Free Press Local News Items

--One day nearer to June.

--Anyone notice there seem to be fewer cardinals around this winter?

--Use a classified ad to help with your spring cleaning! They will sell your don't wants.

--The telephone survey for the blood donor clinic was undertaken by volunteers again this time.

--Just a year ago, the first week in March, the new library opened with a jam of readers elbowing around for the first time.

--Milton fire department's request for two full-time firefighters, to assist the full-time chief, was turned down again last week.

--It's leap year - and Thursday's the leap day. February 29 is a rarity that nicely interrupts the monotony of a 365-day year.

--Mrs. Alf Long, R.R. 4, has had some response to the appeal for books, maps, games and money for the Northern Corps of teachers in remote schools. There's still a big carton in the United Church lobby for donations.

--Acton's strong musical inclinations surprised a visitor to town on Saturday. She just couldn't get over how many people were shopping in Watson's Music Store. Guitar lessons? No . . . license plates. February 29 is the deadline.

--Georgetown has backed out of the Central Ontario Regional Development Council membership it agreed to take out a few weeks ago. Councillors felt the membership fee, $981 was too high.

--Milton night school closed with Open House last week. They had an enrolment of over 200. It's been quite a few years now since night school classes in Acton were dropped. The committee in charge at the time thought they'd just sit back and wait for more public demand - which didn't come.

--For those election conscious workers who are still trying to sort out the federal electoral boundaries, a nine page folder listing the maps available on the subject, is available from the Map Distribution Office of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, 615 Booth St., Ottawa. The list is free. The maps are 50¢. The province of Ontario map is two sheets, one north and one south at 50¢ each. Listed also are the 264 electoral constituency maps for all federal elections.

--The fact that 1,000 deer were killed by cars within 75 miles of Metro in the last dozen years and hunters got 1,200, makes one weigh values. Damage to a car averaged $200 but there wasn't any average "damage" to the pocket book for the hunters' take. Of course, the hunter gets to keep his deer so probably he does get off better.

President of Simpsons

Says North Halton could be swallowed up

North Halton communities like Milton, Acton and Georgetown are in danger of being "planned off the map," by the provincial government, a Toronto business giant has warned.

Speaking on planning at the annual meeting of the Milton Chamber of Commerce was Lt.-Col. G. A. Burton president of Simpson's Ltd. and a director of institutions like Simpson Sears and the Royal Bank of Canada.

His specific topic he said was "how to plan so that Milton is not swallowed up in the ebb and flow of master plans of communities, townships, counties and cities that surround it on all sides."

He said provincial planners have developed a perfectly reasonable master plan for Ontario's development - a "series of satellite cities, strung like perfect pearls on a thread of Go Transit and hung around the neck of the metropolis to nestle on its broad bosom."

But what place do the less than perfect pearls of planning such as Milton or Acton or Georgetown have in the scheme of things, he asked warning that with planning "the new national sport" Milton must come up with concrete proposals to fit herself into the new scheme of things before planning passes it by.

Small towns should stop depending completely on the Ontario Municipal Board to protect their interests he suggested, because the board is bound by "a horse and buggy political structure, a lack of regional or coordinated planning objectives and a killing load of work, a great deal of which is of a pleayne nature."

"Most of the planners' suggestions are concerned with the creation of new cities to house a growing population but ignore old towns and do nothing to preserve the best agricultural land or encourage recreational facilities adjacent to the heavily populated areas."

"The Halton area would be ideal to meet these needs," he said. He proposed a "Halton Agricultural and Recreational Preserve (HARP), to include Kelso and Rattlesnake Point recreation areas and with Milton, at its service centre and seat of county government.

Two car collision Main St. Thursday

When one car stopped to pick up a passenger last Thursday morning at 8 a.m., two cars were in collision on Main at Vimy. The car driven by Douglas G. Hurd, Tidey Ave., stopped and then pulled back onto the road, when it was in collision with another driven by Slavo Vinski, Poplar Ave.

The Hurd car was damaged to the extent of $75 and the Vinski car $250.

To keep peanut butter on bread from sticking to the roof of your mouth, turn the bread upside down.

Acton Rotarians to dance the light fantastic Sat.

Plans were finalized for the attendance of the entire membership and wives of Acton Rotarians to attend the District Governor's banquet and ball at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto this Saturday. The event is part of the District 707 Rotary Club convention and the Acton club will be transported by bus.

The roster of new members in the Acton club was increased to 10 since the first of December when David Muckle, an Air Canada pilot, was inducted at the Tuesday dinner meeting.

Classification talks were given by Bruce Cargill and Paul Hurley at the meeting. Plans were also made to assist Georgetown Rotarians in the sale of tickets for the performance of the Don Cossack chorus at the Riviera, Norval in March.

Formal presentation of an American wooden money barrel which Rev. A. H. McKenzie purchased at Brethoud Pass, Colorado, in 1958 at a store 11,300 feet above sea level, was accomplished with an eye to filling it with fines, a feature reinstated. The padre "baptized" it by dropping in the first 25¢ donation.

Community Credit Union annual meeting Saturday

The annual meeting of Acton Community Credit Union was held on Saturday evening, February 24, in the parish hall. About 40 members were in attendance.

President Charles Blake gave the opening remarks and reports were given by the treasurer, credit committee and supervising committee.

Results of the election of officers were as follows: board of directors (for three year terms) Charles Troit elected for the first term; Brendan Aherne and Robert Bruce re-elected.

Colin MacColl was re-elected to the credit committee for three years.

Russell Kayes was elected to the supervising committee for a three year term.

After the meeting door prizes were won by David Drinkwalter and Nancy Lauder. After an enjoyable program by the Legion Choraliers a buffet lunch was enjoyed.

Halton County Council HIGHLIGHTS

During Halton County Council's February meeting last week:

* Students from Grade 8 in St. Raphael's Separate School, Burlington, were welcomed as observers during a tour of the county administration building.

* Health Unit Nursing Director Miss Grace J. Leavey presented a report on her division's work, indicating the limited staff cannot meet the demands placed on it and is providing service according to priorities and urgencies. They have 101 schools in Halton to visit. The nurses are also receiving many requests for visits to families to stress safety precautions against poisoning, and for public speaking engagements.

* It was learned that the Health Unit inspectors' work is growing with new regulations demanding inspections of all places where food is prepared, handled or stored. Chief Sanitary Inspector W. Powell said carrying out this regulation will triple the work of his staff, and may make it impossible to continue plumbing inspections.

* Final payment on the $66,000 grant to Milton District Hospital was approved.

* A grant of $2,550 was suggested for the Halton Opportunity Produce Enterprises workshop for retarded adults at Hornby, which serves the whole North Halton area.

* A report from the Registry Office for 1967 indicated a surplus of $121,992 for the county.

* Members learned the interest rate on county loans has been increased to seven per cent.

* The personnel committee presented a list of 12 conventions and conferences in 1968, which they recommended the committee chairman and one other delegate be authorized to attend.

* Committees were urged to submit their budgets by March 1 for consideration prior to the March meeting.

* County Assessor Robert Beach submitted a report on the Ontario Committee on Taxation conference held in January in Toronto.

* A report from the roads committee indicated the Department of Highways would accept the Bronte Road (Second Line) from Highway 5 to the Queen Elizabeth Highway as an extension of Highway 25; if the county will take back Highway 25 where it runs south from the Guelph Line at Nelson between Highway 5 and the Q.E. Way as a county road. The committee favored the swap.

* It was learned the county's industrial file will be ready for its first public showing on May 8 at the county building, with a buffet lunch to follow for the invited guests.

* A salary schedule was proclaimed, ranging through 28 grades and six levels of employment. Salaries will range from $3,120 to $31,696.

ACTON HIGH

One of the highlights of the high school year was the Valentine Dance held on February 15.

Queen Marsha McKenzie and King Bob Roughley received numerous lovely gifts. The Girl's Athletic Association would like to thank The Acton Pharmacy, The Cameo Shoppe, Esquire Men's Wear, Paul's Ladies Wear and the Morris Pharmach for their contributions that helped make our dance the success it was.

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