

**Free Press
News Briefs**

DAYS ARE getting longer.

SCOUTS MARKED Easter with their usual sale of Hot Cross buns.

THE PAIRS and Squares are having a graduation dance this Saturday.

THERE HAVE been plenty of orders for prints of pictures of the skating carnival and hockey teams.

ICE ON the pond is "rattling" and speedily disappearing.

HUGE STOCKS of Easter novelties and candies, and many pots of spring blooms were sold for the weekend.

LOOK CLOSELY at that cloud of dust on the street—the big yellow street sweeper is probably in the middle of it.

ICE MAKING equipment in the arena was turned off Tuesday for the season.

A TORONTO VISITOR, in Acton for the first time and driving along Bower Ave., was surprised to see the row of semi-detached red brick homes that have been there for many years. "Oh, you have town houses here!" she exclaimed.

SCHOOL CHILDREN had their "bonus" holiday Friday and Monday, just a couple of weeks after the winter holiday. There's much comment that the extra Monday holiday isn't necessary.

THE SEASONS overlapped on the Easter weekend for holidaying school children.

Two churches join at day of prayer

The World's Day of Prayer was held on Friday, March 9 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. G. Campbell. The ladies of Ebenezer United Church were present as guests of the Nausaugaweya Presbyterian Church W.M.S. and the two groups joined in prayer and fellowship for this far reaching occasion. Mrs. J. Beaton gave a thought-provoking address and a musical number was sung by Mrs. Hayward. A happy social hour followed.

On Thursday, April 3 the Nausaugaweya W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. McLaren at 2 p.m. for their regular meeting, with Mrs. Velma Norris presiding. The ladies were invited to the Brampton Synodical series of meetings to be held April 22, 23 and 24. After business was completed, the convener Mrs. Campbell quoted the verse: "A Smile" which was followed by prayer. Mrs. Cox read from Scriptures, Matthew 28: verses 1-20.

The program was an Easter Meditation in four parts, taken by Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Cargill, Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Pyatt. A short discussion took place on the meaning of these words.

The hymn: "Christ the Lord is risen today" was sung. Then Mrs. Campbell read an article by the Rev. George R. Gilchrist of Scotland on his journey to Corinth in southern Greece, walking literally in the footsteps of St. Paul and standing where Paul proclaimed the Gospel and so effected a profound change in human relationships. The meeting closed with a verse by John Drinkwater: "Grant us the Will!"

Mrs. Cargill chaired the Ladies Aid meeting which followed. After reading the 23rd Psalm from Scriptures, the well loved hymn: "Abide with Me: fast falls the eventide" was sung. Mrs. Roberts read the minutes and these were discussed and new business considered. It was agreed to take a small catering job in May. The hymn: "Now the day is over, night is drawing nigh", was sung and prayer led by Mrs. Cargill. She thanked the hostess, Mrs. McLaren, and those who helped with the program and a pleasant social hour was enjoyed.

Four out of five forest fires are caused by human negligence. Be careful!



EXCITEMENT AT THE THOMSON farm produced this picture from Wendy Thomson's camera on the day of the long grass fire.

**ACTON
Municipal Council
ACTIVITIES**

At the regular meeting Tuesday night, Acton Council:

* Passed a by-law adopting Daylight Saving Time from Sunday, April 27 until Sunday, October 26. Councillor Peter Marks said the time should be a provincial matter as someone could run into two or three time zones going to work. Councillor Jack Greer, a longtime opponent of daylight saving time, said he didn't agree. "It's men going to the golf course, not men going to work that are upset," he chuckled.

* Passed a resolution to allow the Girl Guides to have a cookie day on Saturday, May 3.

* Endorsed Children's Aid week during April but will issue no proclamation.

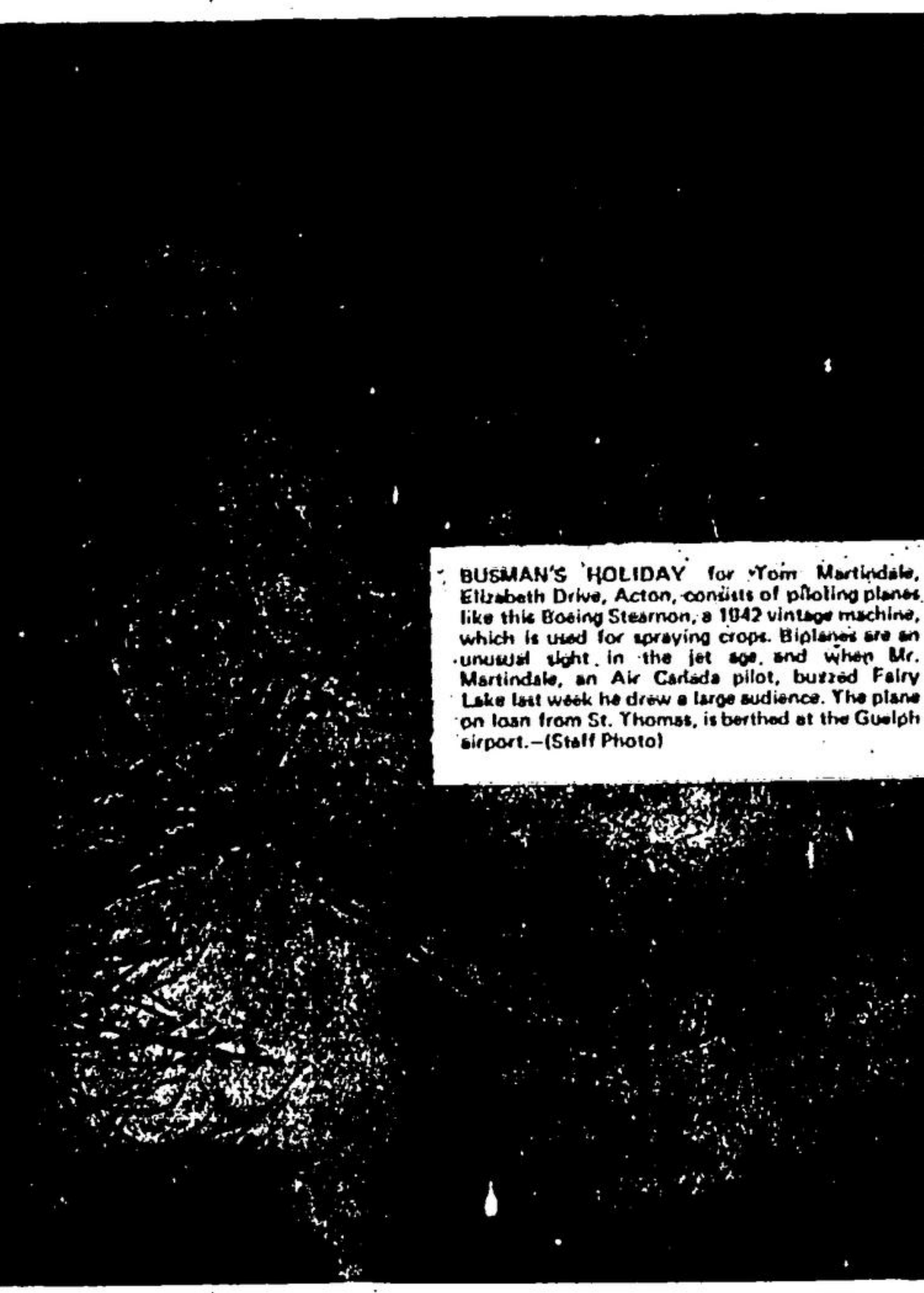
* Accepted the recommendation of No. 1 committee that the town take immediate steps to sell the land recently annexed bordering on Mill St. and Cobblehill Road with the exception of land reserved for cemetery purposes. Several builders are interested in the approximately 40 acres for a housing development.

* Decided to recommend that a public rest room be erected as a joint project of the town's service clubs as discussed at a recent meeting in the V.M.C.A. Representatives of the various organizations will be meeting again soon to discuss a project with the Rotary Club as hosts.

* Councillor Peter Marks chaired the Committee of the Whole session for the short meeting.

honored

One of St. Alban's church lay readers, Les Doby, has been honored by the Bishop and given special privilege and license to help in the administration of the Holy Communion. He assisted at the service Easter Sunday.



BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY for Tom Martindale, Elizabeth Drive, Acton, consists of piloting planes like this Boeing Stearnon, a 1942 vintage machine, which is used for spraying crops. Biplanes are an unusual sight in the jet age, and when Mr. Martindale, an Air Canada pilot, buzzed Fairy Lake last week he drew a large audience. The plane on loan from St. Thomas, is berthed at the Guelph airport. —(Staff Photo)

New station agent dies second day here

At noon on his second day as Acton's new station agent, Lorne Aitchison of Mitchell collapsed and died in the Station Hotel. Mr. Aitchison had replaced Charlie Perry Monday and had returned to the hotel for lunch Tuesday when he was suddenly taken ill. Dr. Van Der Bent was called and treated the 71-year-old man at the hotel, but he died before the ambulance arrived. He was a retired station agent and had worked as an operator at

O.P.P. safety lane to detect "clunkers"

The Acton Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police reports a relatively calm reporting week of March 30 to April 5. The six man detachment worked a total of 236 hours while the cruiser was patrolled 796 miles. One break and enter was investigated, and one person was charged with impaired driving. A liquor investigation resulted in six youths being charged under the Liquor Control Act. The remainder of the general occurrences were of a minor nature. No traffic accidents were investigated during the week. Five drivers were charged under the Highway Traffic Act and another three were warned. With the arrival of spring this

year, the Ontario Department of Transport will be operating a vehicle safety check in town. The lanes are scheduled to be open April 21 to 25. The main reason for operating this safety lane is to take the old "clunkers" off the road. For this reason we ask that people not insist on having an obviously mechanically fit car checked through the lanes. This only uses up time that could be spent checking cars that need it. If you are instructed by a Police Officer to have your car checked at the lanes, make sure his wishes are met, as you can be charged for not doing so. Your driver's licence, ownership and insurance particulars will be required at the lanes.

POT'S CORNER

AN EVENING PRAYER

Forgive us for the smiles we failed to give—Smiles on which saddened hearts may live—And yet—and yet we failed to give!

Forgive us for the words we've left unsaid Words that feed hungry hearts like bread, And yet—and yet we were left unsaid.

And for the little deeds we've left undone, That might have cheered some lonely one—And yet—and yet we were left undone.

Forgive us, Thou who knowest us so well, That we have failed our love to tell By smiles and words and deeds as well.

(contributed)

Gives report on fire prevention conference

Milton Firefighter Jim Coulson, past chairman of the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau, attended the annual conference of the Ontario Municipal Fire Prevention Officers Association at Sarnia earlier this month, as a delegate of Halton Fire Prevention Bureau. He presented a detailed report on the conference at the Bureau's March meeting.

the highlights of the conference, and Mr. Coulson reported fully on the formal and informal discussions of the weekend.

Bureau members expressed an interest in some new literature on fire safety for high-rise apartment dwellers, and decided to write the Ontario Safety League for more information on this subject. With new high-rise complexes springing up almost daily in Halton, the Bureau is interested in expanding its program and getting more safety literature into the hands of apartment dwellers. Presentations on the adoption of the National Building Code, fireworks safety, hospital inspections, hydro transformer and high voltage electrical apparatus fires, arson investigations, and discussions on the recommended height for public building "exit" lights and the possible color-coding and number-coding of hazardous chemicals in transit were among

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