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Two Foxes Presumed Rabid One Later Killed on Road

Two foxes, presumed rabid, which were acting in a strange manner were sighted Tuesday of last week at the farm home of M. M. Coles, R.M. 2, Acton. One was later killed on the highway by a vehicle and the other disappeared into the bush.

Mrs. Clarence Coles noticed the two animals walking up the lane toward the house and became alarmed the family dog might attack them. She attempted to scare them away but one walked up onto the verandah of the house and the other into the bush. Mrs. Coles managed to call off the dog before it came into contact with the foxes.

A few minutes later she saw one of the foxes lying at the side of the road dead. She called local veterinarian Dr. Frank Oakes who called the Federal Health of Animals office in Brampton to report the incident. Mrs. Coles was contacted by the Brampton office and told to bury the dead fox.

The next day M. M. Coles went to his other farm on the fourth line and noticed a fox around the buildings. It also disappeared into the bush.

Dr. Oakes reported Wednesday morning the Brampton branch has so many calls regarding suspected rabid animals it is impossible to pick up every dead one unless it has come into direct contact with a human or any other animal.



EARLY AMERICAN "HOOTNEERS" pounded out a storm Saturday at the Eramosa carnival parade in Rockwood. The youngsters attracted plenty of attention with their music and antics. Even the pooch seated in front appears to be interested in the music. Bruce Logan played the comb wrapped in paper, Steven Webster the accordion, David Cox the wash board while Larry Logan, dressed as a gal, sat and rocked and George Crabtree spanned most of his time indoors peering out the window. More pictures and news from Rockwood inside.

150 Playground Applications 75 Received for Swim Classes

The number of children registered for the playground program and swimming lessons has surprised recreation director Harris Roe. He already has 150 applications for the playground and 75 for swimming. Registration forms were distributed and completed forms returned through the co-operations in the schools. Deadline is June 17.

There is still time to register; the forms must now be mailed or brought to the community centre. During the two weeks preceding the program opening on July 5, the leaders will be getting equipment in shape as well as arranging the program. They are receiving instruction in camps operated by the Recreation Directors' Association of West-Central Ontario.

Grade 8 Pupils At Orientation

About 120 grade eight students were introduced to the high school students Tuesday morning. They came from the two Acton public schools, Limehouse, Speyside and Brookville for their "orientation" before beginning high school in September.

Principal Hansen and next year's vice-principal Joseph Bray welcomed them. Bill Coats was in charge of the orientation day committee, with different teachers explaining different facets of high school education to them.

High school Prefects conducted groups through the school. The recommended uniform dress was modelled for the newcomers and they were told it is hoped students will wear it beginning this fall.

Milk and cookies were served to the interested visitors. The "orientation" program began in 1960, continuing since.

Promotions

Next week the Free Press will carry complete promotion results from both the M. Z. Bennett and Robert Little public schools. Due to the July 1 holiday, the paper will be published Wednesday afternoon, June 30, rather than Thursday. The Free Press plant and office will be closed Friday, July 2.

Mrs. A. Orr Resigns Decoration Day Post

A meeting was held June 11 at the home of Mrs. A. Orr, veteran members of the Decoration Day Committee, to discuss possible improvements in the procedure of the day for next year.

The election of officers resulted in no chairman being appointed to replace Mr. Tom Gorton. Mrs. Currie accepted the secretary's responsibilities and Mrs. George Haigrove continued as treasurer. It was reported that 179 graves had been decorated on June 6. Suggestions were made to have the parade pass the cenotaph next year and to alter the position of the platform in the park at Fairview cemetery.

Mrs. A. Orr has been secretary for the 11 years the Decoration Day has been in operation. Eleven organizations sponsor the event and present executive members who resigned feel the positions should change.

The last week of April, 1966, a meeting will be called to arrange for the Decoration Day next year.

Drowning Averted At Kalso Sunday

Largest crowd in Kalso Conservation Area's three-year history—an estimated 5,000 to 6,000—filled the park near Milton Heights on the weekend. Sunday 921 car drivers paid admission. There were 600 Boy Scouts camping there.

A drowning tragedy was averted when artificial respiration revived two-year-old Tracy. Spills of Oakville, pulled unconscious from the shallow-wading pool.

Debate Arena Storage, Tennis Courts Name Man to Recreation Committee

Suggestions from the building committee for a storage building adjacent to the community centre were fully discussed at Thursday's meeting of Acton Recreation Committee. The matter has been tossed around for suggestions for the past couple of years and building chairman Claude Cook was getting impatient with the delay.

"We've got to get going or we will never get the building done by the fall," Mr. Cook reminded the committee. Equipment has been piling up but there has been no suitable place to store it.

Dr. Frank Oakes, one of two council members on the committee, told the meeting "I've got confidence in the men on the building committee. Tell them to go ahead."

The committee has been investigating prices for a cement block building in the northwest corner of the community centre. Tentative plans have also been suggested for another entrance for ice-making equipment.

Convertible Section

The building chairman also familiarized members with discussions his committee have been having with the Lions Club for replacing the players' benches torn out to make way for the

Foresee New Fire Truck by '66 E.M.O. Grants to Cut Cost

A new fire truck and a lawn mower took priority on council's agenda Tuesday night as members thoroughly discussed the two items until the 11 p.m. deadline.

Providing a few minor adjustments can be made price-wise and providing approval is granted by the Emergency Measures Organization, Acton Fire Hall may house another new truck next year.

Tuesday evening it was learned during the No. 2 committee report, three tenders had been received from manufacturers of fire equipment. On recommendation of the local Fire Chief, Mick Holmes and the Fire Marshal's office it was tentatively agreed to accept the tender from American Marsh Fire Truck Company for a new unit priced in the neighborhood of \$22,315. Reeve H. Hinton opposed entering into an agreement with the company for the purchase of the truck.

Providing the E.M.O. approve the purchase, a grant of 45 per cent on \$18,000 of the amount will be paid by E.M.O. Installation of radio equipment in the truck at \$700 is also pending approval of E.M.O. who will pay a grant of 45 per cent of this cost as well. One stipulation imposed is that in the event of an emergency the fire trucks can be pressed into service by the organization.

Grant on Radios

Reeve H. Hinton pointed out that E.M.O. had provided a 90 per cent grant on the cost of installing all fire truck radios throughout Halton originally. He pointed out the remaining 10 per cent had been picked up by County Council. Mr. Hinton pressed for further investigation to see if the county would pick up the tab for the remaining 55 per cent on both the purchase of the new truck and installation of a radio. Council's decision to acquire the radio was withheld pending this investigation.

Authorization

During the report of No. 1 committee by Reeve Hinton it was noted the committee had objected to the purchase of a new lawn mower for use at the cemetery before authorization had been received. Wording of the committee's recommendation to have the committee investigate and authorize before "certain" works are proceeded with, drew an objection from councillor Ray Arbie, who objected to the terminology used although he agreed in essence, with the meaning of the suggestion. Last year's council had budgeted for a new lawn mower and it had been purchased by the clerk.

Reeve Hinton stated his committee should investigate and approve work programs and expenditures before any action is taken by the town force. He claimed that in the past too many decisions fell on the shoulders of the staff and the committee should take more responsibility. "I am not being critical of the staff for their actions," he stressed.

Proceed on Own

Councillor Arbie stated that all council committees depend on the clerk to carry out business and argued against the terminology used, "certain works" as this was not fit for any man or dog to follow. "They have to have specific instructions," he stated.

Cr. Mrs. George Fryer, said "This is undermining the clerk in his work. He can't come running to us for every little thing." Les Doby noted there were certain areas where the clerk could proceed on his own without notifying council before taking any action. Deputy Reeve Roy Goodwin said the clerk was being paid in the neighborhood of \$6,000 and should have enough common sense to make necessary expenditures.

The mayor reminded council it had been policy in past to replace lawn mowers in order not to hold up the work and said a new mower had been budgeted for and the clerk was only following past procedure.

Mr. Arbie stated he was not clear on what No. 1 committee were trying to do and wonder if the clerk was supposed to run to the committee when he required a dozen pencils. He also stated the clerk was working for the entire council and not one person or one committee and was of the opinion the policy might do more harm than good. He also

Dry, Dry, Dry

Drought Alarms Farmers Rain To Date .46 Inches

Farmers in the Acton area are praying for rain as they face one of the most serious periods of drought in many years. To date this month only .46 inches of rain have fallen in this area.

The last substantial rain fell May 16, amounting to .47 inches. Up until June 1 no rain fall has been reported by the local bureau for the Meteorology Air Services for the Department of Transport.

Below Average

Mr. Lusk reported that up until May the area had an almost normal amount of rain in comparison with the past two years, but for a long time average we should have had 3.23 inches of rain for May; instead we had 1.33 inches. The long time average for June is 2.88 inches of rain and to date we have only had .46 inches.

On June 1, 20 inches fell and the following day, .07 was recorded. On June 5, the local bureau at Crews Corners, which is operated by Walter Lock, recorded .03 of an inch.

Last Thursday the sudden cloud burst mingled with hail brought .15 of an inch of rain and Wednesday's rain as recorded at .01 of an inch, to make a meagre total of .46 inches of rain for the month.

In spite of the little rain five thunderstorms were recorded for the month of May and the same to date this month.

Meanwhile farmers are literally praying for rain as some hay and pasture are almost ruined and vegetables, cereal crops and fruit trees are showing signs of the drought. Some have gone into expensive irrigation systems to keep crops watered, especially strawberry growers.

Last night's welcome rain knocks these figures into a cocked hat as they were compiled as of noon Wednesday. Shortly after six it literally poured. Everyone enjoyed the rain, especially the farmers. It was wonderful and much needed.



M. Z. BENNETT SCHOOL capped the John Weldon Imperial Oil trophy Wednesday during the inter-school field day against the Robert Little school. Top point getters admire the trophy along with teacher Ed Leatherland. Front are Howard Coultrup and Lynne Dunn—Back left is Danny McLennan and Mr. Leatherland right.

Call Special Meeting Two Zoning Amendments Approved, Board Learns

Planning Board Thursday night of last week wound up last minute details on the new proposed zoning by-law for presentation to council and will request a special council meeting for its presentation Tuesday, June 29. (Tuesday night Acton council approved this date and the zoning by-law will be discussed at this time.)

It was noted during the planning board meeting that signs had not been dealt with in the proposed by-law. The secretary was asked to check with the planning consultants to see if this item should be included in the by-law or covered under a separate town by-law governing all signs.

As recommended by council previously, the board agreed to send notices of any proposed change to the zoning by-law or official plan—to all residents within a 200-foot radius of the proposed change. Opposing this were chairman Aldo Brilda and

William Knight. Voting in accord were Dave Manes, Wes Maes, Eric Johnston, Roy Goodwin and Robert Drinkwater.

Change Approved

Notice was received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs that the amendment to the official plan to allow zoning changes at the Acton Farm Supply and site of the proposed centennial library had been granted.



ONE HORSE TOWN? Not by a long shot! Acton has just become a two-horse town. Acton Jersey Dairy now has two horses drawing milk wagons. Don Timmings purchased the second horse some time ago and has been training it for the route. Last week it began and took to the route like a veteran. Left is "Nell", the familiar grey mare and right is her new partner "Tony". With them are drivers Barry Stapleton and Phillip Drysdale.