

Brigade douses flaming bed

"Tell people never to smoke in bed", an Acton man told the Free Press as fire destroyed a bed, mattress and blankets outside his home behind the Dominion Hotel Tuesday morning.

Damage to the two storey stucco house was confined to two upstairs bedrooms at the home of Maurice Conway, Acton, where smoke and water was blamed.

Acton firefighters responding quickly to the alarm tossed the flaming mattress and bedclothes out the upstairs window when they arrived around 11:30 a.m. They carried the burning bed frame downstairs and threw it in the yard where it was doused.

Mr. Conway, who lives in the house with his son Andre, said he first noticed a fire in the bed mattress around five o'clock that morning. He extinguished it himself, but thought the fire kept smouldering away in the mattress, breaking out again at approximately 11 a.m.

He notified police who in turn called the Acton brigade. They donned Scott air packs to enter the smoke-filled rooms and hosed them with water to prevent a further outbreak.

Mr. Conway said he had been a firefighter himself for many years in Montreal and preached fire prevention constantly.

The near-noon blaze attracted many spectators from the downtown area. It was the second call for the Acton brigade this week. They extinguished a car fire on 30 Sideroad in Nassagaweya township last Thursday.

Found car

A vehicle stolen from Mississauga was discovered behind Gleades Plaza early Tuesday morning by Const. Nick Farion.



A SHOULDER TO CRY on can be a big comfort when you're doomed to a rabies shot in the leg. Doctor Frank Oakes of Acton was part of a four-man team conducting a rabies clinic for dogs and cats in the Acton Community Centre last Friday. (Staff Photo)



DAVID TURNER had to use a little forceful persuasion when his pet caught sight of Doc Oakes and friends. (Staff Photo)



A CAT IN THE BAG is worth two in the arm at a rabies clinic, especially if the operating table is as high as you. (Staff Photo)

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End state of paralysis on zoning by-law

Last hurdle in the way of Acton's zoning by-law was cleared at a public hearing last Thursday morning chaired by David Jamieson of the Ontario Municipal Board.

Final objection to the proposed zoning was registered by Jack Ridley on his Eastern Avenue property which the planners had rezoned R3 from the original M1.

A previous hearing on the by-law recommending the area which included the adjoining John Sprawl property be exempted from the R3 status on a non-conforming clause was rejected by planners from the Department of Planning.

Mr. Jamieson reviewed the evidence submitted by solicitor

Terry Baines acting for Mr. Ridley and the town's submission by solicitor Bruce Payne before coming up with a solution to the impasse agreeable to both parties.

Mr. Payne explained Acton was sitting around waiting for the by-law to pass. "The town can't act on the by-law and may have lost a great advantage. We have no objection to the Eastern Ave. property staying M1 as long as the rest of the by-law can be implemented."

Mr. Ridley took objection to what he thought was the inference he was holding the town up. "It's not my fault," he said. "I was happy the way things were."

The town solicitor explained

his remarks were not meant as a rebuke. "We want the by-law to get things going," he said. "The way it is now everything is in a state of suspended animation. If the Board wishes to override the objection of the Planning Department it is all right with the town."

Mr. Jamieson declared early in the brief hearing that he was in complete sympathy with the owners of property who were stuck with zoning changes. He thought everything should be done to let them carry on without affecting use of the property.

The chairman outlined three courses of action the town could take and opted for the quickest method which would allow the town to proceed with the zoning by-law and at the same time allow the objection to be handled quickly without upsetting either party.

He promised action as soon as possible. Earlier in the meeting Mr. Baines outlined the Ridley-Sprawl case. He explained the Ridley business had outgrown the premises on Eastern Ave. and the garages there were now used for repair work. Mr. Ridley was called to the stand and pictures of the property were shown showing the position of garages and the well drilling equipment on the Sprawl property.

Possible future use of the land? Mr. Ridley thought it was suitable for light industry. "No one wants property like this as a residence unless they could use

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LAST APPEARANCE for Acton public school secretary-treasurer B.W. Middleton, last chairman of the M. Z. Bennett school addition tonight (Wednesday). Left to right are Orval Chapman, Vic Bristow,

55th anniversary Mr., Mrs. E. Cole

At an Open House Sunday afternoon and evening, June 15, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Cole celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. About 100 called to extend congratulations to this well-known district couple at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Mason, Lake Ave., Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole still live on the farm in Erin township on lot 3, Concession 3, where they have been for the past 38 years. First they farmed in the Scotch Block; in 1918 they moved to lot 32, first line, Esqueping; in 1919 to the Fred Denny farm on the third line, and in 1922 to the Masses farm where they still are. They live with their son Ted.

Mr. Cole was a custom thrasher for years. The couple were married in Sunday, June 15 at 12:05 a.m. One parked vehicle, owned by Freda Perkins, received \$25 damage to the front left fender and bumper. The second parked car, owned by Ronald Johnston, received \$200 damage to both rear fenders, trunk, rear bumper and splash panel. Driver of the other car involved was Dugald Dick, and the car received an estimated \$150 damage to the hood, grill, right front fender and bumper.



WELL-KNOWN district couple Mr. and Mrs. Elton Cole celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Mason, Acton. They farmed in the Scotch Block and Erin township, and Mr. Cole was a custom thrasher. (Staff Photo)

Flowers of Hope drive results disappointing

Local organizers of the Flowers of Hope campaign are quite disappointed in this year's results.

Although the Christian Reformed Church youth group delivered the seeds and envelopes door-to-door, returns are considerably down from previous years.

So far, less than \$300 has come in locally. Last year's door-to-door canvass brought over \$900 for the work with the district's mentally retarded.

L'Arche Auxiliary had difficulty getting the campaign "on the road" this year. Letter to rural routes were eventually

mailed out while different arrangements were made for delivery by town.

Those who were missed, or who would still like to assist with the valuable work, are asked to take donations to the Bank of Montreal.

Money raised this year is to go toward the provision of a residence for the mentally retarded. Mrs. J. Kulken is present of L'Arche Auxiliary and Mrs. Norman Price is one of the main organizers this year. Either of these would be glad to give further information. They even have a few packets of seeds left.

Still wants northern towns to hire plumbing inspector

The county will poll northern municipalities to determine their interest in engaging a plumbing inspector jointly, members of county council agreed Tuesday over some objections.

A report that Milton's request had been filed drew the ire of Deputy-Reeve Ron Harris, when it was indicated a similar proposal would not receive further consideration.

Deputy-Reeve T. Tyler, Acton, suggested Milton had no right to speak for the northern municipalities.

The proposal was approved in principle by the Board of Health, Nassagaweya Reeve W. Hoey said,

after discussions with North Halton Urban Board representatives from Milton and Georgetown.

"We're just splitting hairs," Deputy-Reeve A. Speight declared. He said it was realized the five municipalities had to have the service which is being discontinued by the Health Unit. He maintained the matter should be dealt with at county council.

"In Esqueping we don't belong to the Urban Board and we don't want them to run our business," Deputy-Reeve Tom Hill from Esqueping declared. He noted the township was advertising for its own inspector.

Deputy-Reeve W. Gillies described the county attitude as "short-sighted". He maintained the county should have been on its toes and established the service. He argued the Urban Board was quite free to offer its advice, as any citizens' group would be. "Telling them to mind their own business is an insult."

Deputy-Reeve Harris emphasized Milton was not trying to tell Esqueping how to run its business—but it was desirable for the county to determine the needs of the municipalities in the north to see if they were interested in jointly hiring an inspector.

Students at school before 9:15 a.m., the report notes. The proposal is for the eastern boundary for the M. Z. Bennett School in Acton to be retracted to the back of the lots on the east side of the Fifth Line, rather than the Seventh Line.

The Speyside School attendance area will include pupils on both sides of 25 Sideroad from Acton the

Tyler attacks road proposal

"It's stupid to have the road committee propose 22 sideroad from concessions three to five as a desirable county road," Deputy Reeve Ted Tyler of Acton charged at the monthly meeting of Halton County Council.

The recommendation was contained in a county road committee report that noted the Needs Study Co-ordinating committee had recommended this action. The road committee on its tour of county roads checked the roads in the area "to assess the co-ordinating committee's recommendation."

Deputy Reeve Tyler's charge came after Deputy Reeve W. Gillies observed an Acton delegation invited to the last road committee meeting had failed to appear.

"Do we take it Acton is

satisfied?" the Oakville Deputy Reeve asked tongue-in-cheek. Reeve F. Oakes pointed out the CNR was repairing the bridge at Limehouse and might not be too interested in having it on a county road. A load limit of 10 tons was being placed on the bridge he told members.

Committee chairman G. Gallagher suggested many of the proposals will be amended and the committee will welcome a delegation from Acton. "I personally believe I have some ideas Acton will welcome after reviewing a street map of the town", he suggested.

Deputy Reeve Tyler explained Acton had asked for a date in July to attend the road committee meeting since time did not permit preparation of a proposal and the clerk had written to advise the committee.

Minister rejects proposal board issue own tax bills

A county proposal that boards of education issue their own tax bills drew little encouragement from the Minister of Education and a suggested meeting with the Minister on education costs in Halton was rejected.

In a letter to county council the Deputy Minister of Education suggested that since the provision of educational

services "comes within the purview and responsibility of the Halton County Board of Education... you address a request to the chairman or secretary of the board for its consideration."

"They've very neatly passed the buck", Reeve F. Oakes observed. Deputy Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur, herself a teacher, suggested one of the problems is that the "county bought a bill of goods with too many people in the hierarchy". She suggested this might be where the Board could be asked to review its budget. "It's ridiculous the number of people we have at the top."

Reeve G. Gallagher suggested with today's data processing systems it should be no problem for the board to issue its own tax bills.

More charges of loitering

Two more loitering charges were laid this past week by Acton O.P.P. against two local youths. The first charges under the town's loitering by-law were laid last week.

The police have heard many complaints about the groups of young men on the main business blocks.

Charges of loitering are only laid after the persons concerned have previously been asked to move.

Main-Church collision

Two cars were in collision Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. at Main and Church Sts.

One car, driven by Andre Hanacz, Toronto, was proceeding south on Main and the second car, driven by Mrs. Kathleen Bennett, Poplar Ave., Acton, had come along Church and was crossing Main. The out-of-town car received an estimated \$175 damage to the left fender and rear door. The Bennett car had an estimated \$100 damage to the front right fender, bumper and headlight.

Sales start today!

Today... 20 merchants begin their ever-popular Sidewalk Sales. There's guaranteed air conditioned comfort in shopping all along the main streets for the next 10 days as merchants will be offering special bargains. Most of them are planning especially good buys inside, too.

Each store is planning a special draw of its own. These nearly two dozen draws will all be made Saturday, June 28. Each store is looking after its own lucky draw in its Sidewalk Sales programming.

A large advertisement listing participating merchants appears again this week in the Free Press.

Further boundary revisions proposed for Halton schools

Further boundary revisions affecting Esqueping, Acton and Milton pupils were proposed to the Halton County Board of Education Thursday but not finalized as the Board's 11 p.m. curfew cut off discussion. They will be discussed further this Thursday.

Assistant Director of Education D. L. Lawless noted there had been 16 grade seven

pupils in Esqueping transferred from Stewarttown School to Robert Little in Acton or Martin St. in Milton under earlier boundary changes.

Requests to allow these students to take their grade eight at Stewarttown were studied but indications were it was not economically feasible. "It would require one special bus and it would not be possible to have the

students at school before 9:15 a.m.", the report notes. The proposal is for the eastern boundary for the M. Z. Bennett School in Acton to be retracted to the back of the lots on the east side of the Fifth Line, rather than the Seventh Line.

The Speyside School attendance area will include pupils on both sides of 25 Sideroad from Acton the

Esqueping-Nassagaweya town line, instead of only the south side.

The CNR track running north from Milton is proposed as the boundary for students from the former Milton Heights area. Those on the west of the track will attend Milton schools and those living east will attend Pineview or Stewarttown.