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Discuss hydro building with Sarnia architect

Exorbitant tenders apparently only postponed plans for a new hydro building on Alice St. Hydro commissioners are again pursuing their former intention to have a new building. Thursday night of last week they agreed to seek advice from a Sarnia architect.

On Saturday, May 7, hydro commissioners journeyed to Strathroy to view the recently completed hydro building there. At last week's meeting members discussed the Strathroy visit and it was learned the project which is over twice the size of the proposed building here had been completed for \$80,000.

The lowest tender received by the Acton Commission ran at around \$100,000. Architect Donald Skinner, who drafted plans for the Acton building at first was of the opinion it would cost around \$65,000.

Members agreed to contact the Sarnia architect to see if he would view the site of the proposed building and discuss the project with them.

A letter from Joe Gitto regarding a rebate or bonus if electric heating was installed in three new homes to be constructed by him was deferred for further information. Commissioner Orval Brown was instructed to obtain costs for an additional seat in the new truck purchased for the hydro department.

Decision on sending representatives to the O.M.E.U. conference at Ottawa June 8, 9 and 10 was deferred for the next meeting. The holiday schedule for staff members was presented and accepted.

Superintendent Doug Mason reported the area in Lakeview subdivision where underground wiring for street lights is to be installed has been all staked out. He also reported materials for this work had arrived and his department would be proceeding with the work. Accounts totalling \$21,421.67 were approved for payment.

Free ads

Starting in the May 26 issue The Free Press will offer a free want ad service to students seeking full or part time jobs.

The students, elementary or high school, will be given 20 words of copy to use towards employment if they state their name in the ad and apply to The Free Press by 5 p.m. on the Monday before publication. They will be allowed to repeat the ad as many as three times if necessary.

This is the first time The Free Press has offered this service.

Ross Swackhamer H.I.T. graduate



ROSS SWACKHAMER

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Swackhamer, James and Diane, attended the Convocation of the Hamilton Institute of Technology, when Ross Swackhamer, a graduate of the three year course in Mechanical Technology, received his diploma. The graduation ceremonies were held in Convocation Hall, McMaster University, Hamilton.



—Staff Photo

EVERYTHING — including the kitchen sink — was for sale at the Y's Men's giant annual rummage sale at the Y Saturday. Trying on the hats and purses for size in a saleable sink are Debbie and Colleen Spielvogel, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spielvogel.

Oldest Walker Lodge member presented with 60 year jewel

A former Worshipful Master of Walker Lodge A.F.&M. Roy McIntosh of Oshawa was presented with his 60 year jewel Tuesday night in an impressive ceremony at Temple Lodge in Oshawa.

Mr. McIntosh was initiated into Walker Lodge 60 years ago and served as Worshipful Master here before going to Oshawa. He was also instrumental in the formation of Temple Lodge and served as its first W.M.

Walker Lodge was represented by 23 members Tuesday night who went by bus. Worshipful Master Sid Newton of Walker Lodge made the introduction of Acton Lodge members and Very Worshipful Brother Dr. A. J. Buchanan responded to the toast for the Acton visitors during the banquet following the ceremony.

Mr. McIntosh, the oldest living member of Walker Lodge, outlined a brief history of his Masonic work prior to cutting his 60th anniversary cake at the banquet.

Tribute paid Fred Wright at Chamber civic dinner

To the skill of bagpipers playing Scotland the Brave and the Meeting of the Waters Acton's ninth Citizen of the Year, Fred Wright, was centred in the spotlight of civic recognition at the Chamber of Commerce's dinner last Thursday evening.

Sharing the honor with Mr. Wright was Mrs. Wright, who on being presented with a bouquet of flowers by Mrs. A. H. McKenzie expressed her joy saying "I want to thank the Chamber of Commerce for honoring my husband. I am very proud of him."

Making the presentation to Mr. Wright of the traditional plaque, Chamber president Rev. A. H. McKenzie claimed "The Chamber is honoring both the organization and Acton in recognizing Fred Wright."

In his opening remarks Mr. McKenzie paid tribute to the members of the Citizens' Band in whose attractive hall the Civic Night dinner was held. "The building is a monument to the civic-mindedness of the citizens who built it."

He thanked the Ladies' auxiliary and the bandsmen who served the dinner and welcomed so many good friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wright who were able to be there. He expressed the belief that an even larger crowd would have attended if the weather had been more favorable. Over 75 attended the dinner.

Guests at the head table included Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Mayor and Mrs. Les Duby, civic chairman Orval Chapman and Mrs. Chapman, Chamber president Mr. McKenzie and Mrs. McKenzie.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wright, Carolyn, Valerie and David of Guelph attended the dinner along with a representative group of the Guelph Pipe Band. A rousing salute to the bagpipers was paid by Pipe Major Bob Whittle and Pipe Sgt. Stewart Romie.

Mr. Wright was president of the Guelph Pipe Band, his son Norman is Pipe Major and grandson David is a piper.

Mr. Wright was a very active supporter of the Junior Pipe Band when it functioned in Acton. It was disbanded on the moving of Phil Caddick.

Mayor Duby, paying tribute to Mr. Wright, said he was most happy he could join "in recognition of such fitting service contributed over so many years."

Expressing his appreciation, Mr. Wright thanked all who had attended in spite of the inclement weather as well as the Chamber for the honor bestowed on him.

He congratulated the band on the fine building and thanked all on behalf of his wife and himself.

Longtime friend of the family, Miss Esther Taylor wrote and read the citation to Mr. Wright. Full text appears on Page B3.

Entertainment at the dinner was provided by part of a triple duet under Glenn Banks—Diane Bousfield, Barbara Pratt, Bonnie Bristow and Kathy Hinton—who contributed four selections.

Grade seven pupils of Mr. Banks "who just enjoy singing" also sang.

Warden Bert Hinton spoke in appreciation to the Chamber for the part they had taken in the program.

Junior Farmer prize winning trio Wilma and Ruth Mason of Norval and Joy Hayward of Acton under the direction of Mrs. George Newell, Milton, sang three songs. The junior Farmer club also contributed musical numbers to the program. They were thanked by Roy Goodwin.

1965 Citizen of the Year Billy Middleton told the guests he was "happy to be here and feel 102 much better than I did a year ago." He offered congratulations to Mr. Wright.

DECORATION DAY

Decorations Day has been set for Sunday, June 5. Many former Actonians will attend to join friends and relatives living here.

Call library tenders first of June architect reviews plans, construction

Plans of Acton's centennial library were reviewed Tuesday evening at a meeting of the committee and architect Donald Skinner. The architect advised the committee plans would be ready for a call for tenders after May 31. The committee decided to meet on the evening of May 31 to review the final plans before the tender call is issued.

Mr. Skinner reviewed the details of location and construction of the new building and advised the committee it is possible to place the building on the site in the Robert Little school grounds in such a position that none of the stately trees in the area would need to be removed.

Committee decided not to include the construction of the foot bridge over the school creek in the call for tenders of the building, feeling that when

the building was erected, it would be possible to place the bridge in the most suitable position in relation to the building and landscaping of the creek.

Reviewing the construction details of the building, the architect reported the building would be of brick construction, backed up by blocks. Four corner full length windows break the solid walls and provide suitable reading areas within the building. With a storey and a half glass entrance foyer floored with terrazzo tiles the spaciousness and natural beauty of the site are carried into the building, where a short half flight of stairs leads up to the main floor of the library.

There the librarians' station gives control over the two sections of the library. On the right will be the children's and juvenile section with their reading areas, while on the left the ad-

ults' section also has its own reading area.

A work room for the librarians completes the facilities on this floor.

From the main entranceway, a short flight of stairs to the lower level of the building gives access to the service areas, washrooms, storage area and a 17 by 38 foot meeting room. The meeting and storage rooms would be available at a later date to increase the present 10,000 volume capacity of the proposed library.

Emergency access will be provided on both levels. The flat roof will be of built-up asphalt construction.

Broad sidewalks over a foot bridge from River St. will lead through the beautifully treed site to the front entrance. The building will face on, and access will be from, a parking area on River St.

Present at the meeting at the council chambers were chairman Les Duby, councillors Drinkwater, Oakes, Fryer and Leatherland, Library Board members chairman George Lee, Fred New, Ted Pratt and Mrs. E. G. Franklin, as well as clerk-administrator J. McGeachie, assistant librarian Esther Taylor and centennial committee member Dave Dills. Centennial committee member Jim Gunn submitted his resignation from the committee since he is no longer working in Acton.

Director graduates U. of G. convocation



HOWARD PEARCE

New recreation director Howard Pearce graduated on Wednesday — his birthday — from the Department of Education recreation course at the University of Guelph. There were 31 in the course. He received his certificate at the convocation ceremony, with his parents, brother and sister among the guests.

Josef Sojka in hospital

An Acton man received a broken back, multiple abrasions and lacerations early Saturday morning when his car overturned in a ditch on Highway 25 south of Acton.

Police said the car, driven by Josef Sojka of 62 Young St., Acton, was northbound on Highway 25 two miles south of 25 Sideroad when the car left the road. It entered the two-foot deep ditch, flipped over and careened over 100 feet from the edge of the highway. The car received \$900 damage.

The driver, returning to his home in Acton from work at a Milton industry, was rushed to Milton District Hospital and treated by Dr. R. Leggett. He was later transferred to Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital in Burlington. P.C. Larry Kneale of Milton O.P.P. investigated the accident.

Another Acton resident was involved in an accident Thursday of last week on Highway 7 east of the Fourth Line. Escaping the truck driven by Peter Kroes, 44 Victoria Ave., Acton, received \$150 damage. No other vehicles were involved.

No charges laid following accident

Damage to a 1962 Volkswagen Thursday morning of last week was estimated around \$200 following a collision with an Acton taxi.

The small car, proceeding north on Main Street was driven by Manfred Hart of Willowdale who told Constable Peter Campbell the taxi driven by Ross Morton had backed part way out of a driveway at the taxi stand and stopped.

The Willowdale driver said he was unable to swerve into the left lane of traffic due to oncoming traffic. As a result his car was damaged to the right side.

Taxi driver Ross Morton said he had proceeded to back out of the driveway and saw the oncoming car and stopped his vehicle. No charges were laid.

Another high post for Mayor Les Duby

Mayor Les Duby brought honor to Acton for the second time this year when during the weekend he was elected vice-president of the Town and Village Section of the Ontario Municipal Association at the conference Friday and Saturday in Cornwall.

Just recently the Acton mayor was elected vice-chairman of CORDA.

During the two-day conference attended by the mayor, councillor Robert Drinkwater and clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie, two of three resolutions forwarded to the conference from Acton were approved.

The first one approved was to petition the Ontario Government asking for a set period each year for Daylight Saving Time in order to have

all Ontario municipalities conform.

The second resolution dealing with quarry blasting is to petition the Ontario Government to investigate quarry operations and their effect on properties within local municipalities with a view to an act of legislation which will control to a great degree the blasting taking place.

Both of these resolutions met with full approval of the Town and Village section and will be forwarded to the annual O.M.A. convention to be held at Hamilton in August. In the event they are approved there the government will be asked to pass legislation.

A third resolution forwarded by town council proposing increased Centennial grants due to the increased cost of construction was not approved.

Wanted to stay in Canada young Yugoslavs deported

Two Yugoslav ship-jumpers, who chose Acton to settle in while waiting a decision from the Canadian Immigration Department whether they would be allowed to remain in Canada, were deported back to their native land today (Thursday).

Ante Ivanecy and Slavko Smolhan, both 22, jumped their ship, the Cairnvan, in Montreal on December 14, and made their way to Toronto to the home of a friend, also from Yugoslavia. They reported to the Immigration Department while in Toronto to seek permission to remain in Canada.

While their case was being considered, the two young men came to Acton and were employed at the White Taverners west of Acton. The department was asked to permit the men to remain in Canada for a year to demonstrate their good faith and character.

The two men were born and raised in different parts of Croatia and had never met until a few months ago aboard the Cairnvan. Each was trained as a chef in technical schools, served short stints in the army and left the country on tourist passes.

In spite of all efforts by their sponsor, Julio Mileta of Toronto and other disappointed supporters, the men's bid to escape their Communist country and to enjoy the fruits of freedom has failed and today the ship-jumpers are to be deported.

While in Acton, the two became known to some who befriended them but mainly were seen together on the street or in a local restaurant.

They said they were afraid of what the future holds if they return to Yugoslavia.

Entry to Mason Knit safe foiled, thieves get change

Break and entry thieves were foiled in their attempt to smash a walk-in safe at Mason Knitting Mills Tuesday night after gaining entry to the building by smashing a window at the rear.

Entry to the huge safe was tried by jimmying the large door, attempting to smash through an office wall and from the roof. Offices of president George Mason and secretary-treasurer Charlie Kirkness were ransacked. It is believed the intruders were looking for a combination to the safe.

A coin box on the pop machine was broken and change taken out; an attempt to smash open the coffee machine was made but failed. A steel bar, part of one of the machines, was left dangling in the coffee machine. It is believed this bar was also used in attempts to smash open the safe.

Constable Peter Campbell of the Acton O.P.P. detachment spotted the broken window around 2:10 a.m. Wednesday morn-

ing during a routine check of buildings.

Constable Campbell notified Mr. Kirkness and called fingerprint expert Murray McMaster from the Identification Branch of the O.P.P. The entire building was checked for fingerprints and police remained on the job throughout the night checking for clues.

New paving

Land between Simpsons Sears mail order office and Ledger's I.G.A. store is being levelled in preparation for paving. Posts which were installed some time ago to separate the two properties have been removed and the entire area is to be paved following a joint agreement, between W. J. McLeod, owner of the mail order block building, and Dave Manes, proprietor of the I.G.A. store.

It is hoped the paving can be extended around the store building as well.



SAFECRACKERS WERE FOILED during an attempt to crack open the huge walk-in safe at Mason Knitting Mills during the night Tuesday. On the left secretary-treasurer Charles Kirkness holds open the safe door which repelled the intruders. Right is production superintendent



Larry Nolan at the pop machine which was broken open yielding a small amount of cash. Constable Peter Campbell discovered the break-in around 2:10 a.m. Wednesday during a routine check of the building.

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AFTER 55 YEARS of playing cribbage, R. R. Burke, 11 Elgin Street, Acton, finally received a perfect hand when he counted 29. He and his wife, pictured above, play cribbage together two or three times daily. The retired C.N.R. worker now has plenty of time on his hands for cribbage. The proof is in the picture and the couple show the hand which will be framed by Mr. Burke.