

Cat Burglar nabbed

A 40-year-old Longfield Road man was charged with possession of stolen property under \$5,000 after an Arctic Cat snowmobile, stolen from Perth County on January 5, was located last Monday in Sir Donald Mann Park. Police said the rider on the Arctic Cat led them to the accused, who appears in court February 24.

Drunk driver

A 34-year-old Hillsburgh woman was charged with impaired driving and having over 80-milligrams of alcohol in 100-millilitres of blood after being pulled over on Highway 7, north of Trafalgar Road at Silvercreek, at 12:44 last Thursday morning. A police officer stopped a 1995 Chevrolet after seeing it weaving on the highway. The woman was arrested and appears in court on February 24.

Wallet theft

A Whitby woman reported

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her wallet was stolen from her purse while she was at Manny's Roadhouse between 10 p.m. on Saturday and 2 a.m. on Sunday. The wallet contained a small amount of cash and personal papers.

Break and enter

The investigation continues into a break and enter at a Kingham Road residence between 4 and 4:30 a.m. on Saturday. The victim came home at 4 a.m. and forgot to lock the front door. Sometime before 4:30 a.m., an unknown person entered the house and stole a set of car keys to a 2000 Dodge Caravan parked in the driveway. The van was abandoned a short distance away after an accident with a parked vehicle. Police have no damage

estimates.

Cash help

Acton firefighters helped extract a car accident victim from her vehicle after a van-car crash on Highway 7, north of the Trafalgar Road intersection at Silvercreek, last Wednesday at 5:01 p.m. A westbound Chevrolet van collided with an eastbound Volkswagen Jetta, whose driver had to be removed from his car and transported to hospital.

Fixture smell?

Two ceiling fixtures that were not working may have been the cause of an unknown odour at Prosperity One Credit Union in Acton at 9:15 last Tuesday morning. Acton firefighters checked the building and found no source for the odour, except possibly from the fixtures. An electrician was called to inspect the lighting system.

TOWN DIGEST

Photo radar

Ward Four Councillor Bob Inglis wants to be kept up to speed on the possibility of the Liberal government bringing back photo radar to raise revenues and reduce the budget deficit.

At a recent Council meeting Inglis said municipal roads could be included in a photo radar program, along with the original 400-series of

highways, and asked Town staff to report any provincial developments.

In 1995 the NDP government introduced a photo radar system that clocked speeding drivers, recorded their licence plate numbers and issued tickets by mail. The anti-speeding measure generated \$16-million in fines from 224,000 tickets before being cancelled by Mike Harris and his Conservatives.



ATTENTION: 1st Acton Scout Troop with Scoutmaster the Rev. "Jock" Anderson, right, at a camp in 1947. A decorated World War 2 hero, Anderson also took a keen interest in youth. - Photo loaned by Jim Dills

Former Knox minister, war hero dies in Oakville at age 90

Funeral services for Lt.-Col. The Rev. John MacMorran 'Jock' Anderson, a former minister at Knox Presbyterian Church in Acton and the only military chaplain decorated with two Military Crosses for bravery, were held in Oakville on Monday.

Rev. Anderson, the Protestant chaplain with the Highland Light Infantry's (HLI) 3rd Division in World War 2, served through the D-Day invasion until VE Day, the only front line infantry

battalion chaplain with that distinction. He was awarded the Military Cross and Bar for the heroism he displayed while attending the wounded - both allied and German - during the July 8, 1944, Battle of Buron, and on the beaches of Normandy, D-Day June 6, 1944.

Anderson never drank or swore but acknowledged he almost broke the

bad language barrier when he was helping stretcher bearers bring in German wounded and German snipers sniped at them. His customary "curse" when he was really mad was "Good Gordon Highlanders" said with much feeling.

A teetotaler, he still owned and kept a bottle of whiskey given to each officer in the mess just before D-Day. "I'm certain I'm the only Highlander who kept his pre D-Day scotch corked," Anderson confessed to a reporter.

Anderson left the army in 1947 to serve as minister at Knox Church in Acton, to the delight of several Acton veterans who had served with the HLI, including Tom Given, and the late George (Ron) Bayliss and Frank "Twitter" Holmes. He became a Chartered Member of the Acton Rotary Club in 1948 and returned as a

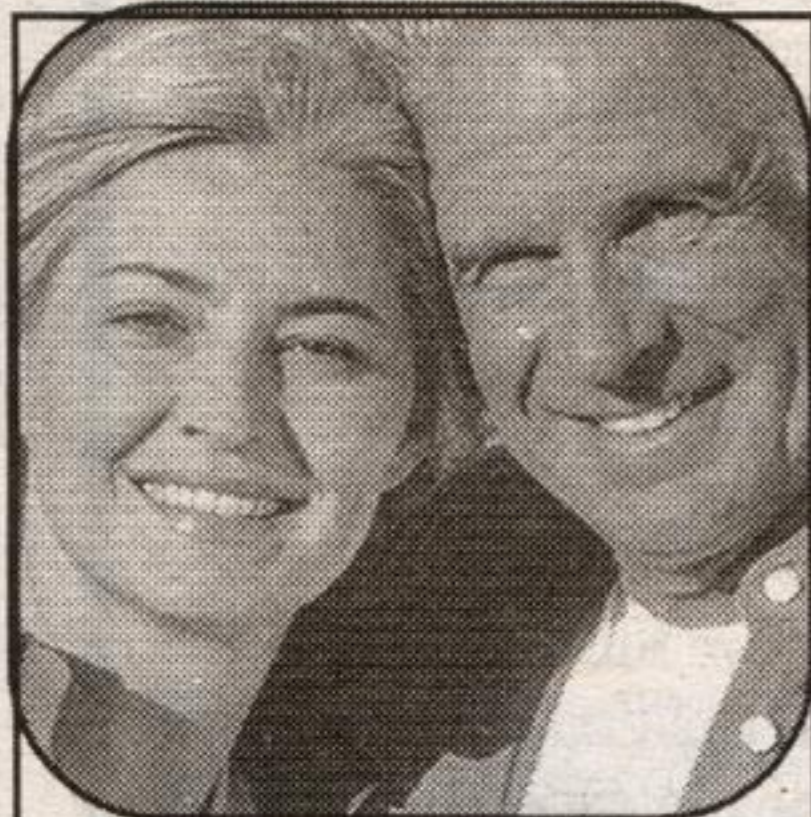
speaker on the club's 25th anniversary in 1973, Rotary and Knox member Mac Sprowl recalls.

During his pastorate in Acton, Rev. 'Jock' was also Scoutmaster for the 1st Acton troop, Jim Dills of Milton recalls. Jim says Anderson took the troop to Peacehaven Camp in 1947 and "woke us each morning with the skirl of the bagpipes. Ours was an impressive group as we marched with bagpipe accompaniment to the flag raising and lowering each day."

After 18 months as the minister of Knox, Acton, Anderson felt he was more suited to military life and he returned to chaplaincy at Ortona Barracks, Oakville after October of 1948. His interest in Acton was revived when he returned to speak at Knox Church's 150th anniversary in 1995, Mac Sprowl recalls. There are 51 members of Knox still living when 'Jock' was minister here, Sprowl says.

Anderson later went to work as a probation officer for the Ontario Government where his experience with youth was put to good use.

He died at his home in Oakville on Tuesday, January 20, at the age of 90, one of Canada's most distinguished soldiers.



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