



THE SPIRIT OF NASSAGAWEYA and vicinity was evident Saturday as dozens of men converged on the Sixth Line site of the recently burned out home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Bonus and family. The reconstructed building is well on in progress by mid-afternoon. The house was habitable by evening. (Staff Photo)

Establish funds for fire victims

Neighbors help rebuild home

One of the benefits of living in a rural, inter-dependent community where people still have concern for their neighbors' welfare was re-affirmed for the Mervin Bonus family during the last few days.

Mr. Bonus, his wife Pauline, brother Clarence, and daughters, Joyce, Barbara and Matilda were left homeless on Valentine's Day when fire swept through their Sixth Line Nassagaweya frame house.

Although the family had accepted offers for temporary accommodation before the day was out, the basic problem of re-building their home still existed.

A meeting of nine area residents at the home of Joe Windmoller last Monday evening resulted in the establishment of the Mervin Bonus Benefit Fund in the Acton branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Since canvassing of funds is continuing, an accurate total is impossible to ascertain; but Speyside merchant Henry Kelly, whose store is also a collection depot noted the fund is growing steadily.

In addition, a roofing contractor has offered free skilled labor and materials wholesale; and wiring, siding, and nails have been donated by various other Townshippers.

Plans are to salvage the lower section of the house, which was damaged mainly in its second storey; and a clean-up operation went on through last week.

Early Saturday morning, a work bee arrived at the Sixth Line site north of No. 15 Sideroad; and there was a habitable house form there by evening.

Increased traffic activities 1,000 licence plates yet to go

The O.P.P. reporting week of February 16 to February 22, 1969, saw a slight decrease in general occurrences and an increase in traffic activities. The majority of the general occurrences were of a minor nature, requiring little police attention.

The traffic division was busy, much to the discomfort of the motorists. Three traffic accidents were investigated. No one was injured, but property damages were estimated at over \$1,000 to the cars involved. Twenty three drivers were issued traffic citations, of which a large number were radar charges. Another twenty five drivers were warned to change their driving habits.

proceeded on Monday morning and eleven people were convicted of various offences and paid \$450 in fines and costs.

Have you purchased your 1969 licence plates yet? The local issuing office informs us that approximately 1,000 licence plates are still to be sold, with only 3 days left before the deadline. Remember if you don't get your new plates, don't try driving to work on March 1st with your old ones still on, or you will very likely find yourself paying a traffic ticket as well as buying your new plates.

\$800 raised in C.N.I.B. canvas

Total amount collected in Canadian National Institute for the Blind canvas was \$799.24, chairman Mrs. Vic Bristow announces.

Captains were Mrs. Eileen New, Mrs. Josephine Force, Mrs. R. H. Elliott, Mrs. Alice Waldie, Mrs. Val Drinkwater and Mrs. H. Arbie.

Canvassers were Mrs. Sandra McGraw, Mrs. Rosalee Dawkins, Mrs. Mary McKenzie, Mrs. Elma Timbers, Mrs. Lynne Dupuis, Mrs. Janet Muckle, Mrs. Beryl Bennett.

Mrs. Eleanor McCulloch, Mrs. Joan McCristall, Mrs. Jackie Nolan, Mrs. Julie Conroy, Mrs. Gillian Van Blerk, Mrs. R. Ginger, Mrs. M. Sprowl, Mrs. J. Rowe, Mrs. D. Lawler, Mrs. L. Robinson, Mrs. E. Owen.

At the Legion hall

Activities at Branch 197
By Charlie Thomson

Cribbage standings as of Feb. 20th: Reliable Taxi 147, 230 Club 132, Beavers 131, Legion 'B' 125, Legion 'C' 124, Firemen 120, Civiano 120, Legion 'A' 106, Goy Cartage 98.

In Men's Euchre last Friday night Bill Marshall took the top spot with 64. H. Tidler was second with 62. Mike McCristall third with 61. Gord McCutcheon held the hidden score of 43.

In Saturday night's mixed

Three representatives to meet D. McKeough

Halton is likely to have three representatives meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs on regional government proposals since County Council verbally rejected the minister's proposal to include the mayors of Oakville and Burlington in the group.

Originally the Minister proposed three representatives from each county to meet with him and discuss his projected regional government plans for Halton and Peel. County Reeves urged him to raise the number to seven so each Halton municipality would be represented.

The Minister countered with a proposal for three, from county council and the mayors of Oakville and Burlington. County Council, during debate last week suggested it had no power to appoint the two mayors and verbally rejected the Minister's suggestion. Warden G. Currie was considered by the county to be an ex officio member of the Halton delegation.

Free Press News Briefs

SINGERS FOR THE annual music festival are being selected at the schools.

A TRIO OF crows was noticed this week by a resident at the outskirts of town.

PARENT-TEACHER interviews were conducted at the high school this week.

CAN'T JUST REMEMBER a year when walking has been so difficult. Some sidewalks have been impassable for weeks.

SEVERAL OLDER PEOPLE have suffered bad falls on the slushy and icy walks and roads.

WORLD DAY OF Prayer services Friday, March 7, in Acton and district.

GUEST CELEBRANT and preacher Sunday at St. Alban's was the Rev. R. P. E. Jeffares of Nassagaweya and Lowville.

"VIEWS ON Regional Government" - reprints of articles in the Milton Champion on the proposed regional municipality of Halton and Peel - are available at the Free Press office. Some of the articles are the same as those in the sister paper, The Free Press.

Health Unit drops plumbing

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He urged councillors be more thorough concerning any by-law and realize "the effect it would have on each and every one of us." Clerk Joe Hurst explained he was awaiting the results of a Fergus by-law on parking. They had been working on it for several months and would send a copy of it to Acton when it was approved by the department.

Council agreed to continue the Beardmore spring water agreement on a month to month basis until negotiations between the company and the town have been completed. Beardmore and Co. have been unable as yet to meet with the committee to discuss negotiations.

Correspondence from the Halton County Health Unit notifying council that they were dropping plumbing inspection in Acton precipitated lively discussion on the merits of public health nurses at Tuesday's meeting. The Health Unit's reference to "environmental sanitation" introduced a comical wrinkle into the discussion.

Councillors referred the appointment of a local plumbing inspector to committee for

further study after learning that the building inspector checks installations in any new building in town even though he doesn't pretend to be qualified as a plumbing inspector.

Councillor Coats felt it was ironic that at a time when all services were being consolidated in the county the Health Unit should be dumping the onus for this back on the municipality.

Councillor McKenzie said he was beginning to lose track of public health service in Halton. He used to see the services but now he only sees a nurse at the school a couple of hours a week. "Perhaps they are giving wider coverage" but services at the schools are now inadequate and the county board is considering supplementing them."

He told council he had answered a questionnaire last week stating services were no longer adequate. "We have an excellent nurse but she is spreading so thin with so many schools to visit."

Deputy-reeve Ted Tyler thought perhaps the reason was the county staff was down by 15 nurses. Councillor

Defend size...

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Turning to the matter of salaries, the subject of some controversy in the area, the chairman said projections indicate the administrative, supervisory, co-ordinating and consulting staff will be five per cent of the total staff and five percent of the total salary budget will be required for their salaries.

"Obviously the Board of Education and its administrative staff have experienced some problems and difficulties during the past two months, but these have been no greater or numerous than the problems and difficulties which would be experienced during a transition period of any organization of similar complexity and nature," the chairman concluded.

If your wife is not suspicious when you get home late, it's later than you think.

No blame for death recommendations made

No blame was attached by the inquest jury for the accident which claimed the life of truck driver George Robinson of Acton. He was working at Sangamo Co. Ltd.'s Crimes St. plant in Guelph when crushed by a six-ton fork lift truck on January 21.

However, the jury was told the truck had defective brakes and was driven by an untrained operator, and the recommendation was made that there should be compulsory training for fork lift truck operators and regular checks of all loading and unloading equipment used in industrial plants.

The Jury also recommended immediate attention to complaints about defective equipment.

Evidence at the hearing had shown the 13-year-old truck's brakes had a record of failure dating back several years.

Norman Blair, a Department of Labour inspector, said the brake pedal pad on the fork lift needed replacing and the brakes "could be depressed to within an inch of the floor board." He had prohibited further use of the truck after the accident until repairs were made.

Jury members were Carson Allen, Foreman, Donald LeFontaine, Aldo Tunin, Harold Pickering and Brady Mulvihill. Witnesses were questioned by Crown Attorney Richard Chaloner.

Presiding coroner Dr. Frank Farmer said the jury's recommendations would be forwarded to the chief coroner's office and the department of labour. The inquest was held last week in Guelph.

NEWS of the district

ELORA - Elora has gone "wet" with 67 per cent approval following a local option vote last Wednesday.

A total of 630 of 945 eligible voters turned out to approve the two proposals (1) the sale of liquor under a dining lounge licence for consumption with meals and (2) the sale of liquor under a lounge licence for consumption on licenced premises. Both won majority approval of over 70 per cent.

Local officials rate the efforts of a group called the "Boost Elora" committee, largely responsible. The committee staged an extensive advertising campaign to convince the town that liquor licences were needed to stimulate retail business and service in the town by bringing in trade from outside.

A similar "wet" vote was taken in Fergus Dec. 2 but the community rejected it.

Free Press Personal

Mr. Jack Pink is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. Frank Heller spent last Sunday skiing north of Orangeville, to celebrate his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ledger of Erin have returned home after a holiday in Florida. They're former Actonians.

Attending the convention of the Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association last week at the Chateau Laurier Hotel, Ottawa, were Mrs. G. A. Dills, Mr. and Mrs. David Dills, Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Coles of Acton; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dills, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Downs of Milton.

A former Hillsburg resident and native of East Garafraxa Township, George Hawes celebrated his 100th birthday in St. Petersburg Florida on Feb. 15. Mr. Hawes now lives with his daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Harman Leader in Orangeville and is vacationing with them in Florida. He enjoys excellent health and maintains a cheerful disposition despite failing eye-sight.

Visitors from a distance visiting at the home and

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