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## Acton L.O.L. parades Sat.

Acton L.O.L. will join others throughout this part of the province at the big celebration being held in Galt on Saturday. Prior to leaving for the Manchester City, the local Orangemen will parade in Acton.

Galt is planning for an invasion of some 12,000 celebrants from Western Ontario for the program that will mark the 277th anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne.

The parade is to start at Soper Park at 2 p.m. and proceed to Dickson Park for a program of speeches and entertainment. Chief speaker is to be the deputy grand master of Ontario West.

Last Saturday the Acton Orangemen marched in London. Halton County Master Fergus Quee headed the delegation which included 97-year-old C. K. Browne.

Georgetown and Milton lodges were also represented. R. J. Worshipful C. K. Browne not only won the prize for the oldest Orangeman on parade, he rode at the head of the procession.

Next year local L.O.L. officials will host the celebration.



**ALL READY FOR** last Saturday's Orange Walk at London are Acton L.O.L. worshipful master Fergus Quee and 97-year-old C. K. Browne. They boarded the bus early Saturday morning along with other local L.O.L. members to participate in the celebrations. This Saturday the Acton lodge will parade through Acton streets before heading for a similar celebration in Galt. Next year's Orange parade will again be in Acton. (Staff Photo)

## Heavy opposition

# Review education report

A proposal to unite the entire Halton elementary and secondary school systems under a single board of education was stalled on Thursday, during a special meeting of Halton County Council.

Opposed by Halton's four largest municipalities—Oakville, Burlington, Georgetown and Esquesing Township—the Halton Consultative Committee on Education report was turned over to a special three-man committee of county council "for further review". The committee will be named later by Warden William Coulter.

The Consultative Committee on Education had brought in a report urging a single board of education, a one-tier system

that would handle both elementary and secondary school education for the entire county and scrap all existing local boards. Letters read out at Thursday's special meeting showed only the councils and school officials in Milton, Acton and Nassagaweya Township were in favor.

Oakville Deputy-Reeve Alan Day pleaded that municipality's contention that "any re-organization of local government would be premature" before a decision is handed down on the Plunkett needs study into regional government for Halton and Peel. While Oakville was not objecting to larger areas of government, he said, the status of a single board of education would present "an extra financial strain" for both northern and southern municipalities in the county.

Both Oakville and Burlington educational authorities lean toward a two-tier system of educational administration.

The meeting included an exchange of words between Milton Deputy-Reeve Charles Menefy and Deputy-Reeve Day, over the annexation and amalgamation hassle that has raged between Oakville and Milton for the past few years.

Warden Coulter cut off the discussion with a curt "we don't want a discussion on amalgamation proceedings."

Later, Deputy-Reeve Menefy moved the motion asking coun-

cil to turn over the report to a special committee, and Deputy-Reeve Day seconded his motion.

Delaying the decision on the Consultative Committee report means that any changes proposed in the report—if it is adopted—would not be implemented before July 1 of 1969. If the report had been adopted last week the July 1 deadline, its recommendations would have come into effect next July.

About 15 visitors attended the council meeting Thursday. They included the five members of the Consultative Committee and several school administration officials from around the county.

## Open tenders to dredge lake Wed. July 12

Tenders for dredging Fairy Lake, originally scheduled to be opened July 4, will be opened today (Wednesday).

The postponement was given in order to allow more firms to bid on the job.

McNamara Construction has left their test dredge on the lake apparently until they see which firm gets the contract to clean the lake.

## Firefighters answer calls

Children playing with an old mosquito bomb which they had filled with gasoline was blamed for a fire beside the old post office on Thursday afternoon.

It was one of two calls firefighters answered this week: A car fire on the parking lot at the Station Hotel Saturday was the second.

The side door leading to an upstairs apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Tremblay was badly scorched in the Thursday blaze. It was extinguished with a blanket.

The car fire was out before the fire truck arrived.



**THESE SCOUTS**, members of the 1st Acton troop, start a fire as part of the centennial day Saturday at the park. Skip Henry DeVries and Bosun: Kevin Conroy supervised the Scouts' part of the program. (Staff Photo)

## Inquest Tuesday into drowning at Limehouse

An inquest into the death of Teresa Vanzuyen, five-year-old Oakville girl, who drowned at a recreation park near Limehouse June 17 will be held Tuesday, July 18 at the Esquesing Municipal Building.

The child was found floating unconscious in the water and revived, but died six hours later.

## Motorcycle, truck collide Roy McFadden injured

## Staff keeps park clean, well groomed



**ROY McFADDEN**, 28, of Poplar St. was severely injured when his motorcycle and a hydro pick-up truck collided at the Mill-Elgin St. intersection last Friday morning. His wife on the back seat of the cycle, escaped relatively unhurt. Royal City Ambulance attendants prepare to remove the injured cyclist to hospital as Corp. R. Mason and North Halton O.P.P. constable C. Wright assist. (Staff Photo)

Roy McFadden, 28, of 121 Poplar Ave. is in satisfactory condition in Guelph General Hospital following a collision between his new motorcycle and a hydro truck Friday morning at the corner of Mill and Elgin Sts.

Mr. McFadden and his wife Iris, a passenger, were riding east on Mill St. when the collision occurred. He suffered lacerations to his forehead, two fractured arms, a fractured knee cap and torn ligaments in his right leg.

Mrs. McFadden was treated for cuts and bruises and lacerations to her right foot and released from hospital following treatment.

Dr. Craig Hutchinson was called to the scene and he attended Mr. McFadden who was in much pain until the Royal City ambulance arrived. A large crowd collected at the intersection and congested the already busy street.

Police said hydro superintendent Doug Mason was southbound on Elgin St. when the accident occurred at approximately 10:38 a.m. His view was obstructed to the west of the Elgin-Mill intersection. The motorcycle was going east on Mill.

It is believed Mr. McFadden absorbed most of the impact and cushioned the shock for his wife.

Ted Pope was the first on the scene and he attended the injured man until police and doctor arrived. Corporal Ray Mason and North Halton O.P.P. constable Carmen Wright directed traffic and assisted in the administrations.

Constable Bruce Kressler investigated.

Damage to both vehicles was estimated to be \$500.

One onlooker fainted and bumped his head after seeing the results of the accident but was quickly revived.

## Watch them!

More than 150 children drowned last year because they had no adult supervision when they ventured near the water. Your Red Cross reminds you to be water-wise and supervise your children every time they are in, or near the water.

Supervised free swimming at the wading pool in the park will continue Saturdays, Sundays and holidays for the balance of the summer, parks and arena manager Harold Townsley said this week.

Hours are from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

It is all part of the recreation and parks program in Acton.

Mr. Townsley said falling attendance at movies Saturday afternoon in the Community centre forced their cancellation until fall when there are not so many other activities.

Roller skating crowds are holding up well with large attendances Saturday nights. Dances have been cut to a minimum but there's one this Friday to the music of the Shaynes, a local group.

Both the softball and hardball diamonds have been sprayed for weeds and improvement is already noted.

Mr. Townsley explained the large amount of rain has helped the grass to stay in top shape. The park has received many favorable comments from visitors.

Only drawback is the weed-clogged lake which is rapidly getting clogged up with aquatic plants again. This will be remedied when dredging is done.

Widening of the track on the north side was done this week by Mansell Nellis Construction.

## Police report

# 31 warnings issued for traffic offences

Acton Municipal Detachment of the O.P.P. during the week July 2 to July 8, 1967, worked 200 hours and patrolled 678 miles, reports Corp. R. Mason.

There were eight occurrences investigated.

One report of assault occurring out of town was turned over to another Police Department for investigation. One domestic complaint settled; no charges; one report of property damage, person responsible located. Approximate damage of \$10.00 settled with no charges.

One vandalism charge; one malicious damage of \$200 both under investigation. One break, enter and theft over \$50.00, one attempted break and entry, both under investigation. One male was arrested for drinking while on the interdicted list; one male was

charged with being drunk in a public place.

There was one compassionate message delivered.

One personal injury accident was investigated involving a commercial vehicle and a motorcycle. The motorcycle operator sustained lacerations and fractures while the passenger received a laceration. Still under investigation charges pending.

There were five charges laid for violations under the Highway Traffic Act, thirty-one warnings were issued for various traffic offences.

There was no court scheduled for July 3rd due to the Holiday weekend.

Over 275 Canadians drowned in 1965 because they lost their balance and fell into the water. Your Red Cross reminds you to be water-wise.

## Fact or fiction?

# Uncover toad in old Acton sawmill

Truth, it is often said, is stranger than fiction.

The Free Press has been publishing old pictures to commemorate centennial year and is not adverse to printing anecdotes of Acton's early days. This week we ran into something that rightly belongs to Ripley.

Terry Waterhouse, reading a book named Stranger than Science by Frank Edwards, came across an article about Acton which supposedly took place in October, 1893.

The scene, according to the story, was the Brown and Hall saw mills somewhere in Acton.

Men were sawing a large log and had just finished taking a slice out of the outside when they came to a dark spot in the wood. Fearing a piece of steel or foreign material embedded, which would dull the saw, they stopped it to investigate.

The dark spot turned out to be a cavity in the log.

Inside the smooth inside of the cavity was a large toad—alive and well.

The toad was approximately 200 years old and measurements indicated the cavity was 60 feet above ground. Thirty inches of wood encased the toad which had smoothed out the inside apparently attempting to get out.

The phenomenon was supposed to have taken place in Acton, Ontario, in October, 1893.

A search through Free Press files for that period revealed no information, although a Brown saw mill advertised.

Has anyone heard the story before? Can they vouch for its authenticity?

## Expo cyclists from Ohio stop at H. Bessem home

Bill Collins and Herb Brown, two cyclists from Ohio, U.S.A., stopped in at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bessem, No. 7 Highway, near Silvercreek, on their way back from Expo Sunday.

The pair, both 18, cycled from Van Wert, Ohio to the big fair, starting out on June 15. They've slept in police cells, parks, back yards and sheds since their departure and subsequent return. They are students at the University of Ohio.

The Bessems obligingly offered the back of their station

wagon for a night's lodging since they were full up in the house and tent trailer. Their daughter and five children from St. Johns, Newfoundland, is visiting and there was just no other space available.

The cyclists eagerly snapped up the station wagon offer, had a good night's sleep, and started back for home Monday morning.

Expo? Terrific show said the pair who had nothing but fond words for the treatment they've received both ways.



**KEVIN JORDAN**, Jim Krapek, Susan Matthews, Pat Kelly, Emily Hodgson and Connie Taylor aren't painted up for the next war dance. They're part of the summer playground at the park and Monday was tattoo day. More pictures inside. Over 150 boys and girls are attending the sessions each morning and afternoon. (Staff Photo)