

OUR READERS WRITE:

No fire but firefighters on ball!

R. R. 4, Acton
To Acton Fire Dept.

Quick action brought the fire department to our sideroad today (Tuesday, April 20). Fortunately there was no fire. Sorry to have caused a false alarm.

A small explanation; we have had trouble with bees and in order to get rid of them I devised a plan of attack.

What seemed like a strange scene to you, was merely me in a diving wet suit with a defogging gun, spraying along my windows.

Someone saw the fog and quickly called in an alarm.

By then, it was too late to stop the truck. We hope it didn't cause too much inconvenience to you all, but look at it this way — it was a good drill!

At least we know that when we are away we have nothing to worry about in the way of fires.

Acton's Fire Department is certainly on the ball.

My apologies,
Ken Boudreau

Ask for help with history of West

SEEKING HISTORY ON CANADA'S WEST

The Editor:

We wish to appeal to your readers for help in a program to preserve Canadian history. Many settlers in the Canadian West came from the older provinces, so the Glenbow-Alberta Institute of Calgary is now trying to discover any old records which might exist among eastern families. Items such as diaries, letters, photographs, drawings, political or business papers, and artifacts dealing with the west are probably lying in many attics in your area. Some may deal with the fur traders, Mounted Police, missionaries, railroaders or ranchers, while others maybe letters from relatives who

homesteaded on the prairies.

If such items are sent to Glenbow, they will be preserved and made available to historians. Glenbow has two museums, an art gallery, library and archives devoted to this purpose. By knowing our past, we hope that people will understand their country and have greater pride in being Canadians.

If any of your readers have western items or know where they may be found, we hope they will write to Director of History, Glenbow-Alberta Institute, 902-11th Avenue, S.W., Calgary 3.

Hugh A. Dempsey,
Director of History,
Glenbow-Alberta Institute

For first time

Homemaker services set up by Red Cross

Homemaker services are now available in all of North Halton.

The Georgetown branch of the Red Cross society has tried for many years to get this service in the community. The Halton County Family and Social Services asked the Georgetown-based group to also take on Acton, Milton, Esquesing and Nassagaweya. A grant has been given by the county.

State purpose
The purpose of the Red Cross Homemaker Service is to provide competent women to go into homes on a daily basis to care for the family while mother is ill at home or in the hospital, or in other emergencies.

The service permits the breadwinner to continue working assured that the family life will be maintained as normally as possible; to provide home assistance to senior citizens; to give assistance to the chronically ill; to give service regardless of race, nationality, religious beliefs, political opinion or income.

Fee structure

Fees for this service are charged; however they are based on the family's ability to pay. Where the family can pay only part or none of the fee, financial assistance may be obtained Nurses Services Act.

The Homemaker is a paid part-time employee of the branch. She is carefully selected for her mature and stable personality and her good health. The Homemaker, while on duty, wears a Red Cross smock and cap. Her responsibilities include care of children, planning and cooking meals, light laundry, light housekeeping and simple bedside care under the direction of a doctor or nurse.

New Branch

Georgetown branch of the Red Cross has had a very active year. Members are contacting the Milton branch concerning the new service, and hope that a branch may be established in Acton soon.

Advertisements give details of

the new and much-needed service here.

Fairy Lake may harbor waterfowl

Fairy Lake may take on a colorful new look this summer if present parks and recreation committee plans for the lake are carried out.

Parks supervisor Harold Townsley has suggested the committee try to procure some swans, ducks, and geese and set up feeding stations for them nearby.

Fairy Lake has already been declared a wildlife sanctuary. Signs indicating this are posted in the area of the lake.

The committee has also decided to contact the Department of Lands and Forests to ask about the possibility of having the lake restocked with fish.

Nassagaweya "goes to the top"

Complain to minister education levy is rising

Nassagaweya Councillors plan to go "right to the top" in their campaign for relief from rising education levies for Halton County Board of Education.

They decided, after a special meeting Wednesday, to seek an audience with the new Minister of Education for Ontario, the Hon. Robert Welch at which they plan to complain about the provincial equalization factors which have caused councillors—and taxpayers—much grief in the past two years.

Up 11.36 mills
Sparking their protest is a 5.38 mill increase which, when coupled with last year's 5.98 mill hike, force the township to pay a total of 11.36 more mills for education over the two years. On a \$7,000 assessment, that is worth roughly \$80 in two years. Education levies in every other Halton municipality went down in both 1970 and 1971 while the township's went up to pay for an error in establishing the equalization factor in 1969, and councillors are unhappy about the situation.

They told representatives of the Halton County Board of Education just how unhappy they were, when three Board delegates met with the council at Wednesday's meeting.

The problem stems from 1969 when the board and county officials had to guess at what the equalization factors would be, and the estimate was later proven to be wrong. The share of costs apportioned to the township was underestimated and although the township mill rate for education went down 9.2 mills that year, increased rates were necessary for the next two years to compensate for the 1969 underlevy, explained Bruce T. Lindley, financial officer for the board.

Greater percentage
Despite the explanation of the complex system for figuring out each municipality's apportionment, Deputy Reeve Don McMillan insisted there was still a discrepancy in the system which was causing Nassagaweya to pay a greater percentage of the board's budget than it did a year ago. Board officials were unable to explain why, but promised to look into it with the provincial grants department.

Councillors said they felt the 1969 problem was the fault of the provincial statisticians and decided to press the department for some relief. They have already requested a meeting with the minister to discuss Nassagaweya's lack of direct representation on the county board. Tom Watson of Acton represents both Acton and the township, and the township wants to have a township resident carry their wishes to the board table.

"Tom's a long way away from Campbellville," said Councillor Art Gibson. Mr. Watson said he was as close as the telephone and was available anytime to look

into township education problems.

Got "hosed"

Turning to the increasing mill rate, Deputy Reeve McMillan said "It is obvious we got thoroughly hosed by re-assessing here in 1968." The increased assessment total led the equalization factor estimators to figure it too high while the provincial figure came out lower. The factor cannot be appealed but the township's apportionment of the county levy can be, Mr. Lindley said.

"There is definitely an error. If Burlington and Oakville were in our position, the province would take steps to correct it. Because we are a smaller municipality, they are letting it go," added the deputy reeve.

Mr. Watson suggested the township might get in touch with other smaller communities in surrounding counties, which are also facing rising levies due to problems with the equalization factors. He felt a joint protest might carry more weight.

Call for Mort?
Councillor Jim Watson (no relation) wondered facetiously if someone like Morton Shulman should be called in to investigate. Another point that bothered the councillors concerned the province's promise to pick up

deficits charged against many smaller school boards when the county system of education was introduced a few years ago. Nassagaweya's school board had turned over a surplus of \$36,000 to the Halton board and Councillor Gibson felt "we are being penalized for being a good board and turning over a surplus."

Mr. Gibson also made a plea to the Board to keep the Campbellville School open. The Board is upping the taxes to a municipality with has to share a trustee with Acton, and now it talks of closing one of the two township schools, he complained. He wondered if closing the school was "really justified" by the financial picture or if it would be better public relations to leave it in service, for the harmony of the parents and children.

Two pianos, two tunes
Board chairman Douglas Wood said it was like listening to two pianos, each playing a different tune. "One says without regard to anything, cut costs; the other says you should listen to humanities," he observed.

No final decision has been made on the future of the village school, he noted, although the Board has considered closing it in addition to Norval and Milton's Bruce St. public schools by the year 1975.

HALTON County Council HIGHLIGHTS

At the regular meeting of Halton County Council Milton April 20, Council:

—Approved an expense paid trip for the Director of Social and Family Services and two councillors to Thunder Bay for the Ontario Welfare Officers' Association June 6-9 and authorized the director to attend the Welfare Administrator's Seminar April 21.

—Approved the hiring of a family counsellor.

—Learned a supervisor had been hired to direct the Georgetown Homemaker Service and is being trained before putting the service into operation.

—Agreed the Board of Health will consider hiring an Assistant Nursing Director at a later date.

—Accepted the resignation of nutritionist Miss E. Randall.

—Approved the hiring of three public health nurses effective Sept. 1.

—Learned the finance and agriculture committee would meet with the representatives from Halton sportsmen's clubs to discuss the possibility of a deer hunt this fall in Halton.

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ACTON ANIMAL CLINIC

Drs. B. C. Buckrell and D. F. McEwen of the Georgetown Animal Clinic are pleased to announce the opening of an out patient pet animal clinic in Acton. The clinic is situated at 113 Mill St. E. (Previously Marks Groceria). The clinic will be open on an appointment basis, starting

Monday May 3, 1971

For an appointment please phone 853-1791 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday to Friday. In the case of an emergency or no answer phone 877-2258.

History at every turn in Israel . . .

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natural sciences and Mr. Oestermann suggested that more natural science students will have a significant impact on the whole Middle East because Israel has pioneered a number of ways for developing the country, once thought barren. The university also includes 110 Arab students who, it is hoped, will be able to put to use in their own areas what they are learning on Mount Scopus.

The university at Haifa has 300 Arab students, many studying in the natural sciences. One young Bedouin came from a tribe on a windy hillside near the Dead Sea where he lived a nomadic life. He was one of three of his father's sons at the university and he completed his course as a physician. He has now returned to the Bedouin tribe to care for them with a personal goal to encourage education for girls.

I talked with Jim Shalom, 19, of Ottawa who is a student at the Hebrew University. He had completed his high school education

in Ottawa and his father had also come to Israel to study Hebrew. Jim is studying chemistry and is in his first year. He was required to take a crash course to augment the Hebrew background which he had, since the courses at the University are in Hebrew.

He felt the course was more difficult than in Canada because they were required to know more material and it was difficult to get books from the library.

"You can't just flit around from faculty to faculty either, because the demand for facilities is too great," Jim said. He's planning to stay in Israel and his sister Judy, a graduate of Carleton University, may join father and son in Israel.

On now to the Shrine of the Book where the famous Dead Sea scrolls are kept in the world's only designed subterranean museum, opened six years ago. The caves from which the original Dead Sea scrolls came were ideal for their preservation, so on exhibit here were some of the scrolls and some of the manuscripts which were rescued from those caves in the Qumran area dating back to about 16 A.D.

One of the scrolls contains the 66 chapters of the book of Isaiah and is 24 ft. long.

A visit now to Yad Vashem, the heroes and martyrs memorial where we were met by Edward Gelbar, vice-chairman of the institution which commemorates the six million Jews who died in concentration camps during the Second World War.

Mr. Gelbar was a Toronto resident about 18 years ago.

Yad Vashem is a memorial and it is also charged with recording the history of that particular period in which so many Jews lost their lives. The documents contained run into the millions of microfilms and much of the material gathered was used in the war trial of infamous Adolf Eichmann.

Nearby at the Tent of Remembrance the names of major concentration camps are marked on the floor and we observed the kindling of the flame ceremony, in remembrance again of those who died in the concentration camps. Along the walk to the tent were trees planted in honor of those from other countries such as Holland and Germany who assisted the Jews to escape the persecution of the Third Reich.

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