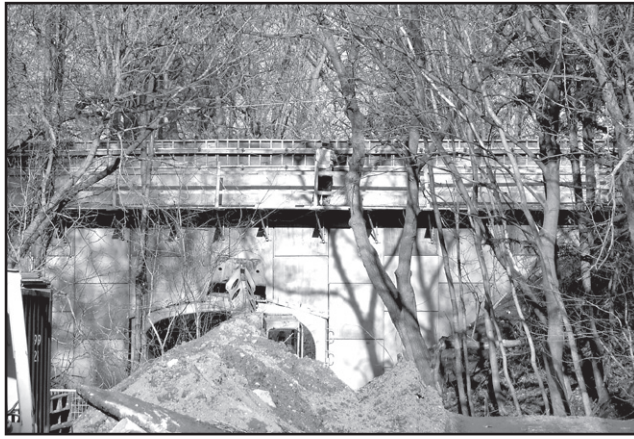


Construction cleanup delayed 'til Spring



GRAND OPENING INVITE: Because completely replacing a bridge, and not just rebuilding it, is uncommon, the Town will hold an official grand opening once the new bridge on Maria Street is complete – hopefully by the end of the month. The bridge opens Monday – *Frances Learment photo*

Cold weather curtails construction

While work will wrap up on two Halton construction projects by December 21, it will be spring before the final landscaping and paving will be done to complete the projects to replace aging water and wastewater pipes under Acton streets.

of the vinyl siding plant.

The \$778,347 replacement of the Maria Street Bridge is a “unique” project – one that is on budget and just a little ahead of schedule, according to John Kwast, the Town’s Manager of Design and Construction. He said on Tuesday that the bridge would be opened on Monday, November 26. Only one lane will open initially as crews complete landscaping and cleanup work. School students will continue to be bussed until November 30.

Although the initial plan was to complete the work this year, delays due to weather and the availability of asphalt pushed final refurbishment to next spring for both the Main Street project, and \$1.4-million Bower Avenue/Alice Street/ John Street and Elgin Street project.

On Main Street North, most residents and businesses have been hooked in to the new pipes to the Hill Street area, and crews are working in the Wallace Street area this week, heading to the north end of the project in the vicinity

While most bridges are rehabilitated, Kwast said this bridge was in such bad shape that it needed total replacement. He said the Town would hold an official opening of the new bridge because it was “quite unique” to completely tear it down and rebuild.

Who is to blame for gas leak?

The Union Gas natural gas pipe ripped open by an excavator late last Wednesday afternoon in Acton was not shown on a so-called “line locates” map provided

by Union Gas. That’s what caused the accident according to an employee for Lancorp Construction, a contractor working for Halton to replace aging water and sewer pipes under Main Street North.

The crew was working between the rail tracks and Hill Street and had dug around the one gas line shown in the area on the map, but less than a metre away the excavator hit an unmapped two-inch steel line, causing a leak.

For almost three hours, the smell of rotten eggs was in the air – although natural gas is odourless, a substance called mercaptan is added as a leak detection measure. Police blocked traffic but did not

evacuate anyone during the incident that ended just before 7 p.m.

On Monday, Andrea Stass, Union Gas Manager of Media Relations said because natural gas is lighter than air, once police secured the area, the controlled releases of natural gas “did not present a safety concern to the public.” She said equipment brought to Acton from Burlington to replace a section of pipe meant service was not disrupted to approximately 400 Union Gas customers in the area. She could not say how much natural gas was released before the leak was stemmed.

As to blame, “we have not determined the cause,” Stass said.



GAS LEAK INVESTIGATION: A contractor replacing water and sewer pipes under Main Street North said its excavator hit an underground natural gas pipe which was not on a “locates” map supplied by Union Gas, which said it is still investigating the incident. – *Frances Learment photo*



PIPE PROGRESS: Halton’s project to replace aging water and wastewater pipes under Main Street North is on budget and on schedule for completion by December 21 – *Frances Learment photo*

POLICE BEAT

Leathertown disturbance

Police said no charges will be laid in connection with a large disturbance on Friday night on the Leathertown Tavern patio. A patron was hit with a beer bottle, left the

scene and then called police, who said no charges would be laid because a suspect (s) could not be identified.

Lock it or lose it

Police note a continuing increase in thefts from unlocked vehicles, most recently on Friday and Saturday in the Fourth and Fifth Line areas when iPods, cash and identification were stolen.

LATE DEATH



FOOTITT, Minerva Elizabeth (Bette)

Born on September 28, 1919 in Bracebridge, Ontario. Passed away peacefully on November 20, 2012 with her family by her side. Beloved wife of 76 years to Ed. Loving mother of Ted (Margo), cherished grandmother of Kelly (Brian) and Michael (Cathy). Dear great-grandmother

of Amy, Owen, Emily, Steven and Dylan. She spoke fondly of her life in Acton on “The Crescent” and at Birchway Place, working at Mason Knit, the IODE, Acton Legion, bingo with the Jordans, winters in Florida and summers at the cottage in Bracebridge. Bette will be dearly missed by her family and friends. Especially her nieces, the “pets”, Peggy and Bonnie. The family is thankful to all who cared for her at Erin Mills Lodge and for the superb attention she received from Dr. Dosani and the staff at Credit Valley Hospital. Special thanks to “the little one”. Visitation will be held at St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church, Acton, Friday November 23, 2012, from noon to 1 p.m. Her memorial service will commence in the church sanctuary at 1 p.m. Private interment at a later date. Reception to follow at the Acton Legion. Remembrances may be made to the St. Alban’s Church or a charity of one’s choice

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