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Third annual Burns' Supper night of Scottish celebration

Sounds and visions of the highlands filled the basement of Knox Presbyterian Church Saturday night at the highly successful third annual Burns' Supper.

James and Beth Smith served as hosts with James also acting as master of ceremonies.

Before the roast beef supper with traditional haggis, the honored haggis was piped into the hall by Val Cunningham of the Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band. Brian Nellis and Jim McVeigh served as haggis bearers.

John Watson was a last minute replacement for the address to the Haggis and Bob Paul delivered the Selkirk Grace.

Following the meal the Knox Choir began the nearly two hour program of Scottish enter-

tainment by singing the Star of Rabbin Burns. Ted Hansen provided accompaniment on this and several other musical numbers.

Some members of the Guelph School Dancing Club, including Bob and Norma McGregor, performed three Scottish dances.

George Singleton offered two selections, Ae Fond Kiss and Mary of Argyle, while Jessie Ann Gibson sang My Ain Folk.

The quartet of Hansen, Jim Gibb, Singleton and Hugh O'Rourke sang Ye Banks and Braes and Bluebells of Scotland. Bella-Maye Roszell offered Loch Lomond.

Danny Reesor and his wife Lillian, who had earlier given the reply to Watson's Toast to the Lassies, along with their children Denise, Chris and Charlene, offered Scottish jokes, Burns favorites and other outstanding entertainment.

The program concluded with former Knox minister, Rev. John Robertson, who revived the Burns Supper in Acton, singing a Gaelic solo.

A surprise feature of the evening was the singing of happy birthday by the crowd of about 125 to Rev. Robertson and Susan Moore, one of the supper servers, who shared birthdays on Sunday.

Clarence Coles offered thanks to all performers and others who made the Burns' Supper such a success. There were standing ovations for organizer Jane Robertson and the Reesor family. The Knox Young People's Group which served the supper, and the Watsons, Mathiesons, Robertsons and Bill Nellis, who worked in the kitchen, were also thanked.

The evening concluded with everyone singing the Burns' classic, Auld Lang Syne.

Traffic, parking, at Hide House worries resident

Action to solve traffic congestion and parking problems on Eastern Ave. around the olde Hide House and Jack Tanner's Table has been urged by local resident Jack Ridley.

He raised the problem with Halton Hills engineer Robert Austin at Friday's ward one councillors' drop-in. He noted with all the snowbanks at the side of the road people haven't been parking on Eastern Ave. but when they do there is a real congestion problem. Ridley added the owners of the huge business have done a good job of securing parking off the street on either side of the building but sometimes it's not enough, especially if the south lot isn't being plowed.

Austin said the municipality is aware of the problem and there has already been discussion with the Hide House owners. More talks and study of the situation are pending.

Ridley said he has been told signs will be put up directing shoppers to the parking lots and urged street parking be banned.

The downtown Acton study suggests "great things" for Eastern Ave. which must be reviewed along with the "whole safety issue", Austin declared.

Ridley also asked that the town trim back a bush at the end of Church St. on Eastern Ave. because it sticks out on the road, drivers must swerve out from the bush and the branches scratch car roofs. Austin said his department will look into the problem.

Help fire dept., dig out hydrants

Residents would be doing the fire department and themselves a big favor if they would dig out fire hydrants in their neighborhood.

Fire Chief Mick Holmes issued an appeal this week asking residents to dig the snow away from the hydrants, noting the region is doing its best to keep up after storms and the fire department is making every effort to have the hydrants dug out.

Last week a number of Halton Hills councillors expressed concern about hydrants being buried.

Holmes noted at one point recently the hydrants were all dug out, but obviously a lot are under snow again.

He said it isn't that serious a problem since the fire department has enough water in its truck tanks to cover a fire while a hydrant is dug out. The fire department knows where the hydrants are located and has charts.

However, it would be beneficial to both the homeowner and fire department if residents could help out by digging the snow away from hydrants until region staff can get to that job.

Preliminary hearing is to resume today

The preliminary hearing for a local man charged with criminal negligence causing death was due to resume in Guelph Provincial Court today (Wednesday).

It will be the first time evidence has been heard in the preliminary hearing of Barry Alexander Wilson since last fall.

When all the evidence couldn't be heard in the one day scheduled for the case, it was put over to December. However, since then several court appearances have resulted in delays because an OPP officer involved in the investigation was injured in an accident.

Wilson is also charged with failing to remain at the scene of an accident and impaired driving in connection with a fatal hit-and-run accident in September 1979 in which a Guelph man was killed just north of Rockwood.

Deadline stays put

Halton Region won't roll back the April 1 deadline to prohibit the dumping of newsprint at regional landfill sites in spite of a request from Halton Hills councillors to reconsider.

Halton Hills has about 150 tons of newsprint, and no place to store it until the sagging newsprint recycling industry perks up. Regional Chief Administrative Officer Dennis Perlin, however, has no intention of postponing the April 1 ban on newsprint.

Perlin said it is up to staff to sort out ways to store the newsprint. "The deadline will not be deferred."

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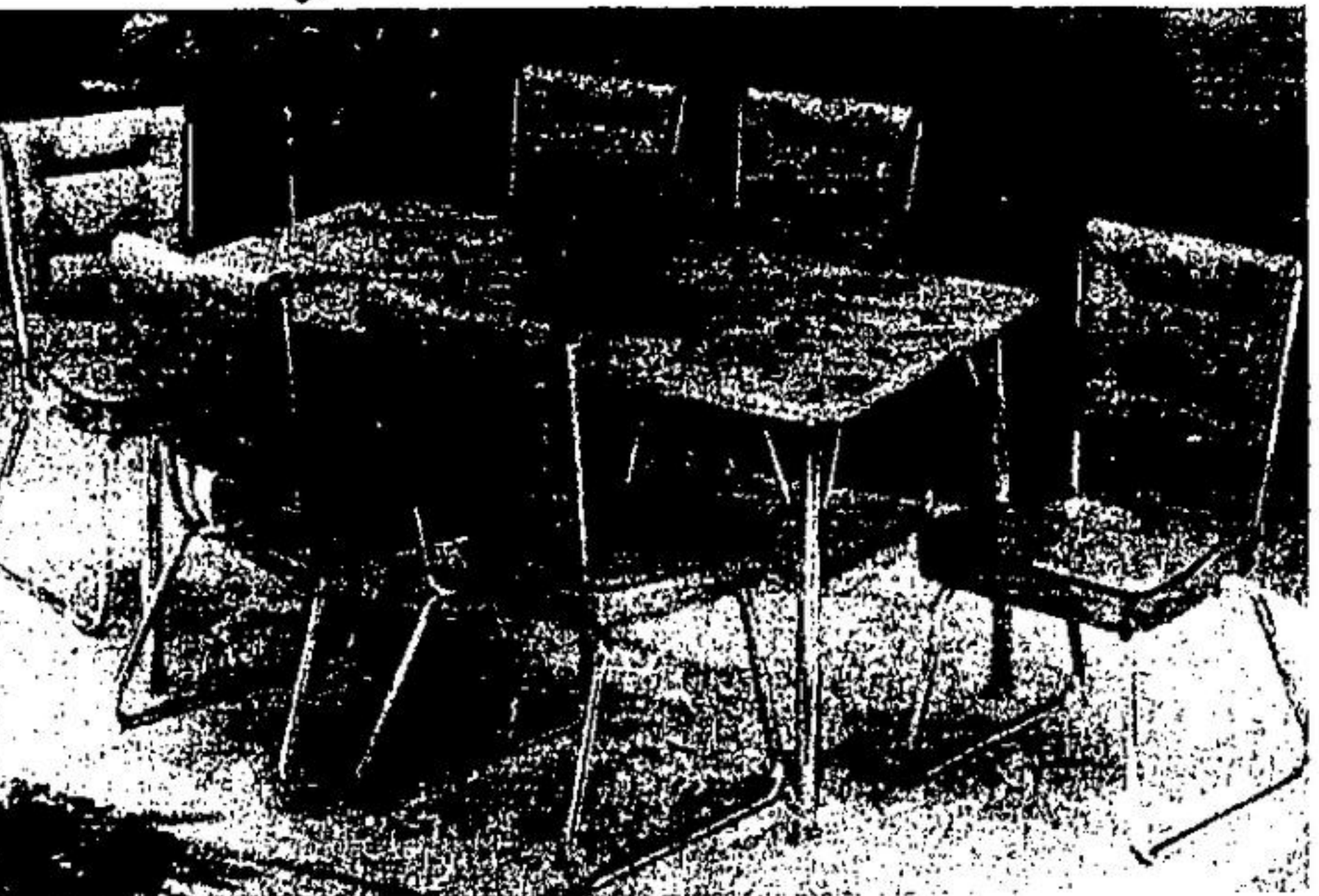
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