

Snowmobile hours, barking, loose dogs regulated

At their last meeting of the year, council passed by-laws regulating snowmobiles and dogs.

The meeting was held Tuesday of last week in the council chambers, with all members present except deputy-reeve Ted Tyler.

Snowmobiles may not be driven in the town between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. except for persons leaving or returning home. The 7 a.m. hour changes to 9 a.m. for Sundays.

Snowmobiles are prohibited on sidewalks, boulevards and medians, and on the main streets

-Main, Queen, Young, Mill, Park and Guelph except for persons coming or going to a specific place.

Fines were set at not more than \$10 for the first offense and not more than \$50 for each following offense.

Allan Holmes and Bruce

Cargill of the Acton Snowmobile club had attended a meeting of the public works committee of council December 22 to discuss the problems relating to snowmobiles. The Georgetown snowmobile by-law was reviewed.

The club representatives

suggested that owners of snowmobiles should be allowed to enter the town after 11, on their return from neighboring townships. (This has been permitted in the new Acton regulations.)

The dog control by-law was extended, following many

complaints.

The new section forbids persons to keep dogs which for health reasons, growling, barking or howling endanger or disturb other citizens.

The dog control by-law had previously forbidden dogs running at large at any time.



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Call tenders for clearing Highway 25

Tenders have been called for tenders for the clearing of Highway 25 from Acton to the junction of Highway 24 at Ospringe. Priorities on paving this section of highway have been moved ahead as a result of a government study last year.

MPP John Root notified the Free Press he had been advised of the calling of tenders by the deputy minister of highways, A. T. C. McNab.

Contract number is 70-227 and the official tender calls for clearing on highway 25 from .01 miles south of Acton north limits northerly to highway 24 at Ospringe, including .01 mile of connecting link, a distance of 5.9 miles.

Citizens help after scuffle

After a scuffle in which Cons. Roy Wood's watch was broken and buttons torn off his uniform, an impaired driver was charged and failed the breath test. The man from Georgetown district was apprehended at 1.20 a.m. January 3 in town.

Citizens came to Cons. Wood's assistance.



NEW YEAR'S baby is Janene Michelle McMullen, first daughter for Barbara (Churchill) and David McMullen. The baby was delivered at 12.22 a.m. January 1 in Guelph General Hospital by Dr. David van

der Bent, and weighed eight pounds, 13½ ounces. The McMullens, who live on Park Ave., Acton, already have two young sons, and were delighted with their baby girl.—(Photo by Lorraine)

\$800 damage New Year's Eve

Damage totalled an estimated \$800 and a charge of impaired driving and failing the breath test was laid following an accident at 7.55 p.m. on Churchill Rd. S. early on New Year's Eve.

A car driven by Larry McKeown, Guelph, had estimated \$400 damage to the front end. A parked car was struck, driven by Michael Churchill and owned by his father Bill Churchill of Milton. The car parked in a driveway also had about \$400 damage.

Charge laid after accident

A charge was laid by Cons. Kressler on January 3 following an accident at Bower and Mill E. The accident occurred at 2.40 p.m. Drivers of the two cars involved were Douglas Christie, Main St., Milton, whose car had estimated \$175 damage, and Wayne Hodder, Mississauga, whose car had about \$125 damage.

A charge of careless driving was laid.

Fun turns to tragedy boy, 9, dies

A tobogganing trip ended in tragedy for a group of children at the YMCA camp near Norval Wednesday of last week when one member of the group was struck and killed by a car.

Dead is Stuart E. Pederson, 9, of 105 Larose Ave., Weston. The car was driven by Marie Thomson of 110 Prince Charles Dr., Georgetown.

Milton OPP said the boy was one of a group of youngsters staying at the Y camp who were tobogganing on the north side of Highway 7 that afternoon. As they returned to the camp Pederson and another boy were at the rear of a group, with a Y leader. The boy apparently darted into the path of the car. He was pulling a toboggan.

Mac Sprowl named new county sheriff

Mac Sprowl, deputy sheriff since 1964, is now the sheriff of Halton county, replacing Andy Frank. Mr. Frank retired December 31.

The announcement of Mr. Sprowl's appointment, which had been expected, was made officially in the Ontario Gazette. The position became effective January 1, 1971.

Mr. Frank became sheriff in October, 1958, and Mr. Sprowl was appointed deputy-sheriff March 17, 1964.

Deputy expected
A new deputy will be appointed later, Mr. Sprowl says. There are four office employees in the sheriff's office in the county administration building at Milton, with 14 court constables working out of the office.

Mr. Sprowl will now be in the office more in his new position. As deputy, he was often out serving writs of summonses.

He notes the increasing volume of work with each year as he takes over from his predecessor.

Change robes
As sheriff, he will change his court robes by adding sets of bars down both sides of the coat. Both the sheriff and deputy appear in court with ceremonial robes and the sword which symbolizes their office.



Mac Sprowl

indictable offenses once they reach the courtroom door, and for juries during murder trials.

Mr. Sprowl is a well-known and popular member of his community. He lives on the outskirts of Acton, on part of the former Sprowl family farm, with his wife Joyce, daughters Dianne and Marie.

He was born at R. R. 4, Acton, in 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sprowl who now live in Acton. He has a brother Calvin who lives in Guelph.

He attended Bannockburn public school and then Acton district high school. In 1954 he studied for a year in Great Britain on a Nuffield scholarship.

Active in organizations
He was very active in the Junior Farmers and served on the provincial executive. He was on the board of governors of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

He attends Knox church in Acton, is a member of the board of managers and has been an elder for 13 years.

He's a past president of Acton Rotary club and was the president of Acton Agricultural Society in 1953.

For five years, from 1959 to 1964, he was a trustee on the Esqueping township school area board.

The duties of the sheriff include administering civil law. The department serves writs and documents concerning matters to be dealt with in county and supreme courts.

The sheriff is also responsible for persons charged with

Mason Knit

Plant consolidation creates more jobs

Consolidation of the S. Lennard and Sons Limited of Dundas with Mason Knitting Ltd. into one Acton plant under the Mason name will create from 25 to 35 more jobs, a company spokesman told the Free Press this week.

Owner B. H. Dorfman, of Toronto, expects that the expanded Acton plant will have more volume than the two plants combined when renovations are complete, hopefully by the end of 1971.

Regular Lines
The company will continue to produce the regular Mason children's underwear lines which have been so popular in the past, and add underwear lines for sporting wear in various checks and colors as well as items like golf shirts and the lines Lennards have made famous.

Company spokesman Charles Kirkness said the decision to close the Dundas plant and locate here was due to the efficiency and modern machinery in the Acton plant.

"We have some pretty up-to-date equipment here," he said. It will be augmented by machines from Dundas which are still efficient.

Some employees of the unprofitable Dundas operation will be making the move to Acton.

Employees at the Dundas plant of S. Lennard and Sons were notified of the closure by an announcement, which explained the company's old, inefficient equipment made it impractical to operate from Dundas in the highly competitive textile industry. The company was losing money. In order to save both companies, consolidating into one operation was necessary.

Consequently, it was decided to close the Dundas plant on December 31, 1970.

Carter dropped
Mr. Kirkness said Mason Knitting found their own lines had always been profitable but a venture into the Carter line had not been as successful as anticipated. It has been dropped.

He enthused about the new duofold underwear for those with sporting instincts who prefer colors and checks.

"I've got a pair on now and they are just dandy," he told the Free Press reporter.

Underwear is what Mason Knitting has been about since the company first started operations in Acton about 45 years ago. Amos Mason who later was elected as Acton's first mayor, founded the business with limited equipment and five employees, among them Ray Agnew who is still with the company.

Sells out
The company became Mason Knitting Limited in February of 1968 when George Mason, who succeeded his father Amos at the helm of the company, sold to a group headed by new plant president Brendan Swan. In turn, B. H. Dorfman of Toronto bought

out the other directors in 1970 and assumed ownership of the company.

Expansion at the Acton plant is another in the growth of the home grown industry which has been in the forefront of the children's underwear business since 1922.

Inaugural

Mayor urges early start on projects

In his address to the inaugural meeting of Acton council Tuesday, Mayor Les Duby urged immediate arrangements be made for early work on:

- (a) Mill St. and Park Ave. corner and culvert, paving and sidewalks on Mill St. W. from Park to Victoria Avenues.
- (b) Underground hydro from Alice St. to Willow St. on Bower Ave., Bower Ave. to Mill St. on John St.; River St. to Church St. on Willow St.
- (c) Resurfacing and storm sewers on Bower Ave.
- (d) Resurfacing of Churchill Rd. N.

"These preliminary works, along with budgeting, should keep us busy until the early part of May, when we can move into newly budgeted programs," he told council after they had the oath of office administered in an impressive ceremony conducted by clerk-treasurer Joe Hurst.

"To those interested in a liquor plebiscite late last year, we should advise them to approach council early so we can give them direction as to procedure," the mayor continued.

"Parks and recreation should submit an early estimate for the balance of repairs required at the arena and community centre," the mayor advised.

Urging a continual check on trees in town, removing only where absolutely necessary, the mayor also suggested they should be replanted at a rate of two for every one destroyed. Recent aerial photographs indicated older parts of town had plenty of foliage but he felt effort should also go towards producing shade trees in subdivisions.

Referring to the bogged-down project for senior citizens and geared-to-income housing on Cobblehill Road, the mayor said he would meet with the contractor early to clear the required subdivision agreement so a start could be made before spring, if possible.

He also urged councillors to keep the objective in mind of a "Planning Community", not a "planned community." "Planning must be woven into the fabric of council and considered one of the most important functions," he said.

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B of M remains as town's bank

Acton council will not withdraw the town's accounts from the Bank of Montreal.

At a mid-December council meeting, councillor Bill Coats had introduced a motion for the clerk to investigate the transfer of accounts and loans from the Bank of Montreal, since that bank had just transferred its advertising account from a Canadian-owned company to a subsidiary of an American company.

Manager explains
Ted Pratt, manager of the Bank of Montreal branch here, had attended a meeting of the administration committee of council on December 22 to explain the way in which the bank's advertising contract was

awarded to Spitzer, Mills and Bates. Eight submissions from agencies had been submitted which were narrowed down to four.

Extensive interviewing and evaluation of all facets followed, and finally Spitzer, Mills and Bates was considered the most suitable.

Letter passed on

A letter from the B. of M. senior vice-president, Ontario Division, John B. Leslie, was passed on to the Mayor by Mr. Pratt. The letter explained Spitzer, Mills and Bates had been operating in Canada since 1928, and the association with Ted Bates and Company in the U.S. began in 1960.

The agency, with offices in Toronto and Montreal, has all Canadian accounts, and a staff of over 170 - just one of them an American. Decisions are made in Canada. Most of the stock is owned by Canadians.

Mr. Pratt also reviewed for the council committee the advertising methods of other banks. The administration committee recommended to council that no further action be taken in the matter.

Borrow

Acton council passed a by-law at Tuesday's inaugural meeting authorizing the borrowing of \$624,000 from the Bank of Montreal, a figure approximately 70 per cent of the \$900,000 income the town will receive in the current year.

Reeve Frank Oakes, chairman of the budget committee, explained the borrowing is necessary to carry council through until tax income is available about May.

"We may not use that much but it is there if needed," the reeve commented.



SNOWMOBILING IS the popular winter sport in town and district as numerous brands of the machines load the market. The boom has turned some municipalities sour on the sport during certain times and they have regulated hours of operation. But this doesn't appear to bother Paul Cargill who just wishes he was old enough to have a machine of his own to operate.—(Staff Photo)



INAUGURAL MEETING of Acton council Tuesday evening saw the oath of office administered, committees set and policy discussed. Seated in front, left to right, are Reeve Frank Oakes, Mayor L. A. Duby, Deputy Reeve Garnet McKenzie and clerk-administrator Joe Hurst. Standing are councillors Norm Elliott, Peter Marks, Bill Coats, Orval Chapman, Jack Greer and Earl Masales.—(Staff Photo)

LIBRARY BOARD will hold its inaugural meeting in the library Wednesday of next week.