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NO FISH STORY! These are real fishermen with real fish. Two brothers, Jim and Ray Thornhill, captured plaques for their prize catch of pickerel during the weekend. They were fishing at Three Mile Lake north of Bracebridge.

Officials Plan To See Roundup

Rehearsals for Acton Round Up 1965 switched from St. Alban's parish hall to the community centre Monday night when the huge stage is in the course of erection. Lions expect the stage will be finished in time for tonight's (Thursday's) practice.

A mural backdrop for the stage has already been painted by director Jack Carpenter and props and scenery are in the drawing stage. The Acton Fair Board generously lent part of their stage to speed up the Lions stage.

A work party of Lions and members of the Commodore Car Club tore down a barn owned by Mr. Naigle on Highway 25 last Wednesday to get lumber to make an authentic pioneer setting for the production.

Meanwhile interest is still building up outside town in the affair. Centennial officials from both the Ontario and federal governments have indicated they will have representation at the Round Up show. They hope to use it as a model for other productions across the country.

Taped segments of the show have already been heard from radio stations and CBC's Assignment will use a tape on a nation wide network.

Acton merchants are going ahead with plans to stage a parade the afternoon of the show and will entertain all patrons after the performance at a "Chuckwagon Bean Feed."

Western, Indian Villages, Camp, Pool To Open Tourist Trade in Acton District

What began as an idea 18 years ago is fast becoming a reality for two Brampton businessmen, Kenneth Mathers and Willis Jarvis. On an 85-acre site north of Ballinlad a unique western village is springing up for early July opening.

On a visit to California 18 years ago Mr. Mathers visited Knott's Berry Farm where originally berries were sold at the roadside. Later owners turned the place into a "ghost town" as a public enterprise. The idea of a similar type of place in Canada grew in Mr. Mathers' mind until three years ago he combined forces with Mr. Jarvis and the two began looking for a suitable site under the business name of Silver Spur Recreation Co. Ltd.

Only after searching the countryside for miles looking for proper terrain which would blend with their thoughts did the couple finally negotiate for the former McStark property comprising 85 acres in Erin Township north of Ballinlad. As soon as negotiations were completed land was broken and the project began.

Oddly enough the land purchased by the two is reported to have been the hideout for cattle and horse rustlers nearly 100 years ago! Today it is being returned to an authentic looking 100-year-old western type village.

Tourist Magnet

Although basic reason for the village is to establish a tourist magnet, the two men have taken a keen interest in recreating with authenticity, true western style in the days of the cowboys and Indians when stagecoaches

and covered wagons were the main means of transportation. When the enterprise opens the first part of July, patrons will see a typical western town and Indian village enjoy facilities for camping, swimming, dancing and other means of entertainment.

Part Nearly Ready

To date the Indian village is all but completed with the exception of a monster fireplace in the centre of wagonway, a built stockade which will be used for archery and real live Indians. The Indians will also be authentic and be dressed in true Indian fashion.

The entire 85 acres will be utilized for the project with an approximate 800-foot parking lot at the main entrance. No cars will be allowed with the exception of a private road for use by campers only.

In another section a western town is springing up and when completed will include a western saloon and dance hall (this will actually be used for dancing), tavern, stable, restaurant, gun shop, newspaper, hotel, jail and sheriff's office, saddle shop, doctor's office, antique shop, mortician's place of business, general store and lawyer's office.

There will also be a large swimming pool and bathhouses included on the property. Several small refreshment booths as well as picnic tables will be dotted throughout the area.

Behind Boothill (the cemetery) will be erected a monster barbecue in the centre of a ring of chuckwagons where monster cookouts will be held.

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REAL WESTERN TOWN is springing up approximately 10 miles north of town above Ballinlad and is expected to open this area to considerable tourist trade this summer. Two Brampton men purchased 85 acres of land and are sponsoring the novel project. Above job foreman Harold See installs an authentic door from a lawyer's office on one of the buildings.

New Liskeard Man Killed While Out for Night Walk

A New Liskeard man John Henry Lane, age 29, was instantly killed Saturday night around 10:30 p.m. when struck by a car on No. 25 Highway just south of Acton. The deceased was employed at a Hamilton auto body shop, was out for a night's walk when struck by a car driven by James Doyle Smith, R. R. 1 Acton.

Hit-Run Crash Damages Cars

Mr. Lane, who is a cousin of Acton OPP constable Bruce McArthur, had telephoned his cousin earlier in the day to say he was coming to town for a visit. Although the McArthur had a previous evening engagement they told the cousin to come anyway. He arrived on the 6:30 p.m. bus and was given a key to the house in order to come and go as he liked later in the evening. He apparently went for a walk which is his usual habit and was returning north on the highway at the time the north-bound car struck him.

The driver of the car said he was blinded by a car's lights. The deceased was wearing dark clothing and police believe he was walking on the travelled portion of the road at the time of the accident.

Mr. Smith immediately notified Constable Bruce Kressler of the Acton OPP who in turn contacted D. Craig Hutchinson and both went to the scene. Milton OPP constable J. Hodson arrived later and notified the coroner from Milton. The body was taken to the Rumlis, Sheppard Funeral

Home awaiting identification. A telephone call to Acton earlier in the day by Constable McArthur, who had come on duty at midnight, intercepted a radio call giving the Acton telephone number when he recognized it as Constable McArthur's. Around 2 a.m. Mr. McArthur identified the body as that of his cousin. He reported his cousin was in the habit of taking walks before going to bed.

Funeral service was held Tuesday from the M. J. Stoddart and Son Ltd. Funeral Home in Woodville and interment was in Woodville cemetery. He is survived by his mother in New Liskeard and one sister.

The area's second fatality occurred Saturday morning just before noon on Georgetown's easterly limits on No. 7 Highway when Jack Wayne Hamilton, age 11, of Norfolk was struck by a car while riding his bicycle. Driver of the bus was Richard W. Brown of R. R. 2, Norval. Constable D. Bowman of the Milton OPP investigated.

Approve Final Plans New Hydro Building

After pencilling in a few minor changes Thursday evening of last week Acton Hydro commission approved final plans for the combined office and workshop building to be erected on King Street.

Architect Donald Skinner presented final sketches and outlined changes made to date in order to comply with recommendations of Ontario Hydro, as well as the local commission. Tenders are being called immediately. Final date for submitting tenders will be June 10 and it is hoped to have the building ready for occupancy before winter.

Superintendent Doug Mason outlined line work his department is doing in preparation for highway widening on Queen and Young Streets and presented his proposed capital expenditure budget for the coming year.

Priority for Lights The budget was accepted with the exception of a post hole digger attachment for the new hydro truck. It was agreed to forego this expense at present in favour of additional street lighting.

The superintendent also reported his department had completed installation of mercury vapor lights on Wallace Avenue and noted light standards are being painted. Sales of hot water heaters since the last meeting were also reported.

Approval was given to purchase an electric typewriter for the office, as well as new uniforms for the meter reader.

A letter from town council requested the hydro workers to move poles on Mill Street back from the road allowance line.

Official Plan

A public meeting being held tonight—Thursday, May 27—in the community centre to hear objections to the proposed new official plan of the town. The meeting, called by the planning board, begins at 8 p.m.

Will Increase Hospital Grants Council Offers \$6,000 Per Bed

County hospital grants were increased from \$4,000 a bed to \$6,000 a bed during the regular meeting of Halton County Council on Tuesday.

Grants will be paid on a limit of eight beds per 1,000 of population in the area concerned, at the date of passing the amended by-law.

The increase in grants was made in view of presentations by Milton District Hospital where 35 additional beds have been approved, and the Joseph Brant Hospital, Burlington, where tentative approval of 225 beds has been obtained.

The Milton addition is to include 15 acute treatment beds, 5 chronic beds and 36 psychiatric beds.

Acton Reeve H. H. Hinton emphasized the payment of grants toward the psychiatric beds was still under consideration. Milton Reeve C. A. Martin noted the number of total beds was limited to eight per 1,000 of population and if the Burlington board chose to develop psychiatric beds, they are free to do so within that limit.

Reeve Hinton pressed his argument for a correction in the minutes of the committee to emphasize the distinction between the grants.

Different Department Reeve Martin argued psychiatric treatment comes under a different department of the province and this is not included in the present county by-law.

Requising Reeve G. Leslie recalled the former grant of \$6,000 a bed had been reduced in 1962 to \$4,000. No hospitals, he noted, had been built under the reduced grants. He supported the increase in grants at this time.

It was emphasized psychiatric beds were not to receive grants on the same basis as the acute and chronic treatment beds.

Reeve Hinton maintained his position that the minutes of the meeting were inaccurate and should be amended.



AN AERIAL ATTACK struck Acton Sunday afternoon when Acton Hi-Flyers staged a model aeroplane meet at the M. Z. Bennett school grounds. One of the planes which attracted lots of attention was this Grumman Skyrocket modelled after an United States experimental plane. Jim Jennings of Acton is seen with Robert Cildero, a teacher at Western Technical Commercial School, builder of the plane. The model flew at speeds up to 75 miles an hour.

11 of 20 Withdraw Objections Proceed with Ajax Application

Acton council at its regular session on Tuesday agreed to proceed with the proposed changes to the official plan and amend the zoning by-law on the Ajax Engineers application for zoning.

The clerk reported receiving a copy of the agreement between Mr. and Mrs. J. Branda and Ajax Engineers. The agreement covered the main objections to the changes presented by ratepayers at the recent public hearing. A copy of the agreement had been forwarded to the 20 objectors at the hearing and 11 had withdrawn their opposition.

The agreement provides for a chain link fence 20 feet back from the road allowance, no access to the property from Mowbray Place, no movement of stored material after dark, use of the property for storage only, construction of an eight foot chain link fence around the property and the planting of cedar hedge of five or six foot trees.

The terms of the agreement will become part of the registered plan.

C. of C. Contest A new and credible venture for the Chamber of Commerce is "Home Beautification." A contest with prizes is being sponsored and merchants have their advertisements in line with the whole project. See page three.

Safety Patrols Two Acton Boys Join 5,000 In Parade on Ottawa Tour

Public School patrol boys Kenneth Marshall from the Robert Little school and Mark Hurst from the M. Z. Bennett school returned from a trip to Ottawa Saturday night full of enthusiasm about their experience.

The two boys chosen to represent the Acton Safety Patrol were guests of the Hamilton Automobile Club, sponsors of the Acton Safety Patrol. There were 80 from this area and when they arrived in Ottawa by bus they joined close to 5,000 patrol boys and girls from all over Canada. The entire group held a giant parade up Parliament Hill, the Hamilton group dressed alike in navy blazers and grey trousers with their white belts. Only disappointment of the whole trip for the Acton boys came when they discovered they hadn't a banner reading "Acton" and they had to fall in behind the "Georgetown" banner. A police constable from Georgetown was with the group.

Each bus load had one police constable and a nurse for the trip.

The Acton boys stayed at a hotel with their group, and joined others for special tours, to see a RCMP musical ride, National

Oppose Paying Annual Salary Acton clerk J. McGeachie was instructed by Council Tuesday to attend an Ontario Municipal Board Hearing in Oakville on May 28 and be prepared to answer questions on the town's behalf.

The hearing has been scheduled to hear the objections of four municipalities against the proposal to pay chairman of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority an annual salary of \$5,000. The chairman's position was established and filled by a provincial Order-in-Council. Acton and the other municipalities have engaged a solicitor to present the opposition to this annual \$5,000 salary. Acton's representative on the Authority, R. R. Parker, was to be advised the solicitor had been engaged and it would not be necessary for Mr. Parker to attend on behalf of the town.

Prompt Action Corrects Levels Road chairman Ray Arbie reported it was anticipated the savings on the required amount of asphalt to raise the road to this level would more than compensate for the time and material in removing and replacing the curbing. He pointed out no blame or responsibility was fixed at the time and more discussion on the costs involved will take place and be the subject of negotiation.

The road committee had acted immediately to stop work in an effort to minimize the cost of the mistake.



LETTING OFF STEAM girls from grade eight class at the Robert Little public school spent their physical training period Friday washing cars. Patrons paid 50 cents for the wash and pupils had quite a lineup of vehicles. Above Gail Reed and Jane Sterritt combine their efforts on one car. They're raising money for the graduation banquet.