



LOOKING OVER a document that outlines new postal codes announced last week are Milton Postmaster Walter Bell, Acton Postmaster Gord McKeown and Tom Shields of the Milton Post Office. The details concerning the code were announced at a press conference in Toronto Wednesday. (Photo by B. Burt)

Postal code announced

A new postal code came into effect for south central Ontario last week when federal postal officials announced the initiation of the code. If they haven't already, residents in this area will receive letters notifying them of their code in the near future.

Murray McBride, executive assistant to Andre Ouellet, Postmaster General, said that if 56 per cent of the people can be persuaded to use the code when doing their mailing the cost of mechanization will be covered in savings. If more than that use the code, a considerable saving will be realized. The project is estimated to cost \$75 million.

McBride and other postal officials suggested that the new system would result in an efficient and cost effective system for sorting mail.

Changing work load
"In 1973 and '74 and in the years for which they plan, enormous mail volumes arrive throughout every day. There has been a change in the workload and the Post Office Department is changing too. One part of our attempt to draw the best possible good out of the inevitable change is the Postal Code."

"Urbanization and the population increase have resulted in further complications. For example, our 15 largest Canadian cities account for a full 85 per cent of all the mail. Montreal and Toronto alone have 44 per cent. Every day, Canadians mail about 15 million letters and parcels. In one year, this adds up to five billion. When this mail is sorted by hand, a letter can be handled up to 21 times between mailing and delivery," McBride said.

Bus in collision 16 passengers

Damage totalled an estimated \$400 Wednesday in a two-vehicle collision on Main St. S. One of the vehicles was a bus owned by the Department of Correctional Services with 16 passengers, wards of the court being transferred to another institution. Driver was Thomas Bainbridge of Fort Credit, who later complained of chest pains. Other driver was James Markie of Acton.

Montreal, British Columbia and the Maritimes will follow. The entire country should be coded by late 1973.

Mailing lists will be coded by the Post Office free of charge. The general public and businesses should contact their local post office if they want coding done.

Soft pedal code at Acton office

Although Acton has been issued a postal code—LOP 1R0—as part of updating the post office system in Canada, officials won't push it here until the advent of letter carriers sometime in 1973.

Target date for the introduction of letter carriers in Acton has been set for October, 1973. Plans are already being made to survey the town and start machinery rolling.

"We are going to soft pedal the postal code until we get letter carriers," said Postmaster Gordon McKeown. The code will change when letter carriers begin routes in Acton and to introduce it now in conjunction with other post offices in the central Ontario postal district would only add to the confusion.

Mr. McKeown said he is working on plans with postal officials now to start proceedings on letter carrier service. First move is to find out whether the town is eligible. There must be 2,000 points of call to qualify.

The new code is alpha-numeric—composed of both letters and numbers—but it does not really pinpoint locations until letter carriers divide the town-up into districts, each with slight variations of the code.

Area people involved in two collisions

On Sunday January 28, 1973, a two vehicle collision occurred on the Fifth Line, Esqueping Township south of 22 Sideroad. Vehicles involved were driven by Ronald Clow, Limehouse, age 33, and Michael MacDonald, 13 Young St., Georgetown, age 18. Total damage was estimated at \$350. Mrs. Jo-Anne Clow, age 34, a passenger in her husband's vehicle received minor injuries. Five Sideroad, Esqueping Township, west of the Third Line, was the scene of a single vehicle collision on Sunday January 28, 1973. Vehicle was driven by Dale Fisher, R.R. 4, Acton, age 18. Damage to his vehicle was estimated at \$1200 with \$30

Percherons

Those were Percheron horses, not Belgians in the photo on last week's farm page. The horses, a stallion and two mares Lloyd Stokes of Campbellville is shipping to Italy this week, were incorrectly identified in one part of the caption as Belgians, and correctly called Percherons later on in the caption.

Erin township council briefs

At the regular monthly meeting, February 1, Erin Township Council:

- Decided to apply for a Cemetery Grant, in regard to the cemetery on the Saunders' property.
- Learned that a pay telephone will be installed by the Community Telephone Company at the Osprings store on a six month temporary basis.
- Recommended going to 60 mills on the tax levy to cut down on borrowing from the bank.
- Sent \$40 to the Soil and Crop Improvement Association.
- Read a letter from the Solandt Commission thanking council for the opportunity to talk at last month's meeting.
- Received two letters supporting a resident's request for snowmobile legislation last month. Reeve Lloyd Lang commented that he received many phone calls opposing such legislation. Clerk Elmer McKinnon was directed to obtain copies of bylaws relating to snowmobiles in surrounding municipalities.
- Heard that the Hillsburgh trustees are satisfied with building lots, 75 by 125 feet.
- Was informed of a meeting February 15, 8.30, Eramosa School, concerning land use.
- Decided that all council members would attend the rural municipalities' meeting of the Good Roads Association, Feb. 5. Some will attend the seminar, Feb. 26 and 27, where Henry Wheeler is to receive the 50 year long service award at 2 p.m. on the 27th.
- Received a letter from Consumers' Gas in regard to the gas line break in November on Main St., stating that it was not a break in the joint. Council was "left in the air" as to what the letter meant. Councillors said their main complaint was not the break itself, but the slowness of repair.
- Heard of a Solandt Commission Hearing in Toronto, February 8. Reeve Lang and councillor Bill McLean will attend.
- Was advised of the right of way study concerning transmission rights of the power line from the Bruce generating station to sites in the Ballinfad area. There will be three or four months of studies, and public meetings will be arranged.
- Discussed the \$15,000 arbitration award for the school board. Reeve Lang asked council to decide whether money should be borrowed from the bank to pay it, or whether council should wait for the taxes to come in.
- Received a request for support from the Salvation Army, stating that the township gave \$50 in 1972, and asking that a \$60 donation be considered.
- Asked building inspector Jim Delaney if he could, when giving out building permits, stamp them with the fire area the property is in and the correct number to call.
- Received a petition of 100 names of residents concerned about the condition of the Erin-East Garafraxa town line, east of Orton. Council asked the clerk to draft a letter stating that Erin will consider the work pending approval of Garafraxa and the department of highways, and

indicating that road construction was under consideration in 1972, but was turned down for lack of funds.

- Discussed the Fire Department budget with chief Bob Cheyne, who told council that while the new fire hall was being built, trucks and equipment were neglected a little. Mr. Cheyne listed present requirements for the department; three more air tanks for their packs, a smoke ejector fan to draw smoke out of buildings, and four lengths of 1 1/2" hose. (No new hose of that size has been bought since the department was formed.) Mr. Cheyne also suggested plastic face-masks at \$7.90 apiece as a safety factor, and asked council to consider, in the near future, a new tanker or repairs to the old one.
- Discussed how to find the age of the ancient "Hound-dog" council chair in the council chambers. Treasurer Bert Berry commented that it was already old when he was small. Reeve Lang said that no records concerning the chair, could be found.
- Passed a motion to pay consulting engineers Mc-Cormick, Rankin, and Associates Ltd., \$19,467.54 for a road needs study, a 10 year study of road and street systems, estimating the revenues that will be available to meet those needs.
- Discussed a possible increase in payment to the township livestock evaluators plus mileage. At present, they receive \$3 per call and no mileage.
- Was visited by Hillsburgh trustee, Henry Wheeler, who

presented Reeve Lang with a gavel on condition that he leave it for village trustees to use.

- Became involved in a heated discussion with developer Dave Meal and planner Michael Brodigan of Windland associates over certain aspects of the Hillsburgh subdivision.
- Reeve Lang stated firmly he would discuss nothing further until after meeting with the planning board. Mr. Meal stated he felt it was undemocratic that a person could be discussed at length and not be present (at the planning board meetings) and added he would ask for permission to attend. He and Mr. Brodigan agreed to a meeting with council on the afternoon of February 19 and asked that it be public.
- Drew up a list of names of people representing a cross-section from the whole of the township who will be asked to serve on a proposed Recreation Board. They are Blair Kennedy, George Rutter, Diane Cook, Sandra Parks, Bill Smith (Ballinfad), Laura Tarzwell, Wilf Rodgers, Les Sherrett, and Jean Cosgrave. John Reid and Bert Wheeler will represent council on the board.
- The Free Press incorrectly listed the salary of the building inspector in Erin township as \$1,500 in a recent issue. The correct amount is \$5,800 while the club receives \$5,500 plus \$500 in expenses. Both received an 8 per cent increase in 1973.

Plan hikes

Bruce Trail Club members are planning hikes in this area each weekend for the rest of February. This Saturday, Feb. 10 they plan a circular hike in the Rattlesnake Point area.



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Go service starts in fall

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Fare will likely be around \$1.10 per trip but costs will determine the exact price. The service will likely start in the fall of 1973.

Three trains will go to the city during the morning rush hour and three will return at night. They will stop at Brampton, Bramalea, Malton, Weston and the Bloor subway station before arriving at Union Station.

The trains will not operate through the remainder of the day or on weekends as they do along the Lakeshore route.

Originally the government planned an early 1973 starting time planning to use regular rail equipment available. However, it was decided to wait until new equipment could be purchased similar to that running on the GO Lakeshore line. An order has been placed for three new engines and 20 rail cars, valued at seven million dollars.

Meanwhile, the Acton CN station will be either given away or sold and a smaller glass enclosed structure erected as a waiting room for GO train passengers. It is expected GO train service will eventually be extended as far as Guelph, with a stop at Acton. The new structure will be used as a pickup station for the GO bus service between Guelph and Georgetown until rail service is re-established.

The old Acton station has only a waiting room open now for train passengers. All windows are boarded up except one from the waiting room. It is believed the station could not be moved without dismantling it.

Only two passenger trains stop at Acton now, one eastbound in the morning and another westbound in the evening. Several people use the present service.

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