

## OUR READERS WRITE:

### EYESORE

Dear Sir:

It is some years since I lived in Acton but return visits are always pleasant to one's hometown.

On a recent visit I was horrified to see what had happened to the tennis courts and bowling green on Mill St. What was once a place for considerable fun had now been completely despoiled. It is certainly no credit to the community.

Can nothing be done about it? I gathered from talking to friends the tennis courts and bowling green had not been moved to another site. Just closed and apparently turned into an eyesore.

For years the Beardmores kept the tennis courts and greens in excellent shape. Mr. Pargeor as caretaker was very protective of the grounds and they were a credit to the town. I had always hoped if Beardmores lost interest the area could have been turned over to the town as one of its recreational facilities. Apparently this didn't happen.

Surely there are some by-laws that would require a property to be maintained in a reasonably attractive shape. Losing the tennis courts and bowling green was bad enough but to have it despoiled as it is now is surely too much.

Yours truly,  
Acton Old Boy.

### POORLY TREATED AT PUBLIC MEETING

Dear Sir:

Last Thursday we had the "privilege" to attend the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Nassagaweya, because it was our hearing due to our application. So this is how it went:

On entering the building we came upon a sign that read, "Quiet Please, The Committee of Adjustment is in Session." It sure was quiet!!! This being a public hearing, the public did not hear what was going on at the table, how could they when the people across the table couldn't even hear. I for one couldn't hear!!!

The members never had the courtesy to look up while we were discussing our matter! Mr. Chairman kept looking down, another member was looking at the ceiling while the third member was sitting with his back facing the public!!! I couldn't help but choke from various cigars, cigarettes and cigarettes.

We surely had the feeling of being sentenced for some crime we did not commit, instead of being treated as equal taxpayers that form the committee! What's more, we could not help but notice that the members were eyeing each other to come to some agreement, anyway it ended up that they were telling us what we should do with our land!!! Certainly they were not acting in the interest of the people but for some reason in the future, but what good is that that will come in a hundred years when we are concerned about existence now!!!

R. Dudak,  
R.R. 1,  
Moffat.

### Witnesses to attend conference

Members of Acton's Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses will be attending the "Good News for All Nations" District Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses in Kitchener starting July 4. It will be a four-day conference.

The theme of the convention will be highlighted Sunday July 7 at 3 p.m., when Mr. Kenneth Little, head of work in Canada, will speak to the assembly.

Mr. Henry C. Lowen, presiding minister in Acton, urges all local members to be on hand for each session of the convention.

### Wrong convention

Last week Mr. Paul Lawson of Milwaukee, Wis., attended a leather convention at Mackinac Island. Last week's Free Press put him at the "teachers" convention, in error. Sorry.

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### TAXPAYERS DESERVE WHAT THEY GET

Dear Sir:

Recent reports of land scandals in the Township of Nassagaweya don't move me one bit. The glib tax-payers deserve all they get. Certainly there was nothing illegal in a member of the Legislature separating his and his wife's land two or three days before the deadline and so saving a goodly sum destined for the benefit of the tax-payer, but what about ethics?

I would think that a member of the Legislature, and a lawyer to boot, would be far too worldly to leave himself open to such criticism unless he thought his standing and that of his party so secure that he could ignore public opinion.

Previously there was the gross over-awarding of tax-payers' money on entitlement by Halton County Council, and a little clause was discovered and nothing illegal happened, but again there was no mention of ethics. The Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Hon. Leslie Rowntree, absolved County Council of any wrong-doing. This year, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Hon. D'Arcy McKeough refuses to make public certain records that might clarify this recent situation, while last year Premier Robarts declined a public inquiry (Party hopefuls were involved, and an election was imminent). This year Premier Robarts again declined a request for a public inquiry.

Many of the taxpayers will again go to the polls at the next provincial and municipal elec-

W.A. Johnson,  
R.R. 2, Rockwood.

### UNWANTED HELP TAKING DOWN SIGNS

Dear Sir:

I have just returned from taking down all the election posters I put up on behalf of the candidate of my choice. I found I had had some unrequested assistance, unfortunately "helpers" had removed the signs before the election and deposited most of them in ditches or by the roadside. I don't attribute this vandalism to over-enthusiastic youths, but to mentally deficient adults, of the type that wrench off mail-boxes at Hallowell and drop bottles from car windows.

Aside from the outcome, I think this election was the worst I have ever witnessed. The election law was contravened in countless cases, i.e., the wearing of campaign buttons by voters at polling stations, and party literature being received in the mail the day before the election. (No campaign literature should be distributed within 48 hours of the polls opening). Campaign managers allowed the posting of signs on hydro and telephone poles. (Even when the signs are removed, workmen are still liable to have their hands lacerated by nails or staples left in the poles).

At the polling stations many officials seemed inept, and un-informed as to their duties.

W.A. Johnson,  
R.R. 2, Rockwood.

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## Hall family reunion held Sunday at Acton scout hall

The Hall reunion was held June 30, on the school lawn, at the scout hall. Being the first of July weekend scores of relatives were absent and had other plans.

Seventy registered, and had a pleasant time, visiting with the various relatives. The weather was perfect, although rain clouds threatened every minute.

Baseball, horseshoes and races were much enjoyed. A delicious meal of salads, cold meats, sandwiches, pickles, desserts was served up in the scout hall.

The family of the late J. H. Price were in charge of the reunion and served tea, coffee and ice cream.

J. H. Price was chairman for the business. Two minutes' silence was observed for two cousins who had passed away recently, Mrs. Josie Koster of Acton and Mrs. Ada Atkinson of Toronto. Norman Price gave the secretary and treasurer's report.

Next year's reunion was discussed. It was decided to leave it in the hands of the family of the late William Hall who would decide where and when for next year.

Mrs. Elizabeth Scott of Georgetown and George Hall of Wingham are the only remaining brother and sister of the Hall family. Mrs. Scott was able to attend. Due to

poor health, Mr. and Mrs. George Hall were absent.

Relatives attended from Collingwood, Toronto, Wingham, Georgetown, Guelph, Niagara Falls, Hamilton, Glen Williams, Limehouse, Milton, Hillsburg, Thornhill, Oakville, Wrexeter, King City and Acton.

### New teachers

Graduates of Lakeshore and Toronto Teachers' Colleges were announced last week and among them were several Acton and district girls, Linda Linham, Kathryn McKenzie, Rita McCrae, Mary Lou Brown and Betty Cook. Have any been missed?

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lou's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt.

Little Johnny was much interested. "My mother looked back once, while she was driving," he explained, "and - and - she turned into a telephone pole."

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# Dredging of Fairy Lake long way from finish

Officials of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority told The Free Press this week an estimated 150,000 cubic yards of silt has been dredged from Fairy Lake so far.

The contract between the Authority and Cummins Marine Dredging calls for 400,000 cubic yards to come out of the lake, a pilot project of the Ontario government and the Authority.

Roy McMillan, C.U.C.A. chairman said dredging was behind schedule but he expected it would be done by October. Freeze-up and dredge breakdowns were blamed for the delay.

Resources Manager S. White also said residents in Lakeside subdivision, complaining about the noise from a 24-hour work schedule, has also slowed down work. The dredge, now located along the Lakeside side of the lake, cuts out work in the evening and resumes in the morning.

Silt is being pumped through a long line of pipe onto the newly constructed portion of Elmore Dr., which runs parallel to Tidesy Ave. Preparations are now being made to resume pumping silt into a basin along Elizabeth Drive across the lake from the community centre. This site was used last fall and much of the sandy-lake silt has been removed to make way for more.

Conservation authorities said rumors circulating around Acton that the dredging contracts had a blank cheque for expenses running over the \$203,000 contract had no foundation.

The contractor is paid on the amount of material he dredges out of the lake. Mr. McMillan said any further money would require a new contract.

Mr. White told The Free Press Fairy Lake will be at an approximate depth of 15 feet when dredging is complete. Although the water will likely be cooler when the lake is done because of in-

creased depth and the release of springs clogged by silt, there would be no real change in the quality of the water. Weeds would virtually be eliminated.

It will be up to the municipality to remove stumps and logs which the dredge has loosened.

Goods and services produced in Ontario were recorded in 1967. Passenger car production totalled 721,000 units up 2.7 per cent, while commercial vehicles, at 226,000 units, were 12.9 per cent more than in 1966.

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### Active year ahead for Acton Rotary

For over two hours, Rotary club members Tuesday discussed a wide range of possible projects in the community and for Rotary International. An exchange program and Senior Citizens projects were among the many suggestions.

The Sea-Do, grand prize in a Rotary draw in the fall, will be on display at Campbell's Welding

on No. 25 Highway. One member reported he'd already sold 20 tickets at \$5 each.

Grass skirts and gaudy shirts are to be produced as costumes for a Rotary Hawaiian dance on August 16.

There were 19 members at the meeting, when the new slate of officers set the pace for a busy year.

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# Ontario Hospital Insurance announces NEW BENEFITS

Effective July 1, 1968

In keeping with its practice through the years of increasing benefits wherever possible, the Ontario Hospital Services Commission announces new benefits for hospital out-patient services and essential ambulance services effective on July 1, 1968. These benefits are now available to all residents covered by Ontario Hospital Insurance for whom such out-patient or ambulance services are medically necessary.

### New Out-Patient Benefits

In addition to out-patient hospital services already covered (emergency care; follow-up treatment of fractures; radiotherapy; physiotherapy; occupational therapy and speech therapy) the plan now provides further benefits for the use of hospital facilities in out-patient treatment prescribed by a physician. This means that many hospital visits not previously insured, such as use of operating room for minor surgical procedures and the use of hospital facilities in the treatment of medical conditions, will now be covered by Ontario Hospital Insurance.

X-ray examinations and laboratory tests listed as benefits under the Ontario Medical Services Insurance Plan (OMSIP) will not be included in the new hospital insurance benefits. However, these diagnostic services will continue to be covered in connection with emergency out-patient services within twenty-four hours of an accident or when part of hospital out-patient service to complete treatment of a fracture.

The new benefits will NOT cover any charges made by doctors or dentists for professional services rendered at the hospital; the use of hospital facilities for regular injections of drugs, or dental care normally provided in a dentist's office.

### Essential Ambulance Service

Ontario Hospital Insurance will now cover, also, the major part of ambulance charges when an ambulance is necessary to take a patient to or from a hospital. The use of an ambulance must be considered necessary by a licensed medical doctor, a central ambulance dispatching service, a designated hospital official or another person authorized by the Commission. In the case of a road accident, a police officer may authorize the use of an ambulance. The ambulance must be supplied by a recognized ambulance service operator (municipal, hospital, and approved private and volunteer ambulance services).

**Cost to Insured Resident.** The amount payable by the patient for an authorized ambulance trip of 25 miles or less will be limited to \$5.00. For longer trips on land there will be an additional charge of 15 cents for each mile over 25 miles, but no more than \$25.00 will be payable by the patient for any land trip. Where use of an air ambulance is specially authorized by the Director of Emergency Health Service of the Ontario Hospital Services Commission or a person designated by him, the patient will not have to pay more than \$100.00, including the cost of any connecting land ambulance service.

**Patient Pays Hospital.** The patient will pay his share of the ambulance cost to the hospital which receives him or transfers him to a place of residence - not to the ambulance operator.

(An uninsured person will be liable for the full ambulance charges of \$25.00 for a land trip of 25 miles or less, plus 60 cents for each additional mile. Air ambulance will be charged at the usual full rates for this type of service.)

The Ontario Hospital Services Commission will NOT be responsible for operating or dispatching ambulances. This will continue to be the responsibility of the ambulance operators which, in some cases, will be public hospitals.


The new out-patient benefits are designed to close the gap in protection between insured hospital services and those services which are benefits of OMSIP and other comprehensive medical plans.

The ambulance benefit will not only ease the financial problem for the patient but will assist in the development of a well-organized ambulance service throughout the province.



**Ontario Hospital Services Commission**

Toronto 7, Ontario



**TAX NOTICE - 1968**

MUNICIPALITY OF ACTON

**FIRST INSTALMENT NOW DUE**

Attention is drawn to the payment of 1968 taxes, which are now payable in four instalments. Taxes are payable to the Municipal Treasurer at the

**Town of Acton Municipal Office**  
(V.M.C.A. Building)

INSTALMENTS ARE DUE AS FOLLOWS

FIRST INSTALMENT - MAY 15  
SECOND INSTALMENT - JULY 15  
THIRD INSTALMENT - SEPTEMBER 15  
FOURTH INSTALMENT - NOVEMBER 15

According to the Tax Collection By-law a penalty of 1 per cent, per month or fraction of a month, will be added on the amount remaining unpaid after the 15th day of May.

This penalty applies to each instalment in a similar manner.

The attention of Ratepayer is directed to the Penalties and other clauses as printed and explained in detail on every Tax Bill.

**MAKE PAYMENT NOW AND TAKE YOUR TAX NOTICE WITH YOU WHEN MAKING PAYMENT**

J. McGEACHIE, Collector.