

## Winter deals . . .

(Continued from Page 1) were cancelled Tuesday, according to Marilyn Smith of the Halton Board of Education. Schools, however, were open.

**Cancellations**  
Many local groups had to cancel planned activities because of the storm. The German-Canadian club dance in Milton, a euchre in Knox Presbyterian Church, and a Skuba Trek dive in Fairy Lake all fell through in the cold.

Crews were kept busy with broken and freezing pipes. Murray Orr, superintendent of the Halton Region Water Department, said there have been a few more

breaks than normal. I wouldn't say a lot. He added that this could be expected with the amount of frost there is in the ground now.

Men are working around the clock repairing breaks and frozen services, according to Mr. Orr. The roads crew, which ordinarily helps out in an emergency, is tied up with its plowing now, leaving the water crew, as one source put it, "whacked right out."

There was no January thaw this year. Monday night was January's last chance and it responded by producing another storm, just to finish the month off in style. Perhaps a February thaw?



HEAVY SNOW plus high winds adds up to one nearly-buried Volkswagen on Lake Avenue.

## Situation "bad" but parking ban remains

There will be no change in the by-law which prevents parking on Halton Hills streets for more than three hours between midnight and 7 a.m. despite complaints from Cobblehill Road townhouse residents.

G. H. Cornelisse, president Halton Condominium Corporation number 24, wrote to Councillor Pat McKenzie asking what the town could do to solve the problem of cars belonging to people visiting townhouse residents being ticketed and towed away when they are parked overnight on the road. McKenzie forwarded the letter to Halton Hills works committee and it was discussed Monday.

McKenzie said the town is partly to blame for the problem since the municipality decided how many parking spots there were supposed to be at the townhouse development. He noted most families need two cars now and residents of the townhouses are no exception so there just aren't any spots for visitors.

**Situation bad**  
McKenzie said residents weren't upset too much when parking was prohibited on one side of the street but now that they can't park on the other side the situation is pretty bad.

Committee chairman Mike Armstrong wondered how McKenzie expected the works staff to clear away the snow if townhouse residents and their visitors were allowed to park on the street.

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McKenzie said he was sure other municipalities had similar problems and thought the town should investigate and find out what the solutions are.

Councillor George Maltby said the town might consider letting people park on the road in the vicinity of the townhouses for the rest of the winter as long as between the end of this winter and next they provide more parking on their land.

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Mayor Tom Hill said there was nothing the town could do about the townhouse residents' problems because the municipality couldn't start making exceptions for some and not for others when people throughout the town are feeling the sting of the by-law.

Councillor Les Duby said the problem has already been created so what the town must do is make sure there is more parking in condominium developments in the future.

Get snow away  
Armstrong reiterated the by-law is there to help works crews get snow off the roads for the benefit of all residents. Maltby agreed saying the by-law must be enforced and observed far too many people throughout the town have been abusing street parking privileges.

Mayor Tom Hill said he would contact the mayors of Oakville and Brampton and report back to the committee on how similar problems in those two municipalities are handled.

Engineer Robert Austin noted the wording of the by-law and its rules and regulations was suggested by Queen's Park.

## Firefighters dig out hydrants themselves

Acton volunteer firefighters braved the high winds, cold temperatures and snow Saturday to clear the fire hydrants. Fire chief Mick Holmes had made an appeal last week to the citizens of Acton to dig out the hydrants in case they were needed during fire. However, very few residents responded to the call.

The firefighters spent most of the day shovelling.

## Executive readying for annual fair convention

Acton Agricultural Society president, Russel Murray, first vice president Brent Marshall second vice, Brian Evans, Miss Acton Fall Fair 1976 Charmaine Bigelow and a female chaperone, will attend the Ontario Agricultural Society's annual convention in Toronto this month.

The local society will pay for rooms in the Royal York Hotel for each member going, plus \$20 a day for expenses. Miss Bigelow will receive \$10 a day for expenses. Wives may accompany their husbands, but at no expense to the fair board.

Miss Bigelow will meet other Miss Fall Fairs from across Canada, who will all represent their towns at the Miss Sweetheart of the Fairs contest held at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto in August.

## Chain collision

Road conditions were blamed for a five-car collision Tuesday morning at 6.35 a.m. on Guelph St. in Georgetown. The chain-reaction accident began when a car turned into the parking lot at Standard Products. In turn, other cars braked, slid on the ice and either went into the snowbanks or struck other vehicles.

The drivers involved in the collision were Sydney Curthorn, 84 Kingham, Acton; Carmelo Bumbaca, 15 Marilyn Cres., Georgetown; Gregory White, 27 Baurstow, Georgetown; Allen Murphy, 49 Park Ave., Georgetown; and Maria Palaky, 54 Roseford Terrace, Acton.

Joan Curthorn reported minor injuries in the collision. Total damage to the cars was estimated at \$1,300 by Halton Regional Police.

Building permits for December in Acton totalled \$26,500. A single family dwelling addition permit at \$22,000 was granted as well as a \$3,000 residential garage and a \$1,500 commercial alteration.

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## "Excellent report"

# Fire brigade cites need for space

The 1967 annual report of the Halton Hills fire area No. 1 was presented to council this week. Councillor Mike Armstrong said it was "an excellent report" which gives him even more confidence in the fire department.

Councillor Pat McKenzie made special mention of report's reference to need for more room for the Acton fire department.

In the report, Fire Chief Mick Holmes said a five-year forecast includes an addition to the upstairs of the present fire hall. Our equipment is quite cramped and to improve the situation I would hope in the year facing us that we might make some effort to remedy the situation.

The fire hall now houses three trucks, the latest being a restored old vehicle used for display and parades.

Calls decreased  
The report indicates the number of fire calls de-

creased from the previous year, although the loss was greater due to the types of fires encountered.

"It is most important to note the level of efficiency and effectiveness of our personnel in preventing many small fires from developing into fires of huge proportions; however it is realized that one fire may nullify a good year's record."

"With the addition of individual pagers to our personnel our response to fire calls has been about 75 per cent even though in this world of transistors there seems to be non-workable areas. This feature we find to exist in most all emergency situations throughout the county. We hope in 1977 to increase this percentage with the addition of a repeater box located at our base station.

Agreements  
Chief Holmes reported the fire agreements with the surrounding towns and town-

ships have proven very successful and although there were numerous fires, the response was quick and the loss held to what would be expected.

The chief reported attendance at many meetings including those of council, board of education, Mutual Aid group, Chamber of Commerce and fire chiefs. He also attended the Canadian and Ontario fire chiefs' conventions.

He visited local industries which were setting up fire prevention programs.

Many fire inspections were made; various groups toured the fire hall.

Records calls  
His statistics recorded all the fire calls in 1976:

Acton and rural area: one commercial fire, dip tank; 16 residential fires - one television, one Christmas tree, one fireplace, one clothes dryer, one dishwasher, four grease fires, two from thawing pipes, one radio, three due

to children playing with matches and one from faulty wiring. There was one call to a gas spill, two to hotels, nine to car fires, two to car accidents, one of which involved seven fatalities; one garage fire, three grass fires, one container fire attributed to arson, two tar pot fires, two chimney fires and an oil tanker spill. These totalled 41 incidents with a fire loss of \$55,725.

Townships  
In Erin township the Acton brigade attended one shed fire, one electrical fire, one grass fire and one car fire.

In the Milton fire area, Acton attended one dump fire, one grass fire, two house fires, one space heater fire, two barn fires, two car fires and one fire in an electrical panel, totalling ten.

There were five resuscitator calls during 1976, four false alarms, and one call to aid police. They were also called once to assist the Rockwood fire department.

## Red Cross takes 191 pints of blood

The number of rejects at each blood donor clinic in Acton is decreasing, but unfortunately, so is the number of able donors.

At Monday's Red Cross Blood Donor clinic at the Acton Legion, 191 pints of blood were taken from willing people. There were only 12 rejected, according to convener Henry Kroes.

At the last clinic in October, 194 pints were taken with 22 rejects. The June clinic saw even more pints received, 215 in number, with 31 rejects.

Persons classified as rejects are those who have a medical history of jaundice or hepatitis, or have had medication within 24 hours of the clinic.

Used soon  
All blood received at Mon-

\$1,000

Cars driven by Gary Raymond Whaley of 29 Orangeville St., Hillsburgh and Percy Leonard Williams of R. R. 2, Georgetown were in collision on Trafalgar Road. The January 28 accident caused a total of \$1,000 damage.

day's clinic was taken to Toronto where it was used almost immediately. Last week, Toronto newspapers reported a major blood shortage, causing all non-emergency operations to be cancelled. However, because of public response there was enough blood and operations could go ahead as scheduled.

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**Fair dates set for fall**

The 1977 Acton Fall Fair will be held on September 16, 17 and 18, the Acton Agricultural Society announced last Tuesday at their annual meeting.

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