

ACTON FIREFIGHTERS RUSHED two trucks to a McDonald Boulevard address Sunday evening to check on a water pipe thawing operation.

# Hydro continues ICG preps for battle

Ontario Hydro is sending out newsletters to property owners along the route of the proposed 500 kilovolt transmission corridor from Bradley to Milton, to inform them of progress in negotiations and construction.

The corridor is divided into three sections: Bradley to Colbeck, Colbeck to Limehouse, and Limehouse to Milton.

On the first section, Bradley to Colbeck, Hydro says six crews have now completed work on 218 tower foundations. Weather permitting, it is expected 44 towers will be erected this month, bringing the total completed to 127. Conductor stringing at the 230 kV crossings on both sides of

Hanover TS is finished, and no further stringing will take place on any part of the line until early May.

Property: To date approximately 70 per cent of the property owners have reached agreement with Hydro.

Court Actions: On December 1, the Divisional Court ruled that expropriation of the Bradley x Colbeck section was valid. Recently, one owner sought permission to appeal this decision but was turned down by the Ontario Court of Appeal.

COLBECK TO LIMEHOUSE Construction: Crews are now installing tower foundations in East Luther Township. By the end of January, approximately 35 footings will be completed. Steel delivery has started and tower assembly crews are working in these areas.

Installation of fence gates, culverts and access roads will continue in East Garafraxa during February.

Property: Individual property appraisals have been completed and negotiations are now underway with each landowner.

Forestry: All woodlot evaluations are now completed. Of 330 acres under contract for selective cutting, approximately 150 acres will be completed by the end of

January. The remaining 180 acres will be completed before May 1, 1978. Restoration, including the seeding of construction area and the screening of road crossings, will begin in early spring.

LIMEHOUSE TO MILTON: (Part of Erin Township, Town of Halton Hills, and Town of Milton)

Property: Appraisals of individual properties are underway, and property

negotiators will begin calling on owners in mid-February. Forestry: Woodlot evaluation is in progress on those lands where owners have granted approval.

Hearings: Applications to the Ontario Municipal Board for Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments in the Town of Halton Hills, and a Development Control Permit from the Niagara Escarpment Commission have been submitted by Ontario Hydro. No dates have been set for

these hearings. Hydro says it will welcome any questions about the line by calling or dropping in to: The Acton Project Office, 59 Mill Street, Acton, Ontario; 519-853-0570 or 853-0571.

Technical questions should be directed to Alex Collins, Supervising Project Engineer (416-592-4844).

Meanwhile the Interested Citizens Group is continuing to fight the proposed corridor until an independent study is done such as other high voltage lines in Ontario were afforded. Only Ontario Hydro has studied the line route.

The ICG is planning an auction at Milton April 8 of antiques and such items as sides of beef and a dressed pig. About 20 women have covered all the lines and most of the concession roads from Steeles Ave. to the Erin Town Line and from the Seventh Line to Highway 25. Funds realized from the auction will go towards the corridor fight.

## \$196,057 below budget

Halton Board of Education spent nearly \$200,000 less than expected to run the school system in 1977. The board also collected over \$2 million more than it needed from Halton taxpayers.

Last winter the board passed its biggest budget ever, \$31.9 million.

In a review of last year's financial operation, Trustee Fred Armitage noted the

board spent \$196,057 less than was budgeted.

Spending at the elementary school level was below budget but so was enrolment.

It cost \$173,448 less than anticipated to run the elementary system while enrolment slipped 97 students below the expected total of 29,480 pupils. The board spent an average of \$1,343.70 on each student in kindergarten

through to grade eight.

At the high school level, spending was \$19,457 below the budget figure of \$41,604,364 but enrolment also went down.

Enrolment dropped by 151 pupils while cost per pupil went up \$13.52 from the budgeted figure of \$2,608.84.

Cost per pupil rose "drastically" for trainable mentally

students. The 1977 budget figure was \$4,149.16 compared to the actual cost of \$4,454.05.

Enrolment was expected to be 165 students but dropped to 153. Total cost of the trainable mentally handicapped program was \$681,469, \$3,143 below budget.

Trustee Judy Alexander observed costs for these pupils are "sky rocketing". Including supplementary taxes for which the board can't budget, municipalities collected \$2,133,305 for public education more than the board needed in 1977. This will be returned to Halton's four municipalities to offset this year's municipal levy.

Halton taxpayers contributed \$34,917,051 for education while Queen's Park

gave grants totalling \$44,232,468 went to the board.

Armitage contended the finance department had exercised "excellent" budget controls, as in the past.

## Hydro continues . . .

(Continued from page 1) stringing should be started in June.

The Hydro representative admitted construction through Halton Hills hinged on the decision of the OMB on the route through town.

Councillor Roy Booth, in putting forward the motion to meet with Hydro, said council has to be as objective as possible.

percent of the towers completed in the northern and centre section. He stated

After this motion was passed, Councillor Pete Pomeroy presented a motion

stating the meeting should be public.

Booth argued if the intent is an open meeting he would agree but if it was public in the sense of public participation he was opposed.

Pomeroy withdrew his motion.

Manion, RR2 Conn, Ontario Hydro crews tried unsuccessfully to get working on lands belonging to John Mulhal, a neighbor. Conn is about 35 miles north-east of Guelph.

Mr. Mulhal has yet to make a settlement with Ontario Hydro.

Hydro wants to use his lands as part of the 500 kV power line corridor from Bruce to Milton.

Ontario Hydro crews left some trucks at the Mulhal place Friday, but took a bulldozer to work on another farm about seven miles west.

About 15 picketers, wives and children, were on hand.

## Council gives year extension

Halton Hills council agreed with administration committee that the Acton Town Hall Restoration committee should have a year's extension to find out what funding is available from pledges.

Councillor Roy Booth suggested an extension until June is enough, and stated the building might fall down before a year is up.

Councillor Les Duby pointed out the firehall is almost finished, and the town might find a use for the town hall. "The Restoration Committee deserve sufficient time to find out what they can do. The building isn't hurting anyone

just sitting there."

The mayor said the committee is going out door to door to Wintario and the Heritage Foundation.

Councillor Russ Miller said the committee felt they were not considered in the beginning, so they should have all the time they want now.

Councillor Pat Patterson pointed out the committee is already \$1,000 in debt, and predicted things would not get better.

Councillor Pat McKenzie said he was concerned about the maintenance cost after the hall is restored. He said the claim that the hall would

be rented twice a week 52 times a year was incredible when there are many other places available.

## Dinner for one

A bill for six members of council and some planning staff for dinner at North Halton Golf Club was cut by one dinner, when Councillor Walter Biehn asked it be changed to five members of council.

He said one had been taken off the bill, and paid.

Councillor Russ Miller said he was opposed to the idea of going out to dinner when a meeting started at 4 p.m. and continued past the normal dinner hour. He said he thought they intended to send out for something to be brought into the council chamber. He said a policy should be set.

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## Car lands on its roof Fri.

A car ended up on its roof after it mounted a snow bank on Sideroad 25 about a half mile east of the 6th Line Friday evening.

Damage to the auto driven by Brian Henderson of 136 Bower Ave. is about \$2,000, police say.

Police state the auto was eastbound when it mounted a snow bank on the north side of the road. It then travelled on for about 30 yards before

rolling. The snow bank is about four feet high, police say.

Moments later while the Henderson vehicle was on its roof, it was in collision with the auto driven by Michael Payne of R.R. 1, Acton.

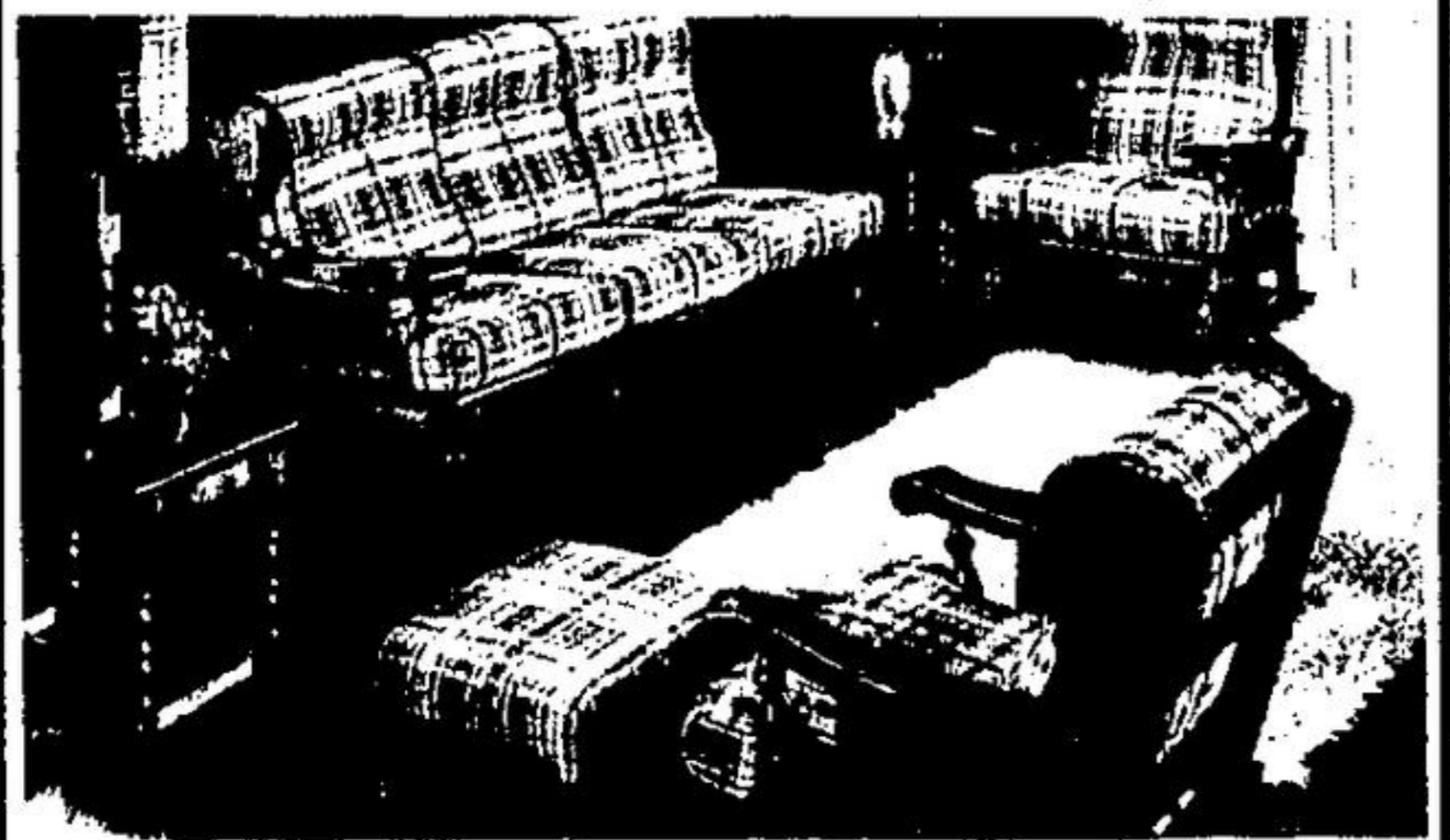
Additional damage to the Henderson vehicle is put at \$100 by police. Damage to the Payne vehicle is about \$200, police say.

## Death notice

WAITES, Jack David—At Guelph General Hospital on Wednesday, February 8, 1978. Beloved husband of Shirley Thompson; dear son of Donald Donaldson of Norval and the late Jack Waites Sr.; dear father and father-in-law of Ronald and Susan of Underwood, Ont.; Jack of Victoria, B.C.; Janette and Patrick Trotter of Toronto; Ted, Bill, Mike, Danny and Sandy, at home. Grandfather of Dustin

and Robyn; Brother and brother-in-law of Shirley and Gordon Woodrow of Bolton; Bob and Bubbles of Georgetown; Bill and Joan of Waterloo; Dona and Rae Jolliffe of Colborne, Stuart and Norma of Toronto and Barbara Campbell of Kitchener. Resting at the Shoemaker Funeral Home, Acton where funeral service will be held on Thursday at 3 p.m. Interment Fairview Cemetery.

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