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## Tools stolen man charged

A Milton man has been charged with theft following the recovery of tools and cash apparently taken from Oakville Automotive Supply store on Main St. N.

A quantity of tools and \$80 in cash were reported stolen. As a result of a raid on an apartment in Milton, by Acton O.P.P., Milton O.P.P. and Milton police department, approximately \$500 in tools was recovered and \$80 in cash.

The Milton man was charged with theft from the Acton store and also the Milton store of the same company. He has not yet appeared in court.

**Sole collision**  
Acton police only investigated one collision the past week. An unknown vehicle struck a parked car owned by Ronald White in the Dominion parking lot last

Thursday. Damage to the car was estimated at a minimum of \$150.

On Wednesday of last week an aluminum canoe was reported stolen from Elizabeth Dr.

**Wrong car**  
Wednesday night a car was reported stolen from the Dominion Hotel parking lot. However, the next morning a Georgetown man came to the police station to report he'd discovered that morning he had driven the wrong car home. His key had fit it. His own car was still in the hotel lot.

On Saturday an Acton man was arrested for Guelph O.P.P.

On Sunday two hub caps were reported stolen. Two other hub caps were also reported stolen in that same area April 30, according to Acton O.P.P.



REFLECTIONS of years gone by showed up in this antique mirror, one of many fine pieces of furniture up for auction Saturday at the Willow St. home formerly occupied by the MacDonald

family. A large crowd of antique fanciers attended the sale under ideal weather conditions. Auctioneer was Max Storey.

(D. Gibbons photo)

At Maplecrest Apt.

## Murder charge laid after body found

An Acton man, Thomas Bourke, 25, has been charged with non-capital murder after the body of 21-year-old Colleen Bourke was discovered by Acton OPP in an apartment at the Maplecrest Apartments, 196 Churchill Rd. S. about midnight last night (Tuesday).

A press release issued by Inspector MacPherson of the Criminal Investigation Branch of the OPP said police officers of the Acton detachment were called to the apartment, after neighbors reported hearing screams coming from inside.

Police said Colleen Bourke had been stabbed several times. A knife found near the body was taken by police for laboratory examination. Thomas Bourke was taken into custody and charged early this

morning by Milton OPP. Officers from the OPP Identification branch at Burlington arrived at the apartment building this morning. The apartment was sealed off and a guard placed on duty until investigation there is completed. Investigation of the incident will continue under the supervision of Inspector MacPherson.

## Single car crash kills Acton woman

A single car crash on Highway 25 near Speyside early Friday morning claimed the life of a 24-year-old Acton woman and sent a 37-year-old Rockwood man to Hamilton General Hospital where he remains in serious

condition with head injuries. Dead is Margaret E. (Peggy) Emmerson, 216 McDonald Boulevard, Acton. Douglas Hilton, R.R. 4, Rockwood, owner of the 1970 Pontiac which was a total wreck was

taken to Hamilton General Hospital. Police said Hilton was thrown from the car. It has not been determined who was driving. The crash took place at approximately 3:30 a.m.

Police said the Hilton car was southbound on the highway about 3/10 mile north of 15 Sideroad (Speyside) when it left the road, hit the west shoulder, an embankment, a fence and some trees.

Miss Emmerson is survived by her mother Eleanor, 218 McDonald Boulevard, Acton; two sisters Dorothy (Mrs. Alfred Roach) of Acton and Joanne (Mrs. Robert Hodgson) of Guelph and four brothers Donald of Fergus, Wayne and John both of Acton, and Ronald of Hespeler. She was predeceased by her father Robert Rev. Frank Byrne conducted a private funeral service from the Rumley Shoemaker Funeral Home Saturday at 1 p.m. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery. Pallbearers were brothers Donald, Wayne, John and Ronald and brothers-in-law Alf Roach and Robert Hodgson.

Miss Emmerson was born in Acton in 1948. She attended public school here and was later employed at the Building Products plant. She resided with her mother at 216 McDonald Boulevard.

**Music festival is here today**

Schools from the North Halton area are taking part in the annual North Halton Music Festival at the M. Z. Bennett school today (Wednesday). Five competitions are scheduled for this morning and seven more for this afternoon. Students from grades 1 through 8 are taking part.

## Marijuana seizure

Following a marijuana seizure in town yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon at 1 p.m., Acton OPP charged a Moffat man with possession of marijuana.

## Open invitation Principals' day

Everyone is welcome to the Principals' Recognition celebrations May 26, committee members stress this week. Apparently some people have been inquiring if it's necessary to be a former pupil to attend.

Anyone with any connection at all with G. W. McKenzie and Elmer Smith may join the crowd, the organizers say. Class representatives were named and it was their intention to contact all former pupils in that year with letters.

As for others, the advertisement in last week's and today's

Free Press is an invitation to attend.

**Three locations**  
The dinner at the curling club is to be catered and ticket deadline for this is May 16. The afternoon reception is free; tickets may be bought for the dance at the arena door.

Because of the wide interest, three different and roomy locations have been chosen for the day's events.

Many replies are coming in already and tickets will be mailed out soon.

## Hard summer for weeds?

Dandelions might be in for a hard summer. Council Tuesday night considered beefing up town legislation so more can be done to control the town's most rampant weeds.

Last year complaints had been received about weeds in open land, especially by allergy sufferers. Ragweed was the culprit there, but Mayor Duby inquired "Can we exclude dandelions?"

Under new regulations, a municipality by law designate as a noxious weed any plant not named in the schedule of noxious weeds in the regulations.

The public works committee had filed this information but on reading the committee minutes Tuesday night deputy-reeve Marks said he thought council should look at the problem again. Let's draft a bylaw and then we can act on it, he suggested.

Councillor Coats explained most of the open lands where the offending weeds grew have now been covered by new houses and not so many complaints are expected this summer.

Let's close the gap anyway, Mr. Marks thought. The matter goes back to committee.

## Lick, promise for Wallace St.

Condition of Wallace St. concerned council Tuesday night after reeve McKenzie first mentioned the bad state of the roadway. There's not even a sign, he complained.

Mayor Duby added he had had more complaints that day of damage done to cars.

Council agreed it was the town's responsibility now to see the road is in better condition.

It will be paved, with curbs and sidewalks, by the subdivision

contractor when the subdivision roads are paved, about the end of May. Cost of Wallace work is about \$3,000.

Meanwhile the clerk was asked to schedule quick repair.

Both committees of council will be taking a tour of all the town's roads by bus Tuesday, May 15. Roads committee chairman expressed the hope all council would make an effort to come. He will be showing projects recommended by his committee.

# Regional implications to Georgetown recreation complex concern council

On request of Esquesing council, Tuesday night Acton council heard all about a Georgetown plan for a three-part recreation package for Georgetown. Larry Mogg, chairman of the Community Facilities Committee set up by Georgetown Recreation committee, made a 10-minute flip-chart presentation.

The same presentation had been made to Esquesing council, along with a request that \$60,000 in an unallocated township fund be given toward the new project. It was then that Esquesing council asked that Acton council be informed, Mr. Mogg said. He expected Esquesing council might get in touch with Acton council.

**Over a million**  
The Georgetown plan is for \$1,100,000 three part recreation package—swimming pool, arena and meeting hall. They might not necessarily be located in the same complex.

Mr. Mogg solicited Acton council support for the Esquesing funds as he outlined details of the plan.

Georgetown council, he said, has been asked to make this recreation proposal the No. one priority in 1974 and acquire land in 1973. It would be unwise not to consider the people of the area, with the imminence of regional government, he said.

**Reaction**  
This sits heavy on me, mused the mayor, as we try to promote our own arena as a centennial project. . . . It could be that our requirements for recreation will be as strong as Georgetown's some day. Esquesing acted wisely in referring the proposal to Acton, he said. Georgetown is looking on a broader scale now, including north Halton.

Deputy-reeve Marks admitted Georgetown's plan was very timely for them. Acton will be only 15 minutes away from these facilities. He wondered if Acton could become a fourth part of their three-part package, in the same area. He guessed Acton would now have to wait until approached by Esquesing.

**Money for us?**  
Countered reeve McKenzie: Has Esquesing got money for Acton arena?

In reply to Mr. Marks' query, Mr. Mogg said the question of administration hadn't been discussed but he presumed recreation would be administered through the new North Halton region. If Esquesing contributed and paid taxes it would be reasonable to assume it would be turned over to the region, he surmised.

Mr. McKenzie asked if it was

felt the complex would benefit Acton?

It would be for the North Halton area, Mr. Mogg suggested. The location (in Georgetown) would reflect population density.

Acton's participation was in doubt. Councillor Chapman wondered about ice time for Acton and Mr. Marks also asked about Acton participation.

Councillor Masales suggested the same thing could be used

here, on a smaller scale.

What will it cost?"

"This is possibly a monster," considered councillor Norm Elliott. He foresees Georgetown having a big debenture for sewage in the next few years.

"I'm worried about what things will cost under regional government."

In his presentation Mr. Mogg said surveys had indicated Georgetown people most wanted

a pool, arena and hall. Costs were estimated at \$400,000 for a pool, \$500,000 for an arena and \$200,000 for a hall. Most indicated willingness to pay, in taxes and fund-raising activities, for the \$1,100,000 proposal.

He outlines sources of money—grants, a forgivable loan, cash or material donations, lottery, telethon, mayor's walk, dances, etc. Georgetown has already allocated \$147,000, he said.

## Art Gibson argues for secession

Nassagaweya councillor Art Gibson presented the prospect of ceding the entire village of Eden Mills to Eramosa Monday night in the Eramosa council chambers. Presently Eden Mills is divided between the two townships.

Gibson argued that the best interests of Eden Mills would be served if it were located entirely within Eramosa. The village, he said, is Guelph oriented with a strong feeling of community spirit. It is not good to have the community split between two

townships. Gibson quoted the results of a poll carried on in Eden Mills. He reported that only three of the 24 people interviewed were not in favor of the community coming under the complete jurisdiction of the Eramosa council.

Gibson stated the people of Eden Mills might enjoy an education advantage if they became part of Wellington county. Presently, students are bussed to either Acton or Burlington. Mr. Gibson said that while there would be no effect on the average students the above average and below average would have an advantage in attending Guelph schools, if for no other reason than the shorter bus trip.

**Fire area**

The area surrounding Eden Mills within Nassagaweya would be better off in case of a fire than it is now. Residents are located within the Acton fire area rather than in the closer Rockwood section. The village of Eden Mills is within the Rockwood fire area. Roads within this portion of

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## Garry Wong graduates

Garry (Roy) Wong has graduated from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Industrial Engineering Technology.

He is presently employed by Kendall of Canada Ltd. in research and development aspect of industrial engineering.



CURIOSITY GOT the best of two Speyside area youngsters Christopher Sankey and Chris Lamon who look time out from fishing at the park on the weekend to investigate the pumping device which has been installed at the west end of the park. Pumping is part of the search for a water supply which a study revealed is

located in shale underneath the lake. The pump runs continuously for 1000 minutes then levels in the gauge holes are checked to determine the recovery rate. Pumping started last week and will continue until today (Wednesday) town superintendent Alf Duby told the Free Press. (D. Gibbons photo)