

Sabre, Figure Skating Club ice rates reduced

Ice rental rates paid by Acton Sabres and Acton Figure Skating Club were reduced Monday by Halton Hills council and at the same meeting council decided to launch an investigation into financial problems plaguing Sabres, Georgetown Geminis and Georgetown Raiders.

The rate for the junior B hockey teams has now been reduced to \$25 an hour and the Figure Skaters' rate has dropped from \$20 an hour to \$18.

Norm Elliott, speaking on behalf of six groups who use the Acton arena, told council that the people disagree with recreation director Glen Gray who says people who use facilities like arenas should pay for it, noting that libraries and schools aren't used by everyone but every taxpayer

helps bear the burden. He suggested it should be the same for the rink.

Not free ride

He said the groups aren't asking for a free ride or unrealistically low rates but they do need some financial considerations. Mr. Elliott said administration committee didn't accept the groups' proposals but he hoped council would.

Mr. Elliott blamed regional government for the lack of direct dialogue between groups using the arena and other town facilities and elected officials and added the groups really haven't been able to give the town much input.

He said Acton Sabres couldn't be blamed for the lack of revenue the town received last year from their games since they were

offered the option of a 60-40 gate split or ice rental rates by the municipality.

Former report

He said the Sabres agree fully to the ice rental rate of \$25 set out in a report adopted by the town in 1974 calling for gradually increasing ice rental rates over 1974, 1975 and 1976.

He said the hockey team doesn't quibble with \$25 an hour but does with \$30 an hour which was sprung on them just a few days before the season opened.

He said the shift for the figure skaters from 7½ hours last year of non prime time and 5½ hours of prime time to one hour non prime and 13 hours prime time this year was placing a tremendous financial burden on the group. He noted the group has faced

two rate increases to its parent bodies and has had to raise its own fees twice.

Increase

Figure skating officials Carol Campbell and Laurie Cook noted after council reduced the rates since their prime time hours weren't cut back the group still faces a cost increase over last year of nearly \$3,000.

Mr. Elliott suggested increases should be geared to cost of living increases the same as other government bodies calculate financial increases.

He called for all groups in Halton Hills using arena facilities to sit down with council and recreation department officials to work out future rate increases each year early in the spring so everyone knows

where they stand before the budgets are set for the following year and not just before the season starts.

Elliott thought discussions reaching mutually agreeable positions would be much better and would eliminate the atmosphere of antagonism now effecting discussions when they take place.

Lost Swords

In answer to a question from Councillor Russ Miller Mr. Elliott said the high ice rates were a big factor in the death of the Acton Swords.

He told council that many groups had input into the 1974 report and also while there haven't been formal talks between Acton and Georgetown ice groups they have discussed their mutual problems.

Councillor Pat McKenzie wondered what the town will do if in trying to make the rinks pay their own way it forces teams like the Sabres to fold and leaves the rink empty. He said that if the philosophy that groups using facilities must pay the freight is adopted for the rinks then it should cost \$15 to take a book out of the library and soccer teams should pay a fee each time they use the fields.

Councillor Les Duby said the folding of one hockey team already was a matter of "great concern" and that while the region, Ottawa and Queen's Park aren't very flexible he certainly hoped Halton Hills council, which is close to the grass roots, could be.

Councillor Joe Hurst said all the blame

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34 people plunge into Dec. 6 election stakes

Thirty-four candidates are vying for 17 elected offices up for grabs in the December 6 municipal election. With 19 days left before residents go to the polls only two people have already been elected by acclamation.

Councillor Ric Morrow is assured of a seat on Halton Regional Council and Halton Hills council since he was unopposed for the Ward Four, Georgetown seat.

Incumbent mayor Tom Hill will square off against veteran councillor and presently Ward Four area councillor, Harry Levy, for the mayor's job. All voters in Halton Hills can vote for mayor and the successful candidate will not only be the top politician in the town but also gets a seat on regional council.

Ward One

Acton real estate agent Gordon Dawe will try to unseat incumbent regional councillor and retired school principal G. W. Pat McKenzie for the Ward One regional seat.

Former Acton mayor and incumbent area councillor Les Duby, former councillor Peter Marks and Acton businessman Ed Wood will battle it out for ward one's two area council seats. Acton's other area councillor, Joe Hurst, isn't running.

Ward Two

Bill Hunter and former Warden of Halton County with 13 years experience in municipal politics is re-entering the political arena against Russ Miller, who also sat on the old county council and is a Ward Two area councillor now. The pair are facing off for the one seat at regional council for old Esqueving Township. Esqueving's sitting regional councillor Dick Howitt has decided to retire from council.

Four men will battle it out for the two Ward Two seats on area council.

Newcomer Nick Hunsley,

December 11

Santa parade on new paving

Santa may not get a red carpet in Acton, but he'll settle for a spread of good black pavement.

Mill St. reconstruction is proceeding right on schedule, or even a bit ahead of schedule, and King Construction workmen expect to be done by their deadline on December 10. Only problem might be a serious snowstorm, which could delay work considerably.

Paving could begin next week on the first three blocks, extending east from the Mill-Main corner. Even if the next three blocks were held up and not paved, they would be backfilled and completely passable by that date.

The Santa Claus parade is due along the street on Saturday, December 11.

Water repairs will be made this Sunday, and there is a notice in the paper informing

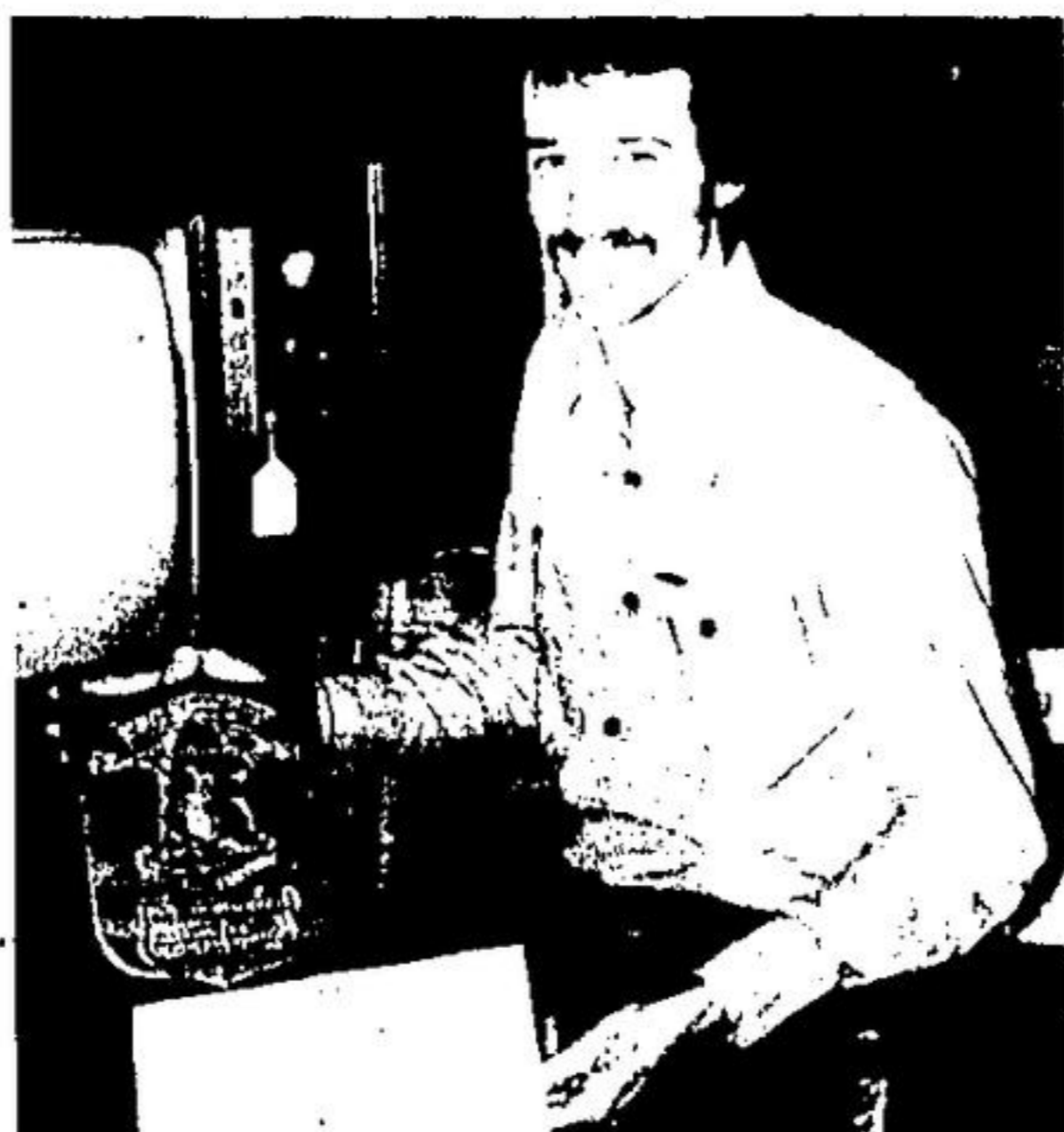
residents water will be shut off for several hours.

There was another water break yesterday (Tuesday) affecting business for a short while. Last week's water break was more serious.

Mill will get one full coat of paving this fall, and a second layer in the spring. King Construction has the \$309,483 contract.

\$750 damages to two cars

Halton Regional Police estimate total damages amounting to \$750 after an accident involving two cars on Kingham Rd., November 9 at 11:15 p.m. when a car, driven by Raymond Dunoak, 37 Rosemary Rd. collided with a parked car owned by Sergio Vasquez, 16 Kingham Rd.,



RICHARD STACHYRA

Local man gets top college marks

An Acton high school graduate has achieved top honors at the George Brown College in Toronto.

Richard Stachyra, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stachyra, finished the school portion of his Advanced Radio and Television Technology course with eight A's out of eight subjects. He was the top student in his school year.

For his efforts, Richard was awarded a plaque which goes to the student with the

November 9 car accident

Complaints of pain were expressed by Roberta Kelly, 138 Church St., after the vehicle she was driving was in an accident on Young St., on November 9 at 10 p.m., Halton Regional Police say. An estimated \$900 in damages was sustained by the car, police report.

Parked car is damaged

Beckers Plaza was the scene of an accident between a car driven by Alberta Woodward, Ospringe and a parked car owned by Lucille Savoie, Georgetown, Halton Regional Police report.

The incident occurred on November 11 at 5:30 p.m. Police say there was an estimated damage of \$175 to the Savoie vehicle and no damage to the Woodward vehicle.

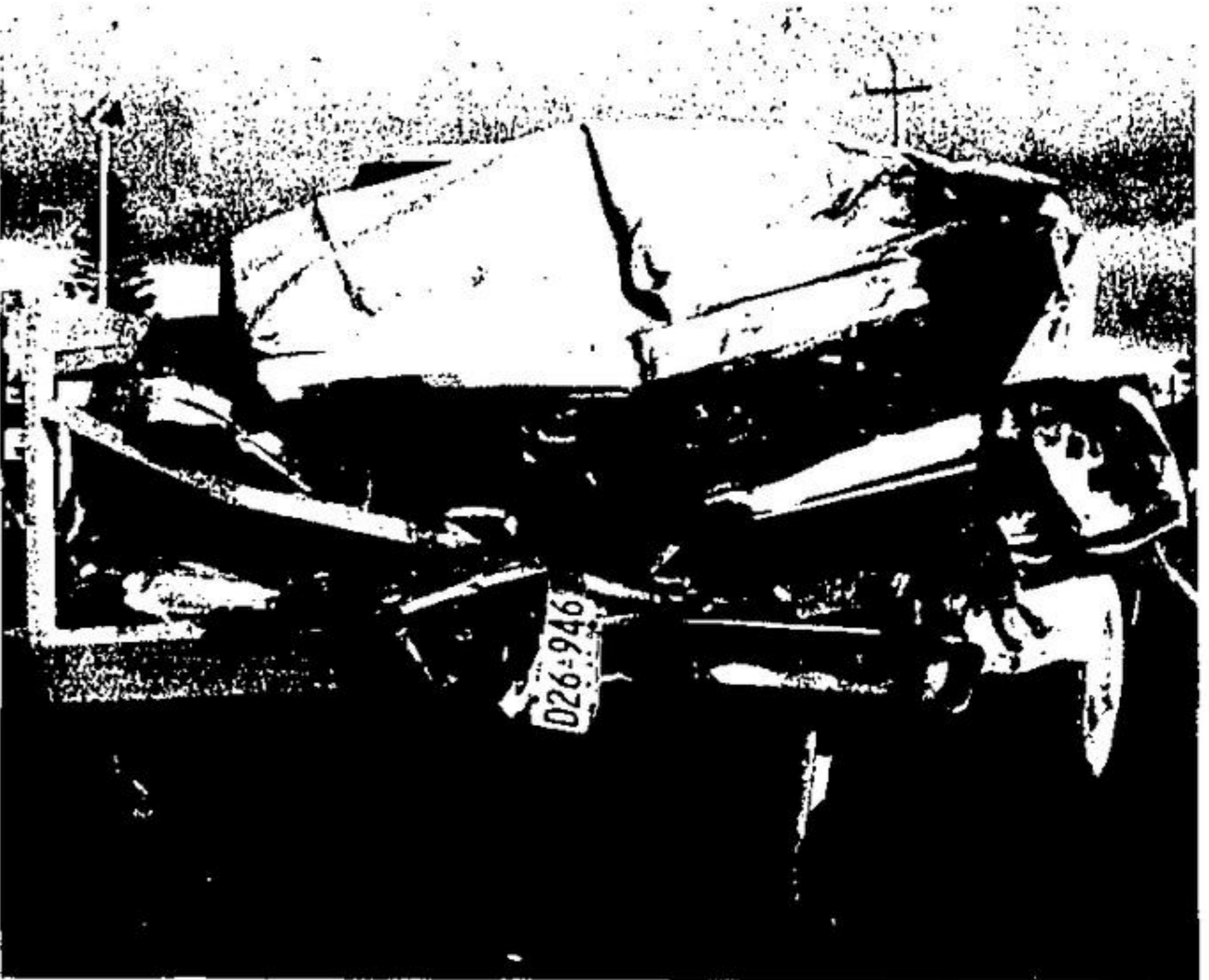
Residents meet

Seek truck restriction on Wallace, Churchill

A proposal to restrict Wallace St. and Churchill Rd. truck traffic to local deliveries only was thrown at Councillor Les Duby last night (Tuesday) as about 100 people gathered at the fire hall opposing the heavy truck traffic in the Bovis subdivision.

The meeting was chaired by Mike O'Leary who stated that the residents are concerned and opposed to Wallace St. becoming a major truck route diversion. Halton Hills Deputy Planner Ron Burnett told the group there had been no formal attempt by his department to define a truck route.

Engineer Bob Austin said there had been no contact with the provincial government, but said there were a number of reasons for opening up Wallace St., where it was recently gravelled. Wallace now exits on Main N. in the industrial park. He stated that the major concern of his was the fact that there were only two alternatives to get across the railroad tracks. He said that if there is an accident on the Mill St. crossing, traffic is tied up there, leaving only Eastern Ave., which is, by law, a one way street. He said if this route were also to be blocked off due to an accident, there



FORD TRUCK driven by George Simpson, Guelph, was crumpled by CNR engine Friday afternoon at the Mill E. crossing. The driver, who explained his vehicle stalled on the tracks, was uninjured.

Train spins truck - driver escapes

A Guelph man narrowly escaped injury when a freight train caught the front of his truck and spun it around on the Mill Street CNR crossing Friday.

George Simpson, 65, of Slesman Avenue said, while the Regional Police investigated the accident: "I feel a little sick at my gut." The

collision occurred at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Simpson was on his way to pick up a parcel from Diston. He works parttime as a truck driver for J.T. Wing of Guelph.

Police estimate the damage to the Ford truck at \$1,500. The front end was squashed up.

The diesel, which took the

brunt of the impact, escaped damage, police said. The engine was pulling 11 cars carrying cattle towards Guelph.

James Esson, Strafford, was engineer of the train which hit the truck. No one on the train was hurt.

Bikes lost, found again

Two bikes were stolen and recovered on the same day by Acton detachment of the regional police. The bikes were taken from Park Ave. and Longfield Rd., and found in the school creek and Glenlea park.

Another bike was taken the past week from the M.Z. Bennett School.

In parade

Acton Citizens Band will be taking part in the Santa Claus parade in Milton this Saturday.

Middle school separate entity

Halton Board of Education decided last Wednesday night to make the new middle school for grade six, seven and eight pupils a separate entity.

North area superintendent Don Gentlemen presented a report to the board outlining three possible alternatives for management of the new school which will be located in the high school.

One of the proposals called for the new middle school to be twinned with the new high school administratively with one principal over the two and a vice-principal at both but this was rejected by a committee of North Halton educators looking at the situation because of the quarter mile distance between the two schools. Another factor was that one person would be responsible for over 1,100 students who weren't in the same building. Gentlemen said it was felt the high school needs a full time principal.

Another proposal would have seen M.Z. Bennett and it was felt this could work well with one principal running the two and a vice-principal at both. However it was thought the only way this would work was if the two buildings were physically attached and because of financial restraints the added cost wasn't worth it, the committee decided. Again

high attendance would have been a problem since there would be over 900 pupils at the two schools.

The committee recommended a separate entity with its own administration for the new middle school which will have an enrolment of over 450 students.

Problems

Gentlemen said there are complex problems to be faced in equipping both the new high school and middle school and so to help things go more smoothly the principal of the new school should be appointed soon.

The board approved a recommendation calling for the principal of the new middle school to be appointed February 1 next year.

Gentlemen noted there is a misconception that the new high school is the new school but really the middle school is the new one and the high school is simply a new facility.

"We need to have the middle school principal and high school principal working together on the equipping problems," he declared.

Gentlemen said some equipment will be moved to the new high school, some will be left behind, some will become surplus and go to other schools and some new equipment will be needed for the middle school. He added some equipment will be moved to the middle school from M.Z. Bennett and Robert Little.

"It would be much easier to

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Shop early for Christmas?

Two dead following early morning crash

A young Rockwood area man and his passenger are dead following a two-car crash early Saturday morning on Highway 25, just south of Hillsburgh.

Henry Jansen, 23, R.R.4, Rockwood and his passenger, Herman Vandermeulen, 17, of Oakville, were killed instantly at 2:10 a.m. Guelph Ontario Provincial Police report one car was northbound and one southbound when one vehicle skidded, hitting the other sideways.

Police say both cars were completely destroyed and

estimated damage to be \$6,000.

Driver of the other car, Lorne Warrington, 17, of Orton was treated for minor injuries at Guelph General Hospital where he was kept for observation.

Funeral Monday

Mr. Jansen was the son of Henry John and Sandra Jansen, and is a truck driver for Tyler Transport in Acton. He attended Speyside and Christian school in Georgetown and was a member of the Christian Reformed Church.

Mr. Jansen is survived by his parents, brother Dirk of Rockwood, Albert, of Orangeville, Murray, of Guelph and Jim of Guelph, and a sister, Hilda Timmerman, R.R.3, Acton.

Funeral service was held Monday at the Christian Reformed Church with the Rev. J. Corvers officiating. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery. Pallbearers were elders of the church, D. Wyga, B. Vanderlaan, G. Vos, J. Proper, J. Krul, T. Splinter and J. Kamminga.