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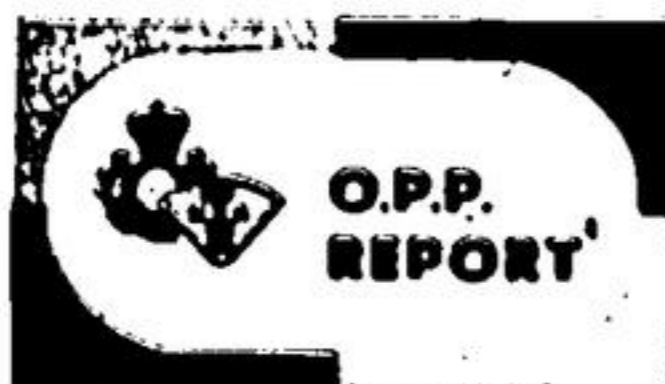
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**No accidents**

Despite the slippery driving conditions, blowing and drifting snow and even freezing rain, there have been no accidents in town since last week's paper was issued Wednesday. The last accident investigated by Acton O.P.P. was Tuesday of last week when Mrs. W. Chisholm was struck by a car.

**Liquor offenses**

The cold winter weekend produced an unusual number of liquor offenses, according to Acton police. Friday, January 31, there were four liquor seizures and six persons were charged with offenses. On February 1 there was another liquor seizure, another six persons were charged, and there was one charge of impaired driving.



During the reporting period of Jan. 26 to Feb. 1, officers of the Ontario Provincial Police attached to the Milton Detachment were called upon to investigate 25 occurrences of a non-traffic nature. There was a wide variety including four thefts, two breaking and entering investigations, one assault, one person reported missing but investigation revealed this complaint unfounded, one investigation under the Liquor Licence Act, one trespassing complaint, two persons were charged as a result of two Liquor Control Act investigations, one investigation of a person in possession of an offensive weapon. Three business premises were found insecure, by officers on night patrol. Other occurrences were of a minor nature requiring little time to investigate and clear.

**Budget prepared for county board**

With a new name and one member missing, Acton high school board met again Monday—its regular night. It's now the continuing committee of the Acton District High School board for the Halton County board of education. Member Tom Watson, who moved on to become the Acton-Nassagaweya representative on the new board, was absent. Chairman Duncan Moffat presided and more-or-less regular business was attended to. The regular business assigned temporarily back to the old board included a proposed budget for 1969, and Monday's meeting was the third to consider it. Following the regular January meeting there have been special budget meetings. Twenty-one mimeographed sheets covering all aspects of school operation for the coming year had been sent to the former board by the new board. Everything had to be estimated including costs of administration, instruction and plant operation. Items ranged from salaries (\$239,630) down to advertising bus routes (\$20). Vice-principal Joe Bray flicked the sheets into a wall projector as members again reviewed all their estimates. The estimates will all be gone over again by a county committee, Ray Arbic reminded the board. They will be sent in with several notations of explanation and recommendation. It'll be drawn to the attention of the

board the school needs a combination eating area and study hall; larger staff room and washrooms; and a vice-principal's office. Salary adjustments for non-teaching staff were discussed since the local group had made commitments. Ray Arbic explained secretary-treasurer Fred Salt also "has just about a full-time job here, and these conditions will exist till the first of July." Question was, "Are we entitled to do this?" Perusal of board information didn't provide an answer. A financial statement was also prepared to be sent to the county board. It showed a deficit from last year of \$46,839, accounted for by a miscalculation by the Department of Education in grants, unexpected bus expenditure to the vocational school in Burlington and a payroll system change. A new hot water heater has been installed in the boiler room, members learned. The transportation officer for the new board, Ken Giles, was in Acton to inquire about bus transportation for the 31 Acton students who attend school in Georgetown. In his report, principal listed nine teachers away ill during January, and seven proposed bus trips for basketball games. Chairman Moffat presided with members Ray Arbic, Chester Anderson and Kerwin McPhail; secretary Fred Salt; principal Ted Hansen and vice-principal Joe Bray present.

**Nassagaweya balks . . .**

(Continued from Page 1) accessibility to major cities for commuters, and a good variety of mixed housing available. Presentations from Councillors A. Gibson and J. Watson agreed in principle with those of the other members of council; but Mr. Gibson did note some apathy in his northern section of the township . . . and a feeling that perhaps life as Guelphites or Wellingtonians would not be entirely unbearable. It was assumed, however, persons feeling this way may have been comparing it to residence with some other out-of-Nassagaweya community; and had already accepted the

destruction of their-township as inevitable. "There is going to come the time, shortly, when people in Nassagaweya are going to have to make up their minds whether or not they wish to keep the township whole," Mrs. MacArthur stated. "And if they want it to remain unified, they are going to have to be prepared to fight for their belief. We are dealing here with a power that is quite capable of intimidating small groups of citizens and even local government. I feel if what is apparently the unanimous wish of ALL communities in Halton is not listened to, we may have to send not hundreds, but thousands of persons to Queen's Park to demonstrate our disapproval."



EDWARD ATHAW, R. R. 1, Terra Cotta, was taken to Toronto General Hospital for extensive injuries when his car collided with another driven by Murray Ezeard of Toronto near Ballinacree last week. Both cars in the crash were "written off" as total wrecks.

**Close road, change design? Dam costs increase**

The Scotch Block dam and reservoir, still in the planning stages, is getting more costly by the minute. Originally scheduled as a \$600,000 project by the Halton Region Conservation Authority, the costs have been growing rapidly and an engineer warned the Authority last week the

newest estimates show it might reach \$1,000,000. The Authority's executive Thursday discussed ways of cutting the growing cost. Engineer R. Lewis said an alternate design for the earth dam might save \$250,000 and it was agreed to look into it. Members had planned keeping

the Third Line Esquesing road open but it would require \$120,000 to bridge it and raise the road level above the floodplains, so they decided to ask the township council to allow closure of the road. Executive members agreed closing the road and changing the dam design might bring the total cost closer to the original estimates.

In another piece of business later in the meeting, members learned a minor legal technicality had caused a delay in the expropriation proceedings on the Hume, Griffiths, and McLenahan properties the Authority needs for the Scotch Block dam. Apparently the county judge had approved the transaction, but when the expropriation claims were filed the registrar disallowed them because they were not on linen paper. Meanwhile a change was

**Esquesing council denies knowledge of road closure**

Esquesing council assured two concerned ratepayers that there was no intention of closing the Third Line in the area east of the proposed Scotch Block reservoir dam. R. V. Griffiths and Archie Brown, both Third Line residents, told councillors at the regular Monday night meeting that they had been upset by a report in a daily newspaper suggesting the road would be closed. They said there had been a dearth of reports on the proposed Scotch Block dam and wondered if council intended to close the road, which would cause much inconvenience to them.

Reeve George Currie outlined the procedure council would have to take to close any road in the township which would include notice in the newspaper.

"I swear on a stack of bibles council never talked about closing of the Third Line," the reeve emphatically assured the two man delegation. "I've had three phone calls from people over there about this."

"The rumors must have had some source," Mr. Griffiths pursued. He said the report had originated from a meeting of the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

Mr. Currie, Esquesing's representative on the Authority admitted the report could possibly have originated at an executive meeting of the body but emphasized it must be approved at a general meeting before it was official. Then the Authority would have to approach council on the idea.

"Isn't it also true they can't close a road unless they provide an alternative route?" asked the clerk. Several heads nodded. "The only thing we know about the Third Line," deputy reeve Tom Hill told the

proceedings in Provincial Judge's Court found 43 convictions being registered for infractions of the Criminal Code of Canada or a Provincial Statute.

More than 5,000 cases of tuberculosis were found in Canada in 1967. Of these approximately 4,700 were newly diagnosed cases and 770 were patients who had broken down for a second or third time.

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**Two smashups send four to hospital**

Hazardous driving conditions were blamed for two smashups which sent four persons to hospital, totally wrecked two cars and damaged another to an estimated \$1500. A two-car collision Wednesday near Ballinacree about 10 p.m. sent Murray Ezeard of Toronto and his passenger, Helen Ritchie of Georgetown to hospital with chest and rib injuries. Driver of the other vehicle, Edward Athaw, R.R. 1, Terra Cotta, was sent to Toronto General Hospital for treatment of head and chest injuries.

Both cars were considered total wrecks. Guelph O.P.P. investigated. Arthur Hawes, R.R. 1, Limehouse, was released from Guelph General Hospital, following collision with the rear end of a snow plow Thursday afternoon on the Erin-Esquesing town line. He suffered severe facial injuries and chest bruises. Damage to the Hawes car was estimated at \$1500. There was no damage to the grader.

**Special dances during February**

The Pairs and Squares are planning two special dances in the R. L. auditorium during this month. There'll be a Novice Night on February 18 with beginners coming from Streetsville, Brampton and Guelph. On February 27 there will be a Hard Time Dance.

made in the expropriation act and the Authority must start from the beginning once again. "Somebody really booted it," muttered executive member Allan Wright.

Another item of business concerned the acquisition of two parcels of property for the Scotch Block dam, now owned by Bruce Frame. An agreement providing for payment of \$20,000 and giving the owner the right to use part of the lands and water from the stream was approved by the meeting. Mr. Frame is losing 123 apple trees and is being forced to change the location of a new home he intended to build near the site of the dam.

Authority field officer Dave Murray emphasized during Thursday's discussions that the Scotch Block dam would not be a recreational area. "It is a reservoir, period."

The dam is to be built between Highway 25 and the Third Line, just north of 10 Sideroad in Esquesing.

**Free Press News Briefs**

**DON'T FORGET** Valentine's Day, February 14.

**WOMEN'S WORLD** Day of Prayer is Friday, March 9.

**THERE'S A** large new sign at Goy Cartage warehouse.

**REGIONAL GOVERNMENT** is the topic of conversation these days.

**A CHARGE** was laid by Acton O.P.P. following a fight in the arena the past week.

**FERGUS** is planning housing for senior citizens, too.

**BAD DRIVING** conditions during the past month resulted in a rash of minor accidents.

**WHEN THE** snowbanks melted down last week, the winter's crop of no deposit bottles began to show all along the highway's edge.

**THE SHOE** repair shop has moved from the small shop beside the bus station to the former Clansmann restaurant.

**FIRST FULL** rehearsal of the R. L. operetta was Tuesday. Costumes are being stitched up by a group of mothers.

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