



50th
GOLDEN wedding anniversary was celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson this week.—(Staff Photo)

Mr., Mrs. G. Simpson mark 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at a family dinner which was held on Valentine's

Day at the home of their daughter, Mrs. H. Bittorf. They were married February 15, 1921 at Huttonville and moved

to Acton in August of 1923 where they have lived since.

Musical pair

For many years Mr. Simpson belonged to Acton Citizens' Band and also the United church choir dating back to 1924. He also served six years on the Board of Stewards and the session and was church treasurer for one year. Mrs. Simpson also sang in the choir until she was asked to take over the organ at St. Alban's church, Acton, where she was organist for nine years from July 1935 to July 1944. She took over from Harold Webster who had been organist for several years before her.

Family

The Simpsons have one daughter Helen (Mrs. Bittorf); a son Lorne of Burlington and six grandchildren. Their oldest son Harold was killed in July 1944 in the war.

They received a telegram from Prime Minister Trudeau extending congratulations.

Town's gift

Mayor Les Duby and clerk-administrator Joe Hurst presented the town's traditional gift, a gold tea set.

The Free Press joins many friends in extending congratulations to this well-known couple.

Esquising may need park for mobile homes—Hill

Reeve Tom Hill thinks Esquising Council is going to have to consider designating a place in the township for the location of mobile homes soon, since more and more people are using them.

An enquiry from Mervin Barber, a resident of 23 Sideroad near the First Line, prompted discussion of the matter among councillors at Monday night's meeting.

Asks position

Mr. Barber asked about council's position on allowing mobile homes into the township and also about the possibility of opening a snowmobile sales and service business on his property. He presently operates a recreational camp in the summertime and rents snowmobiles in the winter.

Council granted Mr. Barber permission to allow mobile homes, used by construction workers, to set up on his property for the summer only but ordered a mobile homes park operated by Mr. John Wood at "The Breezes", near Acton vacated in 1969.

Grants permission

The reeve recently granted

residents of the Turkington home on 15 Sideroad, which was destroyed by fire, temporary permission to live in a mobile home for a period of three months before they appear before council.

Reeve Hill hinted Monday Esquising is keeping a close eye on Chinguacousy township to see what they do about mobile homes.

Mr. Barber told council he would like to have about 10 or 15 mobile homes on his property. Neighbors along 23 Sideroad have no objection, he said.

One exists

One mobile home park presently exists in the township in the village of Norval. Homeowners are required to pay the township \$120 per year for a permit.

Entering the discussion, Sixth Line resident Peter Bowman said he heard there are trailers set up at a park near Limehouse. Reeve Hill instructed clerk-treasurer Delmar French to investigate the matter immediately.

Regarding snowmobile sales and service business, Mr. Barber told council a report on the

Toronto-centred Region states small businesses and services should be allowed in rural areas. The township's agricultural holding by-law prevents the use of land for any other purpose than the one existing, however.

Scrapyard?

Mr. Barber expressed the opinion the township should not be able to collect taxes for land that is frozen by the by-law and hinted if he doesn't receive council's approval for either the mobile home park or the snowmobile sales and service business, he might sell his property for a scrap-yard.

When councillors questioned whether Mr. Barber could sell his land for a scrap-yard, he asked them to check a by-law passed in 1962. The by-law prevented the use of yards for scrap-yards, but listed existing scrap-yards as exceptions. Sure enough Mr. Barber's property was listed right at the top. "There's still some scrap there," he reminded council.

Council promised to contact their planner and try to give Mr. Barber an answer to his questions as soon as possible.

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It is expected the winner will be announced some time in May.

Pupils of 10 area schools take part in program

A variety night, involving between 350 and 400 performers from ten schools, will be held Thursday evening, Feb. 25, in Acton high school auditorium.

The executive of the North Halton Association for the Performing and Creative Arts (formerly the Music Festival Association) is arranging the new type of program.

Special display

Gymnastics, both instrumental and vocal music, and drama will be on the program, with a display of art, industrial art and home

economics.

The program and displays will be of work which originated in classrooms of Area No. 1 of North Halton-Acton district high school, M. Z. Bennett school, Robert Little School, Brookville, Campbellville, Speyside, Limehouse, Stewartown, Glen Williams and Norval schools.

Maybe another

There will be no admission charge and the public is invited to attend.

If this event is supported and enjoyed, the Area 1 executive

plans to present a show again next year, possibly putting it on in three different locations in Area 1.

The Music Festival will be held in April as usual.

County seminar is proposed

Providing the plan receives a favorable reception from the municipal councils in Halton, the county council will stage a seminar that would allow all councillors from the seven areas to trade ideas and learn from one another.

While members of county council agreed the idea had merit, the proposal put forth by Burlington Reeve Jim Swanborough sparked considerable discussion, at Tuesday's council meeting.

The tentative date suggested was April 1. The Warden was to appoint a committee and bring back a report about what should be discussed, when and where and if council members should receive pay for attending.

Halton transport \$1,000,000 price tag

Halton County Board of Education budget projections show transportation costs will be up by \$87,500 to bus the 10,300 students who require rides to and from school this year. The projected transportation budget is now set at \$1,000,830.

The increases are due partially to increased wages and increased contracts with transportation firms. Debt charges are expected to increase by two and a half per cent to a total of \$3,743,836.

The proposal allows for an increase of \$7,200 to cover transportation costs for field trips and team transportation. Of the budgeted \$37,100, \$22,500 is allowed for field trips and \$14,600 for team transportation.

Request grant

Halton Region Conservation

Authority has requested a grant of \$21,000 from the Board to carry out field trips and excursions involving nature study. Last year the board granted \$7,000. Their request has yet to be considered.

Budget considerations which got underway during January continue through February. The board will hold a regular meeting tomorrow evening (Thursday) and deal with the budget Feb. 25.

Careful process

During the discussions items are carefully explained by a trustee but no decision is made. Additions or cuts can be made at the conclusion of the budget discussions.

Motions urging the hiring of a junior consultant and a research consultant were tabled to allow administration personnel to complete related studies.

Children skate on icy township roads

Esquising Council promised Peter Bowman Monday night they would contact roads superintendent C.E. "Bud" Snow about the possibility of leaving a box of sand by the roadside on the Sixth Line hill, just north of the Highway 7 intersection.

Bowman complained he had trouble getting up the hill and his 15-year-old son was stuck in Acton the night of the ice storm, Thursday, Feb. 4. He said the road was not sanded from Thursday until late Friday night. Bowman said he called the township offices at noon hour and again at 5 o'clock Friday. The road was finally sanded shortly after 10 in the evening, he said.

Mechanical failure

Reeve Tom Hill told Bowman there had been a mechanical failure on the hopper of one of the sanding trucks that particular night.

"Couldn't extra men be hired to help out with sanding?" Bowman enquired.

Hill explained the township just can't go out and pick up a truck and extra men, since they would have to carry insurance and compensation.

Praises crew

Councillor Len Coxe, who made the suggestion of a hillside box of sand, said he thinks the township works crew has done its best to get people home during stormy weather conditions this winter. The crew has 135 miles of road to look after.

John Dixon, who resides on the Sixth Line between Five and 10 Sideroads, told council his portion of the road was not sanded Friday morning.

"I went and got the kids and we skated on the Sixth Line that day," he told council.

Order new flag

A brand new flag will be flying outside Esquising township offices soon, as a result of a letter to council from Mrs. Joyce Lock, R. R. 3 Georgetown.

In her letter, Mrs. Lock said she was overcome to see a torn flag flying when she was passing the offices. Canada's flag should be treated with respect and lowered at sundown, the letter continued.

Clerk-treasurer Delmar French told council the recent ice storm had partially ruined the flag.

Councillor Len Coxe said Mrs. Lock was voicing his own sentiments. "I concur completely," he said.

Remand charges

When Barry Stevens appeared in court in Milton Monday, he was remanded a week. He is charged with non-capital murder following the death of Calvin Gordon Peddie in a MacDonald Blvd. home Friday, February 5. Stevens has been in custody in Milton jail since the incident. He was also remanded a week when he appeared in court last Monday.

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