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## Acton students finish first in marathon

Three Acton students who attend Sheridan College were first to finish a marathon 25-mile hike in aid of the Easter Seal campaign, Saturday.

Doug Ford, Phil Marzo and Roy Shultz, walked over the finish line in Brampton in front of the 22 students who started out from Toronto city hall. Each marcher had a sponsor who promised so much money for every mile walked.

## Ice carnival on Saturday ends season

Just over 100 excited young skaters will be taking part in the annual Figure Skating Club carnival this Saturday night in the arena. And it marks the last night of skating for the season. "Around the World" is the theme for the show, and highlights will be guest appearances by Dr. Charles Snelling, 1967 Canadian senior men's champion; Janice Peters, 1966 runner-up in Central Ontario free skating and 1968 Junior ladies free skating champion for Western Ontario and Lee Armstrong, 1966 Juvenile Central Ontario free skating champion and 1968 Juvenile men's champion of western Ontario.

The two instructors here, Mrs. Glen Skuce and Mrs. Ed Leatherland, will also skate. The program, which begins with a timely stewartess sequence, swings on a world tour through Ireland, Scotland, England, Holland, France, Switzerland, Spain, Hungary, Russia, Japan, India, Hawaii and Brazil before a "welcome home to Canada" conclusion.

## Replace broken street lights

"Was there any vandalism over the school holidays?" Mayor Les Duby asked hydro superintendent Doug Mason at the last regular meeting of the Hydro Commission.

The answer was in the affirmative. "We had to replace over 40 broken street light bulbs," the super answered. "We blamed it on BB guns."

"They must have been using them on our roof, too," complained chairman Ted Tyler. "There's more holes now than we ever had before."

## Budget, new teachers, secretary on high school board's agenda

Acton high school board requires \$382,522 in its budget for 1968. Exact amount of grants is not yet known for certain, and the remaining cost is split between Acton, Esquesing and Nassagways.

High school board members at their meeting in the school Monday approved the new figure, cut from their original estimate. It is still higher than last year's \$363,734 figure. One cut was made in the transportation budget to lower the figure and members discussed ways of holding tighter rein on charter bus trips for students. "The amount creeps up steadily every year" finance chairman Chester Anderson observed. However, chairman Duncan Moffat recalled the transportation bill has been higher in the past than in the last few years.

If the school participates in sports, involving out-of-town trips, nothing can be done about the bus costs. However, special field trips and tours were talked over with Ray Arbie wondering "Why can't the teachers budget for trips?" On April 10 a bus trip was scheduled for just 16 students to Toronto and the board questioned sending a bus not completely filled with students. Vice principal Joe Bray explained this is the total membership of the library club, and they were going to tour the central library in Toronto which could take no



NORMA MOFFAT and Barry Breen display the paintings and charcoal sketch which won them prizes in the Art-O-Rama contest judged at the high school Tuesday afternoon. Norma, a grade 13 student, won the laurels in water colors and charcoals. She plans to attend the

Ontario College of Art. Barry Breen's painting took top honors in the pastel section. Barry's a student in grade 9B. The contest was open to students and staff at the school.

(Staff Photo)



GRADE 12 STUDENT Mary Jane New was awarded first prize for her oil painting in the Art-O-Rama judging at Acton district high school on Tuesday afternoon. Judges were Mrs. Joe Bray, Miss Esther Taylor and school board member Tom Watson. The event, under auspices of the art club at the school was organized and directed by Mrs. Laszlo.

(Staff Photo)

## Art exposition wins praise

Art-O-Rama — an art competition open to students and staff at Acton district high school — needed concentration from a panel of three judges before decisions on winners were made Tuesday afternoon.

Devised, organized and directed by the Art Club at the school under the direction of Mrs. Margit Laszlo, the competition drew a variety of art in oils, pastels, water colors and charcoal.

Prizes were donated by Beardmore and Co. and were presented by Mrs. J. Bray.

Judges, Mrs. J. Bray, Miss E. Taylor and Tom Watson, picked grade 13 student Norma Moffat's entries as winner in both water colors and pastels. Miss Moffat has applied for admission to the

Ontario College of Art next year. The pastel class was won by Barry Breen, a grade 9B student who submitted a large pastel painting of horses.

A pastoral scene in oils won Mary Jane New, a grade 12 student, first place in the oil painting class.

Teacher Mrs. Dena Hudek's entries were also picked as prize winners by the judges but she graciously withdrew to leave the field open to the students.

It was the first exposition by the Art club which meets once a week after classes. Paintings were displayed in the hall where students were able to pick their own favorites from among entries.

## Georgetown-Esquesing feud

# Township will post guard at dump

The running feud between Esquesing township and Georgetown had more fuel added Monday night.

Esquesing council, annoyed at alleged use of the township dump by Georgetown residents, passed a resolution to hire a guard and post him at the gateway of the dump Saturday afternoon. The resolution was worded so the action would prevent residents of other municipalities from using the dump but there was no doubt about where it was directed.

"Recent publicity," charged Deputy Reeve Tom Hill, "has indicated we are not paying our share for things. We didn't deserve it. If Georgetown is going to charge Esquesing for library time, it is time Esquesing charged Georgetown to use the township dump."

"I had a call Saturday," continued the deputy-reeve, "and discovered four different people from Georgetown were using the dump at the same time."

The subject irritated Councillor Pat Patterson, too. He referred to town workmen picking

up garbage all over the township, dumped there by people from outside the township.

The deputy-reeve said he had a call recently about garbage being dumped on the Given Road between the third and fourth lines below Acton, and he and Councillor Patterson investigated. They found evidence identifying the dumper, immediately contacted him — with an ultimatum: "He soon had the pile cleaned up," Mr. Hill said.

"We're going to have to control the gate," said Reeve Currie. "We've got no business to shove anyone's dirt over the dump but Esquesing's."

"They'll dump it on the side-roads," claimed Councillor Patterson. "We'll fix them, too," retorted the deputy-reeve.

"Why would anyone dump a stove and a mattress at the side of the road?" asked road superintendent referring to a recent pick-up his men made.

"Because," said the reeve with a straight face that slowly broke into a grin, "they wanted to sleep and keep warm, too!"

The motion to post a guard at the dump proposed by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Patterson passed unanimously.

## Tragic loss

Sympathy of this community and district goes to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rossell and family, Knox Ave., in the tragic loss of their two-year-old daughter. The little girl took ill Sunday.

Firefighters were summoned with resuscitator equipment Sunday afternoon in an effort to revive the little tot who was unconscious and unable to breathe.

When the resuscitator failed to revive her, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation was used but all the efforts of firefighters and Dr. R. D. Buckner were unsuccessful.

Funeral service was held today (Wednesday) from the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home.

## Choralliers sing in score for film

Background music for Halton county's new promotional film has been sung by the Acton Legion Choralliers. Robert Mayer of Robert Mayer Productions Ltd. wrote the original arrangement of songs to match the film footage, and brought it to Acton for the local choir to learn and sing. Although the men picked up the harmony to familiar tunes quickly, it took two nights before the timing was perfect enough to match to the film. Mr. Mayer directed them in singing.

The film is to have its premiere at the county building May 9 and will also be shown at the International Plowing match in Wellington county in October as part of the Halton county display. It will be available to be shown by any groups wishing it. Its purpose is to promote the county. The Choralliers learned they not only sing, but also appear in the movie. Films were taken of them singing on their float on their way to the park on fairday.

## Linemen's

# New contract proposals outlined to Commission

Chairman Ted Tyler Sr. suggested perhaps Acton Hydro needed only a caretaker staff and no linemen following new contract proposals submitted by hydro employees Dorson Frizzell and Ken Hodgson at the Thursday meeting of the Commission.

Mr. Tyler said the Commission should "take a darn good look at things before anything's done one way or the other," on contract proposals which were passed around the commission table.

He asked superintendent Doug Mason to compile a break-down of the time spent on line maintenance and rebuilding lines, suggesting perhaps it would be cheaper to have the work done by an outside crew than to maintain linemen on the local staff.

"Lots of water heaters are being sold," the chairman said. "How much does it cost for linemen to do this?"

Mayor Duby, in a more conciliatory tone said the commission should study the requests,

put a deadline on and "give ourselves time to get the job done properly."

Commissioner Doug Dawkins' reaction to the chairman's suggestion was a query. "You must have some new information. What is it?" he asked Mr. Tyler.

"I'll give you time to look at it yourselves! It's being done," he averred.

In presenting their brief Mr. Frizzell and Mr. Hodgson said their requests were based on what other utilities are getting. Asked to buttress their brief with arguments before the commission studied the proposals Mr. Frizzell went over each item with the comment the entire contract would "help our pockets a little bit."

Included in the brief were the following points:

1. Benefits paid by the commission be raised to 75 per cent of the cost.
2. Accumulated sick pay of one

and a half days a month to a total of 182 days.

3. If statutory holidays fall on Saturday, provision be made for the holiday some other time.

4. Three weeks vacation after eight years service and four weeks after 15 years.

5. Standby time raised to \$24 a day from \$14.

6. Paying a man injured on the job until compensation cheques are received.

7. A 12 per cent increase in wages.

Chairman Tyler's first reaction to the proposals was a reminder that the Commission was handling public money. There are some things we can't do that private companies can, he said.

Mr. Frizzell said linemen's wages at the local commission were "just brought up even with other utilities now."

Asked to explain the request for money to tide them over till compensation cheques arrived, Mr. Frizzell explained the commission would be reimbursed when they did. "It's just an idea," he said. "I know from personal experience it can be pretty rough waiting six weeks for compensation."

Commissioner Orville Brown agreed. He referred to claims by the compensation board about fast processing of claims but lacked any knowledge of evidence for the speed claimed.

Commissioner Doug Dawkins said he personally knew of compensation claims being settled within a few days.

Mayor Duby recalled one Christmas when he had to borrow money from a company employees' fund to buy a ton of coal. The mayor recommended the commission set guide lines for their policy, and then go home and think about it.

"Is there any comment from our salaried staff?" asked the mayor, referring to superintendent Mason and secretary-treasurer Audrey Urquhart. "They might want fresh baskets of flowers on their desks."

There was no comment.

## Rev. Harry Dawson rector of St. Alban's from May 1

New rector of St. Alban's church will be the Rev. Harry J. Dawson, who is recently assistant curate at St. George's church, St. Catharines. Mr. Dawson his wife and young daughter will be moving to the rectory when he begins his duties here May 1.

Mr. Dawson is a native of Hamilton and a graduate of Bishop's University in Lennoxville and Huron College in London. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Bagnell in 1965 and since then has been at St. Catharines with the largest congregation in the diocese.

In his letter read to the parish Sunday Bishop Bagnell added "Under Canon Downey your new rector has gained great experience both in the pastoral care of the people and in the administration of the parish. He will come to you with enthusiasm, vigor and deep dedication."

The Bishop letter introducing the Rev. Dawson B.A., B. Th., was read at the 9 o'clock service last Sunday by the rector's warden Fred New and at the 10:30 service by people's warden Don Lindsay.

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"It's just a matter of days till we know if there will be an addition," Mr. Bishop said.

Special teachers recommended are Mrs. Titan, part-time art teacher between the two schools; a shared remedial reading teacher.

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## Birds recall horror film for Lakeview residents

Residents in Lakeview subdivision had visions of an Alfred Hitchcock fantasy Sunday night when huge flocks of blackbirds descended on lawns and trees.

For those who saw the Hitchcock horror film, called "The Birds", where huge flocks of birds tried to take over the country, Sunday's sight almost looked like an eerie scene from the picture.

The flock was estimated to be well over 1,000 blackbirds. They were not so bold as the man-killing Hitchcock birds, flying away at the slightest intrusion.

The birds descended after the heavy shower of rain, leading residents to believe they were after the first worms and grubs in frost-free ground.



MR. AND MRS. FRED WRIGHT celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a reception and wish them many more years of happy friends and relatives gathered to honor them and wish them many more years of happy wedded life.

(Staff Photo)

## - BRIEFS -

—It's cancer campaign month. Response has always been good here.

The Association for the Mentally Retarded held a successful dance in the Legion Hall Friday evening.

—An ad this week reminds citizens a bonfire permit is needed. Last week's rash of fires underlines the firefighters' request for co-operation.