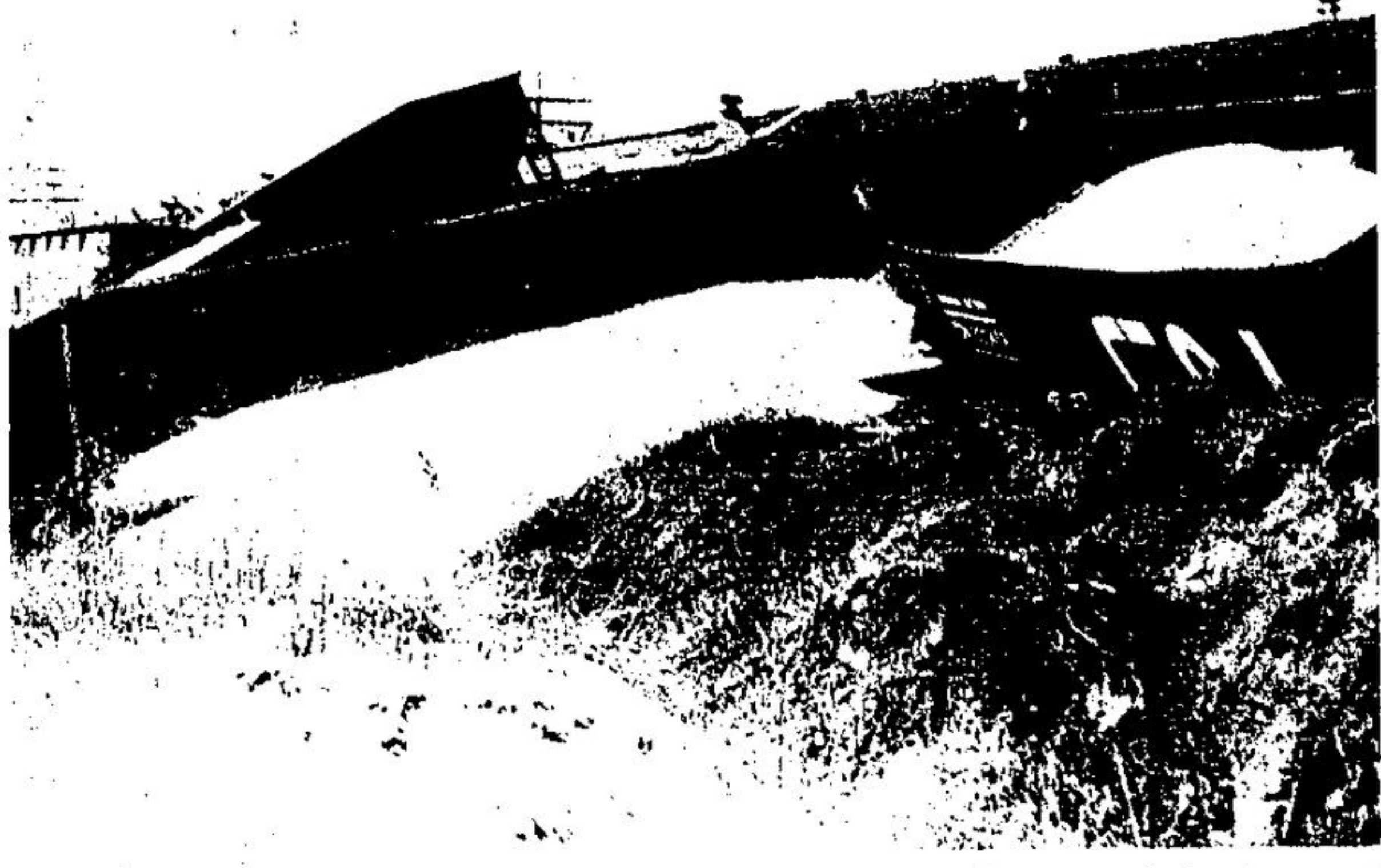


Acton, Georgetown bids for cable TV heard Tuesday



FOUR LARGE AGGREGATE cars hit the derailer on the Indusmin Quarry siding near the Fourth Line crossing Sunday and effectively blocked the CN main line as well as losing their loads of stone. A work train from the Toronto yard spent Sunday night and Monday clearing the wreckage. The cars broke loose from a train being assembled at Indusmin and hit the derailer just short of the main

line. The derailer is a safety device to prevent loose cars from wandering onto the main tracks. Although damage and time lost was considerable, the conductor of the work train pointed out it could have been much worse if the cars had broken out onto the main track and travelled down the grade towards an approaching train.

The Canadian Radio and Transport Commission this week hears two applications for cable television service in Acton.

The local applicant, endorsed by Acton council, is John Goy Sr. who made the formal presentation in Ottawa Tuesday. The public hearing was at the Skyline Hotel there continuing from Tuesday on into Wednesday.

No decision was made and it will likely be about three months before the applicants learn which was approved.

Also applying for the cable license in Acton and Milton is Georgetown Cable TV Ltd., which has already established the service in Georgetown.

Three other applications for Milton were also on the Commission's agenda this week.

Local

When Mr. Goy learned the license would soon be issued for Acton, he explains he spoke to various people who all agreed strongly the service should be kept local. He hired a consultant and arranged for associates who met together and set up their proposals and presentations. A consultant who has worked with other cable television setups has been advising the local men.

While John Goy Sr. will

have controlling interest under this proposal, the other minority shareholders would be Steven Goy, Dr. Doug Garrett, Lorne Doberstein, Dave Dills and Dave Manes.

Appearing before the commission Tuesday and today to

present Acton's case are Mr. Goy, Mr. Doberstein, Mr. Dills and Mr. Manes.

Addressing the commission Mr. Goy pointed out the general wish in Acton to maintain their own identity.

This presentation shows

financing and plans which would provide up to 30 channels to Acton homes which subscribe to the new service.

A local channel is a requirement and he has proposals for Acton-only programs.

Several months ago if the application is approved John Goy expects it will take about eight months to erect an antenna and lay cables along hydro lines and underground.

The group is anticipating using the most modern and up-to-date equipment and methods, after visiting other operations and meeting many times with their consultant Clint Forrester and engineer Harry Davis.

Preference for a local applicant for cable TV here was expressed by the former Acton council, which passed a motion of endorsement before regional government was imposed. This motion has been presented to the CRT with the application from Mr. Goy and his associates.

Since 1967 Georgetown Cable TV Ltd. which made application to extend its present service into Acton and Milton has operated since 1967. They presently have a tower at Norval which would be relocated on the escarpment near Spey-side if their application were successful. The tower would be 250 feet higher for a stronger signal. There is presently a staff of nine in Georgetown. Their application says this staff would be increased by two to handle Milton.

Rabies clinic in April

Numerous people in Halton county taking animals to local veterinarians for rabies inoculations indicates a greater than usual outbreak of rabies in the county, according to local vet Frank Oakes on Knox Avenue.

Dr. Oakes said that usually the federal government does not implement a rabies clinic in an area unless conditions are bad enough to require

one. "Halton county has only had two all through the last 15 years," he recalls.

Go ahead

According to Dr. Keller, of the Health of Animals Branch in Brampton, they have only recently been approached by the Halton Region council and given the go ahead on organizing clinics.

Dr. R. Keller said their branch has been concerned

about the number of cases in the district but were waiting for a directive from the council. "Until this time this was the only limiting factor," and Dr. Keller said that clinics will tentatively convene the latter part of April for the Milton part.

"We have been concerned here by increasing numbers of positive rabies diagnosis in this region," he said.

Name Citizen Tuesday

Acton's Citizen of the Year for 1974 will be named at a special meeting Tuesday evening, April 2.

The Chamber of Commerce executive is receiving recommendations from a new advisory committee con-

sisting of John Goy Sr., a former Citizen of the Year and mayor; Paul Nielsen and Allan Eastwood.

With the naming so close, resident Betty Eastwood reminds residents today that

any suggestions must be in to them by next Monday at the latest.

The dinner-dance, when the newest Citizen will be guest of honor, is set for the band hall on Saturday evening, April 20.

Lions pool go ahead expected next month

Construction of the Lions swimming pool is almost ready to swing into action, say the project organizers who anticipate that Condon Construction will soon be given the go ahead.

Canvass chairman Vic Bristow confirms the aspiration of the project canvassers and says that people's donations continue to come in with several areas still to be heard from.

Lion Bristow is anxious to reach canvassers who have not as yet been able to turn in receipts. He feels the club will have a better financial picture once all collections are in.

Areas of the town remain untouched, according to the stipulation that everyone will have the opportunity to subscribe to the pool fund if they are interested.

"If you have not been contacted don't give up on us," says Vic who tells that the giant thermometer continues to climb but there is great room for more donations. Total local collections show a reading of \$20,000 with the established goal for people and industrial collections set for \$30,000 to \$35,000.

Canvass campaigner, Vic Bristow, specifies that residents not as yet contacted but anxious to contribute, could do so by dropping into Lions club headquarters on Mill St.

Project chairman Art Gordon is anxious to see construction get into operation. "The longer we wait the greater the costs," he said. Art is concerned the pool project could lose out if not begun soon. He pointed out that the 100 percent labor costs paid for by the government, drops to 50 percent after the May 31 deadline. He feels time is of an essence. "We should be well underway by next month at this time," says the optimistic project organizer.

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Tennis courts for Acton-maybe

Acton may have tennis courts this year, as long as there is no private club, according to a recommendation made by the administration committee Monday night.

The committee, with only chairman Roy Booth and Councillor Les Doby present, recommended that recreation director Doug Collison be authorized to call for tenders.

A letter from the president of Acton Tennis Association, George Elliott, said the former Acton council had set aside \$11,500 for the construction of the courts, and the Association was willing to maintain them themselves.

According to the letter the \$11,500 amount would include lighting.

The recreation director pointed out that the price was less than half the price quoted in Georgetown last year for lighted courts. The lowest tender received came in at \$27,129. "I question if it can be done for the \$11,500," commented the recreation director.

Collison asked who would own the courts and who would set the guidelines for use.

Doby said they would be built on public school property.

Collison said the town of

Acton signed the agreement with the school board. If the tennis club builds the courts, what agreement for use does the town have? Collison asked. He wondered if the club could become too private.

"We had the same concern in Georgetown, so we have a check on the fees so the club will be open to all, and we can cancel the use by the club if necessary."

"This is really starting to bug me," stated Doby. "The town of Acton was willing to help. This club is for anybody not a private club. If it were for regional government the courts would be built and in use this summer. This money was set aside by Acton for the tennis courts."

"The recreation facilities in Georgetown would have been built, too, if it wasn't for regional government," shot back Booth.

Doby repeated the courts would be part of the recreation program of the town of Halton Hills. He said all they wanted was the courts, the town could own them and operate them.

The recreation director was authorized to call for tenders by the committee. Council has yet to endorse the decision.



A PLAQUE carrying greetings from the mayor of Milwaukee Henry Maier was presented in between the bantam and juvenile games of the international hockey doubleheader at the community centre Friday night to Halton Hills Councillor Les Doby, the last mayor of the town of Acton. Milwaukee juvenile coach Paul Lawson and son Ted, captain of the juveniles are on the extreme left and right of the picture along with Councillor Doby and the Milwaukee bantam captain. For the story of the big weekend see the Free Press sports pages.

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Judge declares mistrial

Murder trial in third day

The trial continues today (Wednesday) of Thomas Gilchrist Bourke accused of murdering his wife, Colleen, at Acton, May 8, 1973. The original plea of Not Guilty was changed Tuesday, March 26 to Not Guilty by reason of insanity.

Assistant Crown Attorney

Owen prosecuted, Counsel for Defence was Edward Greenspan, Mr. Justice Donnelly presided.

Trial opened Mar. 25 at the Supreme Court of Ontario, Milton County Courthouse, with the selection of the jury. Four witnesses were called and all evidence introduced

Tuesday, March 26. Summons and a verdict are expected today.

Mr. Greenspan opened the case for the defence by changing the plea in the interest of expediency, admitting that Thomas Bourke did cause the death of his wife by stabbing her numerous times.

First witness was Inspector John William McPherson of the O.P.P. with the Criminal Investigation Branch in Toronto. In charge of investigating the case, he read a detailed report of background material and the events surrounding the event. He stated that Bourke was born in Scotland in 1946 and married in 1968 to wife Colleen then 16 years old. Up to the time of the murder Bourke was employed by the Ontario School for the Deaf and lived in an apartment at Sunset Farms, R.R. 6, Milton until Nov. 1973 when Colleen left him taking their two children, Tammy, four and Glenn, two. Both parties were incompatible and were seeing a marriage counselor who felt Bourke was in need of psychiatric assistance.

Mrs. Bourke moved to Apt. 109, 196 Churchill Road, Acton. The report stated that a Ray McIntyre, living in a lower apartment at Sunset Farms, had become friendly with Mrs. Bourke and had been visiting her for 18 months. Bourke found his wife eight days after she left him and continued to see her two or three times a week, trying to convince her to return to him. McIntyre discovered her whereabouts some two months later and proceeded to visit her frequently at the Acton apartment.

Bourke succeeded in convincing Colleen to live with him again, planning to move his family to another apartment by June 1, 1974. He purchased furniture in anticipation of this reunion while then living with his parents in Mississauga.

On May 7, Bourke learned McIntyre had spent the night at his wife's apartment and

Colleen was two or three months pregnant. Leaving a note on McIntyre's car the next day Bourke requested a meeting for discussion. After some confusion they met on May 8 at Milton Plaza at 7 p.m. McIntyre admitted having relations with Mrs. Bourke to which Bourke replied he would cut McIntyre's head off if he didn't stop visiting his wife. On learning that Colleen was pregnant, McIntyre said he would fade out of the picture if the baby were Bourke's.

It was decided, Inspector McPherson reported, the two men should call on Mrs. Bourke. By 9 p.m. they reached her apartment, McIntyre

ringing the doorbell and being greeted affectionately by Colleen. A delicate situation developed as they discussed the paternity of the coming baby and possible reunion of the Bourke family.

Bourke became very emotional, crying and showing McIntyre the family photograph album. Colleen stated she loved McIntyre and would not go back to Bourke. Bourke wanted to know how McIntyre would support Colleen, the two children, and the new baby, if they should marry. The two men left the apartment shortly after 10 p.m. with Bourke crying and McIntyre being kissed by

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Declares mistrial

Mr. Justice Donnelly of the Supreme Court of Ontario declared a mistrial in the case of the Crown versus Thomas Bourke, accused of killing his wife, Colleen, in a Churchill Road, Acton apartment last May.

Judge Donnelly spoke at great length concerning Defence Counsel Edward Greenspan's methods of bringing forth evidence. Inspector McPherson of the Criminal Investigation Division of the O.P.P. Toronto originally read the report of the incident including three statements made by the accused to various police officers.

Defence did not call Bourke to the witness stand to speak for himself but called two eminent psychiatrists, Dr. Cooper and Dr. Rowselle who stated their opinions of Bourke's insanity. However, Judge Donnelly declared the doctors based their opinions on statements made to them by the accused which did not appear in the official statements. Therefore these statements were evidence that was not properly presented to the jury.

Thomas Bourke was remanded in custody until a new trial can be set in the next session some time next fall.

Councillors concerned about poor attendance

Members of Halton Hills Council expressed concern about absenteeism at a special meeting of council Tuesday night. The meeting was called when members voted not to go on beyond the hour of 10:45 at the regular meeting Monday night last week.

"I'm concerned about the five absentees. Where are these people? Did they say they couldn't make it when the meeting was called?" Ward One (Acton) councillor Pat McKenzie asked.

Councillor Ern Hyde had asked council to adopt a committee of the whole system and hold two council meetings per week.

He said the council had to do many more things this year than last and more time

was required. His resolution was withdrawn with the promise that council would hold an in-camera session to discuss the problems of coping with the workload and making the new system work.

Councillors agreed there was a need to improve the council operation.

Councillor Mike Armstrong said he felt there was more than one night per week

required. "Last year I spent two or three nights per week and this year we got a substantial raise. I think some of the people on this council are being a bit niggardly trying to restrict it to one night."

Councillors Ernie Sykes, Russ Miller, Joe Hurst, Roy Booth and Harry Levy were absent from the Tuesday night session.

Apply for grant again

Again this year a group of players from Acton Citizens Band has applied for an Opportunities for Youth grant. They will teach instrumental music in the summer holidays, as they did

last year, and propose adding to the program by forming a junior band of last year's students.

They expect to learn if they are successful in about a month.

Concert

A band concert is being planned for mid-April.

Start to scream?

"What is our involvement with Ward 1 and 2, now that council turned down a program co-ordinator for these areas?" recreation director Doug Collison asked general administration committee, Monday night.

Chairman Roy Booth said all members of the committee were in favor of the program co-ordinator and had done their best to convince council of the need.

"All I can say is do the best you can," said councillor Les Doby. "If people in the areas start screaming maybe the representatives of ward 1 and 2 who voted against it will think twice."

Recommend cemetery lots be sold in Acton

How are Acton cemetery plots to be sold?

The problem had been sent from the finance and personnel committee of Halton Hills council to the works committee, but superintendent Frank Morette didn't think the works staff should have the task.

In Georgetown, plots will be sold at the treasury office. But whether a person from the office should drive up to Acton to show lots or not, was debated by the committee members Monday night.

Finally the committee recommended that in Acton the plots should be sold through Bruce Shoemaker. The recommendation goes to Halton Hills council.

Mr. Shoemaker would receive \$15 for each plot sold.

Councillor Hurst, who as Acton's former clerk-administrator had sold the plots himself, pointed out often much time is spent and no sale made. Chairman Cox agreed the charge was small, considering the length of time it would take a person away

from Halton Hills works force.

While on the subject of cemeteries, councillor Hurst had a couple of suggestions, from his experience. He felt lots should be sold in order, rather than letting people pick and choose a location. He also felt the problem of snow plowing would be considerably alleviated if only one car was permitted to go to the cemetery for the interment. The committee service should be held at the church or funeral home, he said.

Four collisions on Acton streets

Four two-vehicle collisions in town during the past week were written up in the O.P.P. books.

Last Wednesday, March 20 at Fellows and Mill the drivers involved were John Swackhammer, 227 Arthur St., and Phyllis MacDonald, 49 Roseford. The MacDonald car had estimated \$80 damage and the other car none.

On Sunday at a private driveway off Churchill Rd. the collision was between a car driven by Normand Tremblay, 142 Poplar Ave., and a Reliable Taxi driven by June Secord. The Tremblay

car had \$20 estimated damage and the taxi none.

Later Sunday evening at Queen and Churchill Rd. S. Bob Brenton, 132 Bower Ave., and Ralph Mickeljohn, Guelph, were the two drivers involved. Police set damage to the Brenton car at \$50 and to the Mickeljohn car at \$350.

On Monday more damage was the result of the meeting of vehicles driven by Glenn Plant, R.R. 5, Milton, and Robert Hestley, R.R. 3, Acton. The collision happened at Main St. at Church St., with the Plant damage estimated at \$600 and Hestley, \$250.