had been defeated with Reeve Hinton, D. Dells and himself voting in the affirmative, while L. Dubs, F. Oakes, Mrs. G. Fryer, J. Gunn and R. Kirkness had opposed.

The next resolution which was supported only by Mr. Hinton and Mr. Drinkwater was also defeated by members of the committee. It requested that financing of the \$50,000 proposed centennial library be by public subscription. The third motion dealt with at the centennial committee meeting called for raising all funds by a debenture issue. This was approved over the opposition of Reeve Hinton, councillor Drinkwater and D. Dells.

The fourth resolution approved recommended that the centennial committee remain in an advisory capacity to council and that council be asked to proceed with the construction of the new library.

When council members learned of this action, they settled

back to discuss the problem of financing the project once again. Mrs. Fryer stated she had discussed the financing problem with a lot of women and had learned these people were against public subscription.

Mayor Les Dubs said, "I am strongly opposed to public subscription and feel the majority of ratepayers are behind me." Reeve Hinton stated he was all for a new library project but was against adding to the town debenture debt.

Deputy Reeve Roy Goodwin said he was of public school board at the time the new library first came up and he had been told by J. Bert Wood, then deputy reeve, the project was to be financed by public subscription. "I went along with this. At no time was it mentioned the town would issue debentures. As I said before, the centennial committee is leading us down the

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GIRL GUIDE COOKIES were distributed throughout town Saturday by Guides and Brownies Mrs. W. Altonby, Willow St., receives her cookies from Rosalind Hall and Paity Dunn. All the cookies sent here were sold.

Antiques, Art, Crafts Shown At Novel U.C.W. Tea Saturday

Arts, crafts and antiques on display drew about 150 to the United Church Saturday afternoon for an unusual tea arranged by the United Church women. Upstairs in the church narthex a fascinating display of old china, silver, glass, weapons, books, pictures, Bibles and clothing was inspected with keen interest.

Oldest item on display was a crossbow — the same type as used at the famed battle of Hastings — lent by Al Long. There was a pretty cradle, used for four generations, a christening gown worn by all members of an Acton family, old furniture refinished by Fred Dawkins, treasured dishes from early Acton homes as well as articles brought by the Veldhuis family from Holland. Photographic albums, photos, autograph books and stereoscopic slides all recalled early Acton days.

Site Memories

Tommy baby boots of long ago, moustache cups, an old sewing box, a rare old "Betty" lamp, embroidery ... all stirred the imagination. Convenor Mrs. Tom Shields and several U.C.W. members explained the items, which were all labelled as well.

Crafts Downstairs

In the chapel downstairs, Mrs. R. H. Elliott was in charge of the display of about 50 paintings, all extremely well done by local amateur painters. There was one water color among the oils. District local scenes were of particular interest.

In the crafts room, outstanding displays of George Bowman's expert leather work and Mrs. W. J. Beatty's most attractive silver jewellery, as well, there was a variety of articles made by Mrs. H. Besvini and others, including stuffed toys and woodwork that attracted much attention.

Jane Rogivaldon had set up a spinning wheel made by her father, high school teacher Clarence Rogivaldon, and demonstrated spinning.

Afternoon tea was served at tables set up in the primary Sunday School room, by Mrs. Mac Swann and C.F.T. leader Miss Fern Small and some of the C.C.T.T. girls looked after young children in the nursery. Taking tickets were Mrs. F. V. Sampson and Mrs. E. Lidkae.

Carolyn Hoey Miss C. of C.

Carolyn Hoey, petted headed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hoey, Moffat, Tuesday was named Miss Milton Chamber of Commerce More than 500 spectators saw her chosen from 14 contestants in Milton. Carolyn attends grade 12 at Milton high school.

As Miss Milton Chamber of Commerce, Carolyn will reign over all Chamber activities during the year, including the annual Trade Fair there, May beautification month and the Old-Fashioned Days in September.

The pretty winner received a \$100 Canada Savings Bond, blue and gold banner and a bouquet of red roses.

She transferred to Milton high school from Acton two years ago. A former Acton resident, Janice Platt placed third.

Anglican Young Adults may never want to see another motor vehicle again—Saturday the group from St. Alban's church were kept on the hop all day washing cars at Acton Motors. These girls enjoyed themselves as they chamoised off the cars after the boys had applied soap and a rinse. Left to right are Gail Fryer, used off the cars after the boys had applied Fricker.

Shirley Greenwood, Pauline Hurley and Susan



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