



A THURSDAY MORNING accident at the corner of Highway 25 and 25 Sideroad left a tractor trailer unit belonging to Lanor Niagara of St. Catharines prone in west ditch and a '63 Ford truck belonging to Gordon Pagett, Guelph, with \$1,000 damage.

Both drivers and a passenger received minor cuts and bruises and were treated at Milton Hospital. Towing crews had the mess cleared by late afternoon.

Two trucks collide damage is \$2,500

A northbound tractor trailer received \$1,500 damage Thursday morning when it collided with a Ford truck at the corner of Highway 25 and 25 Sideroad, just south of Acton. Towing crews worked until late afternoon to clear the area.

Driver of the tractor trailer William James Robins, 37, of Hamilton received bruises when the collision directed his vehicle into the west ditch where it lay prone in the snow and mud. The '73 GMC tractor trailer unit is owned by Lanor Niagara, a St. Catharines based company.

Cab damaged. Damage was limited to the cab of the vehicle. There was no damage to the trailer. Gordon Pagett, 35, R.R. 3, Guelph and a passenger Barbara Rankin, Guelph, received minor cuts and bruises as their '63 Ford truck received \$1,000 damage. All victims were treated and released from Milton District Hospital. Pagett was making a left turn onto Highway 25 from the sideroad as the tractor trailer approached, police said.

Delay Milton school

Two new high schools will be built in Halton County, one in 1976 in the Upper Middle Rd. and Walker's Line area of Burlington and one in Milton in 1977. The Milton school was planned to be built in 1975 but after re-examination of the enrolment figures for the area, the school planning was moved back two years. The school for the Walker's Line area was planned for 1,000 students but was changed to accommodate only 800. Trustee Bill Lawson said he feared that by providing accommodation for 1,000 at the north Burlington site, the board could run the risk of being denied permission by the ministry to build the school in Milton the following year.

Optimism note for Erin council

Erin Township council held their first meeting of 1974 earlier in the day than usual in order to give members of council and clerk Elmer McKinnon, the chance to say a few words. Mr. McKinnon pointed out that since all were two year terms, it was no longer necessary to have the traditional swearing in ceremony every year, and added it was a privilege and enjoyment to welcome everyone to the 1974 inaugural meeting.

Reeve Lloyd Lang spoke optimistically of work to be done in 1974, and hoped to see the zoning bylaw approved soon. "Planning has to be the name of the game in the township and county this year." He gave thanks for the support received in '73, and mentioned that this year, his ninth on council, would be his final year.

Warden's seat Since Mr. Lang is running for the county warden's seat, many of the comments from around the council table centered on that. "The biggest change this year is that the Warden will likely be from Erin Township," said Deputy-reeve Donald Matheson. "I think Lloyd stands a real good chance of being elected. We know that he is capable of doing the job well and wish him best of luck." Councillor Bill McLean echoed the sentiments and added "I'm starting my sixth year on council. It looks like it will be a busy year. I won't mention hydro or gravel, but we've accomplished quite a bit with buildings and new equipment. This year we hope to have more to spend on roads." Councillor Bert Wheeler mentioned his hope of getting grants for the new Recreation Commission as "it depends on it." Newest member of council, John Reid, admitted to "looking pretty green at times" but felt he had picked up a great deal of experience over the year. Council and guests adjourned to the Old Hotel Restaurant for lunch before resuming the January meeting.

Dog licensing fee raised

After meeting with Alex Duncan, Dog Control Officer, Erin Township Council decided to raise the dog licensing fee in line with other municipalities.

In 1973, the amount collected did not cover the cost of dog control plus the amount paid out for livestock deaths and injuries due to dogs. Mr. Duncan issued this statement, "Erin Township citizens and dog owners are up in arms over roving dogs and dogs allowed to run loose by owners. "These dogs destroy shrubs and spread garbage over lawns, molest children, and kill livestock and poultry." "A very large percentage of dogs licensed do not carry tags supplied which is an infringement of the law and carries a penalty of \$10. This has not been enforced but can be applied at any time at discretion of council. "Not under control "The law states that a dog shall be deemed to be running at large when found on a highway or other public place and not under the control of the owners." It was decided to raise the dog tax to \$5 for the first male dog or spayed female, and \$10 for the second. One female dog will cost \$8 with a \$10 fee for the second. Kennel licences will be \$25 instead of \$15. All township keepers are now due. There will be a penalty fee of \$2 extra on each dog not licensed by August 1.

HRCA seeks golf club grant

A grant in the amount of \$200,000 is being sought by Halton Region Conservation Authority to help Burlington buy the Tyanduga Golf Club. The club was abandoned as a private course several years ago and is costing Burlington \$485,000. A.H. Wright, vice-chairman of the authority, assured members the course would be open to the public for summer and winter recreational activities.

Free Press

Erin township council notes

Churchill

New church members holiday visits news

by Mrs. Fred MacArthur Churchill Community Church morning worship and Sunday School was fairly well attended. Our Pastor Rev. A. W. Fosbury's message was The Leaven of the Lump, choir anthem with 20 voices "All Through the Year." There was Communion Service at the close. Mr. and Mrs. A. Cooper and son Paul were accepted by letter as members of good standing into Churchill Community Church. The family have been attending for some time.

The first meeting of the C.C.C. Women in the new will be held Wednesday, January 16, at the home of Mrs. William Thompson at 2 p.m. It is hoped as many as possible will attend the meeting. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend the meeting also. Guests on Sunday December 30 with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binnie were Mrs. G. Mathers Port Credit; Dr. F. W. Macdonald and family; Clare Macdonald of Queens University, Kingston; Lorne Macdonald of Toronto University and Sylvia and Jack Macdonald.

Mr. and Mrs. William Koettx and daughter Helen spent Christmas in Toronto with friends Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton are very pleased to report all their family and grandchildren were home for Christmas. The Hamiltons were guests

of New Years with their niece Dr. and Mrs. Robert Fowler of Maple and with other friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Secord of Thorold were guests of their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. A. Delattista for the Christmas holiday. Mr. and Mrs. William Dobbie visited on Sunday with her sister where their mother Mrs. Frank Graff is visiting. Mr. and Mrs. William Butler spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Lightle. All home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brooks are happy to report all their family were home for Christmas also on New Years Day. Mr. Alex Jackson spent New Years Day with his sister Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binnie. Mrs. Clara Mitchell spent New Years holidays with friends in Niagara Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Metcalfe of Georgetown were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton on Saturday. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Vincent (nee Marianne McEneaney) on the birth of a son Christopher on Wednesday morning, January 2.

Holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. McAdam was his sister Mrs. Margaret Roach and son Allan, also Mr. and Mrs. David Brenner and Karen and baby of Montreal for Christmas and a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton joined a party and had dinner out with Mr. and



Norma Leslie, B.N., recent graduate of Women's College Hospital, Toronto, is now working at Norway Indian Hospital, Norway House, Manitoba. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Leslie, R.R. 3, Acton.

At the January meeting on Monday, Erin Township council:—were told by Ed Bardon, road superintendent, that the 1973 road expenditures were \$223,000, and that they were \$13,000 subsidy dollars short. —appointed Lloyd Lang, J.C. Parkinson, Aurelia Rathburn, Gladys Gray, and Jean Awrey to the Erin township Library Board for 1974. —were informed that a recent Fire Marshal's survey of the Hillsburgh Volunteer Firefighting Department found very little wrong. Fire Chief Bob Cheyne discussed points of the survey and the suggestions for improvement of equipment and facilities, then requested council consider spending \$1000 on extra air pack and cylinders. —learned that there was a problem regarding payments on the new garage. Although the cost was to be only \$50,000, when paid accounts were totalled, the cost was \$68,000. The provincial auditor was approached regarding a subsidy on the extra \$18,000. —questioned the amount billed under the Livestock Protection Act. The \$46.80 total was for two geese killed (\$30), evaluator's fee \$15, and \$1.80 mileage. The clerk will request that the dog catcher tour the Ninth and Tenth Line area to see about picking up a load of dogs. —Decided the dog control agreement with George Harrington should be renewed and brought up to date after consultation with the town trustees. —Passed a motion appointing Henry Wheeler to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. —Received confirmation from the Ontario Hydro that their letter of December 19 was received. In the letter to Hydro Chairman George Gathercole, Erin council requested, in the event that the corridor of transmission lines passed through the municipality, "Ontario Hydro be requested to give the right to the property owner as to whether the property shall be purchased outright or an easement granted." —Discussed the Credit Valley Conservation Authorities' decision to group Erin village and Erin Township together as one for purpose of appointment of member or members to the Authority. Councillor Bert Wheeler suggested the clerk write the Authority to say Erin council was not in favor of representation being cut, although they didn't mind

being grouped. "I think we're paying enough that we want proper representation." John Reid agreed. "Since the township is the Credit River headwater, we should have SOME representation." A motion was passed. —Were informed that a new pickup truck for the township was to arrive next week. —Passed a motion to send a donation of \$50 to the Salvation Army for 1974. —Passed a motion to send \$45 for membership to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. —Passed a bylaw to borrow a sum not to exceed \$200,000 from the bank. —Appointed Don Matheson to the Guelph and Area Suburban Planning Board for a one year term in place of Reeve Lang who expects to be busy in 1974. The 18 member board also includes John Reid (one year) and Walter McPhee (three years) for 1974.

Wages —Much of the meeting was taken up by discussions of wages for 1974. Dog control officer Alex Duncan was offered a fifty cent raise, giving him \$1.50 per dog licensed. Last year there was 631 dogs licensed in the township, and 13 kennel licences but over 700 miles was travelled to collect the fees. Building Inspector Jim Delaney pointed out he didn't request a raise last year, but would like a \$1 per hour increase over his present \$3.50 plus .15 per mile. Council will consider those increases as well as ones for treasurer Bert Berry from \$6,800 to \$7,750; councillors from \$500 to \$600 (plus mileage and \$15 or \$25 for meetings attended) Deputy-reeve from \$800 to \$1000; and Reeve from \$1300 to \$1800. The caretaker's wage will likely be increased from \$2 to \$2.50 per hour.

Holmes rejects

(Continued from page 1) of district chiefs be filled immediately and council advertise for a Halton Hills Fire Chief, with examinations to be set. "We should revert back to square one and readvertise for Fire Chief, then we'll live within our own rules," commented Councillor Ernie Sykes. He emphasized that everyone who called him said there should be examinations. Councillor Ern Hyde said "it is most regrettable that Mr. Holmes has been exposed to this viciousness." He said in the past councils had always avoided public discussions of personalities. "Our main concern was to find someone who could successfully carry on with a volunteer brigade," said Mr. Hyde. "He concluded by saying, "We have been criticized because we were fair enough not to discuss personalities in public." Councillor Harry Levy pointed out that the committee recommendation did not mean much since there was nothing official till this meeting. "If we feel we need a deputy chief we can do it tonight." On the recorded vote to reject the committee recommendation to offer Mr. Buikema the Fire Chief's job and Deputy Chief's job to Mr. Holmes, only Councillors Morrow, Miller and Levy were in favor, with the remaining ten members opposed. With this motion out of the way, Councillors Les Daby and Mike Armstrong put forward a motion to offer Mick Holmes the position as District Chief for Acton Fire Area. Councillor Morrow opposed the motion on the grounds the position had never been advertised, and pointed out that Mr. Holmes had not applied for the position of district chief, but had asked to be considered as deputy-chief. He said he had always felt Mr. Buikema was better qualified for the job than anyone else. "I have also stated I would support Mr. Holmes as full-time deputy chief." Mr. Morrow said he simply exercised his rights as a councillor in expressing his feelings in public. "This is the first working meeting of council where the press is present. Perhaps some people would like to spend three years with the meetings in camera, but I'm not one of these." Mr. Morrow contended there would be no top man

responsible for everything and termed the hiring of two district chiefs before the hiring of a Halton Hills Chief, "poor policy". He concluded by commenting, "I feel my methods were proper in going to the press and making my views known." Councillor Harry Levy warned council would look foolish by hiring two district chiefs whose positions were not advertised and not filling the job that was advertised. Councillor Les Daby defended council's actions, saying council proceeded in a democratic manner. "Certain events took place, for which I do not feel to blame". Councillor Hyde challenged Councillor Morrow's statement on qualifications and pointed out a majority of council had selected Mr. Holmes. "He has suffered a great deal of anguish, and the problem was created by Mr. Morrow," was Mr. Hyde's parting shot. "I wouldn't agree with that," muttered Mayor Tom Hill. Councillor Roy Booth reminded council that under Bill 151, Mr. Buikema must be offered a job. "It is possible he will have the job as Fire Chief for Halton Hills, but under the proper procedure and examinations, then there will be no hue and cry about political appointments." Councillor Dick Howitt suggested Mr. Morrow was saying it was improper to appoint a district chief without advertising, but all right to appoint a deputy chief without advertising. "Has anyone asked Ken Buikema and Mick Holmes if they are prepared to accept the jobs?" asked Councillor Russell Miller. No answer was given. Only Councillors Levy and Morrow opposed the motion

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Acton High School graduate Virginia Zuraw received the University of Guelph Alumni Entrance Scholarship of \$250. She is beginning her second semester in Diploma Agriculture studies and is specializing in Landscape Horticulture.

Later in the evening council passed a motion to advertise the position of Fire Chief for Halton Hills, with the Ontario Fire Marshal's office to be asked to interview applicants, set exams and make recommendations to council.

Toward the end of the meeting council passed a motion to set the salary of the Acton Area District Chief at the same level as Ken Buikema, past chief of Georgetown, is now receiving. This is \$12,400.

Councillor Ern Hyde contended two men in the same position should receive the same salary. Councillors Levy and Morrow were again the only dissenting voices.

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"The fire department says they've stopped making house calls."

Three giraffes at Rockton

The 275-acre African Lion Safari at Rockton has had some recent additions to the family — three new giraffes all the way from tropical Africa. They have joined one of Canada's most unique game farms open to the public all year round, where the animals roam free, but visitors are caged inside their cars as they drive through. Roaming free are lions, cheetahs, elephants, zebras, monkeys, buffalo, deer, elk, camels, ostriches, and many more. The game farm is a paradise for nature photographers.

On TV

M.P. Terry O'Connor was one of those interviewed on the TV program Some Honorable Members last night (Tuesday.)

New officers Walker lodge

New officers will be installed for Walker Lodge Monday evening. It's the lodge's centennial year.

LADIES' TAKE-A-BREAK PROGRAM

WHAT —Exercise, Coffee, Speakers and Demonstrations
WHERE —Acton YMCA Building 853-1070
WHEN —Wed. Mornings 9:30 - 11:30 Jan. 23-Mar. 13
HOW MUCH —\$8.00 per person —Babysitting provided at small extra charge
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