

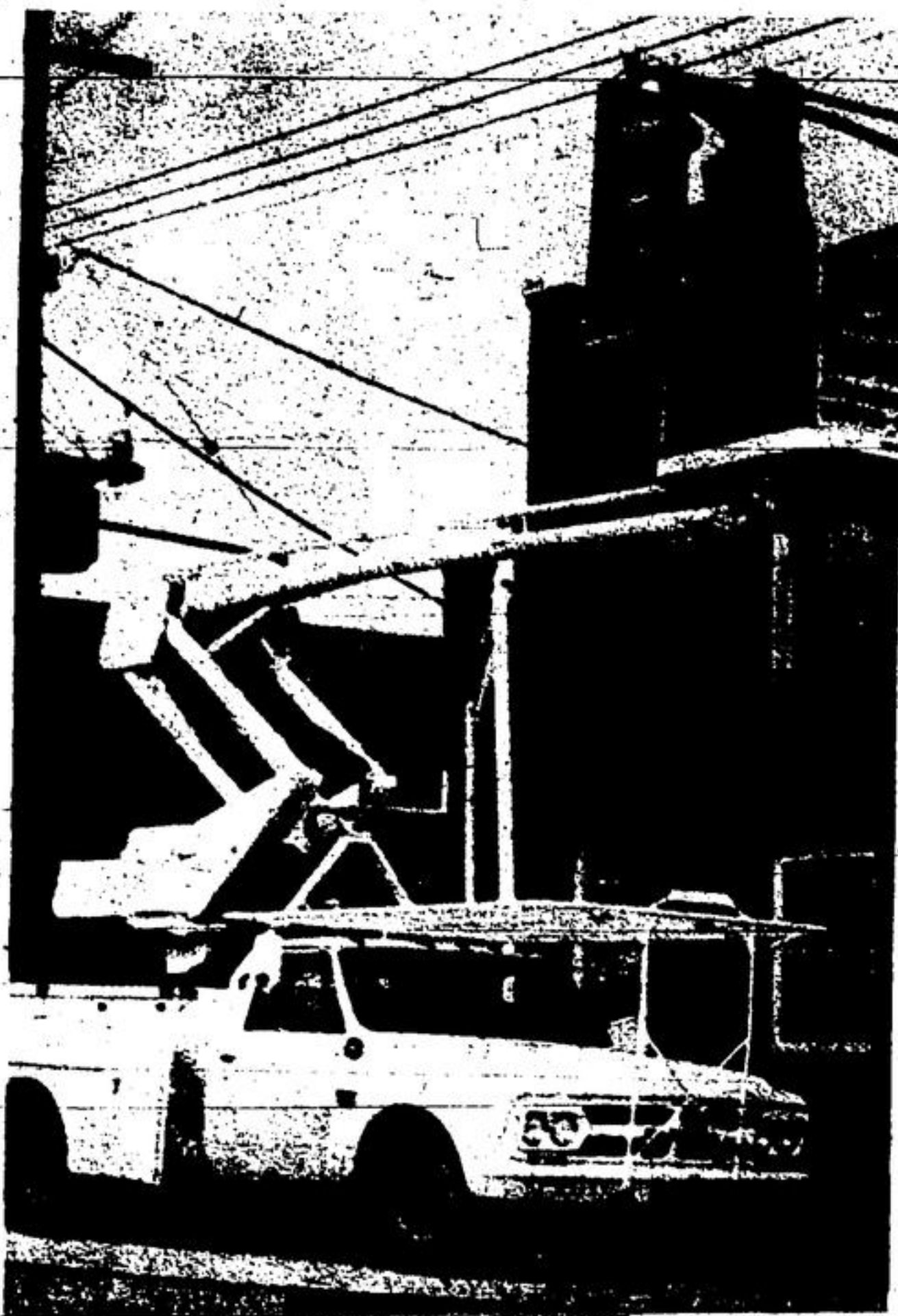
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THE LONG AWAITED stop lights at the corner of Mill and Main Streets were installed this week and work still goes on to connect them. To the right two installation men are nearly lost in the jungle of lines on the north-west corner while top they hang the three lights in position. The lights will not go into operation until council passes a by-law on parking and the road is marked with new regulations. (Staff Photo)



Down in the dumps

Esquering asked to change by-law to establish Acton dump site

Reeve George Leslie assured a delegation from Acton council they would do their utmost to come up with an answer by April 29 for a request for a change in by-law legislation to permit the town to establish a new dump site on town owned property governed by township by-laws in the township.

The Acton delegation, headed by Mayor Les Duby, who read the brief printed elsewhere in the paper, also answered questions for Esquering councillors at the regular meeting of the township-council Monday night.

The Esquering reeve sympathized with the Acton delegates and to a request from the mayor for a close liaison said his council could make no decision until the other member was "back with us". Mr. Leslie was referring to councillor C. F. (Pat) Patterson currently at the world hockey tournament in Vienna, Austria.

He reminded the delegation there had been another delegation of ratepayers with as many from the town as the township protesting use of the proposed site back of Fairview Cemetery as a dump.

Acton reeve Bert Hinton asked the township council if they didn't have similar problems in their own area of ratepayers agreeing and not agreeing. "If we went along with the ratepayers we wouldn't have a dump anywhere," he said.

Councillor Earl Masales told the township council the previous delegation was opposed strictly on the smoke angle. Neither the land fill or incinerator method being investigated would entail much smoke.

To a question from one Esquering representative if the land fill method could be used back of Fairview cemetery, the mayor replied in the affirmative. Esquering councillor Tom Hill asked how long the particular site would last using land fill and the mayor referred him to clerk-administrator J. McGeachie who outlined the dimensions of the area.

Assured by Mr. Leslie that the township would make every effort to co-operate the Acton delegation prepared to leave. At this point Esquering councillor Jim Goodlet enquired what system Acton council preferred to use.

Mayor Duby said the town was quite prepared to move ahead one way or another but they were going ahead.

Reeve Hinton told the meeting the town would prefer the land fill method since it was the most economical.

After the Acton delegation's departure Esquering council settled into regular business with uniforms for Acton Fire Brigade first on the agenda.

The town of Acton supplies 16 of the \$80 uniforms and the townships of Esquering, Nassagaweya and Erin supply 14. It was agreed rural representatives on the fire area board should discuss each township's share before any action was taken.

Flooding on the Credit River and means of eliminating the dangers especially in Glen Williams were discussed. Possible action in the fall to eliminate river bends recommended by engineers was delayed by hold-up of written authority to do anything about it.

Councillors felt it was too late to do anything now to avoid flooding. Criticism was directed at the conservation authority "which has a flood

committee but won't have anything to do with floods."

Council felt they should direct further plans for assistance to a higher government source.

The resignation of Ben Case from the Halton County Museum Board left a vacancy which council asked councillor George Currie to fill for the balance of the year.

A by-law was read and passed which authorized expenditures of \$117,000 on construction and maintenance of roads in the township.

Another by-law was passed empowering the reeve and clerk to sign a conveyance to close Bernard St. in the village of Limehouse.

Reeve Leslie presided at the nearly two hour meeting with councillors George Currie, Tom Hill, Jim Goodlet, clerk K. C. Lindsay and assistant D. French in attendance.

Sales predict festive look for centennial

Canada's centennial will be aptly reflected in decorations in Acton. Lions club member Vic Bristow reports sales of Lions decorations as "excellent". He has been calling on industries in town as well as taking orders for the special centennial decorations.

The club project includes the sale of centennial flags, Canadian flags, Ontario flags and other provincial flags if desired; bunting, desk sets and special displays.

Blood clinic next Thursday special need

The phone canvass for blood donors continues this week with fair response.

Students, who turned out well last time, will be free to give blood this year as the clinic on Thursday, March 30, falls during the Easter holidays. Organizer Mrs. W. Flinn suggests they should attend in the afternoon to leave the evening hours open for working adults.

She also explains that more blood is needed now as a result of supplies being used for leukemia sufferers. In Toronto, special clinics are being held for this purpose.

Carol Patterson represents all Halton at district final

Carol Patterson was chosen to represent Halton county at district public speaking finals last Friday evening at the Halton finals in Oakville and competed with seven warmly-praised young people at Whitby on Tuesday afternoon.

Although she was not selected to speak at the Ontario finals in Toronto next week, she took Acton farther than the town has gone for many years in public speaking competition. It was pointed out that the seven speakers at Whitby represented 100,000 students

in the counties of Halton, Peel, York and Ontario who had the same opportunity.

Last time Acton went this far was when Ella Jany went on to win the Ontario finals.

On the way to Whitby Tuesday with her parents, coach Miss Donna Riseborough, aunt Miss Bella-Maye Rosszell and principal G. W. McKenzie, their car skidded into a ditch south of Acton during the snow storm.

They learned Highway 401 was not as bad as Highway 25, were towed out and ventured

on, considering what was best to do. They reached Whitby safely and had no further driving difficulty other than the initial upsetting experience.

The top ranking speaker was a lad from Whitby named Smith who spoke on the Smith family name.

There were 10 contestants in the Halton finals at W. H. Morden public school, Oakville, when the two winners chosen were Carol for her excellent speech on Canada, and Patricia Collins of Oakville who spoke on Teenagers' Long Hair.

Judges were William Pollen, head of the English department of Milton high school, Joan Miesner of the English department of Georgetown high school, and William Cotton, editor of the Oakville Journal Record.

The contestants were from Halton No. 1, Halton No. 4, Oakville and separate schools. Judges placed Miss Collins first and Miss Patterson second, and both represented the county Tuesday.

Steven Van Fleet recorded all the speeches on tape.

Carol has assembled a small library through public speaking, as she was a winner last year, too. In Whitby yesterday she was presented with a fine dictionary.

In Oakville, everyone was given "The Best of Stephen Leacock" in Brookville, she was given "Home from Afar" by Jean Little of Guelph; in

Acton, she received a volume on British Columbia in a series on Canada.

Last year she was given two volumes of Charles Dickens' books.

Cold feast

Sympathetic neighbors on John St. set out a genuine feast of bird seed as a welcoming banquet for a robin whose red breast was decidedly tinged with blue (for centennial year?). The unwise bird arrived just before Tuesday's first-day-of-spring blizzard. It's the first robin reported to the Free Press this year.

Prompt first aid explosion at plant

Prompt action by trained first aid personnel saved Armand Kingsley and Jim Sayers from serious burns following a flash explosion and fire at the Mason Knitting Co. at 11:50 a.m. Monday morning.

The two workmen were only slightly burned as a result of an accidental mixing of two chemicals which blew up and started a fire in the plant.

They were rushed to Guelph General hospital by general manager Charlie Kirkness where Dr. Craig Hutchinson treated them in the emergency ward. Both were able to return home.

The fire was promptly doused with fire extinguishers before it could get out of hand.

The head nurse in the emergency ward of the hospital told Mr. Kirkness first aid treatment at the plant by Delia Kentner, Albert Ford and himself and saved both injured men from more serious burns.

Patrol treat

Patrol boys and girls were taken Tuesday night by school bus to Kitchener to see a Jr. A hockey game.

Schools compete tonight races, costumes at arena

Hundreds of children will enter skating races and the costume contest tonight (Wednesday) at the arena in the big annual public school carnival. A banner contest and centennial costume contest are highlights as well as the regular races.

Recreation director Howard Pearce is in charge.

Schools entered are M. Z. Bennett, Robert Little, Limehouse, Speyside and Pineview. Speyside will be speeding to retain the banner they won the past two years.

Arrangements are all made to have the program run as smoothly as possible. Recreation committee members and

others will be able to handle the volume of activity if not the volume of sound. The rafter-rocking cheering section is now an established part of this annual program.

Starter is Harold Townsley; assistant starter Hugh Patterson; referee Howard Pearce; announcer Hartley Coles; statistician Peter Lawson, assistant statistician Ed Leatherland; judges Helen Otterbein, Art Cooper and Brenda Abernethy.

John Goy will present the awards. A special handicap system, changed somewhat this year, gives assistance to the smallest schools.

Propose \$29,000 budget for parks, recreation

Eleven first year recreation students from the University of Guelph sat in at Thursday's recreation and parks board meeting and were exposed to a wide range of problems which confront the committees in smaller communities.

Main item of business was perusal of the proposed budget of \$29,000 which will be forwarded to council. But the committee also discussed infringements on the Schomburg ice machine patent, heard an extensive report from the recreation director, set a rental fee for the community centre and explored the problem of a faulty ice compressor besides a multitude of smaller pieces of business.

Chairman John Goy welcomed the students who were introduced by classmate Pete Lawson, a part-time director

at the Y.M.C.A. and resident of Acton. Also attending was Doug Paton, a community programs official.

Recreation director Howard Pearce and his staff were complimented for a definite improvement in the appearance and cleanliness of the arena at the outset of the meeting.

A letter from the Zamboni company from California informed the board there was a patent infringement on the Schomburg ice machine and there could be a liability if the machine was used. The committee reviewed the history of the case. A previous warning had ended by the board asking the Arena Association for their advice which was to go ahead and use it; there was nothing to worry about.

Doug Paton of the community programs branch of the Department of Education informed the committee the town of Preston was presently being sued by Zamboni in a test case. The results could have a bearing on the 900 machines now being used in Canada.

The letter was filed.

In his report, recreation director Pearce notified the board he and member Harold Townsley were contacting prospective advertisers for display signs in the arena. He gave details of the school carnival on March 22 and the board growing contest being run in conjunction with the Y's Men.

Mr. Pearce outlined the steps he was taking to procure playground leaders and the training involved.

An arena rental fee of \$100 was set for use of all the facilities at the community centre

following receipt of a request from the fall fair board for a dance. The committee felt the rental should be in line with other centres and \$100 was a fair price.

Roller skating, a popular summer pastime last year will be started tentatively this season on May 1 providing the arena floor is dry and roller skates are available.

The recreation director did a projection for the committee on his planned summer program which included wrestling but felt the \$100 charge might deter wrestlers from appearing. The grapplers came in for some discussion as some members felt they could forget about them if they wouldn't come for \$100.

Member Harold Townsley felt it should be provided as it was the committee's job to

provide recreation for people. Councillor Ted Tyler felt wrestling was not recreation. Mr. Pearce said it may not be but "the people of Acton eat it up".

Mr. Paton broke in to advise the committee perhaps they should ask the director to do a survey on other arenas in the area before anything was decided and the committee agreed to the suggestion.

In the discussion introduced by finance chairman H. Patterson members were informed the budget lines were very much similar to last year's. One major item was the compressor on the ice machine. Piston walls were scored and it was estimated cost would be \$3,000 to \$3,500 to have it re-bored and oversize pistons installed.

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LATE NEWS in Brief

Reeve H. H. Hinton, Acton, charged before Halton County Council on Tuesday the current budget for the Children's Aid Society reflected "empire building" when a 50 per cent increase totalled \$90,000 over last year's budget. He "served notice" the Society did not even present its budget to its annual meeting. "They floated their own constitution," when by-laws were amended without notice to the membership, he charged. He declared their procedure "now illegal" until the amendments are properly passed.

The charges came during discussion on a City of Barrie resolution asking amendments to the Child Welfare Act to restore municipal control of budgets and operations of social service agencies, particularly Children's Aid Societies to municipal control.

Deputy Reeve F. Rogers, Burlington, told County Council the Society told the county finance committee it would pay as high or higher wages than anyone else to get the staff it wanted. He claimed the budget was presented and the county was told its share. There was no opportunity for the finance committee to question—the budget.

Reeve A. Ledwith, Milton, opposed the county's endorsement of the Barrie resolution, noting the county already has six representatives on the Board.

"We've had six members on the Board for years and they've never made any headway", Deputy Reeve Rogers complained pressing for a "reasonable control of finances".

Reeve Hinton claimed increased demands on the Society for service did not indicate the need for a \$90,000 budget increase.

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HALTON M.L.P. GEORGE KERR and guest speaker Robert Welch, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Citizenship, were among the first to congratulate James Snow when he

won the Progressive Conservative nomination for Halton East on Friday night. The nomination convention was held in Milton District High School. (Staff Photo)