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## Say "Yes"

Blood is urgently needed and donors can support the Red Cross in their request by attending the blood clinic Monday, March 21 at the Legion auditorium.

The demand for whole blood is so great, reserve supplies have been badly depleted. It was noted this week that every leukemia patient receiving treatment requires at least 20 pints of whole blood.

The short time it takes a donor to give a pint of blood is nothing compared to the reward a donor receives knowing he or she could figure in the saving of someone's life.

### TELEPHONE CANVASS

A telephone canvass is now under way in the Acton area asking donors to make an appointment to attend the clinic March 21. Local organizations handling the telephone canvass include Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177, Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Lakeside Chapter I.O.O.F., Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.B.E., Acton Rotary Club, Acton Lions Club, Y's Men's Club, Acton Women's Institute, Golden Age Club and Acton Firefighters.

When the phone rings and you answer, be sure to say "Yes". The life you save may be your own!

## Committee Grants Minor Variances

Acton Committee of Adjustment heard three requests for minor variances Thursday evening of last week granting two and adjourning one for two weeks awaiting a further report from the applicant.

The first request from Jules Fryters was to erect a coin car wash at the rear of his property fronting on Mill St. E. His application was opposed by neighbor John Mellon and by Gordon McCutcheon for his mother, another neighbor, on the basis that the business would create excess traffic and be a nuisance factor.

### Lease Service Station

Mr. Fryters told the committee he was expecting to obtain a lease for the BP service station on Queen St. and approval was waiting the return of the district superintendent from Montreal. (Since his application was heard, a lease has been signed and the committee will be notified of this effect.)

The second application from Enio Mancini for a 10 foot variance to erect a house was granted. The present by-law calls for a 60 foot frontage and Mr. Mancini asked to be allowed 50 feet.

The third application from C. L. Rognvaldson was for approval to build an addition to his home on Main St. N. which is in an industrial zone. He also requested a two foot variance on the side-yard near the rear of the present building. His application was also approved.

—Don't let the signs of spring fool you! Remember there have been snowfalls as late as May in recent years.

—Several lots have been sold in Lakeshore subdivision. Houses will be built as soon as the weather improves.

## Seek Five New High School Teachers Two Retiring After Lengthy Service

Acton high school board is seeking replacements for five teachers who will definitely leave the staff at the end of this term. Others may possibly be leaving as well. Monday evening it was learned one replacement was at most assured and members would be interviewing prospects this weekend at the Park Plaza Hotel in Toronto.

Retiring from the teaching profession this year will be Mrs. Alex Orr and Miss Jean Barber. Other teachers leaving the staff will be Mrs. June Stockdale, James Lavis and Lawson Randall. It is possible there may have to be other replacements, as some teachers have not definitely indicated their intention to date.

Teacher-management chairman Ray Arbie reported his committee had interviewed staff members and presented a proposed salary schedule for the coming term. He noted the proposed salary schedule was reached through a median rate last year of 38 schools in the area plus increases this year.

Mr. Arbie noted teachers in categories three and four would be offered a higher maximum rate in accordance with other areas and department heads would be offered an increase.

Obsolete and discarded furniture and text books at the high



"IT DOESN'T HURT" was the message among the many youngsters attending the TB clinic at the town hall Monday and Tuesday. Left to right are technician Miss Shiela McClane; H. H. Hinton, district chairman; two-year-old Cheryl Lindsay and her mother Mrs. Don Lindsay. A large crowd attended both days and all are asked to return today (Thursday) and Friday to have their test interpreted.

## Review Creek Water Pollution Will Seek Solution to Problems

Deputy-Reeve R. R. Parker, in giving the No. 2 committee report to council Tuesday, gave details on a meeting February 15 in Toronto, called by the Ontario Water Resources Commission and attended by a committee from council and Beardmore and Co. officials to discuss the Acton disposal plant and pollution of the Black Creek.

The deputy-reeve reported there were two concerns: 1. The Black Creek pollution problem including the small flow of water and; 2. The high chloride content in the ground waters, which, it was felt, was mainly due to Beardmore and Co.

**Possible Solutions**  
Two means of correcting these had been discussed. One was an increased flow of water through the Black Creek, possibly with chemical solutions to take care of the chloride pollution. Second was a possible extension to the disposal plant to overcome the depressed oxygen factor contained in the water.

The chloride content, which appeared to be in reasonable amounts, is not toxic as it is simply a salt solution. Mr. Parker noted it had been proposed that deepening of Fairy Lake might possibly increase the flow of water through the Black Creek and this had already been discussed at Credit Valley Conservation Authority meetings.

**Plenty of Water**  
Continuing his report, Mr. Parker said there was no shortage of water but it appeared at times there was either too little or too much in the Creek itself. He believed suction dredging at Fairy Lake could easily fill in the bullrush area at the northwest side of the arena as was done at the lake front in Toronto. He was of the opinion it would increase the flow of water through the Black Creek, thereby overcoming the oxygen problem.

**Regional Plant?**  
Council also learned the O.W.R.C. discussed a possible addition to the town's disposal plant,

which at present is operating at near capacity, as well as the possibility of a large regional plant which would not only handle town effluent but industrial sewage as well.

In conclusion, Mr. Parker noted it would take considerable investigation and planning before a complete solution to the problem could be worked out, and additional meetings would be held for this purpose.

The deputy-reeve jokingly stated he had been accused of being a man wearing three hats, as he represented the town, is a member of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority and is a Beardmore official.

## On Your Own

### Coin Car Wash to Open in Early April

Acton and district motorists will soon be able to use a "do-it-yourself" coin car wash to be opened early in April by two New Canadians, Jules Fryters and Cornelius Snock, at the site of the B.P. service station on the east-end of town.

The new business will be similar to those established in other areas where motorists are supplied with all materials to wash their own vehicles.

To begin with, two bays for washing cars will be established with plans for more to be added at a later date. Renovations have begun inside the present garage to accommodate equipment. Rear exit doors will be installed to allow vehicles to drive in from the front and exit by the rear of the building.

The method of washing cars is strictly a pressure system. Once a motorist has driven his vehicle into the bay, he deposits a quarter and regulates the flow of either clear water, or combining water and solvent for cleaning, by pressing buttons.

An overhead hose with pressurized nozzle forces water at the rate of 500 pounds pressure per square inch onto the car, to do the cleaning. The detergent to be used is of a special nature which doesn't streak cars.

Paper chamois will be available as well as large commercial vacuum cleaners if patrons wish to use them. The entire process takes about five minutes unless customers wish to take longer and deposit an additional quarter.

Mr. Snock and his family intend moving into the cottage, adjoining the service station and Mrs. Snock will operate the lunch counter in the garage. Gas pumps will also be operated but no repair service will be available.

## Submission to Plunkett

# Council Proposes Metro-Type Gov't Alternative: North Halton-Peel Union

Acton council Tuesday evening finalized its submission to Halton-Peel local government review for study by Thomas Plunkett, special-commissioner conducting the needs study for Halton and Peel Counties.

The submission outlined the existing conditions and facilities including population and assessment, capital debt, water and sewer operation, education facilities, exports and imports, social activities, fire protection, planning, police and transportation.

The main items contained in the submission, including final recommendations, are:

It is recommended that the County of Halton should be retained as a basic unit of government and that no advantage would be gained in joining Halton and Peel Counties as one unit of government.

The fact that this study is taking place proves this point to some extent in that it is widely held that small municipalities must join together to form a regional unit as they cannot economically provide the services etc. that are required by the public today. The same would hold true in our opinion that so large an area presents problems in adequately serving the needs of the public. Municipal government is considered grass roots government and to maintain this kind of government you must be close to the people you are helping to govern. A government that provides one representative for 25, or 30 thousand people could not hope to have the close liaison with the people it serves or look after their needs adequately.

For this reason we respectfully suggest that Halton County be considered as a regional government area with the present County Council being disbanded, particularly the present form of representation on this Council.

We suggest a Metro type government be formed with each municipality retaining its own local councils possibly with a reduction in the size.

The County Metro government to be comprised of the Mayors of each municipality and in the case of the townships the Reeves. Further membership to this Council could be on a population basis.

The Chairman of this Council to be elected annually by the Members of the Council.

They would assume all capital debt within the county and future capital debt of the region and each municipality would be on a similar basis to that presently in operation in Metro Toronto.

The metro-council would control and administer the complete administration of justice one police force for the entire county, the goal and lock up (possibly a regional goal now under discussion), home for the aged, health unit, children's aid and all services in connection therewith, welfare, assessment, county road system, fire protection, E.M.O.

Elections should be at least biennial in all municipalities within the framework of the county.

A county Board of Education would be elected possibly using the same formula for its membership as the Council and this board would be responsible for its capital construction within its jurisdiction, one salary schedule to be in force throughout the area. Each municipality would have a board to administer local needs.

The Town of Acton as it presently exists has no appreciable vacant land to allow for any type of expansion and it is suggested that the boundaries of Acton be

extended as per the map enclosed and marked as exhibit "A".

This area is somewhat smaller than that proposed by the Public School report but it remains within the County of Halton and it is quite reasonable to assume that a larger area is required to provide education economically.

In the event that the above recommendations do not meet with your approval we suggest in the alternative that the northerly portion of Halton and Peel Counties be amalgamated to be known as Halton-Peel and to consist of Halton County north of highway 401 and all of Peel County north of Toronto Township.

To be included with the submission is a map of the proposed boundaries as mentioned above.

## 817 Patched

TB patch tests were given Monday and Tuesday at the town hall to 817 Acton residents during the two-day blitz. Although the number present didn't meet expectations, it was considerably higher than the last clinic in Acton.

Prior to the clinic this week, pupils at all three schools received the tests and factory workers received the miniature chest X-ray. A total for the complete survey is not known at this time.

Those tested Monday and Tuesday return today (Thursday) and Friday to be "read". Too many volunteers assisted to be listed, officials say.

## Widely-Known Cattle Drover F. E. Holmes Buried at Fairview

A life-time resident of this district, Francis (Frank) Early Holmes passed away Thursday, March 3 in St. Joseph's Chronic Hospital, Guelph. In failing health, he had been in hospital for two weeks. The well-known cattle drover was in his 79th year.

Funeral service was held at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home on Saturday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Dwight Engel. Interment followed in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were the sons of two neighbors, Kerwin McPhail, Acton and Arthur McKeown, Richmond Hill; the sons of two friends, Lloyd McEnery, Georgetown and Bert Cunningham, Hespeler; fellow drover Clarence Hodgkinson, Kitchener and nephew Charles Ruddy of St. Catharines.

The widely-known Actonian was born in Nassagaweya township, son of Joseph Holmes and Margaret King. He came to Acton as an infant, and although he went west and farmed in the district, Acton was always his home.

He was married to Violet Ruddy who predeceased him. He is survived by his wife, the former Jennie Allen; sons, William of Guelph; Douglas of Edmonton; Gordon of Milton; John of Acton; Mrs. Robert McEnery (Joan) of Erin and Mrs. Greenville Hall (Jean) of Toronto.

Also remaining are a brother, Edward of Los Angeles and three sisters, Mrs. H. D. Davis (Helen) of Mitchell; Mrs. Frank Williams (Lena) and Miss Florence Holmes, both of Toronto. He was predeceased by his son Robert and a sister, Mrs. Ada Near.

Many years ago Mr. Holmes started in the cattle trade, and he showed cattle at Guelph when the Royal Winter Fair was held there. The Fair was moved to Toronto and he was a consistent exhibitor and winner there as well as at the Canadian National Exhibition. For many years his name was listed among "The Old Guard" of the Winter Fair.

As a cattle buyer and drover he became well-known. He bought cattle in Saskatchewan and Alberta for Harris Abattoir, which is now Canada Packers. At one time he was a butcher in Acton.

**Came from Holland**  
Mr. Fryters was born in Limburg, Holland, and came to Canada in 1958, first settling in Milton before moving with his wife and two boys and a girl to town. He is employed by the Credit Union in Milton.

Mr. Snock, who is employed in Brampton at American Motors, came from Amsterdam, Holland, in 1957 and first lived in the Osprey area for two months before coming here. He has two daughters.

## First Robin

The first robin of the season has been reported. Mrs. Roger Murray noticed the perky bird at the home of her daughter, 5 Park Ave., on Monday. Then on Tuesday Frank Freeman called to report wild geese flying north, clearly outlined against the vivid blue sky. He also had seen a robin already.

with his father, in the house where Mr. and Mrs. H. Deveau now live.

He had another profession in Acton for a few years after graduating from Guelph Business College and apprenticing in Toronto. He was undertaker and embalmer with Farnham and the present Acton Home Furnishings location. He purchased the business from William Johnstone, who went west about 1912, and then sold it back to him several years later. He recalled terrible trips out into the country with the horse in blizzards, even being stranded overnight. He also was an undertaker in Regina for a while.

His stockyard in Acton was at the old radial track west of Wilton St. south. He shipped animals by the C.N.R. and the old electric railway system for many years.

He was always interested in sports. In younger days he played baseball, hockey and lacrosse, and lately had watched on television.

His farm was on No. 25 highway north of the town line. In 1940 he formed a partnership with his son Jack. Several years ago he retired and moved into town to live with his daughter Helen and nephew William Near.

He was a member of the Maritime order and the I.O.O.F., the Holstein-Friesian Association, Canadian Jersey Cattle Club, Canadian Shorthorn Association and the Canadian Aberdeen Angus Association.

## Township Stuck In New Riding?

The proposed redistribution of federal ridings which would put the Township of Nassagaweya in the riding of South Wellington, will likely be accepted without change, Reeve William Coulter told Township council on Monday night.

Reporting to council on a conversation between himself and Halton M.P. Dr. Harry Harkley, Mr. Coulter said the M.P. intended to discuss redistribution with neighboring members but indicated any change seemed quite unlikely, since it was a report from a non-political commission.

Under the new proposal, Nassagaweya would be in a riding with Guelph, Guelph Township, Paullsch Township, Berkeley Township, South Dumfries Township and Paris.

—Public school skating carnival next Thursday.



TEACHING AT HOME for two weeks are Actonians Karin Heller and Gertrude Kuhn receiving instruction from M. Z. Bennett teacher Mrs. Bert Benton. The two girls are attending Lakeshore Teachers' College and are taking their practical training in their home town.