



AN ACTON WOMAN'S CAR went out of control and struck a rock on Highway 25 a mile north of Five Sideroad Sunday afternoon, injuring the driver Doreen Lee of Acton and passengers Richard and Russell Lee. All three were treated for minor injuries at Milton District Hospital. The car received \$2,500 damage.

Taxi operators confer on bylaw

Representatives of three taxi companies attended Monday's meeting of Halton Hills finance and personnel committee in Georgetown. They had been asked to comment on the proposed new taxi licensing bylaw for the town, and licensing officer Grant Usher also attended the meeting. Kenneth and Vivian Shaw represented Flash Taxi, Al and Leah McMillan, Glen Taxi and Don Grein, Reliable Taxi. Carman Malby attended as a taxi cab owner, driving for Flash.

the bylaw passes. There would be four companies, as at present, with a waiting list available. Mr. McMillan suggested universal taxi licenses for Halton Hills so part-time drivers could work for different companies. Can't judge Stated age deadline for cars concerned Mr. Grein. You can't judge a man or a car by the date of its birth, he declared. Some cars are worn out in two years. He felt the required safety checks would cover the problem. Taxis would all be required to be clearly marked as such.

Will consider Committee members and the owners and driver discussed various points for about an hour. Committee members promised to reconsider the points raised before the final bylaw is presented to council.

It was understood by the delegation that the number of Taxi licenses will be raised from 16 to 25, as well as the number of licences per owners from seven to eight, if

Region briefs

At a meeting on Wednesday, February 5, Halton Regional Council:

—After some discussion it was decided to table the draft interim planning report until Halton Hills and Milton get a chance to look it over.

—A suggestion that a report from the Ministry of Health on asbestos in drinking water be received and filed was rejected by council. Administration committee had made the suggestion but council decided the public works committee should have a look at the report.

—It was decided "effective January 1, 1975" should be added to a recommendation that service costs for May Court Nursery, Oakville; Ressel Day Nursery, School, Burlington; and Brant Children's Centre, Burlington, be increased.

—That councillors Marjorie Powys, Paul Preston, David Coons, and Burlington Mayor George Harrington sit on the Children's Aid Society of Halton board of directors. It was also decided two more councillors may sit with the group if they wish.

—A bid by Councillor Terry Mannell to have "it is understood that this is the present intention of council and is not a firm commitment" stricken from a recommendation from the administration committee that Halton Helping Hands will receive a grant of \$8,000. Mannell couldn't see any good the way it was worded.

—Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur is worried that the region isn't showing enough concern for 1,500 acres of forest land in Halton. Representatives of the Ministry of Natural Resources have been requested to meet with the solicitor to discuss the annual forest agreement and regional tree cutting by-law. Mrs. MacArthur thought the people from Natural Resources should have been sent to planning committee. It was pointed out to the Milton mayor the solicitor's report will be sent to planning.

—Passed a bill to establish a day nursery in Halton Hills.

—Approved a bill to allow the appointment of people to act in place of regional chairman Allan Masson for periods of one month when the chairman is absent.

"Raise hell", says Hill

Fight for your rights

by Bob Burt
Ontario Federation of Agriculture President, Gordon Hill, spent three hours Friday answering questions of Halton and Peel farmers and defending the OFA's land use policy. Among the most controversial points in the OFA brief is a clause calling for the freeing of large tracts of prime farmland and suggesting forms of compensation that could make it possible for the land to be frozen without the farmer suffering the burden for all of society.

Hill told more than 100 farmers it was their own fault that they were working for low incomes. "It's our fault we let it happen. We had the opportunity for market plans and failed to use it. Your income is low because you won't get off your butt and do something about it."

"Violence works Farmers have been passive for years. People thought it was horrible when Quebec farmers killed calves and spread manure on the Minister of Agriculture's lawn," Hill said. But he claimed as a result of those actions, the Quebec government finally pumped millions of dollars into plans to provide farm benefits. "They raised hell in Quebec and British Columbia and if you want, you'll do it here. The teachers didn't get the raises they wanted because they suggested they would like higher pay, but because they closed the bloody schools," he pointed out.

Hill reminded farmers that it wasn't until they refused to pay the education tax on their land that the 50 per cent rebates were instituted. "Central office can't bring about change for you. Central office needs the support of the people in the country. With no support from the people in the country, central office doesn't weigh an ounce. The only influence we have is to relay the true opinion of people and to be able to say that the farmers need business."

He urged farmers pay more attention to the Federation and politics and encouraged them to throw their representatives in both the federation and the legislature out, if they wouldn't do what the farmers wanted. "Vote for workers "Don't vote for a guy because you like him. He might be the nastiest SOB in the province, but if he'll get the job done, put him in."

One man wondered why the province would listen to farmers when they represented only five or seven per cent of the vote, while the consumer represented such a large portion of the vote. Hill chastized farmers for not recognizing the clout they had. "I'm disturbed by the defeatist attitude of farmers. The only reason farmers can't get what they want, is farmers."

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Mrs. Betty Mackenzie supervisor

Mrs. Betty Mackenzie, 22 Hyde Park Dr., Georgetown, has been appointed Supervisor for Visiting Homemakers of the newly revived Red Cross Homemaker Service for North Halton. The service will cover Milton, including the former township of Nassagaweya, Acton, Georgetown and Esquesing. Mrs. Mackenzie will interview and place homemakers in homes where

they are needed. She said homemakers are usually mature responsible women who have raised a family and know how to run a house. They are trained by the Red Cross. She said the service fills the void when a mother of small children is sick. "Many times the father cannot take time off work without losing pay, and the burden on the family increases." Homemakers will also

serve anyone who is not sick enough to go to hospital but need assistance. Fees for the service are adjusted according to ability to pay. Mrs. Mackenzie, a native of this area, trained as a nurse at Toronto Western Hospital, then spent a year at University of Toronto attaining her certificate in Public Health Nursing. Later she received her B.Sc. in nursing from University of Western Ontario.

Guelph artist designs coins

The series III Olympic coins, designating the theme "Early Canadian Sports", were designed by Guelph artist Ken Danby.

Danby is one of Canada's better known realist artists, and his work has been exhibited in Europe and South America.

His paintings have been represented in 24 major collections. He has had 20 one-man exhibitions throughout North America and Germany, as well as 30 group exhibitions across two continents.

Gone

Police received a complaint of a snowmobile on the lake at 1:10 a.m. Sunday morning. But it couldn't be located.



MRS. BETTY MACKENZIE is the newly appointed Supervisor of Visiting Homemakers.

Halton garbage group is formed

Citizens in Halton attempting to come to grips with the garbage problem now have a voice. The Halton Garbage Coalition Group was founded Monday night in Burlington with several citizens' groups represented.

Members of Toronto Garbage Coalition, Burlington's Concerned Citizens Against Pollution, Pollution Probe Georgetown, the Ontario Federation of

Agriculture and SPIN in Nassagaweya are in support of the new group which will make an attempt to cut back on the amount of garbage discarded in Halton.

The first project for the group is to write and distribute a flyer informing the public on how to cut back the volume of garbage. It's the aim of the group to get this information to each household in the region.

May take 26 months

Oakville site considered

Halton Regional Government will be hard pressed to find a permanent home for new headquarters before the three year lease at the Abbey Life Building in Burlington expires.

During a press conference, Regional Chairman, Allan Masson, Thursday confirmed published reports that indicated the site committee was still considering a site on the south-east corner of Upper Middle Rd. and Highway 25, Oakville. That site is held by private owners and is in the greenbelt. That site is preferred by some committee members over a site owned by the provincial government in the Palermo area.

That site on Highway 25 was earlier described as unavailable because of the

asking price. According to Masson, the government-owned site near Palermo is available through the Ministry of Housing.

Tight schedule Asked if he felt the council could complete negotiations, he plans drafted and the building constructed within the 26 months that are left on the existing lease, Masson agreed the scheduling was tight. "The sand is running through the glass." He noted there was a lot of preliminary work an architect could be doing prior to site selection.

Council blocked that alternative when it refused to authorize the selection of an architect prior to having a site chosen, several weeks ago. Meanwhile very little headway has been made

Local banks for taxes

Taxes can be paid at the municipal office, or at all banks, last week's Free Press advised. But the town office called to point out it's not really ALL banks. Just any bank in Halton Hills.

No fires

Mick Holmes, chief of the Acton Volunteer Fire Department, reported no fires in Acton in the past week.

Changes in Bruce Trail

The Bruce Trail News, official publication of the Bruce Trail Association, notes there are two changes on the Toronto section of the Bruce Trail, both in the Halton hills area.

One change is at Mile 4.9 (Ninth Line) south of Terra Cotta and crosses overland to the 8th Line, thus avoiding the walk around by road. The old route using the road still makes a very attractive walk and may now be used as a

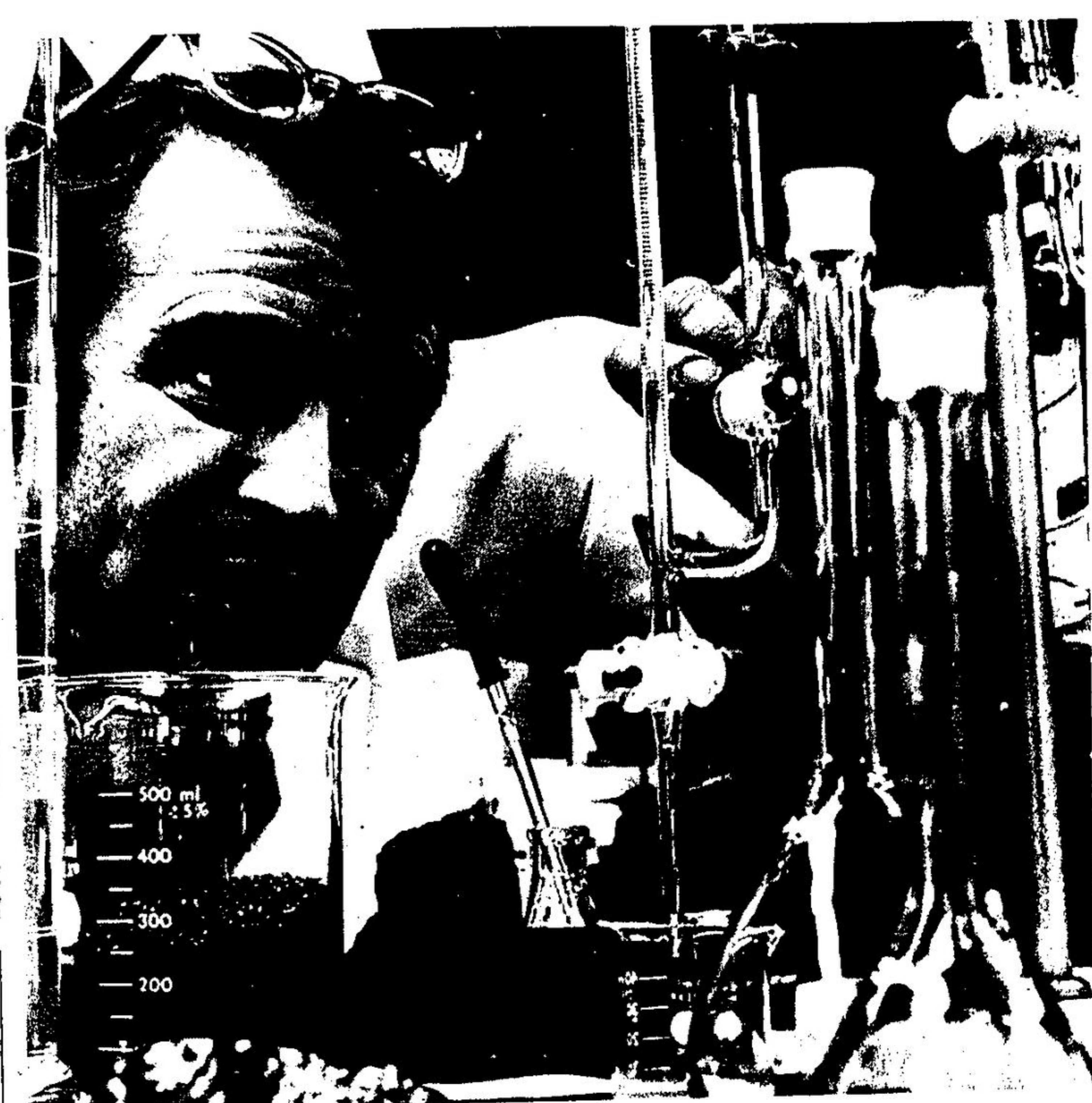
loop hike," the News says. The new route reduces the length of the Toronto section by 1.3 miles, so that mileage numbers in the text and map of the trail must be changed.

The second rerouting is between the 7th Line and the 6th Line. Rerouting is completely within the concession and involves no change in mileage.

The accompanying map illustrates both changes.



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Conducts excursions

Charles Hildebrandt, of B.R.I. Georgetown, in conjunction with the Toronto Bruce Trail Club, is conducting a series of winter excursions into prime snow-shoe country. The outings will range from short one-day hikes to full weekends with overnight accommodations, in the undisturbed central Ontario forest lands. Tentative dates have been set for February 14-16, February 22 and March 1.—Bruce Trail News.