

Bicyclists try to thaw two-wheel chill

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SPECIAL REPORT



DAVE KIRK: "We're not a bicycle-friendly city"

London can be an unfriendly city for two wheels.

Pot-holes, narrow streets, hostile drivers, hazardous sewer grates, less-than-level level crossings, tight curb lanes and virtually no established voice at city hall can all make it an adventure for the person who bicycles in London by choice or necessity.

"We're not a bicycle-friendly city," says Dave Kirk, chairman of an ad hoc bicycle study committee preparing a comprehensive report for city council that could contain recommendations for major roadway improvements and the hiring of a full-time municipal bicycling policy co-ordinator.

Yet, to key officials such as Alderman Gary Williams, chairman of the environment and transportation committee, bicycles are seen as a nuisance to motorists, ridden by people who regularly and dangerously break traffic laws and whose numbers are too small to warrant the expenditure of any significant amount of public money.

Kirk and other pro-bicycle activists argue there is a rapidly growing number of Londoners cycling on city streets for recreation, exercise and basic transportation who must

be recognized and taken into account by city hall. Nevertheless, his group is just the latest in a series of people to come before council with bicycle recommendations, and city officials admit that only token accommodation has been made to a bicycling community whose proportions and importance they hold in serious doubt.

Kirk, a 36-year old communications consultant and "hack-around" cyclist, delved into cycling issues as a member of the city's safety subcommittee. He persuaded the environment and transportation committee to authorize formation of a bicycle study committee of police, educators, city officials, cyclists and the public.

Kirk's group hopes to report to council by the end of June, tracing a

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Christ Church, Glanworth Marks 100th Anniversary

By Peggy Shore

Last Sunday, September 27, a special service took place at Christ Church, Glanworth, on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the opening of the present building. It was also the Annual Harvest Home Festival, a tradition of giving thanks for a bountiful harvest.

The Rt. Rev. Arthur Brown, a Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto, a former rector was the Guest Speaker. He recalled happy memories of his time in the parish, some 34 years ago. Mr. Johnny Stevens was guest soloist, accompanied by the organist, Mrs. Margaret McDowell. He delighted everyone with his truly lovely singing of four favourites — "Amazing Grace", "Just A Closer Walk With Thee", "How Great Thou Art", and "Bless This House".

Following the Service, an Anniversary Dinner was served by the ladies of the church in the parish hall. It was a great day that we will long remember.

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Former MP Harry White dies at 92

Sept 4, 1987
Harry O. White, Westminster Township farmer-bee keeper and a Progressive Conservative who held the old federal riding of Middlesex East for 17 years, died Friday in St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital. He was 92.

He is survived by his wife, Dolly Pearl. Both have been living at Elgin Manor in St. Thomas.

White held the riding from 1945 to 1962 and was never defeated. He was a member of the Commons' external affairs committee and once created a controversy because he criticized Lester Pearson's winning of the Nobel Peace Prize. White said Pearson, who later became prime minister, had sided with the Communist bloc during his United Nations voting.

Funeral will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Christ Anglican Church in Glanworth. Cremation and burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation is Sunday at the McFarlane and Roberts Funeral Home Ltd. in Lambeth.

Harry O. White, Former MPP Passes Away In 93rd Year

Harry O. White of Glanworth, Member of Parliament for Middlesex East from 1945 to 1963 passed away on Friday, September 4, 1987, at the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital, in his 93rd year.

He is survived by his wife Pearl (Page) White; daughter Mrs. Don (Dorothy) Johnston of Lambeth; sons Bill and Allan, both of Glanworth; brother Mrs. Olive Robertson of London; 9 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday, September 7, 1987, from McFarlane and Roberts Funeral Home, Lambeth, with Rev. E.J. Humphrey officiating. Interment in Christ Church Cemetery.

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Belmont sells Borden plant for new warehouse business

BELMONT (Staff)-Village Council has found a buyer for the old Borden Plant.

A group of three London, Ont., men has purchased the old factory at an unknown price from the village to use for warehousing.

Lloyd Boughner, owner of CBS Equipment Limited, London, said he and his CBS partner Bill Cruden, and Kevin Fellner, a partner in London Compressors Mfg., closed a deal for the old factory on Monday.

The Borden plant was first closed in 1980 and since then has been the site of a number of unsuccessful ventures until it was eventually taken over by the village.

Although the new warehousing operation does not start full swing until Friday, Mr. Boughner said they are actively looking for clients. He noted that the expansive freezers at the facility could be brought back into operation to provide cold storage.

There was no word on the number of jobs which the new business could create.

As a part of the takeover deal, the village has also arranged to bring the entire Borden property within the village boundaries.

Previously, a portion of the property was partly in Belmont and

partly in Yarmouth Township.

Negotiations between the village and the township have resulted in an agreement to bring that 15.25 acre portion of township property into the village.

At the same time, agreement was also reached to have Belmont annex two other portions of land beside the factory; properties which were also partly in the township. The total annexation involves about 48 acres.

The boundary changes would be effective Jan. 1, 1988. The deadline for submitting comments on the changes is July 13.