

Aerial Equipment Under Fire Mayor Pleads for Decision

Acton Hydro Commission members attempted a simple solution to beat the heat, Thursday night, July 25, when they got up in the air once again to discuss aerial equipment recommended by the superintendent. Superintendent Doug Mason recommended an aerial bucket-type conveyance to trim trees and repair lines as opposed to a less costly aerial ladder.

Thursday evening, commissioner Rav Arbie related a recent visit to St. Mary's Hydro Commission, where he viewed their equipment. "They are the best equipped commission I have ever seen," he stated. St. Mary's has one of the latest type aerial conveyances, which includes an auger for digging post holes, a crane for lifting transformers, as well as many other features.

More Investigation

During a round-table discussion which lasted nearly two hours, Acton commission studied pamphlets showing the finest features of the same type of equipment and resolved to view similar equipment now in use by other commissions.

During previous sessions, members discussed aerial and bucket type equipment costing from \$7,000 to \$15,000. Thursday evening, their thoughts were concentrated on a more versatile piece of equipment which might serve a more all-round purpose for Acton hydro workers. This type of mobile equipment is available with or without a bucket attachment.

Mayor Les Duby finally sparked a resolution that the commission make up its mind one way or another after viewing similar equipment at Milton, Oakville and St. Mary's. He suggested the equipment should be designed according to local needs and meet the price the commission could afford. "We all know we have to obtain new equipment. It's a case of deciding what will do the best job," the mayor stated.

Mayor Unswayed

The mayor was handed an estimated cost of removing hydro poles at the new post office in favor of proposed underground services and after a quick glance, admitted the figures unswayed him somewhat. He wondered if the commission might allow some concession to the town in view of the system being improved.

Chairman E. G. Tyler Sr. considered the project "the town's baby," but admitted the money for such a project was coming from the same source, the taxpayer, and assured Mr. Duby every consideration would be given.

Pat Shots at Light

Sharpshooters with .22 rifles came under fire during the meeting when it was learned 47 light bulbs had been replaced after target practice. Superintendent Mason told the commission one

light in Glenora, including the luminaire, had been entirely smashed by rifle shots. Members agreed the vandals were costly to the ratepayers and decided to take action against offenders.

Mr. Mason reported the Ontario Hydro would remove the hydro poles carrying high tension wires on Mill St. E. the week of August 5, with little or no interruption to local industry. He said the H. K. Porter plant would be the only one affected and management had agreed to have employees begin work an hour earlier and quit earlier in order to accommodate Ontario Hydro. The poles in question are located on land recently disposed of by the town for building homes.

Closed at Noon

Secretary-treasurer Mrs. Audrey Urquhart was instructed to close the office for one hour at lunchtime. Since the recent illness of meter reader Nevee Hurst, Mrs. Urquhart has been keeping the office open from morning to night without a break for lunch.

The commission also:

- Received advance notice for the A.M.E.U. Western Conference September 26 and 27. No action was taken to attend until complete details are received.
- Turned down a recommendation from Ontario Hydro to purchase school book covers at an estimated cost of \$22 per thousand.
- Approved accounts for payment totalling \$28,548.63.

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New Owner of Drug Store Seeks Quieter Pace of Living in Acton

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Morris are looking forward to a quieter pace of living in Acton.

Mr. Morris is the new owner of Cooper's Drug Store and comes here with his family from Hamilton.

In Hamilton, his drug store was open long hours and on Sundays and Mr. Morris says with a smile, he expects "moving to Acton will add years to my life."

Mr. Morris was in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps for five years during the Second World War and served in Italy, Sicily, Belgium and Holland. He went to the University of Toronto after he returned and received the degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy there.

In 1950, he bought a 60-year-old shop in Hamilton, which was known as Morris Pharmacy. It was complete with antique apothecary jars, which he may display later in his new store here.

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the business from A. F. Brown 19 years ago. Mr. Cooper died four years ago.

The two popular clerks, Miss Madeleine Gibbons and Miss Phyllis Mackie, will stay in the store. Mr. Morris said he couldn't imagine the business running without them. In his experience, he has never encountered two clerks so completely well versed in the operation of a drug store, the pharmaceutical as well as the regular stock on the shelves, he asserted. Miss Gibbons, a registered nurse, who was recently named Citizen of the Year, has been with the store 18 years and Miss Mackie came just a year later. Mrs. Morris will help serve customers as well.

Georgetown Meets Bid for Past Office

Purchase of the former post office in Georgetown as a new municipal building at a price of \$15,000 was approved Monday by Georgetown council Mayor Ern Hyde estimates the cost of renovating and redecorating at a further \$15,000 to \$20,000.

In a letter received Monday, Crown Assets Corporation gave the town till August 1 to meet the \$15,000 offer, the highest bid received in tenders which closed July 23. Council had refused the Corporation's first asking price of \$21,700.

Mayor Hyde said the town would have to debenture for the purchase and renovations. The present building would have to be sold.

(Acton Council declined to match a \$16,125 bid for the post office here under similar circumstances.)

Surprise Pair Honor Retired Assessors

One thing about assessors — even after they've retired, you can still interest them with an invitation to attend an assessing "bull session."

And that's how the Halton County Assessors' Association got Frank McNiven and Joe Gibbons of Georgetown to come to a special surprise presentation in their honor last Thursday.

Frank, who retired this year after 20 years as Milton's assessor and four previous years as Nelson's assessor, and Joe, who quit last year after 13 years as assessing officer in Georgetown got the surprise of their lives when they received framed life membership certificates in the Halton Association.

First Honored

They are the first life members to be named in any Ontario assessing officers' group.

Art W. Bentlig, Esquire, as assessor and chairman of the regional assessing officers' association (a 29 year veteran himself) invited the retired men to an informal session at the Birch Hills Golf and Country Club, near

On Duty

Members of the Acton St. John Ambulance Brigade will be on duty at the O.V. Bow Rodeo north of Milton, August 3, 4 and 5.

Other duties recently included the State Acres Ranch horse show and Caledon Games.

Two Actonians On Camp Staff

Two Actonians are on staff this week at Camp Canterbury Hills near Ancaster. Camp chaplain for this 10-day session is the rector of St. Alban's, the Rev. Donald West. The camp nurse is Mrs. George Hargrave who is there with her two children Sandra and Peter. The camp concludes today.

This is the second session of camp for St. John Ambulance brigade member Mrs. Hargrave and she has coped with broken bones, half a dozen cases of mumps, asthma and a relatively high number of cases of virus infection.

New Sod

Sodding at the Churchill reservoir is under way this week. Subcontractor for the job is R. H. Barnsley, landscape contractor of Toronto.

Cliff McKay Star of Fair

Gilt McKay and the Holiday Ranch gang — popular television and radio favorites — will be the star attraction at the Friday evening fair program this year. The same evening an old time fiddler's competition is slated with prizes for the oldest, youngest and now city fiddler.

The special events are part of the gala 50th anniversary fair scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21.

Halton County Warden Dr. Carl Martin will open the fair and Vice-Minister will act as master of ceremonies on Saturday. The Canadiana Square Dancers, who have appeared on television, will headline the show along with the usual judging and parade of livestock and presentations of trophies.

Saturday evening there'll be a dance in the arena.



MRS. ANNE STALKER was feted by members of Knox Ladies Aid and W.M.S. Monday prior to her leaving to reside in Toronto. She was presented with a corsage and gift from the two groups. Left to right are Mrs. M. MacPherson who made the presentation, Mrs. R. L. Davidson, the monthly convener who presided; Miss Stalker, Mrs. Fred Anderson, president of the W.M.S.; and Mrs. Douglas Kennedy who read the address.

Captain Won't Abandon Ship

Like any seasoned skipper, Captain E. Earl Wood, commander of a cabin cruiser, refused to abandon ship in spite of high waves and a scheduled council meeting Tuesday. A phone call from Beaverton revealed the whereabouts of the nautical councillor.

As mayor Les Duby, reeve H. H. Hinton, deputy reeve William Denny, councillor Albert Irwin, clerk Jack McCaschie and two reporters waited anxiously for a fifth member of council to appear in order to make a quorum Tuesday evening, the sad tale of the skittled skipper was revealed.

Councillor Eric Johnston, chairman of the industrial committee of council, was attending a meeting pertaining to his committee, councillors Hamilton Peal and Hugh Lowe just left during the weekend for holidays and councillor Alec Johnson is still vacationing.

Before everyone zipped their briefcases closed, Mayor Duby shook his head, looked at the clock and remarked, "Oh well, you can't win them all."

500 Ukrainian Youth at Camp To Enjoy Outdoor Life Near Acton

Determination and hard work have resulted in one of the most modern and best-equipped summer camps Ukrainian youths living in the city can possibly attend.

Nine years ago when nearly 400 acres of land were purchased from William McDonald on the fourth line near Acton, two abandoned street cars and an old farm house were the first modern accommodation for a few young summer campers. Today, almost 500 enjoy the modern facilities at the Ukrainian Youth Camp.

Every year, the camp gates swing open early in July for a three week period for boys, followed by three weeks for the girls. Saturday, 267 boys wound up their summer camp program and Sunday 200 girls moved in, including headquarters staff, counsellors and kitchen staff, and a modern outdoor pool equipped with filtration plant.

During their camping seasons, the Ukrainian youth, under the leadership of camp commandant Walter Dejakowski, take religious training, physical education, historical training including Ukrainian and Canadian history, recreation and regular camp crafts and sports. There is never a dull moment and both boys and girls are kept busy constantly.

Mass Outdoors

Every Sunday morning, nine o'clock Mass is held outdoors under the direction of a visiting priest from the city. In the event of wet weather, services are held indoors.

At the conclusion of the summer activities, a public rally is held when parents and friends gather to see the youth perform and hear visiting dignitaries speak.

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YOUNGEST CAMPER attending the Ukrainian Youth Camp near Acton last week was a pet coon which caught the attention of all the boys. The coon was a gift from a Department of Lands and Forests friend and the small animal took to the outdoor life like a veteran. Shown admiring their new-found friend from left to right are councillor Jerry Woloszczak, Peter Rzakowski, Jerry Tupis, Peter Lopaty, Imor Kowal, counsellors Ihor Taraschuk, Bob Podstawsky and Oleh Bendruska. The boys left Saturday after a three-week stay and girls moved in Sunday for three weeks.

New Birch Hills Recreation Centre Open Features Golf, Swimming, Tennis, Archery

Halton County is quickly becoming noted for its excellent tourist and recreational areas. And the former Halton County Club—now Birch Hills Golf and Country Club—near Milton is one of the many reasons why.

Birch Hills, nestled away on a 380-acre farm atop the Niagara Escarpment on Nassagawes Sixth Line, is the perfect spot to "get away from it all" and still have almost every recreational facility at your disposal.

To date the club offers golfing, swimming, archery, tennis, dining and dancing, a lounge, dyer night accommodation, steam baths and lockers, a children's playground, and a newly completed gymnasium sports centre—and more is yet to come.

This winter the club will be able to boast complete skating, skating, tobogganing, and skeet shooting and next summer an outdoor theatre art gallery, trout fishing, horse back riding and log cabin accommodation will be offered.

From the lush green rolling lawns to the rustic, antique decorated Marble Room and lounge, Birch Hills is a city dweller's rural paradise. Far from the hot and dirty city streets, the club offers a wide variety of indoor and outdoor sports, or just a restful day in the refreshing country air.

Halton County Club was first opened by owner Boris Triloff in August 1961 as a private golfing and swimming club. Mr. Triloff this year leased the property to Toronto businessmen William Kriss and Alex Spiroff—partners in the York Union Supply Company—who reopened it in June as Birch Hills Golf and Country Club.

Membership to date is 175 and growing daily, said Mr. Kriss, who lives at the club as full time manager. About 80 per cent of those are family memberships, including from two to seven people. The manager figures about 60 per cent of the members live in Toronto and suburbs, with the remainder coming from the Oakville, Hamilton, Burlington, Guelph and Kitchener area.

The owners were, they admit, surprised with the excellent response in their first year of operation. "We were aiming at 100

memberships," admits Mr. Kriss, where antiques decorate the walls and large statues watch the proceedings from their place of honor in the corners.

On the other end of the Marble Room is the snack bar, and above, nine motel-type rooms for overnight, weekly, or monthly rental to members.

On warm evenings, dancers spill out onto the decorated patio in a courtyard in front of the bath.

Lockers, change-rooms, steam baths and the golfers' pro shop are all located in the same building.

Upstairs, a gymnasium is being fitted with weight lifting apparatus, exercise bicycles, massage tables and weight belt machines.

Mr. Kriss explained plans are being laid for the erecting of nine cottages on the property, finished in a rustic design like the barn. These will be rented to members wishing to spend summer vacations there.

On a meadow near the clubhouse lies the 150 by 50 foot swimming pool, ranging in depth from three to 10 feet, and built at a cost of \$65,000. The water is completely filtered and two life guards are on duty weekends.

Nearby is a children's playground, outfitted with swings, Linda Stanfield is playground supervisor on weekends, and takes over 40 children on a weekly Sunday hike while their parents golf, swim, or laze in the sun.

The nine-hole golf course will be expanded by next year, but the owners are still debating whether to devote their time to improving the nine holes, or extending the course to a full 18. The 2,600 yard course features plenty of challenging golf with trees, rocks and other hazards dotting the course.

Jack Stanfield, a former Kitchener and St. Catharines Ice Pro, (Continued on Page Three)



A DIVER KNIFES into the cool, green water of the 50 by 150 foot pool at Birch Hills, as the lovely rustic club house forms a background for the photo. Swimmers enjoy the pool daily and it's a busy spot on weekends.