

Merry Christmas

"Mac" Freeman seeks recount

Malcolm Freeman, who lost a bid for the third seat or Esqueving Council by a single vote in the December 4 election has decided to ask for an official recount.

Freeman was edged 900 votes to 899 by George Malby. He first announced he was satisfied to see new blood on council and would not ask for a recount, but changed his mind after conferring with his supporters.

A Halton County court judge will decide if, when and where the official recount will take place.



MALCOLM FREEMAN

DECEMBER 25, 600 A.D. Traditionally, the first Christmas feast in England was held at the Round Table of King Arthur. The actual date is unknown.

Halton gets \$131,945 winter works grants

Halton's seven municipalities will share in \$131,945 worth of provincial-municipal employment incentive grants this winter, Halton East MPP and Minister of Government Services

Jim Snow announced this week. County Council will receive \$32,925 of the county's share, with Burlington slated for \$45,240 and Oakville \$32,048. Acton is offered \$2,643; Milton

\$3,405; Georgetown \$8,820; Esqueving \$4,850 and Nazagaweya \$2,000, Snow reported. "This money will be used to pay the wages of those employed through the intensified winter works program," the MPP noted.

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Theft of coins, stereo produce O.P.P. charges

Snowmobile complaints continue to arrive at the police office. These are generally that the machines are travelling too close to homes late at night.

Last week a missing person from Kitchener was located here and returned. A person arrested on a warrant from Acton by Guelph detachment was escorted to jail by Acton officers.

Last Wednesday complaints of telephone lines down following the ice storm were relayed to the Bell by police. The phone lines were on York St. and Churchill Rd. N.

Machine coins

Theft of estimated \$30 worth of coins was reported from the Seneca apartments. The coins were in the boxes of two washing machines. Seneca Apartments also reported Saturday the chandelier down from the front

lobby and ceiling tile torn down. On Thursday two Burlington youths were charged. They were stopped in Burlington and found to be in possession of a car stereo believed stolen from Canadian Tire store here the previous Saturday.

Tow cars

Several cars were towed away during the night Friday; they were on the streets hampering

Fatal fall — man freezes

A Georgetown area man froze to death outside his home Saturday night, report Milton O.P.P.

Police say Bernard J. Shepherd, 46, froze to death outside his home, after being knocked unconscious when he

snow removal.

Monday a local youth was charged with theft from the Eze-Coin Wash on Mill W. He appears in court Jan. 3.

Sunday night the door of the council chamber was left unlocked and subsequently a table was found overturned and the new flags knocked over. The incident is under investigation still.

slipped and fell. He had apparently walked home from a dance.

Mr. Shepherd lived with his brother-in-law Patrick Crawford on 15 Sideroad Esqueving near the Ninth Line. He was unmarried.

Band, singers tonight

Listen for music tonight! Wednesday is the evening both the band and the large group of carollers will be out to serenade the town.

The singers, organized by Joyce Carpenter and her dance class, were also out last night (Tuesday). They are collecting for centennial commission funds this year. They are going by bus, taking a different part of town each of the two nights.

The band is also jaunting by bus this year, so they can be heard by more people and also so they can keep their instruments warm.

Dec. 27 issue

Deadlines for news and advertising for the Wednesday, December 27 issue of the Acton Free Press will be noon on Saturday, Dec. 23.

No charge for hum

"What do you do for a buzzing meter?" asked Commissioner Orville Brown at a meeting of the hydro commission, Thursday. "Is it vibrating?" asked colleague Ted Tyler Sr. "It sure is," came the reply. "Take a piece of rubber tubing and wrap it around the meter then" advised Tyler, recalling he

had done it with one that plagued his home and it had stopped the noise, which superintendent Doug Mason acknowledged happened with some meters, and not with others.

Tyler agreed it was annoying but smilingly reminded his colleague hydro charged nothing for the humm.

Two year sentence for arson

Convicted of arson last week, Gordon Adamson of Acton was sentenced Monday to two years less a day. He remains in jail in Milton since a charge of attempted arson and over 20 charges of car theft will be heard in January. The charges extend over a period of a year and four police detachments are involved. Last week's court case concerned the charge of arson in connection with the fire Sept. 22 at the home of Mrs. Ann Mowat and her son John.

Suggest icy corners should be sanded

Councillor Norm Elliott has asked council's public works committee if it is possible to concentrate sanding on Acton streets on corners and grades where it is particularly difficult for vehicles to manoeuvre, because of ice.

Elliott said last night (Tuesday) he has seen several cars slipping badly and having difficulty negotiating corners.

Councillor Orv Chapman, a public works committee member, said the town works crew has already used half of its 1400 tons of sand. He said 40 tons of sand was used on one subdivision in one day.

Mayor Les Duby said the fact that ice came ahead of the snow this winter is playing havoc with roads in all municipalities. He said the works crew has tried in

the past to apply calcium on corners, only to find a worse condition with the water that results from the melting ice.

The mayor did suggest, however, that public works committee consider extending snow removal service in town. He said he is receiving a lot of requests in this regard and admitted snow piles sometimes build up to intolerable heights

Wires burn between Hydro, town

The harmonious relationship between Acton Hydro and the town office has developed some friction as a result of action at Queens Park.

The Department of Transportation and Communications has told the town they won't pay subsidies for certain works unless they have separate invoices for each item such as recent street lighting installations.

Acton Hydro has only one street lighting account, when the town is billed for work it comes under one invoice. The Department wants the town to have the daily time sheets for the

men involved but the auditor from Ontario Hydro says if the town wants to see them they can see them in the hydro office.

"Do we ask the town for daily time sheets for their men?" chairman Wilf McEachern replied to the town queries. He recalled it was the town which asked Hydro to pay for 50 per cent of the cost of labor for cutting trees on Bower Avenue after they requested Hydro do the work.

"We never refused the town if we could help them," the chairman said, as hydro commissioners recalled past cooperation by both municipal

bodies. The clerk blames it on the Minister, Secretary Audrey Urquhart told hydro commissioners.

It was the second instance of irritation between Hydro and representatives of the town at the meeting.

Earlier the commission wanted to know why they had to pay town auditors to come over and audit their books. The secretary said the deputy-clerk had said it was all part of the Act.

"Our own auditors look after this," Commissioner Ted Tyler reminded the commission. We are being billed for \$250 for a

It was decided to write and ask the appropriate Department to point out where in the Act it says that Hydro has to pay for the town auditors.

The slight friction was the only irritant in an otherwise short Christmas meeting of the Commission Thursday. The commission paid the bills, including accounts of \$62,865.31, kept up to date with the work of employees and then held an informal Yuletide get-together.

Hydro commissioner John Armstrong of Georgetown was a guest.



(Photo by D. Pink)

MONDAY AFTERNOON accident at the Mill-Main corner sent the traffic lights to the ground and the driver of the car,

Aime Gosselin of Collingwood, to the Medical Centre. Acton O.P.P. estimated total minimum damage at \$500.

Traffic lights topple—struck by car

One of the traffic light standards at the Mill-Main corner toppled Monday afternoon when struck by a car driven by Aime Gosselin, Collingwood. The driver was alone in his car at the time and was treated at Acton Medical Centre and released.

The impact disengaged the traffic lights from the standard and they lay ineffectively out on the road.

His '68 Chev was towed away by Toth's garage. Minimum

damage as estimated by Acton O.P.P. is about \$500 to both the car and light standard.

The collision occurred at 1.25 p.m. with spectators gathering at the main corner.

Three more

other accidents were investigated during the past week by the Acton police.

December 13 at 12.30 p.m. a collision took place at the Mill-Main corner, with charge laid of making an improper turn.

Drivers involved were Derek Halford, Oakville, with \$150 damage to his station wagon, and Larry S. Allan, Burlington with no damage to the truck he was driving. Both were northbound at the time.

Mechanical failure

December 18 a collision on Main N. was blamed on mechanical failure and no charge was laid. Drivers, both headed south, were Leo McGiloway, Acton, with estimated \$400

damage to his car and George Roodzant, Oakville, with estimated \$500 to his car. The time was 5.50 p.m.

Yesterday (Tuesday) a collision on Knox Ave. was investigated and a charge is pending, according to police. Drivers involved were Jean Harris of Esqueving township, with car damage estimated at \$200, and Charles Leatherland, Acton, with damage set at \$100 to his vehicle.