



HOSE LINES on both fire trucks froze up Monday night during a call to a chimney fire at the home of Clarence Coles. Here Alan Thompson checks the gauges in the below-zero cold. The fire was put out with fire extinguishers.

Chief's request

Clear snow from hydrants

Fire chief Mick Holmes has issued a plea to all property owners in the Town of Halton Hills to clear snow away from fire hydrants. "So much time can be lost looking for a snow covered hydrant. The ability to find a hydrant might mean the difference of a lifetime to someone trapped in a burning house."

Chief Holmes also states that during winter months the threat of fire increases greatly because of the amount of time spent indoors. "People are having all sorts of parties and get together at this time of year and because of the festive season we are perhaps, a little more careless about where we drop cigarettes and so forth."

"Our firefighters enjoyed a quiet holiday this year and would like to wish everyone a fire safe 1978," says Chief Holmes.

Staff to study petition for signs

Halton Hills works committee asked the works department to comment on a petition from residents on the First Line, between 5 Side-road and the quarry, for safety signs and a reduced speed limit.

Councillor Russ Miller said he checked into the situation. "I have to agree there is a passing problem," he told committee. Small trucks pass quarry trucks at about 50 m.p.h. he said. Complaints from residents say there are 21 children in the area, Councillor Miller said.

"They say that on one or two occasions trucks have passed school buses when their lights have been flashing," Miller said. Residents are asking for a "No Passing" sign and a "Watch for Children" or "Caution" sign.

Mayor Tom Hill said the Ministry of Transportation and Communications won't reduce speed limits unless there are so many residents over a mile. We may put up signs to watch for kids, but we can't reduce the speed limit, he said.

The deputy town engineer said he thought the solution may be more in line of police enforcement.

Firefighter elections

Acton Fire department's annual elections resulted as follows: Bern Van Fleet is district chief; Alf Duhj district chief. The three captains are Herb Dodds, Will Duval and Brent Marshall.

Phil McCristall is secretary and Harry Otterbein treasurer.

There are 35 men in the volunteer brigade, under Halton Hills chief Mick Holmes.

Parent reports

A Nassagaweya resident has told police his 14-year old daughter has been receiving harassing phone calls.

Puffers proclaim no smoking week

With three members smoking, Halton Hills administration committee decided to ask the mayor to proclaim the week of January 22 to 28 National Education Week on Smoking, as requested by the Halton Lung Association.

Councillor Walter Biehn, who quit smoking after many years of the cigarette habit, said "if people want to kill themselves smoking, they should be allowed to."

Councillor Peter Marks, a non-smoker, said there is evidence there are harmful affects to others from people smoking in a confined area.

Councillor Peter Morris, puffing on a cigar, suggested the committee should recommend the proclamation be issued.

The proclamation will be published only if Halton Lung Association pays for it, according to council's policy on such proclamations.

C. Bouskill appointed acting deputy clerk

Mrs. Cathy Bouskill will be appointed Acting Deputy Clerk in the absence of Deputy Clerk Delmar French, until the town hires a new clerk administrator, if council accepts a Halton Hills administration committee recommendation. At present, Mrs. Bouskill is the mayor's secretary.

The committee also recommended a temporary increase of \$75 a week for Deputy Clerk Delmar French because of increased workload until a new clerk administrator is hired.

The former clerk administrator Doug Pritchard left for a new post as city manager at Penitton, B.C., last week.

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Committee backs the death penalty

The death penalty for capital murder was backed by Halton Hills administration committee, Monday night, when they endorsed a resolution from the town of Collingwood.

The recommendation will now go to council for their consideration.

While all members of the committee favored the death penalty for capital murder, they refused to go along with a resolution to establish control on the purchase of firearms, and another to abolish passes from prison for convicted criminals.

Councillor Peter Morris commented, "The gun

control laws would only regulate the good guys". On the question of passes for convicted criminals, Morris contended for every one that abuses it, there could be 1,000 for whom it is successful. He said the committee should make clear they refuse to

endorse these two resolutions.

The Collingwood resolutions were the result of the killing of a policeman, October 12, allegedly by two convicted criminals, one on a weekend pass and one an escapee.

Fox is rabid

Provincial health officials confirm that a fox which was killed by dogs in Nassagaweya on Boxing Day was rabid.

Dr. Robert Beattie in the Health of Animals division of the Department of Agriculture said in a telephone interview Tuesday the two dogs will be quarantined for three months.

The dogs, which belong to the Ralph Billings family on the Second Line north of Sideroad 25, were vaccinated against rabies before the attack took place, Dr. Beattie said.

Normally animals which have not been vaccinated are isolated for six months, he said. The dogs are in quarantine in a barn on the Billings property, Dr. Beattie said.

The fox approached the Billings' home early in the morning. The two dogs killed it quickly. The head of the fox was sent to the provincial authorities.

No humans were bitten by the fox, Mr. Billings said last week. He said he was sure the animal was rabid because it had porcupine quills in its nose and lips.

Dr. Beattie said that if there was human involvement in the incident, test results would have been ready within 24 hours. The fox's head would have been taxed or flown to Ottawa for tests, he said. Because there was no human involvement the normal waiting time for test results is from ten days to two weeks.

Men nabbed with car

Halton Regional Police arrested two men for being in possession of a stolen car.

The car, which was stolen in Nova Scotia, was discovered on the Sixth Line. It had no licence plates.

The two men drove the car here from down east.

Flu

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bug is a variant of the preceding influenza.

Georgetown Memorial Hospital reports a high number of cases coming through emergency, but none have been admitted to hospital according to Fred Morris, hospital administrator.

"From the numbers we have seen, which has been as much as 90 or 100 in a day, I would term the flu as serious."

"Nobody as yet has been hospitalized and although several staff have been affected, it has not been to any great extent."

Health officials are also concerned about the possibilities of a new strain of virus, Russian flu, said to have affected 15 per cent of the Russian population this year, according to Dr. Chamberlain.

The flu struck between 1946 and 1957 in Europe and the United States, he stated, but it is possible for a resurgence.

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