

Windfall for recreation seniors' drop-in centre

A windfall of \$55,000 was made available to Acton council when they sold eight lots on Main St. S. in front of Fairview cemetery. The lots are to be sold to Alteo Construction. Alf Berry, in attendance at the meeting, indicated the closing date for sale could be Dec. 27.

Roger Cunningham, appearing with Mr. Berry, said the development would be incorporated with other land the company owns in the area and a U or cul-de-sac would be created so the traffic would enter Main S. through Ransom St. or another single entrance to be created.

A letter had been received from the Hon. John White

indicating the department had no objection to the disposal of the land by the town.

Disposition of the \$55,000 was questioned by councillor Coats who asked if the money should be spent in some other service or facility for the taxpayers, or rather than recreation. He suggested that even a fire truck could be considered or additions to the new reference section of the library. It was decided however that the money would be used to cover their commitment to the Lions club centennial swimming pool project, tennis court construction and capital expenditures in the repair and

installation of the roof at the arena.

Mr. Coats felt council members "may get some flak on this" (all to recreation). He said this is the first time that the senior governments are not telling the council where the money can be spent and it is strictly a local council decision that the money be spent in these areas.

Councillor Insoe's reply was "that's what we're here for."

Drop-in centre
In the spending of money Mayor Doby reported he had had conversation with members of the Golden Age club who had expressed an

interest in acquiring the use of the present council chambers for a downtown drop-in centre after Jan. 1.

He put in a bid for funds for furnishing and equipping the room to meet their needs. Council approved the recommendation while noting this is another application of funds for recreational purposes.

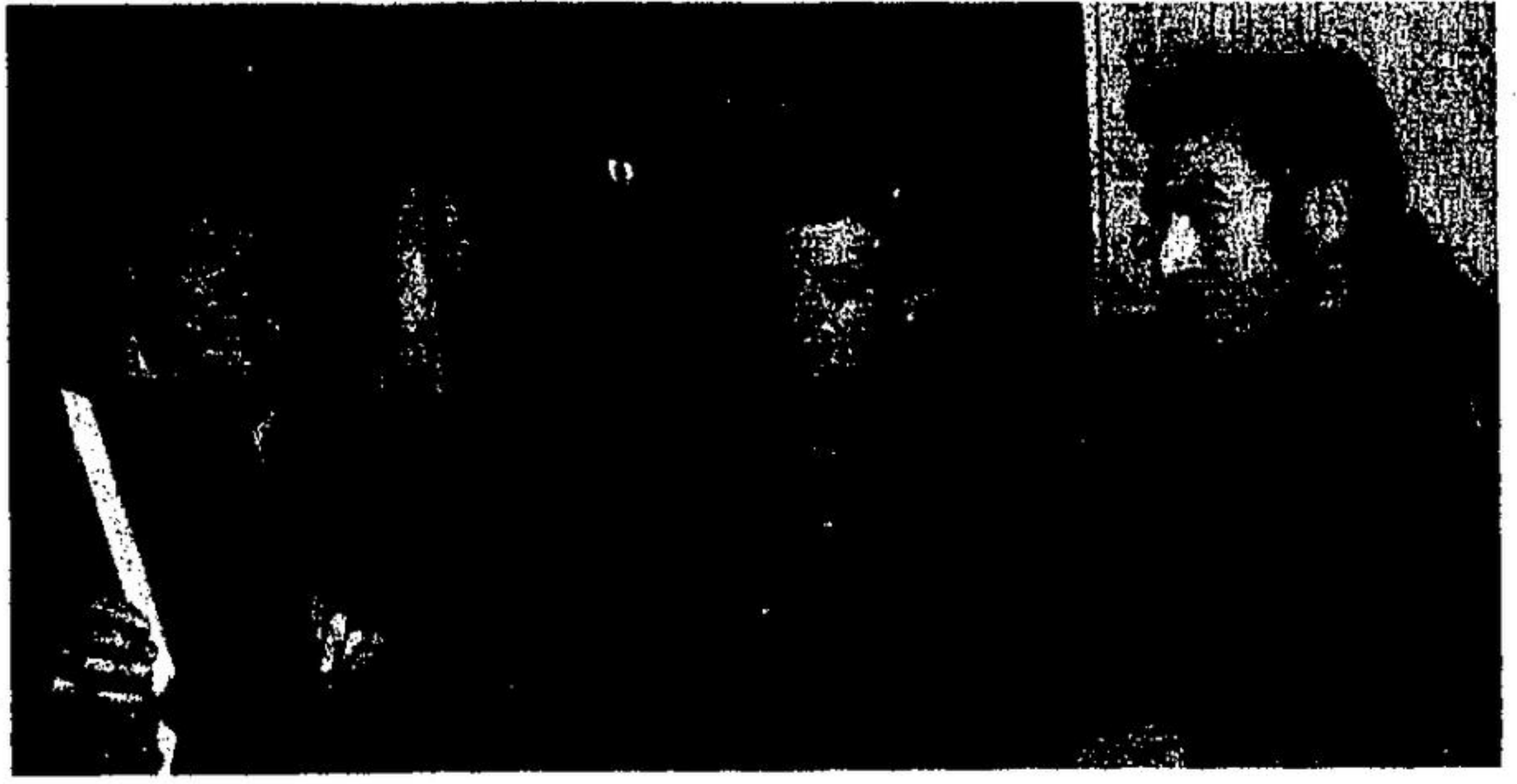
More space
Deputy-reeve Marks put his ear in saying in the welfare services represented by the Children's Aid Society, family counselling and probation services would provide improved service if suitable space were available.

It was suggested that space

could be available after Jan. 1 in the present municipal office in the Y.M.C.A. building. This was to be further investigated.

Mayor Doby said the municipal office would remain open after Jan. 1 as a "public relations" move. He said that at some future time Halton Hills administration staff might be decentralized, however he felt there would be space available for social services interviewing in the present offices.

He also indicated Halton Hills area council will be taking the furniture from the council chambers to their offices in Esqueping township hall.



ACTON FIREFIGHTERS' fund raising for Muscular Dystrophy was recognized again this year when David Taylor, national field director of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada presented them with a plate for the plaque which hangs in the fire hall. The committee which spear-

headed the drive was composed of chairman Herb Dodds holding the plaque, Lloyd McIntyre and Bern Van Fleet. Acton placed eighth in the country and have been consistently raising more money to combat the disease each year.

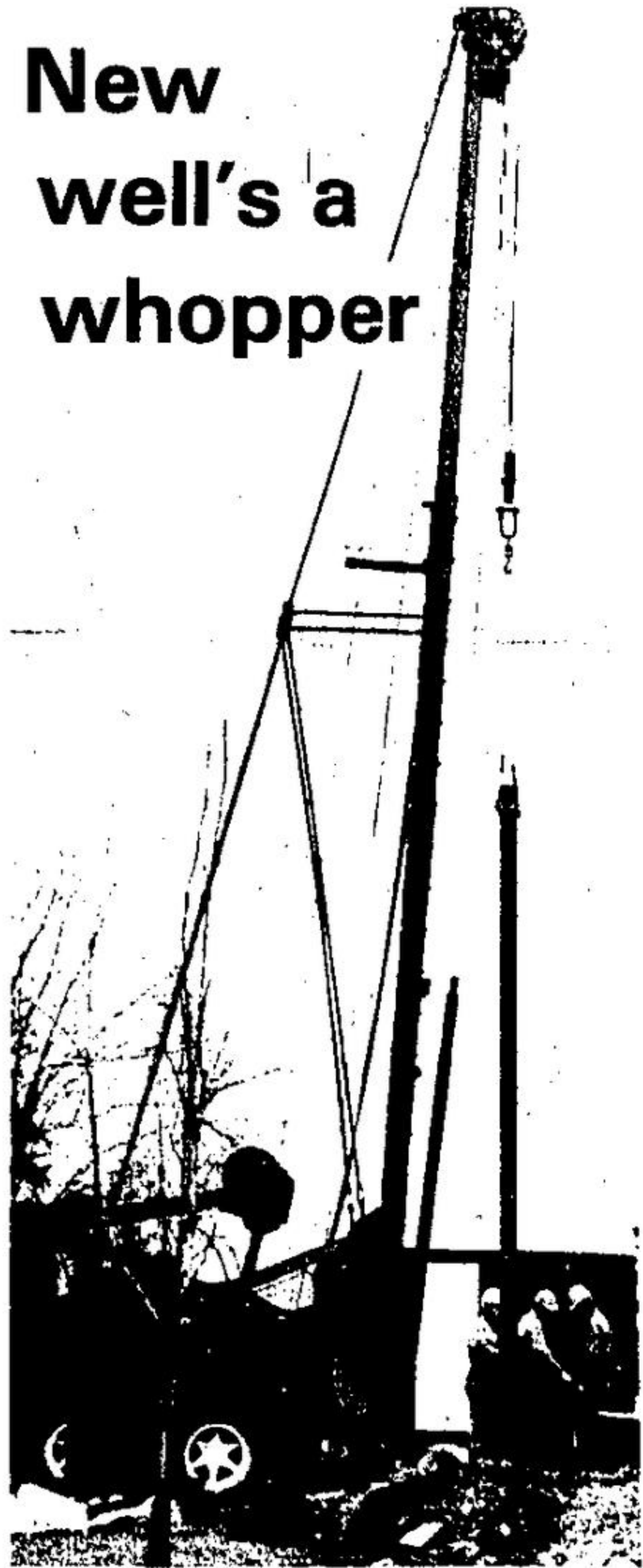
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New well's a whopper



Satisfactory results of the drilling program for water at the west end of Prospect Park were reported by councillor Bill Coats at Tuesday's council meeting. He said he had visited the site during the test on Tuesday and the well was producing 900 gallons a minute without any appre-

ciable drop in the volume of water in the well.

The anticipated one million gallons of water a day he felt could considerably be exceeded based on the conversations he had had at the site. The water in the well is of a different PH and hardness from the water in the lake adjoining.

Slow growth council intent

The planning study by Acton planning board on the area immediately east of the town boundaries—which was printed in full in the Free Press—was endorsed by council at their Tuesday evening meeting. After study by the committee it was recommended it be accepted.

However councillor Coats felt the wording of the council resolution in support of the

study "reads into the recommendation emphasis that is not in the planning board report."

Councillor Coats recommended some changes in the resolution which will accompany the report to Halton Hills council.

Slow growth
Major emphasis of the report and council endorsement appears to be a

very restricted and slow growth of the present Acton area.

Deputy-reeve Marks and councillor Coats both indicated they would like to see the population remain in the 10,000 range and possibly as high as 12,000, but not to the level outlined in the Toronto-centred region report of 18,000.

The resolution says in part

the "plan encourages significant development that could triple our existing population within five to 10 years if implemented in that time period, resulting in detrimental social and economic hardship for residents of our community."

section firmly in their minds when the resolution said "that we continue our policy of continued commercial development to our downtown core and recommend improvements to traffic and parking conditions in this area."

Council also concurred in the principle of the location of expected growth on the eastern side of town.

Burlington site for Hq?

According to Burlington Reeve Les Preston Burlington's new Centennial Industrial Park is being considered as the site for a permanent headquarters for regional government.

Preston is quoted as having made the statement at an administration committee meeting of Burlington Council.

A 380,000 square foot office factory complex is being considered as the home for regional government. That area is without sewage or water services at the present time.

The site is located between Burlouk Dr. and Appleby Line below the Queen Elizabeth Way.

County council has its headquarters in Milton

Machines annoy

Not much snow has fallen but already Acton police have been receiving complaints about snowmobiles. The complaints, mostly from the Churchill Rd. area, are of careless operation and noise.

Some drivers have been warned.

Police report this week the board of education is intending to put signs on school property forbidding snowmobiles there.



JUNE JANSEN

Challenger wins again

June Jansen's family watched with delight Sunday as she triumphed over a set of challengers to win the top prize in the TV show Eye Bet.

June, as a previous winner, was back to tape the challenge match, and came out with a dishwasher this time.

She appeared on the show before and won a one week trip to Pompano Beach, Florida. It had to be taken this year, and June and her husband Dirk of Rockwood are leaving Dec. 30 for their long-awaited holiday.

Sealater
The challenge match will be shown at the end of January on CFTO channel 9.

Four cars - three accidents

Two collisions in town on Saturday were investigated by Acton O.P.P. The third accident of the past week happened on last Wednesday.

On Saturday at 3:40 p.m. estimated \$100 damage resulted to the car when driver King Cheun Pou of Toronto lost control turning into Elizabeth Dr., crossed the sodded median and came to rest against a fence and tree.

At 8 p.m. that same day Anthony Van Dam, Cook St., was backing up and struck a sign, value \$20. Damage to his car was estimated at \$5.

On Wednesday two cars

were damaged when a door was opened. Drivers were Mary Newman, R.R. 2, Rockwood, with \$80 damage to her door, and Nickolar Humenick, Holmesway Place, with \$50 damage to his fender. The accident occurred on Mill E.

Flashing lights

Clerk Grant Usher reported the Ministry of Transportation and Communication had not recommended the installation of a flashing signal at Main St. S. at Kingham Hill Rd. However permission was granted for the town to install a flashing amber light facing north and south on Main S. with a red flashing light facing Kingham Hill Rd.

It was suggested the light at the corner of Park and Mill could be moved to this location, "since it was not required there."

Lease land for walkway

A seven foot strip of land belonging to the Bray, Schroeder, Turner and Vadeika families in Lakeview subdivision bordering Fairy Lake, will be leased to the town for a walkway.

An agreement is being prepared to provide for the lease at a nominal sum to preserve a walkway along the

north arm of Fairy Lake. Residents are insisting the town improve the land to conform with improvements they have made on their properties.

Sunday accident takes life of Helen McClure

The first snowfall of the season covered roads when Mrs. Helen McClure of Georgetown was fatally injured in a car accident. Her daughter Mrs. Janet Goy, R. 3, Acton, was driving when the accident occurred Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. on highway No. 25 about a mile south of highway 24 at Osprings. Passing motorists found the car, which had come to rest in the river after striking five guide posts, the shoulder, embankment and the tops of two large steel culverts.

They had been travelling south, but the car ended facing north after the accident.

Mrs. McClure and Mrs. Goy were both taken by ambulance to Guelph General Hospital but Mrs. McClure was transferred to Hamilton General Hospital, because of her head injuries.

Family
Adding sorrow to the accident is the fact that Mrs. McClure's husband Russ had been a patient in Toronto General Hospital; he had had a leg amputated recently. He was able to be brought home Monday.

Mrs. McClure's only sister, Mrs. Mary Mann of Acton, has been ill and is in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, while her husband Johnny is also in hospital in Toronto.

Janet Goy's injuries are not completely determined, but believed to be contained to bruises. She is being kept in hospital.

The Goy car, a Hornet hatchback, had \$2000 damage, investigating officer of Guelph O.P.P. determined. It was towed by Osprings Motors from the scene.

Mrs. McClure, who lived at 5 Temple Rd., Georgetown, worked at Stedman's. Her husband, now retired, was on the Georgetown town staff for many years. A son Bob also survives.

Mrs. McClure was active in the Presbyterian church.

Driving conditions were bad on Sunday with roads snow-covered. There were several accidents in the district, this one the worst.



KEN BUDD is the courteous driver on the Town of Acton's Christmas bus service which leaves the town hall on Willow St. on three different routes that take in the entire town. Fare is 10 cents.

Police nab fleeing youth

What broke the window at Glenlea drug mart? Police have it under investigation, but they don't know if Thursday's broken pane was caused by wind, flaw or humans. The broken window was reported to them at 4:20 a.m. Thursday morning.

That night at 10:40 a break and enter was reported at Toth's BP garage and police apprehended an 18-year-old Acton man running from the scene. He was charged with break and enter and possession of a concealed weapon - a six-inch blade knife secured around his neck.

The same young man appeared Monday in court on

drug charges and was sentenced to four months. This present case was put over till Jan. 16.

Nothing was reported taken from the garage although the attempt had been made.

Tools taken
Theft of tools at Kingham Hills Estates was investigated by police Saturday. Missing were a motor, two drills and an extension cord with a value of \$300. They were taken from one of the units under construction.

On Monday at 1 a.m. a man was charged with driving while his license was under suspension and having liquor in other than his residence. He will appear Jan. 16.



SID SAITZ

Services at St. Alban's, Essen for Sid Saitz

A shock to the community was the unexpected death on Sunday of Sid Saitz, Beardmore hide buyer and chairman of the planning board of the town.

He had suffered a serious heart attack three months ago and hadn't been able to return to work since, although he had greeted friends at the town's appreciation night party Nov. 24. He was 53 years of age.

He was recording secretary of the German-Canadian club of Halton county. He was also one of the 11 traditional committee members of the Rhinegold club in Guelph,

who wear time-honored costumes at Mardi Gras season.

For five years he was secretary of Acton Y.M.C.A.

15 years
Mr. and Mrs. Saitz and their two sons, Raymond, now 24, and Ted, 19, came to Acton 15 years ago. Ted is still at home while Raymond, who is a photographer with the Mississauga Times, lives in Mississauga.

Mr. Saitz' parents, Siegfried and Anne Saitz, had come over from Essen, Germany, to visit the family last summer.

Siegfried Hans Saitz was born at Essen March 11, 1920. He went to high school and university there and was a statistician at Krupp's when war broke out and he was drafted into the German army at the age of 20.

He was married at Droxford, England, in 1948 and he and his wife Eileen lived four years at Portsmouth, at Essen in West Germany and in Guelph before coming to Acton. Their home is at 128 Wynford Place, Acton.

He joined Beardmore staff in 1954 and had been export-import expediter before

becoming hide buyer recently.

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late Tuesday afternoon from his parents that a High Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral in Essen at the same time as the service here. "Our thoughts will be with you", Mr. Saitz' parents told their daughter-in-law.

Many friends there and former associates of both Sid and his father at Krupp's plants are expected to attend.

Mr. Saitz is also survived by a sister, Else Brandt in West Germany.

and motored to many places on this continent and he had been talking about another trip to the southern States some time before long.

Council regrets
Mayor Doby expressed council's regrets in the sudden passing of Sid Saitz at Tuesday's council meeting. Mr. Doby said that Mr. Saitz as chairman of the planning board had performed tremendous service to the community as an energetic and excellent chairman. The reports Mr. Saitz had submitted had always been unquestionably complete in every detail.