

CRANE lifts frame of one of eight sides of octagonal barn being reconstructed on grounds of the Ontario Agricultural Museum. The Troyer-Fraser barn was originally located in Vaughan Township.

Advocated as an efficient use of space, octagonal barns housed cattle on the lower floor and feed on the second.

Octagonal barn rebuilt for Agricultural Museum

An octagonal barn, a building of architectural and historic interest, is being reconstructed on the grounds of the Ontario Agricultural Museum in Milton.

The Troyer-Fraser barn, which comes from Vaughan Township, Lot 1, Concession 3, is believed to date to about 1885. (Vaughan Township is located immediately north of Metro Toronto.) The barn was disassembled, the pieces carefully labelled and transported to Milton.

Like all buildings at the museum, the barn has a hipped name. The first, Troyer, is the name of the original owner and the second, Fraser, the name of the last owner.

The octagonal shape for barns was promoted in the latter part of the 19th century as a more efficient use of space than the standard buildings in use at the time, explains William Tolten, director of research for the museum. The practice had been to build three separate barns next to each other — one for grain, one for hay and one for cattle.

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The cupola, principle and jack rafters and the purline plate were all cut by a muley saw, a primitive saw similar to a cross-cut saw, except that it moved up and down and was wheel-driven.

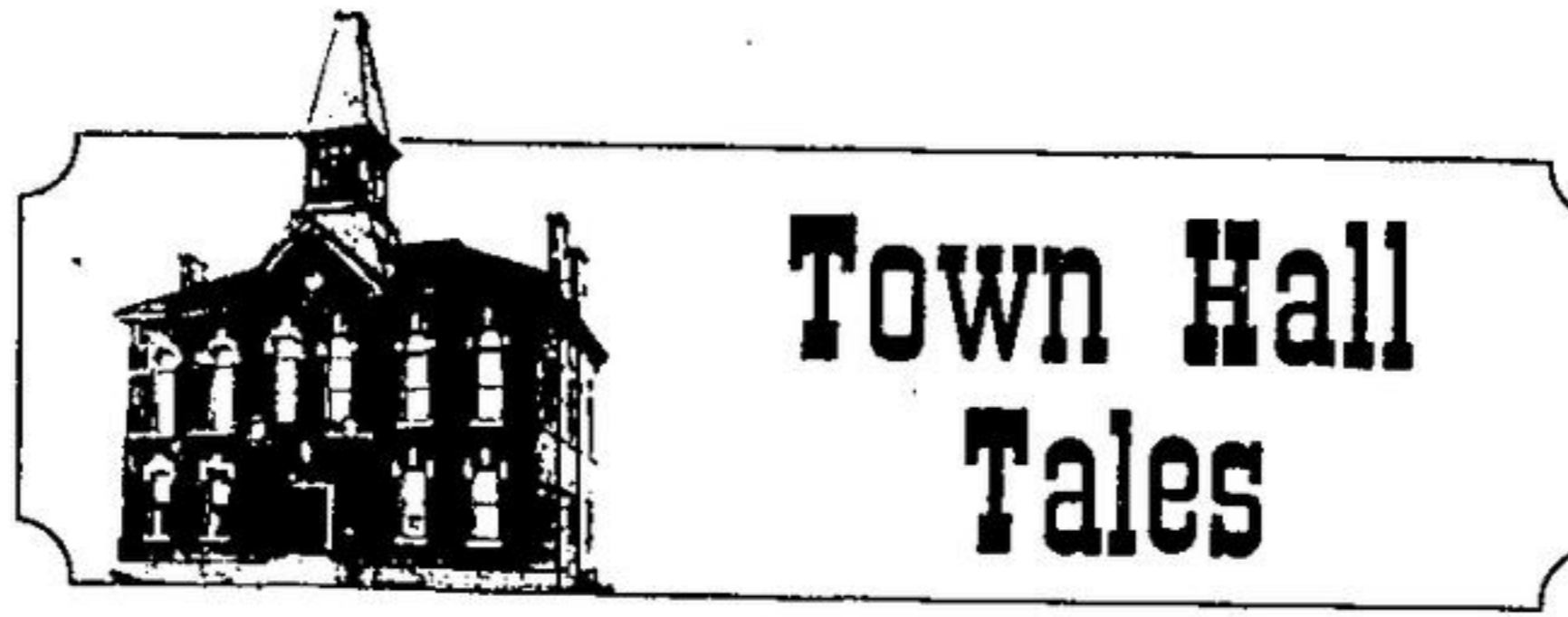
The barn has a gambrel or Dutch hip roof, a roof with a lower steeper slope and an upper flatter one on each side. The cupola, which sits on top of the roof and provides ventilation for the barn, had deteriorated badly and a new cupola has been built.

In Vaughan the barn was located on a flat area with a bank leading to the wagon doors on the second floor. In its new location the barn is built into a hill. The original stone foundation for the lower floor crumbled and has been replaced by a concrete foundation.

But it was harder to load hay and grain into the second storey of the octagonal barn than it was to fill the traditional barn. Octagonal barns probably never became really popular for this reason, Mr. Tolten speculates.

Efforts are made to preserve the original features. The original large wooden pegs are used to nail the structure together. They are

hammered in with a large wooden mallet known as a beadle or persuader.



Town Hall Tales

The firefighters and the Town Hall

by George Elliott
When plans for the Town Hall were drawn up in 1881 one of the features that had to be in it was an engine house. In days past community Town Halls were the home of the fire fighting equipment because it was municipally owned and usually the Town Hall was in a central location. Acton was no different.

The equipment in early days was simple so a small addition to the proposed building would suffice. Around this time Acton had one of the old horse drawn, steam boiler engines. This was always kept in readiness so that a fire could be lit under the boiler as soon as the first man arrived to answer the summons of the Town Hall bell. By the time horses were hitched up and the engine arrived at the fire it was hoped there would be enough steam pressure to operate the water pump.

though the firefighters undoubtedly did their very best. Over the years equipment became more sophisticated, powerful, and effective so that more space for its storage had to be found from time to time and always at the Town Hall. Today the housing of the firefighters necessary equipment requires a building almost as large as the old Town Hall itself.

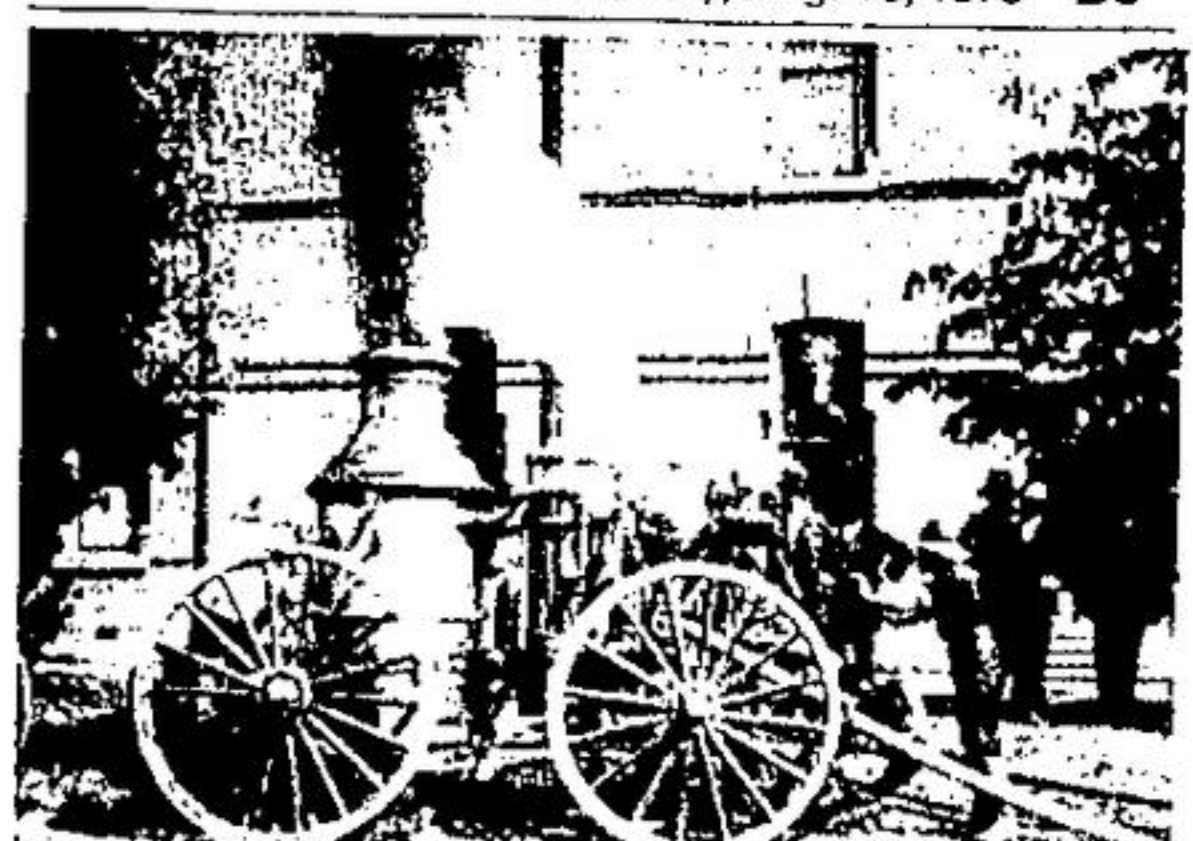
The firefighters themselves always were a group of volunteers. Because of their sometimes dangerous and specialized work a camaraderie developed which held them together as a group both for fire fighting and social activities. A similar sort of brotherhood develops in the army and other organizations where men are brought together in a hazardous occupation. The firefighters were given the front room at the Town Hall opposite the Council chambers for their meeting and training room as soon as the

hall was completed. Early pictures of the building show their sign prominently displayed in the window of this room. Eventually it appears the room became too small and they moved elsewhere for meetings.

But they continued to use the upstairs hall for social activities held for themselves and their families. Grace (Lantz) Robertson, whose father was a firefighter years ago, remembers how the hall would be reserved for the firefighters and they had regular family gatherings. As a child she remembers looking forward with great anticipation to these parties and how enjoyable and well attended they were.

Over the years pictures of each current brigade of firefighters were always taken in front of the Town Hall, and what a fine body of men they always seemed to be. To be a firefighter then, as now, was an honourable distinction, and something of a privilege, in the town of Acton.

When the fire engine drew up with smoke billowing out its stack there would be a quick search for a handy well or cistern. All homes had these somewhere, the intake hose was dropped in and the steam pump put out a stream of water to bring the fire under control. As you might imagine putting out a fire of any size with this apparatus was a very 'iffy' business at



SMOKE POURS out of the old steam fire engine while fighting a fire at the Ebbage's planing mill fire on June 28, 1898.



ACTON FIRE brigade poses in front of the town hall with their fire engine and reels on June 29, 1899.

New painter for old painting

A 19th century painting which hung in the Wellington County Museum, Fergus, for a decade has recently been attributed to Joseph Legare, whose works are soon to be in a National Gallery exhibition.



For years the painting of Indians in the wilderness, was thought to be by Paul Kane. The change came after suspicions were raised by the county museum curator Ellen Langlands who noticed similarities between the painting in Fergus and another Legare work.

The painting entitled 'Les Fiancées D'une Indienne' was completed in 1844. Experts from the National Gallery confirmed the change in attribution.

ACTON FIRE BRIGADE in the early 1900's consisted of these fine able-bodied men. The exact date of the photo is not known and the only positive identifications are Norm McLeod and Bill Chisholm. Free Press readers were such a great help a few weeks ago identifying faces, why not give it another try.

Wood thieves strike twp.

Lumber of an undetermined value was stolen from a Nassagaweya Township homestead last week.

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B.A., B.D.
and Mrs. Eleanor McFadden,
B.A.
Box 731, Guelph,
Phone 821-3215
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Everyone Welcome

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Rev. Chas. Beaton B.A., B.D.
Dr. George Elliott
M.A., Ph.D.
Director of Music
Sunday, August 20, 1978
10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship at Churchill Community Church.
Daily Vacation Bible School
9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday
August 21 to Friday, August 25

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