



**FOUR DIED** in a three-car collision Friday evening on Halton Rd. No. 1 just north of 25 Sideroad. It was two and a half hours after the rending collision that Roy's Auto Collision was able to attach chains to the crumpled cars and tow them away to Campbellville. Two Guelph

residents and a Burlington couple died in two cars and one passenger escaped. A third car was involved but the passengers were uninjured. Acton firefighters and North Halton O.P.P. were joined in the darkness by doctors, ambulances and the Milton emergency van.

## Four people killed in three-car crash

A searing crash on the Guelph Line just north of No. 25 Sideroad left four people dead Friday evening, and one seriously injured. The three-car accident occurred about 7.25 p.m. and the shattered debris was not cleared from the road until 10.15 p.m.

Dead are Stephen Bradshaw, 31, 235 Metcalfe St., Guelph, his passenger Heather Richardson, 23, 49 Dublin St., Guelph, and a Burlington couple, Milan Laverne Beatty, 53, and his wife Lois Beatty, 51. Mr. Bradshaw had as passengers Heather Richardson and her fiancé Gerry Schuett, 49 Dublin St.,

Guelph, who ran to a neighbouring house for assistance. He was taken by ambulance to Guelph General Hospital and was released Sunday. \$1,200 damage to the 1970 Dodge driven by Mr. Bradshaw was proceeding south on the Guelph Line (Halton Rd. No. 1) in the process of passing,

according to investigating police. A 1973 Datsun driven by Mr. Beatty was heading north when the vehicles came into collision. A third car was involved and damaged but the passengers in it were not injured. Police said damages totalled more than \$4,200. Acton fire department was called in an effort to release the victims from their cars. Milton emergency van also arrived, as well as doctor, coroner, ambulances, Roy's tow truck from Campbellville and more police.

Acton firefighters washed down the road, directed traffic, and helped pry open the doors of the cars. (In Acton, the annual firemen's ball was by then underway.) Neighboring residents spoke with apprehension of the speed and heavy traffic on their road.

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### Council promises

## Fair will retain identity

Halton Hills council allayed any fears the Acton Agricultural Society may have had about the continuance of their own fall fair and its own identity.

Ken Murray, president of the Acton society, said he had heard rumors suggesting the two fairs, Acton and Georgetown, would be amalgamated.

Councillor Harry Levy said he and the rest of council would hate to see any fall fair stop. "We have so few links with our past, I hope both Acton and Georgetown fairs go on for many years."

Mr. Murray said the Society had received grants from Acton and Esquesing in the past and hoped grants would be continued. He explained nobody came asking for the grant, "because we felt you had enough to do without listening to a bunch of old farmers."

**Worked well**  
The society president asked council for a renewal of a lease in force since 1961 which gives them free use of Prospect Park and the arena for two days a year. He asked it be upped to three days, since Acton fall fair was continued on Sunday this year. "It worked well, so we will do it again," said Mr. Murray.

"Permanent installations for recreation facilities can pose a problem for us," said Mr. Murray, as he explained the concrete bases around swings make it difficult for cattle and trucks when the fair is in operation. He asked to have a voice in such installations in the future.

**Minor troubles**  
Mr. Murray said a few minor trouble areas were the lack of another road to the park and the difficulty of finding keys when needed.

"We told council the agricultural society themselves would clean up after the fair as they have in the past, if they can have the use of the garbage paker."

**Excellent**  
He concluded by saying he hoped the same excellent

working relationships the society had in the past with Acton and Esquesing would continue with Halton Hills.

Levy told Mr. Murray the \$700 grant to the Acton society had been approved. Mayor Tom Hill read a letter from the Agricultural Society thanking the town for the use of snow fencing and the garbage paker.

Councillor Pat McKenzie remarked "You can rest easy; everyone wants you to have your own fair."

Councillor Les Duby said the fairboard should be consulted when the new waterlines are installed in the park.

The various items mentioned by Mr. Murray will be discussed in the appropriate committees.



**BEAVER JASON** Sharples, Scout Darrell Allison and cub Jimmy McVeigh test their delicious apples before heading out to sell them Saturday morning. Apple Day is an annual fall campaign to raise funds for scout and cub work in town. Beavers are a new group this year.

## Council calls the tune okays grants to bands

A move to have the grants to the Acton Citizens Band and the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band paid by the areas in which they exist, rather than the whole town of Halton Hills was turned back, at committee of the whole, Monday night.

Council voted to pay the \$4,750 grant to the Acton Citizens band and the \$1,500 grant to the Girls' Pipe band. Both grants were made after public plebiscites some years ago in the two towns. The Acton Citizens' Band receives 82 1/2 percent of half a mill and the Junior band was to receive the remaining 17 1/2 percent. The Junior band has now been absorbed into the Acton Citizens' band.

A similar plebiscite in Georgetown voted the Girls' Pipe band \$500, but after the demise of the Georgetown Citizens' band, their grant was upped to \$1,500 upon their request.

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Councillor Ric Morrow said he was not suggesting the grants should be withheld, but simply charged back to each area, until the province clarifies the by-laws governing two towns, now amalgamated into one.

Councillor Harry Levy said the Acton Citizens' Band had been waiting patiently since May for their grant, which they had every reason to

expect since it was agreed on by a public vote. Councillor Ern Hyde commented, "It may seem strange but for once I agree with Councillor Morrow." He suggested the two grants be totalled then divided on a per capita basis. Levy said it can't be done.

Councillor Pat McKenzie said he endorsed Morrow's suggestion of a charge back to each town. "The people are proud of the Acton band and are willing to support it." McKenzie contended on a per capita basis of band members the grant was close to equal now, since there are

between 25 and 30 in the Georgetown Girls' Pipe band, and between 80 and 90 in the Acton Citizens' band. He said the Acton band is training young people and have built their own hall and maintained it. "If you want to bill it back to the Acton area, I'll make the motion," McKenzie concluded.

"It seems to me some individuals have a vendetta against Ward 1," charged Councillor Les Duby. "They seem to think we couldn't operate as a municipality before amalgamation. This grant was established by plebiscite for instruction in music and the band was granted half a mill of assessment. Most of the time they have been getting less than that. We now have to deal with it as one amalgamated municipality. At present they have made the proper request for their grant as their only source of income. They only tutured

young people and carried on since January 1, with no income."

Councillor Ernie Sykes said he thought the original Georgetown Citizens' band grant passed by plebiscite had been for \$2,500 and after it was disbanded the Girls' Pipe band grant was upped from \$500 to \$1,500.

He emphasized they were two different types of bands with different requirements. "Their requirements have been met if we give them \$1,500 and the \$1,750." Morrow insisted he was not suggesting the Acton amount be changed now, but was only asking to charge back to both areas be made for this year and next year both bylaws be wiped out and the bands be treated on their merits when their budgets are submitted. Mayor Tom Hill said all other bylaws of the former areas had been adopted and they should adopt this one. "I take strict exception to

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## Remembrance service Sunday

The traditional community service of remembrance will be held this Sunday morning at the cenotaph and Knox church.

The parade will proceed from the new Legion hall to the cenotaph, led by Acton Citizens' Band, and the outdoor service will begin about 10:45 a.m. Legion president Bob Ang, C.M., John McHugh and padre Rev. A. H. McKenzie will take part with George Elliott sounding the Last Post and Reveille. Representatives of community organizations will lay wreaths.

Bill Nicolak is parade marshal.

**Display**  
These wreaths are now incorporated in the impressive window display at Acton Home Furnishings. Bouquets of mums and flags form a background for the

hand-lettered lists of names of Acton servicemen who died in combat.

The parade proceeds to Knox church where the annual Remembrance service will be held. Rev. McKenzie will preach on The Priority of Peace. The Acton Legion Chorale will sing. Taking part in the service will be Legion comrades Dr. A. J. Buchanan and Ed Footitt.

**No change**  
The suggestion had been made a community service be held on Saturday in the new Legion auditorium. However, the decision was made to retain this older format. Other churches continue to hold their own services.

Poppies are already on sale in some stores. Acton Legion also takes part in the services at Rockwood and Brookville.

## Bank shut 45 minutes bomb threat "prank"

"A stupid prank" is how Acton police described the phoning of a bomb warning to the Bank of Montreal last Friday afternoon. The bank was hastily cleared and customers kept out for about 45 minutes, while a thorough search was made. There was, of course, no bomb.

Police and Bank of Montreal security branch officials are continuing their investigations. "If he's caught, there'll be a stiff penalty," says Corp. Bob Arbour grimly.

The call lasted only a few seconds and indicated there was a bomb in the bank due to go off in five minutes.

**Quick work**  
Administration manager David Whittaker informed police and organized the clear-out of the bank and a neighboring store. He also phoned police, who contacted North Halton O.P.P. and sped half-a-block to the bank.

Cons. Bruce McArthur and Cons. Murray McCrae were joined by Corp. Bell and Cons. John Hicks of their rural counterparts, the North Halton detachment of the O.P.P.

Bank manager Ted Pratt wasn't in the bank at the time. He later praised the cool departure of employees, completely according to routine. "These things can't

be treated lightly," he commented. "I'm very proud of the staff, but very sorry for the inconvenience to so many customers on an unusually busy day."

There was speculation the call was a post-Hallowe'en prank. Few of those in the crowd which gathered across the street treated the call seriously.



"PRANK" bomb scare brought speedy exodus of the Bank of Montreal last Friday, when only the clock kept working. Staff watches from across

the road. Search found nothing; everything was back to normal in 45 minutes.

### Consolidated Gravel

## Delay quarry zoning ruling

The Niagara Escarpment Commission will be asked to voice its opinion on whether or not a 600 acre parcel of land at Speyside owned by Consolidated Sand and Gravel should be zoned extractive industrial.

An Ontario Municipal Board hearing was adjourned Monday when legal counsel objecting to plans to quarry the land near St. Helena Rd. suggested the meeting would be futile until the Escarpment Commission had determined the boundaries of the area to be controlled by the commission.

Grace Maitland-Carter, a solicitor representing the Commission said the policy control area had been presented to the Ministry of Housing and was awaiting the approval and subsequent publishing of the development control policies and bound-

aries.

**Can apply**  
She pointed out the 600 acre parcel fell within the proposed boundaries and added the policy of the commission was not to grant permission for any new quarries or gravel pits until the regulations were published. She noted there would be an opportunity for the firm and for others to apply and ask to be removed from the restricted zone.

Solicitors Ray Steele representing Halton Hills and Noel Bates representing Halton Region Council supported the move for an adjournment. Both opposed any change to the proposed official plan which would allow a quarrying operation to function at the Speyside site.

Consolidated is one of five parties objecting to the

Esquesing official plan and asking that provision be made to accommodate the planned operations. Other hearings will be held later this week.

Doug McConachie presented a letter on behalf of the Town of Milton which set out town council's concern about increased truck traffic on Highway 25 coming south.

G. W. Cooper appeared on behalf of the Speyside Area Ratepayers and lawyer Harry Funk spoke on behalf of E. Gignac, resident in the area. Both object to the requested zoning designation and agreed to the motion to adjourn.

Duncan Finlayson, legal counsel for Consolidated Sand and Gravel, said the firm was anxious to get an answer one way or the other and

suggested the information from Niagara Escarpment Commission might take some time.

He pointed out the government policy concerning the Niagara Escarpment suggested the aggregate industry should be protected and it encouraged certain areas be set aside for that purpose.

He told OMB member Don Jameson he felt the firm wouldn't be able to present its case in as cogent and compelling a fashion before the commission as it could before the OMB.

After hearing preliminary argument Jameson said the applicant would have to fight someplace, but he felt it wise to fight it out at the NEC before the OMB heard the case. He told the applicant to

contact the commission and try to get a yes or no answer at that level and if neither was forthcoming by the end of the year, a new date could be set. If an opinion is received sooner, a hearing can be held sooner, he indicated.

It was the prospect of a quarry operation at the Consolidated site that sparked the formation of the Speyside and Area Ratepayers. That group as well as residents along 15 Sideroad and Highway 25 to the south oppose the development of a quarry there.

The firm has made presentations outlining proposals for rehabilitation of the area. The firm proposes to develop two large lakes and a large park that could be developed as a park complex and operated by Halton Region Conservation Authority.