

Rabid fox bites horse

On Monday night, Feb. 11, a horse belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Johnston, R.R. 2, Rockwood, was bitten by a fox, presumed rabid. The fox was shot and sent for disease confirmation. The horse is presently under observation at the Johnston farm, 4th Line Nassagaweya, for developing symptoms of rabies.

Mr. Johnston encountered the ill fox while putting his three horses in the barn for the night. The fox was crouched at the feet of Misty, a seven-year-old white Appaloosa mare, who displayed a dripping cut and teeth marks on her face.

The fox was cornered in a nearby shed by Mr. Johnston and Ken Papillon of Acton, who shot and killed the fox. Veterinarian, Dr. Cliff Young from Campbellville, was summoned to attend the mare and remove the fox.

No rabies symptoms are expected to show up for four weeks. After such time, Misty will be isolated and watched closely for evidence of the disease. It is not known whether the remaining horses or any other farm animals were bitten but all are quarantined and under observation. Any showing signs of rabies will be destroyed.

Taxes can be paid at Acton offices

Interim tax bills received by Acton taxpayers can be paid at the former Acton town offices, a spokesman for the town of Halton Hills confirmed this week.

There's still a small staff at the Acton offices to attend to matters such as dog tags and other bills sent out by the municipality. The staff is also available to answer questions.

A receipt for tax money received will be issued at the Acton office but the actual receipt for taxes must be issued at the Georgetown headquarters. It will be sent out to taxpayers after the entry is made in the books.

Some concern has been expressed by Acton residents that they would have to travel to Georgetown to pay taxes since the interim tax bills contained no information other than the Georgetown address.

Keep OPP for Acton

Ontario Provincial Police will continue to police the Acton area as well as those areas formerly known as Esquesing and Nassagaweya.

authorising payment of \$7,240 plus 15 cents per mile for police protection in Acton.

With the exception of those areas mentioned, the rest of the region falls under the jurisdiction of the regional police force.



PALACSINTAK Barakizel, anyone? Bob Johnson serves a batch of Hungarian pancakes rolled up with apricot jam inside, that he and a group of boys from grades 4 and 5 finished cooking. As part of the elective program at R. L. Elaine Diggle and Mrs. Pennock teach gourmet cooking to boys. More pictures inside.

Inquest to be held

An inquest will be held into the deaths of three Dincen Construction employees whose bodies were found inside a mobile home trailer at Indusmin Quarries near Acton early Wednesday morning, February 13.

Milton OPP told this paper no date has been set for the inquest yet, but that they expected it would be held very soon.

Carl Ney 42, and Cecil Brown 58, both of Burks Falls and Hugh Todd 35, of Bracebridge were found dead in the trailer when they were about to be awakened for work. The trailer was heated by gas.

Bylaw passed but tax bill is out

Halton Hills council put the cart before the horse, in words of Councillor Ern Hyde, when they passed a bylaw Monday night to provide for interim tax billing. Ratepayers had already received their interim tax bill.

"Some of the people in Ward Two got a shock," said councillor Les Duby, "because there never has been interim tax billing in Esquesing."

Councillor Dick Howitt of Ward Two said he thought his taxes had been cut in half.

The interim tax bill sent out before the budget is set, is on a portion of the tax bill, and is usually a smaller amount than the remaining payments.

Councillor Joe Hurst asked if the next tax bill would have "payable in Acton municipal office" on it. He said he realized people could pay their taxes in Acton, but the bill said "Main Street, Georgetown."

Councillor Harry Levy said existing tax forms were being used, but the next batch would have that on them.



DEBRIS AND WRECKAGE was strewn along the tracks last Friday morning when a Canadian National Railway train collided with a stake truck driven by John Bouclair of 332 Peel Street. The

accident occurred when the truck was crossing the tracks at the landfill site of Churchill Rd. at approximately 8.45 a.m. The train was a regular passenger run due to arrive in Guelph at 8.59 a.m.

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Chamber meeting on regional government

Acton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a dinner meeting at Acton Meadows golf course on Wednesday, March 6, to glean information about regional government in Halton Hills from the top brass.

Halton Region chairman Allan Masson has accepted an invitation to attend as well as Halton Hills mayor Tom Hill and Councillors Les Duby and Joe Hurst, who represent Ward One.

The chamber feels many

Train crumples truck at dump

A Friday morning collision between a Canadian National Railway train and a truck belonging to the A. P. Green Refractories (Canada) Ltd. has resulted in the hospitalization of an Acton man, driver of the vehicle.

The accident occurred at approximately 8.45 a.m. when John Bouclair, a truck driver employed by A. P. Green was crossing the tracks at the landfill site of Churchill Rd.

Rushed by ambulance to the Guelph General hospital, Mr. Bouclair is still unable to recall details leading to or following the accident.

He was moved from the intensive care wing Monday afternoon, sustaining a broken right leg and arm, two broken left ribs and severe lacerations to his head and face.

Truck write-off
Orval Chapman, manager

of A. P. Green, described the accident. "After the truck and train collided, the truck was spun around hitting the train a second time, approximately 10 or 15 feet from the front of the train. The truck was propelled parallel to the tracks about 150 feet from where first hit, ending up some 75 feet back from the tracks."

Duby asks Who pays for \$250,000 Georgetown library?

Over the objections of councillors Les Duby, Russell Miller and Len Cox, Halton Hills council gave third reading to a bylaw authorizing the clerk-administrator and mayor to execute an agreement with architect Paul Martel for detailed drawings for a \$250,000 addition to Georgetown library.

Councillor Roy Booth repeated his statements of two weeks ago urging fast action on the library.

He said a letter from the town solicitor recommended the agreement be signed. There were only two changes suggested by the lawyer, said Booth.

"Yes, but there's a kicker," retorted councillor Ernie Sykes. "Martel is consulting his lawyer to get his opinion on the agreement."

Councillor Len Cox said he thought it was useless to sign an agreement without knowing what is being signed.

Councillor Ern Hyde said council should take the solicitor's advice. He reminded council an agreement can be amended.

"You took a year to get this thing this far," replied Cox, "it shouldn't be rammed through in two weeks."

Councillor Les Duby pointed out the people in Ward One have paid for a new library for the last seven years and have only three more years to go.

"I'm concerned about many areas and find it hard to justify asking Ward One people to pay again to benefit others."

Duby said many concerned groups are making demands and forgetting the older people on fixed incomes who have to pay the taxes. He reminded council of the cost of the proposed recreation complex.

He suggested the method of paying under local improvement should be considered. "This way the benefitting people pay," he remarked.

Duby said he would insist on a comparison of costs at the end of two months, between the costs of the present Halton Hills and the total costs of the three individual municipalities last year at the same time.

"I want to see where we're going, and where the money is coming from."

The crossing is a private one for the town dump and disposal plant.

Passengers on the train said they had felt little impact but had heard a loud bump noise. Although no injuries were reported on the train, impact from the truck had caved in the front cowling, tearing off the right engine covering. Debris and wreckage was strewn well along the tracks.

The train was on a regular passenger run from Toronto to Guelph, due to arrive in Guelph at 8.59 a.m.

Mr. Bouclair, 30, of 332 Peel Street, has been an employee of the A. P. Green company for five years and is regarded as a highly qualified truck driver.

Milton O.P.P. reportedly could give no reason for the accident. Bouclair was said to have been thrown as far as the truck, ending up almost beside the tracks.

Return money for centennial

Cheques are being sent out this week to those who donated money to the original arena centennial project.

Drop-ins

About a dozen senior citizens take advantage of the drop-in centre at the town hall every afternoon. Most drop by on their way back from the post office, to make the walk worthwhile.

Snowmobile, car collide

A collision at noon hour at the corner of Bower and Elgin was investigated by Acton O.P.P.

A car driven by John Abram, 37 A Mill E., and a snowmobile ridden by Donald Ellis, R.R. 1, Acton, were in collision at the corner. The snowmobile had an estimated \$50 damage and the car no damage. No injuries.

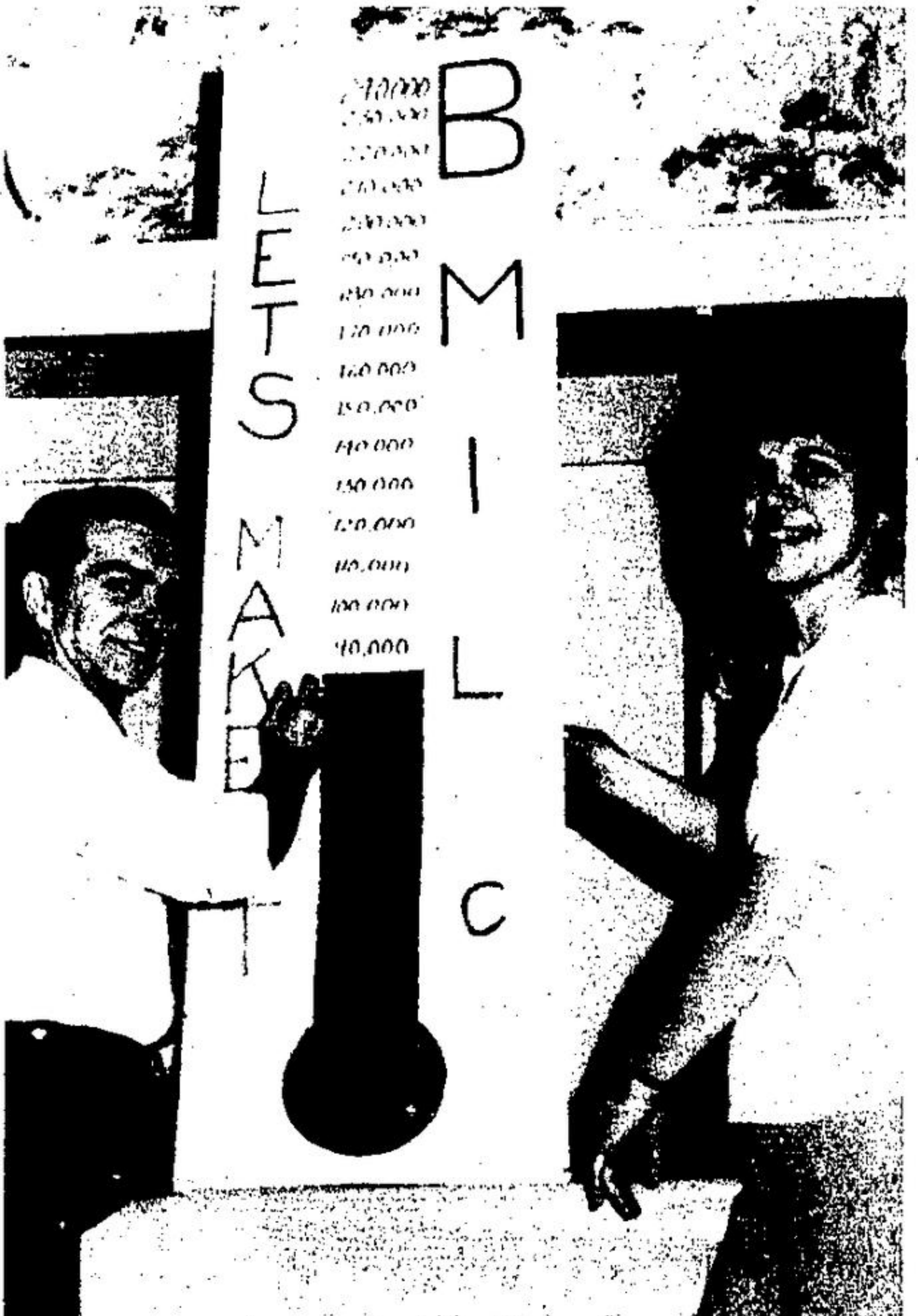
Board appoints vice-principals

Carl Hymers of W.I. Dick School in Milton, Gary Bateman of M.Z. Bennett School in Acton and Gus Elliott of Centennial School in Georgetown were among a number of elementary school teachers promoted to the ranks of vice-principal Thursday.

The appointments were announced at a meeting of the Halton Board of Education. The schools the individuals will be appointed to will be announced.



THEY'RE OFF! Perfect weather drew a large crowd of racers and spectators to Fairy Lake Sunday afternoon for the Y's Men's annual snowmobile races. Prizes and trophies were awarded during the afternoon of activities. For more action pictures and story and list of winners see page 2.



TWO WEEKS OF canvassing and the Lions' pool thermometer is already rising. Lionette Elaine Van Merkesteyn watches with keen interest as campaign manager, Vic Bristow, indicates the new total of \$81,000. "Come in and talk canvass," says the enthusiastic manager who is pleased at residents' attitudes and reports "returns are gratifying."