

Extinguish blaze at farm home

Acton firefighters arrived just in time to squelch a flaming roof which threatened to engulf the Nassagaweya farm home of Duncan Moffat Sunday night.

Believed to have ignited from chimney sparks, flames burst out the upstairs rooms of the newer section of the two family house. The original house, protected by a cement wall, was only slightly damaged.

Forced from their home were Mr. and Mrs. John McLean and two small children. The family and neighbors removed kitchen and living room furnishings assisted by firefighters but the furniture upstairs was a total loss.

Mr. McLean and Duncan Moffat were remodeling the kitchen of the home, unaware there was anything wrong when

a neighbor, Sheldon Blow, rushed in to tell them the roof was on fire. They attempted to fight the fire with extinguishers but flames were under eaves and difficult to reach.

Acton firefighters arrived promptly with one truck and emptied the tank on flames. Fire chief Mick Holmes radioed for a second truck on the scene. Pumping water from a reservoir holding over 4,000 gallons the brigade had the fire under control soon and out before midnight. The call was placed at 10.15 p.m.

Mr. Moffat, a well known township farmer once a Nassagaweya member of the Acton district high school board, gave full marks to the Acton brigade for their promptness in arriving at the scene from the six mile run in jig time.

"It was just about out of control when they got there," he said. "But we've still got a house to live in," he indicated the larger older section of the home which escaped with only minor damage.

Mr. Moffat had just finished putting a new furnace and chimney in the house and covered the exterior with white aluminum siding. The fire was confined to the upstairs of the new section but water and smoke damage were evident downstairs.

"Thank goodness it didn't happen in the middle of the night," the quiet spoken farmer said, "or in the cold weather we had last week."

"We didn't smell smoke or anything until the young lad rushed in to tell us the roof was on fire," Mr. Moffat recounted. The home is situated on the Fourth Lane, Nassagaweya, a mile north of 25 Sideroad.

Firefighters appreciated the access to copious quantities of water, admitting it would have been difficult to fight flames without it.

House and contents are covered by insurance, Mr. Moffat said.



FIREFIGHTERS stemmed the blaze which broke out at the home of Duncan Moffat, R. R. 2, Rockwood, Sunday night. Sparks from the chimney are believed to have ignited the roof and the flames spread to the upstairs of the newest section of the double house. Neighbors and friends removed furniture downstairs. (Staff Photo)

Limit power Whiting tells Commons

In a fifteen minute address from the floor of the House of Commons Rud Whiting, Halton MP last week urged the government to take all necessary steps to limit the power of automobiles and to provide more safety on Canadian Highways.

Mr. Whiting suggested an amendment to Bill-137 to evolve around a limitation of horsepower for public automobiles as an added safety measure on our highways.

Whiting criticized manufacturers for promoting high powered cars. "Hardly a day goes by when someone is not brought into our hospital

because of an accident due to drivers who may be careless or unthinking, or whose vehicle may be mechanically defective," he stated.

Later in his address he explained, "In my opinion we do not need faster cars; we need safer cars and safer drivers. The driving public must be educated to realize that the vehicle he drives can be one of two things. In the hands of a responsible person a car can be highly efficient and most pleasant means of transportation. In a split second it can become a weapon of death and destruction."

The MP predicted one of the stumbling blocks toward car safety would be public apathy. "If you wish to see the opposite end of the spectrum from the White Paper on Tax Reform, this is it. While there is public concern expressed about motor vehicle safety, there seems to be little personal concern."

He documented his case further using Ford's effort in 1956 to include safety features. "Public apathy was such that there was little interest on the part of purchasers in acquiring a car equipped with this safety package, and as a result it was withdrawn the following year."

Doctors were the subject of a special rap. Whiting quoted a professor of medicine as admitting fewer than 15 per cent of driving doctors used seat belts and none had regular maintenance.

Mr. Whiting said Canada has the men with knowledge to ascertain what can be done. He suggested the government support manufacturers and the Department of Transport who are working together to develop standards for automotive safety. By doing this, he suggested Canada could and should become leaders in establishing international safety standards.

He indicated this should not be another area in which it might be said we are being dictated to by forces outside the country.

He noted insurance losses are 50 per cent higher on cars with super powered motors than the ordinary vehicle. While figures for total damage were not given for this country Mr. Whiting indicated 200 million pounds were spent annually in insurance claims in England and he thought the same figure would hold true for Canada.

Liquor raid

Four persons were arrested and charged following a liquor raid on a local garage by Acton OPP. One was charged as a found-in, another for having liquor in other than his residence, and two for drinking under-age.

Councillor Bill Coats was in the chair for the snappy Committee of the Whole session.

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OPP report

Winter driving requires patience

During our reporting week from February 1 to February 8 the men at the Ontario Provincial Police, Acton Detachment worked 165 hours while 746 miles were logged on the town cruiser.

Occurrences investigated included a case of indecent assault, and a case of assault. Two drivers have been charged under the new section of the Criminal Code covering impaired driving, one with refusing to give a sample of his breath, and one who failed the breath test.

A disturbance involving several persons on Saturday resulted in six men being warned to keep the peace.

On the traffic scene the only accident reported was one in which one of the drivers failed to remain at the scene. Damage

Rap paper

Councillor Jack Greer thought the Free Press was reneging when no article on his pet resolution asking for a plebiscite on regional government appeared the day following the last council meeting. But he was mollified the following week when an editorial and an article appeared.

"It was a good editorial in The Free Press," committee of the whole chairman Bill Coats commented. "Maybe they wanted to do it right."

A copy of the resolution will be sent to service organizations in town with an accompanying letter explaining council's reaction.

"We're hoping for a clamor reaction," Mr. Greer said.

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WHAT COUNCIL DID

At the regular meeting Tuesday night, Acton council:

- Passed a resolution authorizing Boardmore and Co. to use the Water Pollution Control plant to empty a lagoon of excess water in the spring providing the pumping is done at night and samples taken at regular intervals. The O.W.R.C. had no objection to the company using the plant. Councillor Chapman told council the company was not getting anything free.

- Approved in principle the approach the town parking authority has taken to parking in town.

- Passed a resolution amending the regional government plebiscite resolution so that copies of the resolution could be sent to all service clubs and various committees in town.

- Heard the tree removal program would be completed when stumps were removed in the spring.

- Was asked by Councillor Greer to consider changing the name of School Lane street. "G. W. McKenzie boulevard" asked Councillor Coats, which drew a smile from twin-batted principal-councillor McKenzie. The matter was referred to the administration committee.

- Learned natural fluoride levels in Acton water fluctuated and that the town superintendent has been asked to find out why so council can decide about fluoridating the water artificially.

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ESQUISING Township Council BRIEFS

At their regular meeting, Monday Feb. 2, Esquising Council:

- Passed a resolution saying they are not in favor of financing the Halton Region Conservation Authority, in purchasing Crawford Lake.
- Passed a resolution to petition the Canadian National Railroad that flashing lights be installed on the following crossings: Lot 31 Concession 1, Lot 13 Concession 4 and Lot 14 Concession 5.
- Passed a resolution endorsing the resolution, passed by Georgetown council, that the provincial government assume 100% of the cost of social and family services.
- Approved road accounts totalling \$17,886.75.
- Passed a by-law to provide for the percentage charges for the year 1970 by the 15th day of October and to provide for a percentage discount on all taxes paid prior to September 1, 1970.

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