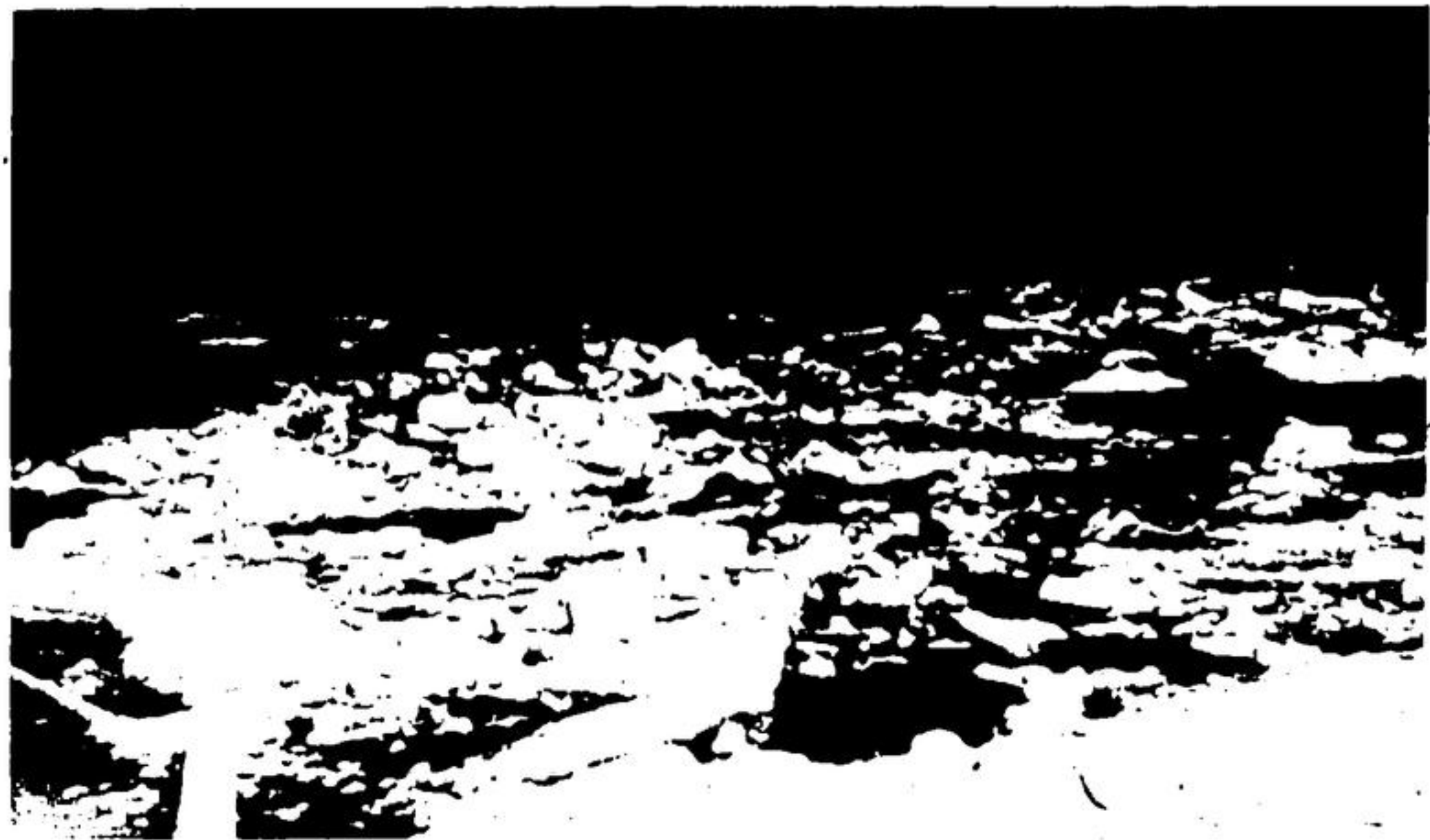


ST. ALBAN'S ANGLICAN church in the Glen is surrounded by water as the Credit River started to overflow its banks Monday night. The ice jam below kept the river from its bed and it started to flood houses situated along

the banks. Spectators on the new bridge, still under construction watch uneasily as the water rises. The jam moved Tuesday noon and residents hope flood danger is over. (Staff Photo)



Park owner wins by nose in Free Press coverage

A couple of weeks ago a film crew chose Rosslake recreation park in Esqueving township as the location for part of a movie on the status of women in Canada. The Free Press and Georgetown Herald photographers went over to photograph the photographers photographing.

The lanky park owner, Joe Ross, subsequently recalled Plato's dictum, "Humour is a gift of the gods," and added another amusing item in his diary. Meant for laughs, it reads like this:

"March 9 - Weather is sunny and exceptionally warm, taking snow and ice away and giving premature illusions of an early spring.

Two local weekly papers have run a news story of a documentary film concerning the recreational status of women across Canada. The centre of interest pertaining to the pleasures of saddle horse riding is an Acton lady who portrays this in the film.

She has been a pupil here at Rosslake, and also rides our horses when her time permits.

It was perhaps flattering to our horses to have been chosen for the 'sequence. However, I view the reporter coverage of the event here as being rather anonymous, insofar as camera

crew, the horse which performed admirably etc.

As owner and director of the Rosslake complex, I view with alarm the status of the big wheel, I might ask - Has anyone seen one around?

Yes - in the Free Press picture by a nose. Possibly by mistake, I am eclipsed in it, even by the pony.

The illustrious Captain of the Ponderossa - student of literature and philosophy - author of the book "My Struggles with Women and Work" destined to become a best seller - struggles that make Errol Flynn look like a Sunday School teacher.

Former judge of oratory for the Georgetown High School assisted by two world renowned intellectuals, regarding contest for students - honorary life member of the Order of suffrages (male).

It would seem I am destined to remain obscure, never having risen in service of the public higher than secretary-treasurer of the Limehouse Beef ring (now defunct).

Not long ago a young man came in for a horse ride in absence of the staff I saddled his mount. "Who do I pay for the ride?" he asked.

I said, "you can pay me if you like."

"You're just the hired man, aren't you?"

Be as it may I am recognized in the Acton Free Press. I'm in by a nose.

However, in the Lord Thompson Herald coverage I am nonexistent I must suppress a display of righteous indignation -

Refurnishing council chambers subject hot debate

Property chairman Charlie Perry advocates remodelling the council chambers in the town hall, a plan he has spent much time on since the proposal was first mooted several months ago.

However, an attempt to have a resolution authorizing refurbishing the chambers at a cost of \$2500 was scuttled at the last regular meeting of council when the mayor cast the deciding vote to break a deadlock. The proposal will go back to the budget committee for further study.

Mr. Perry told council the mayor, reeve, Mr. McKenzie and he went to Brampton to look at an office furniture selection and reminded councillor \$3,500 had been set aside for remodelling the council chambers. Why not pass a resolution now?

"We should spend it if the council chambers will be in Acton," said Councillor Bob Drinkwater, "but I feel in the next three years there won't be a council in Acton. Legislation will bring in some type of regional government or county set-up. Then we'd be foolish to do this. Besides the resolution isn't in order."

Councillor Perry said the price was a bargain not likely to be seen again.

"Tunkett, Plunkett," broke in the mayor clearly exasperated. "There's every indication of a two-tier government with some type of local administration. I

can't for the life of me see the town without some sort of local government authority."

"Wouldn't it be completely moved from Acton?" asked Councillor Earl Masales.

"It could be but we can't prognosticate," mused the deputy

reeve. "Neither can anyone else."

Councillor G. (Pat) McKenzie threw his hat on the side of the Yeas with a firm "I support the renovations" statement. The chairs won't be thrown in the garbage, be reasoned. They would be used in some other phase of the town's operations.

Reeve Bert Hinton was unmoved. "We've no business considering renovating the council chambers," he suggested. "When we're doing a major job in the town offices. It's not the year to consider whether we have adequate tables and chairs and it won't be in the budget unless we put it in."

"It's not like you say at all," disagreed Mr. McKenzie. "The furnishings are movable."

"There's no alternative but to support a modest few furnishings for the council chamber," Mayor Doby remonstrated. "It takes away from the dignity of council to sit at four squeaky tables with masonite tops which were out of date 10 years ago. In the past there have been errors of judgment but something has to be done. We're not talking renovations but refurbishing."

Councillor Perry referred back to Mr. Drinkwater's allegation that the resolution wasn't in order. "What do you mean?" he asked.

"It's a budgetable item," was the answer.

"It's improper because it should be budgetable," the reeve backed up Mr. Drinkwater.

"Then Mr. Reeve," retorted Mr. Perry, "Why did you say bring it to the budget committee?" The deputy-reeve threw some oil on the waters. "Let's review what would happen." He outlined steps the budget com-

mittee would have to consider. "Passing the resolution will force our hand to work it in the budget."

"If council passes the motion tonight you could buy it tomorrow and this has to be put on the budget," the reeve said. "It's unethical... because I think it's wrong."

"Funny thing," observed Mr. McKenzie, "The other night you said it could be brought to council."

"It's quite obvious the budget committee is going to come back and ask to keep the item out," Councillor Bill Williams predicted.

Discussion concluded with Mr. Perry's remark that it seemed ridiculous for such a small amount of money to create such an argument when there isn't any for other fields of endeavor.

Theft, hit and run reported to police

Police reported they are looking for an electric motor taken off an auger loader on the C.N.R. lot opposite the Force Electric plant this week.

Dave Lindsay reported the \$250 motor missing from his loader used to load freight cars. Police are investigating.

Police are also looking for a 1958 white and beige vehicle involved in a hit-and-run accident March 18. They report damage to the right front fender of the car.

--Three weeks till Easter.

--Measles, mumps, and flu are accounting for a lot of sickness.

Northern Corps here

Young Northern Corps teachers from the schools at Gogama, Sultan, Oba, Island Falls, Bear Island, Franz and a couple from Whitefish Falls spent Tuesday together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Long and family, R. R. 4, Acton. They took back donations of books, games, toys, records and subscriptions from Acton people following a recent appeal in the Free Press and at the United Church.

Dr. David van der Bent showed them his slides of Lima, Peru, in the evening.

A screen will be purchased for the Sultan school. The rest of the \$89.50 Acton donations will be used where needed most, as determined through conversations Tuesday.

A bus trip Saturday to see "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," raised more money for the fund.

Mrs. Long and her senior Sunday School became interested in the 16 or so teachers sent by the Department of Education to isolated schools in Ontario's north. Mrs. Long wrote to them and many had specific requests for equipment and books.

The teachers are presently south for their spring holiday and enjoyed comparing notes at Longs' hospitable home.

--The weekend rains melted a lot of the snow which fell last week.

--Most of the vacant new homes in Lakeview subdivision have sprouted "Sold" signs.

lest it betray my cultural background which is also somewhat anonymous.

It is time I sent out the distress signal. Come in! Can you hear me loud and clear? I'm disappearing - all but my nose.

Captain J. Ross (C.O.D.-A.W.L.-S.O.S.) Ponderossa.

To The Ratepayers of Esqueving Township:

The Assessment Notice which you will be receiving is your first notice under a re-assessment program which will bring about equalized assessment values. This will be based on approximately 1/3 of present day market values in the County of Halton. If you are dissatisfied for any reason you have the same right to appeal as you had under the previous system.

Before you make such an appeal, would you please call on the Assessors for an explanation.

They will be at the office during the month of September for the purpose of explaining their assessment to anyone who wishes it. If the office hours are not suitable please phone 877-6712 for an evening or Saturday morning appointment.

This will in no way interfere with your right to appeal.

I am,
Yours truly,
A. W. BENTON,
Assessment Commissioner,
Township of Esqueving

Record O.P.P. reports seven motor vehicle accidents

March 10 to 16, 1968, must surely be a record setting week for the town of Acton. However, the records we refer to are far from being something to be proud of. We have searched our records back to and including 1965 and never in that time period and never in the recollection of any of the officers of the Acton O.P.P. detachment have we experienced a week where seven motor vehicle accidents occurred.

In a town of less than 5,000 people this is indeed a horrendous statistic! You say there was a heavy unexpected snowfall this week and surely this contributed to the accidents? Well we say these accidents began to occur two days after the snow, after the snow was removed from the highways.

What then caused these collisions? Why did they occur? Could it have been carelessness? Could it have been inattentiveness or faulty equipment or a faulty driver attitude? Is it time to take stock of our driving ability? Is it time to assess our driving attitude and to check the condition of our automobile? Or

perhaps it would be enough to realize that our life hangs in the balance.

What say you, Mr. Motorist? Although our accident rate was extremely high, the other activities requiring police action in the town were few. Only seven complaints were noted on the blotter, the most serious being a domestic complaint. In all, one traffic charge was laid, two juveniles were charged with liquor offences and 14 persons were issued driver warnings.

Magistrate's Court at Milton, Ontario, too, saw a decline of Acton activity on March 11. Four persons appeared to answer charges under the Traffic and Liquor Acts. All four were convicted and paid fines and costs totalling \$125.00.

And so go the statistics of yet another week of policing in Acton. So go the numbers that represent 240 hours worked by the six man force. The numbers are low this week. Will they be as low next week? Or lower?

The people of the town hold the key. And wouldn't it be nice if society could eliminate the necessity of a police force?

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