

Personal Notes

Of Actonians Visiting Out-of-Town Points and Visitors in Acton Homes

Mr. and Mrs. William MacKay are back from a holiday in Virginia.

Rev. Brother Norman Hinton and Mr. Shinoraha visited on Sunday with Mrs. H. W. Hinton.

Well-known auctioneer Mr. Roy Hindley is visiting in Johnson City, Tennessee, with his nephew, Mr. J. H. Dampier.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wood and Steven of St. Catharines visited with relatives in town on the weekend.

Miss Mary Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson, had her tonsils out in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, Wednesday.

Friends here were sorry to learn that Mr. Dean Leslie was taken ill and hospitalized in St. Petersburg, Florida. He is out of hospital now.

One of the stars in the Georgetown revue "Operation 52" was Mrs. Ron Rupert of Acton. It was put on by the Rotary club in aid of the Georgetown hospital.

David W. Gohn, D.C., was the guest speaker at the Circle K Day at the weekly luncheon of the Downtown Kiwanis club held at the Royal York, Toronto, Wednesday of last week.

When the South Western Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association met in Exeter on Saturday, Mr. Henry Doveau and Mr. Jim Dills were there, representing the Acton and Milton newspapers.

Milton hopes to raise money for a community swimming pool. Some of the men on the committee there came up to Acton Saturday morning to get from the re-convened arena committee, some hints on how to run a successful campaign.

Demonstrating a figure for another young skater in Georgetown arena, Miss Sharon Bradley caught the pick of her skate in the ice, tripped and fell, breaking her ankle. So the skating season is really over for the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Bradley. She had just made her first appearance on home ice in the Lions carnival one week before.

County Council Briefs

Tuesday afternoon at the April meeting of Halton County Council:

* County Assessor J. Ford Rogers was delegated to attend the annual conventions of the Assessors of Ontario and the Canadian Association of Assessment Officers.

* Warden Wilfrid Bird of Esqueping and finance committee chairman Reeve C. A. Martin of Milton were delegated to the Ontario Welfare Council conference in May.

* A by-law was approved providing for financial grants on the construction of Retarded Children's schools, at \$1.50 per square foot, based on the exterior measurements of the building. The grants will be paid only on new construction.

* Members acknowledged receipt of the final payment of \$6,525 provincial subsidy on the Halton Manor extension. The total cost was \$928,298 less \$17,451 federal sales tax. Provincial subsidy was \$452,106 and the net cost to the county was \$458,648, paid from current revenue over the past three years.

* The agriculture committee reported weed inspector Vernon McArthur had submitted his yearly report on weed control operations, and a booklet kit which will be distributed to Halton schools.

* Easter Holidays begin today and no doubt most of the students and teachers will enjoy the brief rest. The caretakers will probably be the only ones who will have to plod along with their daily routine.

* On Tuesday the boys from the grade 10 shop class enjoyed a tour of the H. K. Porter plant and after the tour were allowed to browse around at their own leisure for a few minutes. A trip through the Ford Motor plant at Oakville has been added to the agenda for the boys.

* Physical Education classes are taking advantage of the pleasant weather and students are practicing for the track and field meet early in May. Regular training period for the track and field is being held at 4 pm, and anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend. Volleyball practice is also being held at this time.

* Things are buzzing around the school these days as three hives or approximately 45,000 bees have arrived and are being cared for by the grade 10 agriculture/science group. Each hive has one queen and 15,000 bees and the girls have made up a sugar solution for feed until pollen time. At least the greenhouse shouldn't require a watchdog with all these bees around.

* The grade 10 science group have also planted seeds in the flower beds around the school in order to beautify the school as well as conduct experiments. In the event any student's parents have slips from plants they do not require, the science class would be happy to receive them.

* Vandalism has been causing havoc to the greenhouse and on account of broken windows, several plants and flowers were lost on account of freezing. Just recently a stone was heaved so hard it broke the greenhouse window and carried on through to penetrate the inside school window.

* We all pride ourselves in our school and the offenders should realize some day, they too will be in high school.

* Members learned Reeve Ivry Ryckman of Burlington, a county councillor who has been hospitalized since October with a broken leg, was operated on last week for a kidney ailment and was still in hospital.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. E. Huisman wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Theresa, to Ralph Fleddus, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fleddus. Marriage to take place in Acton, May 11, 1962.

Firefighting Hydro Workers Fan Blazing Midnight Session

Sparks flew as Mayor John Goy and other members of Acton Hydro Commission locked horns, in a heated debate regarding Hydro workers taking part in volunteer firefighting. This happened when the commission burned the midnight oil Thursday, April 12, during regular session.

Kindled by commissioner Gordon McCutcheon, the debate went back and forth across the table as each commissioner stated his views. Mr. McCutcheon had enquired why two-thirds of the three-man hydro staff were away fighting a grass fire. He pointed

out a recent visit to the fire hall following the sounding of a siren had revealed this. The superintendent and two staff members are firefighters.

"What happens to the ruling that one man should not work alone when his two partners are out fighting fires?" Mr. McCutcheon enquired. Chairman Gordon Beatty wondered if there were any particular terms laid down regarding all of the hydro staff joining the Fire Department. Commissioner Ray Arbie stated he was sympathetic with the Fire Department but could hardly agree with two-thirds of the staff attending a grass fire at the same time. "I feel Doug (Doug Mason, hydro superintendent) should be present at fires in the event of an emergency to give instruction but I am not agreeable to losing men at grass or chimney fires. However, I will go along with it for the sake of good will," he stated.

Not Out of Town
Commissioner G. McCutcheon warned his colleagues the hydro workers must be ready for emergency linework in the event of a serious fire but said they should not go out of town and leave only one man. Vice-chairman Ted Tyler said he had no objections to the three employees belonging to the Fire Department but was of the opinion they shouldn't leave town to fight a fire.

While the round table discussion was in progress Mayor Goy tapped his pencil on the table until finally he gave notice he was gradually losing his temper in spite of efforts to curb it. "After all, our superintendent did not make the rule about one man standing by while a fellow worker was up a pole. If these employees are members of the Fire Department why shouldn't they go to a fire? I can't see this is

very serious thing. You can always make a mountain out of a mole hill if you want to," the mayor exclaimed. Mr. Goy told his colleagues he thought one hydro worker left in town to look after hydro problems would be sufficient.

Where Responsible?
Chairman Beatty enquired if the commission's responsibility was to the consumer or to the Fire Brigade. He received a curt reply from the mayor who stated, "Show me one instance where the hydro customer has been hurt in the past and I will go along with your line of thought."

"Maybe some parts of the present set-up are not quite right but as an elected group it is our duty to lead the way for others to follow," remarked Mr. Goy. Chairman Beatty said that only one hydro worker should attend an out-of-town fire while the other two remain in town. "I can't think of any other business which closes down completely while employees are off fighting fires," he stated.

When asked point blank if he thought the present set-up was right and proper, Mayor Goy responded with an emphatic "Yes."

No Novelty
Hydro superintendent Doug Mason explained that with the newly-installed two-way radio system in the fire trucks and at the hall, one of the hydro workers might conceivably remain at the hall to answer calls. To this commissioner McCutcheon added "The radio system is a bit of a novelty just now." Mr. Mason's face reddened as he took exception to the comment.

In order to settle the argument the commission approved a resolution instructing the superintendent to send one man to out-of-town fires and two men to fires in town.

Fred Dawkins Rotary Choice For Four-Day Ottawa Visit

Fred Dawkins, a student of Acton High School, leaves Milton by plane some time about the middle of May for his "Adventure in Citizenship" which will take the form of a four-day, event-filled visit to the nation's capital. He is being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Acton to participate in this 12th annual project of the Rotary Club of Ottawa.

Along with 220 other boys and girls from every Canadian province, the North-west Territories and the Yukon, each one sponsored by a Rotary Club, Fred will tour the Parliament Buildings, visit the National Gallery, Rideau Hall, the residence of the Governor-General, the R.C.M.P. Training Centre at Rockcliffe Park, Ottawa's City Hall and other points of interest.

Preview of Capital
Under the guidance of the National Capital Commission, the young visitors will be shown sights of present day Ottawa and a preview of the national capital as it is planned for the future. They will take part in group discussions at Carleton University bearing on the subjects of government and political science. A feature of the trip will be the ceremony on the last day of the visit, during which each boy and girl will receive a Canadian Citizenship Certificate from the Hon. E. Len Fairbairn, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

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Peter Andrews Places Third In District Speaking Final

Peter Andrews of Campbellville Public School, Halton's hopes to capture the district public speaking final at Percy Merry school on Tuesday, placed third behind a York County boy and an Ontario County girl.

Jack Hurst of York County's speech on Sir John A. MacDonald won him the honor of representing York, Ontario, Halton and Peel Counties in the next speaking off. Second was Frances Marois of Oshawa with a talk on schools in the year 2000. Peter Andrews was third, speaking on the greatest invention in the past 100 years, television.

Each speaker received a gift certificate at Simpson's from the Ontario Public School Trustees Association, and the top three contestants were awarded clocks from Ontario Hydro.

Other speakers were Kay Stanton of Newmarket, Palmira Nucci of Cooksville, Philip Ames, Pickering and Marilyn Meacham of Port Credit. Inspector A. K. Martin of Peel County was chairman, and judges were inspector T. Houghton of Ontario County, Mr. Rainbury of Lakeshore Teachers College, and principal N. Matheson of Port Credit's Lakeview Central school.

During the time the judges were making their decision, the three Percy Merry festival choirs sang the numbers they gave at the recent festival and the grade eight girls and boys did two folk dances. Grade five to eight students of Percy Merry sat in on the speeches.

Grass Fire
Acton Firefighters battled a grass fire Monday afternoon that raced out of control in two different locations along the third line and C.N.R. tracks, opposite the farm home of John R. Sprawl of R.R. 4, Acton.

The fire was noticed first from the home of Mr. Sprawl and after it was realized the flames were gaining too much headway, a call was sent to the firemen.

Using booster lines and brooms, firemen brought the blaze under control. Flames were licking into sumac bushes near Dolly Varden. It is believed the fire was started by someone tossing a lighted cigarette out of a car window.

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TRIPLE DUET from the Robert Little school placed first Tuesday during the Halton County Music Festival when Dr. G. Roy Fenwick was the adjudicator. The smiling and excited girls are pictured above with their trophy. Left to right are Linda Lingham, Josie Murray, Marilyn Cripps, Jacqueline Lee, Laura Ironside and Marianne Coles.



MUSIC SUPERVISORS and the adjudicator review one of the songs following the conclusion of the morning activities at the Halton Music Festival in Acton Tuesday. Pictured left to right standing at the rear are Mrs. Janette Ledwith, Mrs. Mary Kidney and Mrs. Donna Manes. Dr. G. R. Fenwick, adjudicator, and music instructor Glenn Barnes are shown in the front.

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