

The Free Press Back Issues

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, March 24, 1955

No damage was caused Monday near midnight after fire was discovered in a pile of refuse behind an Acton supermarket.

Firemen were summoned to the rear of Ledger's IGA when a taxi cab operated across the street noticed smoke rising at the rear of the large store. P.C. Don Cook sprayed the loading door with chemical from a small extinguisher carried in his patrol car, preventing spread of the smouldering fire before the brigade arrived. Cause of the fire was not determined.

On Friday, Acton public school forwarded \$147.50 to the Junior Red Cross. This represents 25 cents per pupil at the school.

The girls of the local 4-H Club attended Achievement Day at the O.A.C. on Saturday. Credit is due the girls and leaders, Miss Doris Fines and Mrs. B. Robertson, for the fine showing made by the club. The following girls received county honors, Shirley Awrey, Lorna Bessey, Zorra Klooster, and Joanne Smith.

At least two people in the district are reported this week to have won consolation prizes in the Irish Hospital Sweepstakes.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, March 26, 1925

High school students gave the programme at the weekly meeting of the Young People's League in the Methodist School room on Monday evening. The numbers given were highly enjoyed and were creditable to the students.

Miss Minnie Z. Bennett, president of the League, occupied the chair, and extended a cordial welcome to the teachers and students of the high school who had come to spend the evening with them.

Acton Citizen's Band has again had the satisfactory demonstration of the loyalty of the people of the community to their enterprises. Whenever they stage an entertainment the people give their willing patronage. This in itself is gratifying to the very worthy organization.

On Monday evening the baseball enthusiasts of Acton met and decided to have a team in town this season. Prospects are good for an excellent team. The following officers were elected at the meeting: Hon. President, Peter A. Smith; President, N. H. Garden; First vice-president, F. J. Lyle; second vice president, W.D.C. Talbot; secretary-treasurer, L. D. Forbes; patrons H. A. Cox, James Symon, H. S. Holmes, W. A. Storey, James Anderson, G. A. Dills, Amos Mason, H. L. Harrison; Managing committee L. McDonald, K. Currie, N. Gibbons, W. Kaley, E. W. Masters. Manager, Robt. Scott, Coach George Hynds. It was decided to call the team "Acton Aces."

75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press March 22, 1900.

Miss B. A. Gordan has been engaged as teacher in Bannockburn school, in place of Miss McKeown, who has resigned to take a position in Toronto.

In the list of contributors to the patriotic fund published last week the name of Mr. A. O. Beardmore, who subscribed \$5.00, was omitted.

An extremely interesting letter from gunner W. J. Moore with D Battery in South Africa, portraying the latter part of the voyage of the Laurostian, has been handed the Free Press by Principal Moore and will be published next week.

Mr. John Warren shipped six thoroughbred Durhams to Mr. William Totten, Mankato, Kan., a week or so ago.

William Lawson, 4th Line, Esquimes, has purchased the Patton Farm adjoining his property, for \$5,500.

Messrs. Humphries and Hawke have received another car of Manitoba wheat this week.

A highly enjoyable time was spent by a sleighing party from town which drove to the home of Mr. Robt. Johnson and family, Erin, last Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson proved themselves splendid host and hostess.

St. Alban's Church Choir is preparing special music for the Easter Sunday services.

A number of citizens went to Milton on Tuesday to act as jurors at the spring assizes.

**The Corporation of
The Town of Halton Hills**

**TENDER FOR RECONSTRUCTION
OF CHURCH STREET**
(Ward 2, Acton)
Contract 75-1

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned until 12:00 Noon on,
Thursday, April 17, 1975

For the reconstruction of Church Street in The Town of Halton Hills (Ward 2, Acton). The work consists of the complete reconstruction of approx. 2000 L.F. of 30 ft. asphalt roadway, including curb and gutter and sidewalks.

A copy of the contract documents for the work may be obtained after March 31, 1975 from the Works Department at 157 Maple Ave. E., Georgetown, upon a deposit of \$25.00. The deposit will be refunded upon return of the documents in good condition within 30 days of the Tender closing date.

Each tender must be accompanied by a certified cheque or bid bond made payable to The Corporation of The Town of Halton Hills in the amount of \$5,000.00.

A set of plans and specifications will be on view at the office of the Consulting Engineers, R. V. Anderson Associates Ltd., 194 Wilson Ave., Toronto.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

D. Pritchard,
Clerk,
Town of Halton Hills,
Trafalgar Rd.,
Georgetown, Ontario.



REHEARSING FOR Easter Sunday liturgy at St. Alban the Martyr Church are Crucifer Dale Anderson, and servers, Muriel Holmes, Jeff Carr, Alec Pitt, Karen Pitt and lay reader Les Duby. Junior and senior choirs are combined. Members of the junior choir are Linda Shadbolt, Lisa Maddeux,

Monica Heptner and Vicki Bristow. The senior choir consists of Bea Anderson, Alice Duby, Vic Bristow, Stephen Truchan, May Hoare, Margaret Hoare, Joan Pratt, Bonnie Bristow, Nellie Pitt, Louise Lindsay and organist Barbara Pratt.

Our Readers Write

To the editor:

On March 12, 1975, I appeared before an O.M.B. hearing to appeal the decision of the Land Division Committee re two building lots on Lot 27, Con. 10, Halton Hills.

This farm is crown land, being in the Starret name since 1859 and owned by me since 1957.

The chairman of the O.M.B. dismissed this appeal on the basis that it was premature, because the Niagara Escarpment Commission does not have a plan. Walter Gowing, who is Manager of Information Service for the N.E.C., said there was no freeze on the Escarpment. If this is not a freeze, I would like to know what it is? Who does the N.E.C. think they are, some kind of a god that people have to bow to?

Questa, the magazine the N.E.C. published said that: It is important to note that in contrast with the zoning by-law system, with development control the N.E.C. is not required to involve the public before making a decision. Public notification comes after a decision has been made.

This is dictatorship. I thought Canada was a free country!! The planning act of Halton Hills said: Niagara Escarpment is Zone E. quote "These lands may be used for agriculture uses, other than intensive animal operation." Does this mean if I buy 200 pigs to feed my corn to, that I may be violating the by-law? What is intensive animal operations?

The Act, Bill 129: "Once development control regulations are in effect, those municipal zoning by-laws and Minister

Orders listed in the regulation will cease to have effect within the designated area." The policies Halton Hills' council worked hard to get, could be down the drain. Why does the N.E.C. and C.V.C.A. have a different official map of Halton Hills? Do they have the right to alter maps and not notify the council?

Halton Hills official map said the lots I tried to sever are in Special Area 2 but the N.E.C. said they are in Special Area 1. If these two lots were separated, rather than purchased by the C.V.C.A. and estate type homes built on them, the tax return to Halton Hills would be \$2000 - \$5,000 versus \$8.00 to \$10.00 from farm land.

Why does the Land Division Committee grant some separations that are in the N.E.C. planning area and the next time reject applications?

How many property owners of Halton Hills know that they are going to be controlled by the N.E.C. from Highway 25 to the Town Line of Halton Hills and Peel County and from 10 Sideoad North to township of Erin, the N.E.C. will have complete control of approximately 12,000 acres. Are you satisfied with this type of government control?

Come on, Halton Hills council, we want some answers.

An Unfortunate Escarpment property owner,
Doug Starret.

Town will hear

Despite the objections of Councillor Ern Hyde, Halton Hills works committee decided Monday evening to at least give consultants the chance to try and sell the town on maintenance management.

"They will come in here and swamp us," Hyde warned the committee members. He said he is opposed to consultants and thought the town's staff could do the job just as well.

"Our own staff can do this. They should be doing this. Moving us all to a higher level of efficiency should have been going on all along," he said.

Hyde suggested the town could send people to Brampton to see how maintenance management works and then come back and do the same thing in Halton Hills.

Councillor Len Cox said they could go look at the region's maintenance management program but added he still wants to hear what consultants have to say.

Committee vice-chairman Mike Armstrong noted he was "impressed with main-

tenance management" but that he, too, wanted to hear from consultants.

"I am a layman and don't fully understand this program but from what I've seen at the region it isn't that much better than our present system. It may be helping management of works but I can't see that it has been that much better a system," Cox told the committee. He added he could see many pitfalls in the system and thought it lacked practicality.

Accept registrations respiratory seminar

The Halton TB and RD Association says there is still some space available for late registrations for the seminar of respiratory diseases to be held at Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital auditorium, Burlington on Wednesday, April 2, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

The education program has been developed for those people in the community who suffer from emphysema, asthma, bronchitis or other

respiratory problems. Speakers are Dr. R. W. T. Haddon of Burlington and Dr. Miles Kishaw of Oakville.

Following the program, there will be a short discussion of the "Better Breathing Club" organized to begin the following week. Application forms for this course will be available.

There are no charges for these programs; they are made possible through donations to the Annual Christmas Seal Campaign.

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