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Esquesing council

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# Delegation asks by-law regulate quarry blasts

Armed with a petition signed by over 200 ratepayers, a delegation complaining about excess blasting from, township quarries extracted a promise from Esquesing Council Monday to talk the problem over with quarry owners.

Mrs. E. Nagels read the petition to council. She was accompanied by Wilf Fortowsky, Percy Hicks and Paul Colbourne, all ratepayers who lived in the vicinity of the quarries and felt quarry blasts were excessive.

The petition asked council to immediately institute a by-law to prohibit blasting in the township except for small blasts necessary for stump removal and other necessary work. Council balked at some provisions of the request, however, and would agree only to talk the problem over with the quarry owners.

"I might as well speak my mind now," said Reeve George Currie. "We've no intention of closing these quarries. They are the biggest taxpayers we've got. Taxes would be a lot higher for ratepayers if the quarries weren't in the township."

The petition claimed the present large scale vibrations were a serious encroachment on the rights of individual property owners. It also asked council to include a provision for rehabilitation of the area quarries have already defaced and discourage further defacement of the escarpment.

#### Whistle still brings comments

Several more weekly newspapers have commented on Acton's Bring Back the Whistle episode.

The collection of clipped columns and comments grows. What a surprise to Beardmore officials, the Free Press and probably the general public, that the issue provoked sor much comment.

And the reverberations continue.

Police warned children to avoid strangers in town following a case of indecent exposure reported to them.

A young girl was accosted on Church Street at Elgin by a man in a white '62 or '63 Chev. Tuesday night. She notified police.

Mrs. Nagels complained about cracks in windows, plaster, brick and foundations as a result of large blasts. She said phoning large blast occurred had been good for a courteous answer butthe Quarry officials indicated their seismograph did not record

sent to the Department of Mines after a previous complaint. The Department said their prime concern was the health and

safety of workmen. Claims for blasting were matters for the civil courts.

Ground vibration damage was Dufferin Quarry every time a . rare; the Department's engineer E. S. Riddall maintained. He doubted vibrations could do the damage attributed to it and thought it was likely due to any breach of blasting other causes. Quarries employ seismographs for records and "I phoned the Department of personal protection and the Mines and they said they can do tapes were sent to Harvard nothing unless there is a University in the U.S. where an petition," Mrs. Nagels authority on ground measurement examined them. Council consulted a letter they His readings indicated no

received in reply to one they had structural damage would occur. Wilf Fortowsky challenged the accuracy of the seismograph readings. The information the Department gets is supplied by

# Rate increase possible telephone users

The number of telephones installed in Acton has doubled the forecast at the beginning of the year, reports Bell manager Lloyd Denby, and raises telephone subscribers in the Acton exchange up into a higher rate group.

In conformity with the regulations of the Canadian Transport Commission, Bell Canada has reported to the commission that the number of telephones in the Acton local-service area now exceeds - property.' the present rate group by more than five per cent.

If the Commission directs the Company to reclassify the Acton exchange into the next higher rate group, telephone rates would be increased slightly to make them the same as those in other exchanges with a similar number of telephones in their local-service areas, L. G. Denby, Bell Manager for this area, explained. For example, the monthly rate for two-party-residence service would be increased by 20 cents and that for individual residence service by 25 cents.

Telephone rates for local service in any exchange are governed by the number of telephones in the local-service areas, recognizing the principle that the value of service to each customer increases as the number of telephones increases.

Telephone customers served by the Acton exchange now have 10,815 telephones in the local-service area. There are 2415 telephones in the Acton exchange alone.

The following table provides examples of the new monthly rates for typical classes of service in the present and next higher rate groups for the area:

	PRESENT	NEXT HIGHER
	GROUP NO. 5	GROUP NO. 6
RESIDENCE SERVICE		
INDIVIDUAL LINE	\$4.15	\$4.40
TWO-PARTY LINE "	3.25	3.45
MULTI-PARTY LINE	3.05	3.15
EXTENSION TELEPHONE	1.00	1.25
BUSINESS SERVICE		
INDIVIDUAL LINE	8.00	9.10
TWO-PARTY LINE	6.30	7.05
MULTI-PARTY LINE	4.50	4.80
EXTENSION TELEPHONE	1.35	. 1.85

# Jim Slaven, cross-country champion

high school senior cross-country Conservation Park near

Jim Slaven won the Ontario championship at Boyd

(Staff Photo)

Woodbridge last Saturday. The Acton Cross Country track team became eligible for the competitions by taking all three top spots in the C.W.O.S.S.A. meet in Guelph two weeks ago. At that time, Slaven finished first in the Senior race with the fastest time of the day 14:17 for the three-mile course.

> According to Slaven, the Woodbridge course was more difficult than in Guelph. There were two big hills, one at the beginning of the race and one about half way through. Slaven ran with perfect style maintaining a lead of about 200 yards throughout the 4-3/4 mile race. That will be his last big race this season outside of some indoor meets this winter.

Acton's Midget team placed 10th out of a total of 45 school teams. From the pack of 250 runners. Pete Morrison came in 17, Randy Coker 41, George McPhail 66 and Riny Schuts

Unfortunately the Junior and Senior teams were short players and failed to make it in the top spots. Hamilton Southmount Collegiate won the senior team competition, Hill Park the Midget division and George S. Hanry the Junior division. Acton was one of the smallest schools represented.

the quarries; he maintained, and

they "could tell you anything."

No one checks their stories.

"We're left completely at their

Councillor Pat Patterson

mercy," he complained.

concurred. "People over there have been in difficulty as long as I've been on council," he said. "It was at our insistence that seismographs were placed. I understand, but can't vouch for information, that the seismographs are there only for small blasts, not the large ones. But how do you catch them?"

Mr. Fortowsky said one quarry official had replied to his complaint that "If you think this is bad, wait till we really get

Pressed by Councillor Patterson, Mr. Fortowsky said he would be willing to back up his statement with a signed affidavit. He also blamed the blasts for lowering real estate values along No. 5 sideroad. He claimed large blasts, which produced unexpected tremors, could affect people with heart conditions adversely.

Reeve Currie scoffed at suggestions the quarries were lowering land values. "I clerked for a sale Saturday where a farm sold for \$110,000. I also belong to the Authority and know the prices paid in that territory for

"Would you buy property on No. 5?" Mr. Fortowsky asked

"Not at \$110,000, wouldn't," replied the reeve. His solution to the problem was to invite quarry owners over to a meeting and talk to them.

The reeve cited one case at Limehouse where excessive blasting had shaken houses in Stewarttown and Georgetown and a meeting with the owner had settled the problem. "We talked and said no more of this stuff. He recommended the same treatment now. "Tell 'em there's going to be trouble if they keep. it up," he declared.

Percy Hicks, a resident of Lot 8. Con. 5, told council he made a complaint about blasting three years ago when council promised trucks from the quarries caused as spilled stones, sandblasting of cars, dust and noise. He said ratepayers in the area of the quarries were determined to stop excess blasting.

Both Mr. Hicks and Mr. Fortowsky bridled at the reeve's inference that the petitioners wanted to close the quarries. They wished only to police the blasting. Councillor Lawson told the delegation sandblasting of cars, etc. were police matters.

The delegation left with council's promise they would talk to quarry owners but said afterwards they didn't intend to let the matter drop until they had some action.

Council felt passage of a by-law would mean little and there was no adequate means of enforcement short of closing down the quarries.

### Guided Fairy Lake tour conducted by R. Parker

R. R. (Bob) Parker conducted an interesting tour of dredging sites around Fairy Lake Sunday. About 40 interested people took part. The tour was arranged as a joint project of the Chamber of Commerce and the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Mr. Parker, Acton's representative on the Authority. explained what was taking place on the lake. He said although rumors were fife that the contractor was being paid twice for silt he takes out, it wasn't

Fairy Lake will be job is finished. Approximately Elmore Drive. 260,000 cubic yards of fill have been removed to date. It is moved before the work is done, up the banks. sometime next spring.

Mr. Parker explained the work See pictures on page B5.

successful, many more ponds and reservoirs in Ontario will be dredged. One reason the Authority picked Fairy Lake is because it is all owned by Beardmore and Co. and it was only necessary to negotiate with one property owner.

It was expected the Black Creek flow would be considerably improved as a result of the dredging. Effluent from the Acton sewage plant sometimes saturates the flow

The bullrush area around the approximately 15 feet in depth community centre is being filled with graduated sides when the in now and the area back of

A large drag line is assisting the dredger in removing muck expected 400,000 yards will be from the lake edge and building



on the nearest Sunday.

evening as well.

church service.

Saturday has been proclaimed

as Poppy Day, but Legion

members will also be selling

them Friday afternoon and

A veterans' dinner will be held

at the Legion Sunday after the

# Mark Remembrance Day Sunday to do something but nothing was done. He listed the nuisance services at cenotaph, Knox

In Rockwood, the memorial

service is also Sunday morning at

11 a.m. at the cenotaph there,

with a community church

service following in the

Collision at

centennial school auditorium.

The names of Acton's dead Nassagaweya for the service at from world wars will again be the memorial at Haltonville, and read aloud, during the few afterward in Nassagaweya moments that the Remembrance Day parade pauses at the

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cenotaph Sunday. The service is set for 10:45 a.m., with the parade forming up at the Legion at 10.15.

Acton Citizens' Band will play and Chuck Wright will play the Last Post and Reveille. Wreaths will be placed by organizations and individuals.

Church service follows Knox Presbyterian church.

The United church service, which begins at 10 a.m. will be concluded early so members may join in the annual outdoor ritual of remembrance.

In the afternoon at 2:45 Acton Legion and bugler Chuck Wright will join citizens of

#### traffic lights Mill-Main St. corner Friday night

Presbyterian church.

A two car collision at the was the only accident reported by Acton O.P.P. this week.

Police said a car driven by Robert Roughley, Limehouse, was proceeding south on Main St. and he made the left turn on Mill when the lights changed. The other vehicle, driven by Philip R. Brown, Stratford, was going North from the intersection on Main when the accident occurred.

The Roughley car received \$500 damage to the right side and windshield. The Brown vehicle received \$400 damage to bumper, fender, grill and hood.

#### Appoint new Planning Board in Esquesing

Esquesing Council drew five names out of a hat to comprise the township's first Planning Board at their meeting Monday. Appointed for a three year term will be Reford Gardhouse and Fred Nurse. Two year terms will be served by Fred Helson and Jack Pemberton while Sam Penrise will serve a one year

Reeve George Currie and Councillor Bob Lawson will fill out the rest of the seven man board.

## program starts next week

playing Santa Claus to their Remembrance Day falls on customers for the next six Monday, which is a school holiday. However, in recent Weeks years the service has been held

Every purchase at participating stores will allow customers a chance of winning cash vouchers worth \$90 each week. The program-Santa Rama-begins next week.

Details of the Santa Rama program are included in an advertisement inside this newspaper.



ACTON'S NEW ASSISTANT CLERK, Grant Usher, began his duties on Monday. He and his wife moved into Acton on Saturday from Woodbridge. (Staff Pinto)

runs. -

JIM SLAVEN came home as senior champion from the Ontario

high school cross-country races in Woodbridge last Saturday.

There were 650 competitors in the junior, midget and senior