

Acton plant comes to aid of three newspapers

Acton's Inland Publishing Co. Limited offices had 71 additional people this week as they attempted to publish not only their three regular papers, but also papers normally published at Inland Publishing Co. Limited in Mississauga.

Mississauga News employees were forced from their building in the wake of the mass evacuation in that city following a train derailment. Their building is located less than half a mile from the accident site.

Editorial staff worked from midnight Saturday to late Monday morning to put out a special edition on the train derailment, fire and evacuation of 250,000 people from their homes. The section was published on presses in Acton. Many Acton employees worked day and night to assist publishing sister papers. Monday and Tuesday

saw regular staff sharing space with 13 Mississauga News reporters, four sports reporters and eight sales people. Also on hand were eight editorial and sales people from the Oakville Beaver, who normally are printed in Mississauga.

Composing room staffs managed to find room for 23 Mississauga employees, while four others were in the press room and 11 in the mailroom.

Typesetting was also done at the Acton facilities of Standardbred.

Tony Parkins, of Kitchener, loaned an Executive 2 and a processor for the camera as his contribution in the emergency.

In addition to printing The Acton Free Press, The Georgetown Independent and The Milton Canadian Champion, the Acton plant of Inland also printed The Mississauga News, The Oakville

Beaver and the Etobicoke Gazette. Restaurants and motels in the area also felt the effects as many of the guest staffers were evacuated from their homes and stayed in the area.

Acton takes in refugees

For a few days this week, Acton and area looked like a new town, there were so many new faces walking the streets.

Many Mississauga residents, forced to leave their home in the wake of the massive train derailment, sought refuge with Acton friends and relatives.

Some local homes had company only a day, while others had large families the entire duration of the evacuation which sent 250,000 people fleeing from homes when chlorine gas threatened.

In the case of the Ed Woods, their company from Mississauga were on their way to dinner in Acton when they heard on the car radio they had to leave home. They just kept on driving to Acton. Later they got word to a working son where they were.

However, with the Thornhill family, it wasn't as easy. They

drove through the various areas of the afflicted city gathering relatives, and then distributed the folks to various Acton relatives.

One young couple from Mississauga arrived at her parents home in Acton, only to find they were soon to add to the number of refugees. The wife was taken to Georgetown hospital where she was about to give birth when the Acton Free Press contacted the maternity ward.

Cedar Springs motel, between Acton and Georgetown, reported no vacancies, and were sending people to Milton and Guelp. However, they learned the refugees were also being turned away from there.

A few Acton people were actually down "where the action is." George and Marie Hargrave, of the Milton St. John Ambulance were called to the E.C. Drury

School for the Deaf in Milton Sunday afternoon to help with the relocation of 202 senior citizens from a Mississauga Nursing Home. Helping them was Jim Thompson.

Mrs. Hargrave says they just got home that night when they were called upon again to go to Oakville-Trafalgar hospital to evacuate patients to Hamilton hospitals.

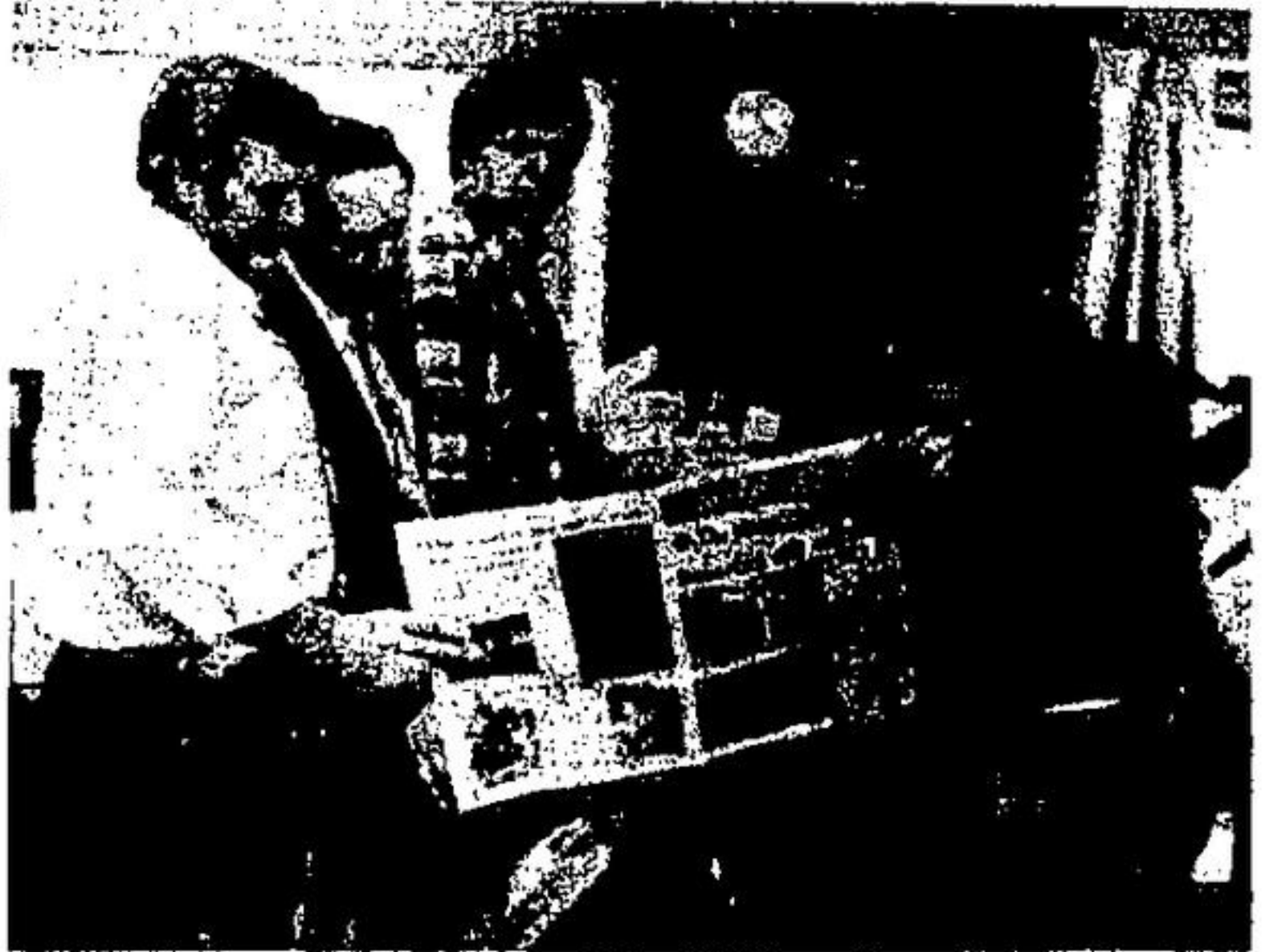
She called former members Robert and Kay Hart and Mildred Heffernan, and together they worked through the night. Fred Dehaan also helped.

While in Oakville Mrs. Hargrave got reacquainted with an old Acton friend, Vi Gold, who was a patient in the hospital. Mrs. Gold is a former Acton ambulance driver.

Mrs. Hargrave is also responsible for getting bed pans, urinals and diapers for the seniors at E.C. Drury. She explained there were lots of beds, but no other facilities. She managed to get the necessary equipment from the Milton hospital, she says.

Most of the people she dealt with, especially the senior citizens, wanted to pay them for their services, the Acton resident said. Many were annoyed at the inconvenience, she said.

In her 23 years of serving with the local ambulance, Mrs. Hargrave said she has only been involved in three real emergencies. Most of the time is spent at a particular event patching up cuts and bruises. However, as a nurse in the war in England, Mrs.



Acton employees of Inland Publishing Co. Limited were roused from their beds Sunday evening to work on a special edition of The Mississauga News. Their plant was in the massive evacuation area following a chemical train derailment. Acton plucked hit this week, putting out their regular workload in addition to The Mississauga News, Oakville Beaver and Etobicoke Gazette. Admiring the special edition are L. to R. Don McDonald, Acton Free Press publisher, Lorne Beechener, Gazette publisher, Jim Coleman, Mississauga mailing room foreman, Clark Wallace, Acton production manager, Jack Coleman, vice president of Inland, and Ron Leayk, Mississauga News publisher.



Dorothy Woods, second row, left, opened the door to several friends and relatives from Mississauga after the weekend's crisis. Twenty-five people eventually came to stay for a while or a couple of days. Joining Mrs. Woods were: Susan Woods,

Saskia Winjgaard, Kathy, Marilyn, Olivia and Ryan Maxey, Rene, Jacqueline, Jack and Andre Da Costa, Nina and John Monk, Ray Trauzzi and Lisa Phann.

Ballinafad door opens to Mississauga 'refugees'

The best emergency "plan" 25 Mississauga residents had was to have friends with a big home near Ballinafad.

Dorothy Woods, Eighth Line, opened the door and filled her two-storey house with friends and relatives from that city which emptied itself and shut its doors on the weekend.

The Train People, that's what some were calling themselves, landed at Hugh and Dorothy Woods place - Docking Farm - Sunday. By late Monday 15 remained.

"It all just falls into place," Mrs. Woods said, with just a trace of fatigue. "It went pretty well. We've had quite a few laughs." The laughs were part of the party, or parties.

The festivity marked Jack DeCosta's 17th birthday. Jack, his parents, Rene and Jacqueline De Costa and 13 year old brother Andre are farmer neighbors of the Woods.

Jack's birthday was officially Tuesday, the same day Dorothy Woods sister Nina and her husband John Monk celebrated 31 years of marriage. The Monk's apartment is on Park St. E. in Port Credit.

The cakes - chocolate and black forest - plus the colorful pointed party hats helped bouy the household along.

The youngest refugee with the Woods was Ryan Maxey, a two-year-old who came to safety with the help of a baby sitter. Ryan was with sitter Wendy Running, who runs a day-care centre most of the time. Ryan's mother Kathy was working at Swiss Chalet on Dundas St. Lisa Phann, who works at the same restaurant, also ended up at the Woods.

"I haven't seen a kid stay up 48 hours," Kathy said with Ryan in her arms. Ryan remained awake partly because of the excitement and medicine he was taking for a cold.

The youngster was taken by the sitter to her relatives at Milton. He was picked up there by his mother, his grandmother, Marilyn Maxey, of Stonehouse Cres., Lisa and driver Ray Trauzzi. Then it was on to the Woods.

Saskia Winjgaard, Old Carriage Rd., is a science student at the University of Toronto. She has a friend, Susan Woods, daughter of Hugh and Dorothy, and over the phone came the invitation

for refuge in the country. Saskia and her parents came up, Susan is also a university student.

The De Castas did not wait for the evacuation order. They were driving to their friend's house when they listened to it on the radio. Rene Da Costa determined there would be a change in the direction of the wind which would effect his family. So they left about 8:30 p.m. Sunday, and on the way out, Mrs. Da Costa said they saw ten ambulances.

Saskia was in Downsview when the first explosion took place after the rail accident Saturday night. Her family's home is less than a mile from where the tank cars derailed. They went home. "I didn't think anything of it," she said. "Then we heard reports of the evacuation but we never thought of it affecting us."

The explosion rattled the windows of the pizza outlet where Ray Trauzzi works. It was like a mushroom cloud, said Andre Da Costa. It looked like a country morning sunrise, said someone.

Marilyn Maxey said one of the aspects of the evacuation which impressed her most was the calm of the more than 400 taking refuge at Sherway Gardens. "There was no panic what-so-ever," she said. Marilyn Maxey drove a Charterways bus for two trips from Sherway Gardens to Queensway Hospital when it was evacuated.

The stay at the Woods was characterized by temporary boarders as being "real good. No problem, just a super spirit through the day, and "uprious."

It's been really good, except for this afternoon when people started getting on each other's nerves," Susan Woods observed.

And Hugh Woods was away for it all. Mr. Woods is away in England on a business trip. Word of the disaster reached him, and he telephoned home to check on his family. Jacqueline Da Costa telephoned her mother in Paris, to let her know the family was in good health.

"All in all, it's the best holiday we've had this year", observed Marilyn Maxey.

Escarpment plan to be released on November 22

The Niagara Escarpment Commission will release its Proposed Plan for the Niagara Escarpment November 22. The public will be able to obtain copies of the Plan at Commission office in Georgetown, Clarksburg or Grimsby beginning at 3:00 p.m. on November 22.

The plan contains recommended land use designations and policies for the 725-kilometre (450-mile) Escarpment corridor from Queenston on the Niagara River to Tobermory on the Bruce Peninsula.

Copies of the plan will also be available for examination, within a few days thereafter, at public libraries and municipal offices in the Escarpment vicinity.

Following the release of the plan, there will be a four-month statutory review period to allow municipalities and the general public to study the Commission's proposals. The review period will be followed by a series of public hearings.

The Commission will also be establishing workshop information centres at the following locations at times to be announced later: Tobermory, Toronto, Lion's Head, Collingwood, Caledon, Owen Sound, Milton, Honeywood, Ancaster, Orangeville and Fonthill.

Hargrave says she has experienced this type of emergency before.

Some 65 square miles were evacuated, according to media reports. The derailed train contained 11 cars of propane gas, three of toluene, three of caustic soda and one of chlorine. Each of the 11 burning tanks held enough gas to heat a house for seven years.

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