



Squashed almost beyond recognition is this truck owned by Fred Micallef, 569 Main Street, Glen Williams. The gale-force winds brought this giant maple

tree crashing down on the truck during the "spring" storms.

Winter socks thawing land triple blows set records

Old man winter delivered three quick knock-out punches to southern Ontario last week. Winter's latest blasts claimed nine lives while rewriting the snow and wind record books in many locals. Numerous traffic accidents occurred on highways, city streets and along country roads. The first snowy blow was delivered Wednesday, a second featured 50 m.p.h. winds Friday followed by snow and freezing rain Sunday. Orangeville suffered most from cuts in Ontario Hydro service. Three days after winds knocked out service there, some power has yet to be restored. Power was also

interrupted in Fergus and West Garafraxa and parts of Brampton. In Orangeville, where extra Hydro men were called in, the winds were the worst in 20 years, according to one report. Niagara and district was a special target for winter's snow. While Sunday's fall was spread over most of the south, Niagara was warned to expect between four and six more inches. In Guelph during one storm all public and separate schools remained closed. Through the storm paralyzed the city, the blow was not sufficient to warrant using the city's emergency plan. Burlington radio station CING went off

the air for a while because of power cuts. Three of the large windows of the regional council chamber in Oakville were sucked out by winds. Mount Forest weather office reports the breaking of a 15-year-old snowfall record. The new record is 10.6 inches. The former standard, 8.22 inches was set in 1964. Toronto went the distance on snowfall and rewrote the 139-year-old record book. Monday morning recorded the most snowfall in the first nine days of April. Thirteen inches of the white stuff has fallen in Toronto so far this month. Closer to home,

Friday's high winds blew over a \$20,000 shed containing farm equipment in Caledon. Several other sheds were brought down. Many barns were damaged in Halton and Peel because of downed trees. One downed tree struck the home of Halton Hills' first mayor Tom Hill in Glen Williams. A large crack opened in the chimney and some aluminum siding buckled. Also in the Glen, aluminum siding contractor Fred Micallef was having his woes. While residents were calling him after the storm to repair their homes, he could not work because a falling tree wrecked one of his trucks and damaged the other.

Ballinafad

Seven members join church

by Winifred Smith
Palm Sunday was observed with a large number of worshippers at the church service. Seven new members were welcomed into the fellowship of the Church. The confirmation ceremony was most impressive and inspiring as four young teenagers and a young married woman pledged their faith in the Christian way of life. They chose to put God first in their lives in the path that lay ahead for them. Those confirmed were Mrs. Eileen Christina Quackenbush, Dana Michelle Hancock, Christina May Quackenbush, Rene Marcel Schwarz and Peter

Vestergaard Volmar. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lewis were welcomed by transfer of membership. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was celebrated this past Sunday as it was in the older days of the Methodist Church with the congregation receiving the Sacrament in the front of the Church. The mens' choir under the direction of Mrs. Eileen McEnery sang a beautiful anthem. During the taking up of the offering, Miss Jean Law sang beautifully the sacred hymn, "Let Their Be Peace on Earth." It was announced there would be a Good Friday Service, beginning at 11:45 a.m.

As we all know winter came back with a vengeance last week it was the first day all winter the school buses could not make the rounds. Several events had to be cancelled including the WI Euchre Party which was planned for last Friday evening. Winter is still with us. Looking outside it looks more like a day in January than the ninth of April. Hopefully it will be more spring like for the Easter weekend coming up. We were sorry to hear of the death this past weekend of Nick Carter of Georgetown. He will be remembered by the WI

members in Ballinafad as Mr. and Mrs. Carter were invited to one of their meetings as year or so ago. They showed slides of interesting pictures of the far east which were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. He was a brother-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Given. Sympathy is extended to them in their loss. Mrs. Nettie Hurren who has been a guest of the Marshall's for a couple of weeks left on Saturday to spend a few days with a niece in Pelawawa from here she will leave for her home in Manitoba.

Torn pants fail to embarrass MPP

Friday's storm was responsible for burning a hole in the pant leg of Halton MPP Julian Reed. The Norval farmer had the power go out in his area. In order to keep the temperature cold in his deep freeze, he was forced to rent a portable generator. When refilling the generator Saturday, his leg scrapped the hot muffler, causing the fabric to be burned. Mr. Reed said he didn't notice the hole until walking around the Milton Mall prior to the opening of Liberal candidate Dr. Frank Philbrook's campaign office.

Later, wearing the same ventilated trousers, he attended the official opening of Halton Community Credit Union's new expansion in Milton. The rip didn't cause any problems. Mr. Reed joked about it at Dr. Philbrook's office and again at the Credit Union. When he attended the Tremaine-Britannia Citizens' Group dance at Milton Memorial Arena that night, he had changed. "I was lucky," he said. "I had just gotten them (his new trousers) back from the cleaners."

Eden Mills

Guide leader breaks ankle

by Mrs. W. MacDougall
The United Church Women held another successful luncheon in the Hall on Wednesday. The Craft Club had their work up for sale and the lucky ticket holder on the draw for a macramé owl was Mrs. Wilma Stamp. There was a good attendance at the Friendly Seniors meeting and before euchre was started. Vic Smith and Henry Leachman entertained with their lively music. Mrs. Gail Montgomery-Eberly and sons Tyson and Keith from Austin, Texas are visiting her parents. Mrs. Jeannette Montgomery and Vince who is presently at Ingelwood Nursing Home in Fergus.

On Maundy Thursday, April 12, a Candlelight and Communion Service will be held at the Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. The folks with fireplaces, Franklin stoves or old fashioned cook-stoves were the lucky ones on Friday when the village was without hydro for almost nine hours because of the freak April snow and wind storm. Snow and icicles were melted for a cup of hot tea or coffee—a day like that makes one appreciate all the good things hydro provides

Osprige

Power off during wintry blast

by Doris Fines
Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferguson, Mrs. Thomas Fines and Doris Fines visited last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Redman and family in Mount Forest. It was to celebrate Melanie Redman's 4th birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilson and Danny of Fergus were guests also. Mrs. George Fletcher was hostess for a tupperware party on Tuesday, when Mrs. Robert Ellis of Guelph, a former resident of the community, demonstrated her wares

for the ten ladies present. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aikens visited with Mrs. Aikens' sister and brother-in-law Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Moorhouse and family at London. I knew it! I shouldn't have done it! Every time I get my snow tires off it snows. But Old Man Winter didn't need to get so furious about it. After all, Mistress Spring is supposed to be in charge. I braved the storm twice to feed my feathered friends huddling around the feeder and the door step more for protection

than hunger, I suspect. Our hydro being off for eight and a half hours, I was eyeing the sump pump constantly, between keeping the fire stoked in the basement, and when the water reached the top of the basin I started bailing. Just as I had every container full, on came the power, and the pump sucked the water up in one minute what it seemed to take me hours to do. The saying "You never miss the water until the well runs dry", backfired

on me. You never miss the pump until the well overflows. Susan Dennis from the Wellington County Museum spoke to the grade 6-7 class of Osprige Public school on Monday, April 2. This was a preview of what to expect from their visit to the museum on April 5. The students studied pioneer life, and prepared their own pioneer lunch for the day. Open House at Osprige school will be held on Tuesday April 24, from 7 - 9 p.m. A short program will be held at 7 p.m.

Georgetown

Taxes up \$56

Taxes are up an average of \$56 in Georgetown and \$49.51 in Esquering, if the draft figures from the Halton Region are accepted by regional council today (Wednesday). This was the last tax budget set. These figures are based on an average home in Georgetown assessed at \$5,638 and in Esquering \$4,638. All three sections of the tax burden, the town, Halton board of education and the region are up, with the town's up \$13.31, education up \$23 and the region up \$20 in Georgetown for a total increase of \$56. In Esquering the town's share is up \$16.51, education is up \$23, and the region's share is up \$10, for a total increase of \$49.51. The grand total of the regional budget, if passed at regional council today is \$42,505,000, including water works.

The total tax with the increases included will be approximately \$544 on the same average Georgetown house and \$569 on the same average Esquering house. For further details see inside.

FINAL TAX BILL	
Georgetown house assessed at \$5,638	
Town tax	up \$13.31
Education	up \$23.00
Region	up \$20.00
Total tax hike	\$56.31
Esquering house assessed at \$4,638	
Town tax	up \$16.51
Education	up \$23.00
Region	up \$10.00
Total tax hike	\$49.51

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• Saturday, April 14 7³⁰ p.m. in Georgetown

• Sunday, April 15 7⁰⁰ p.m. in Port Elgin

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