

Honor Citizen of Year at dinner, dance Saturday

Highlight of the annual Chamber of Commerce Week in Acton this year will be the Citizen of the Year dinner and dance at the music centre Saturday night at which sportman Charlie Thomson will be honored.

Chamber P. R. man Don Dupuis says there will be several new wrinkles in this year's program including raffling of a steer skin donated by Beardmore and Co. to help pay for the event which has traditionally cost the organization money. Concessions will be given to all the ladies present, another "first" for the event.

Tickets for this year's awards night and dance went like the traditional hotcakes and are about as hard to find now as a Stanley Cup ducat. There may still be one or two around but the executive finds the demand exceeds the supply.

President John Shadbolt points out that the cost of the tickets is eaten up by the dinner and the Chamber must find extra money for the rest of the hall and the orchestra.

Over the years the Chamber of Commerce movement has established a reputation as one of the most representative and respected groups in Canada. The Acton Chamber has a full scale program going this year to

improve the business and social climate in town. Among the things the Chamber strives for are better urban-rural relationships, education projects, safety, parking, recreation and town planning and a close contact with municipal affairs. The Chamber also promotes retail sales—the business barometer of the community—tourists and location of new industries in the community.

Snow hopes for change in education grants

More governmental help may soon be forthcoming for Ontario municipalities suffering under the strain of increasing education costs.

Inequities in distribution of school costs, a major problem in Ontario so far this year, may soon see further revisions in the provincial Department of Education's grant structure.

Mr. Snow said the Department is presently tabulating all the county board of education budgets and is continuing to

discuss problems in distribution of costs with the various boards. Rising costs have brought a large public outcry all across the province.

"It is my belief that when all these school board budgets have been received and tabulated, and the inequities of distribution assessed, some revisions to the grant structure may be proposed," said Mr. Snow. Last week Halton's board of education charged grants favor city boards over rural-urban county boards.

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LOADED DOWN WITH GOODIES AND ENCOURAGEMENT, Miss Novak was one of several non-walkers who patrolled the route of the high school's third annual walkathon to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society. Story and pictures on Youth Page.—(Staff Photo)

Keep Halton one region

Over opposition of Oakville and Georgetown, Halton County Council voted Tuesday to press for Halton as a regional government unit.

The county's committee on regional government, meeting with representatives of Peel and the Minister of Municipal Affairs, was directed to negotiate for a two-tier Halton unit. Failing that, the committee was directed to negotiate for the best terms possible for Halton in a Halton-Peel merger.

In a special meeting of council on April 8, members agreed to obtain the direction of their local councils on support for Halton or a Halton-Peel unit.

Georgetown Reeve W. Hunter suggested a delay of a further month in reaching a decision would not be unreasonable.

Disagreeing, Deputy-Reeve Ron Harris of Milton called on council to show some solidarity and clear thinking. "We don't need to wait for Peel. If we want a Halton County region we should be working on it now," he emphasized.

A Halton-Peel unit is supported by Oakville, Deputy-Reeve W. Gillies reported. He suggested the county committee on regional government should prepare a recommendation for the county's consideration. Warden C. Currie emphasized the committee needed direction on the thinking of the individual municipalities. Deputy-Reeve Gillies maintained the county was wasting its time pressing for a Halton unit, and would be better to work on the best possible entry into the two-county structure.

In expressing support for a Halton-Peel unit, Reeve Hunter predicted that some morning "you'll wake up and be told". He maintained the county might negotiate "a better deal" if it accepted the minister's proposal to merge the two counties and negotiate on other items of the structure.

Reeve W. Hoey, Nassagaweya, reminded that committee members were told at the outset, in a meeting with the minister, to decide first on the boundaries of the unit. All municipalities voting in a recorded vote supported the Halton region as a first choice, with the exception of Oakville and Georgetown.

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Approve five model homes

Acton council Tuesday evening gave approval to the Reisman housing group to erect five model homes on Wallace St. in order to speed development of the Seynuck and Vyse properties. Sale of these houses will have to conform to the uncompleted subdividers' agreement and receive the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board.

David W. Beasley of the Town Planning Department of Marshall, Macklin and Monaghan Ltd. and Mr. Grossman, solicitor for Al Reisman, made a presentation to council which included drawings of the proposed homes. Mr. Beasley explained to council that they had already approached planning board with a draft plan of the area and all lots would conform to the town bylaw.

Mr. Beasley said the company had been in touch with the Department of Municipal Affairs over moving Division St. so all lots would have a 60 foot frontage. The Department said that if planning board and council gave their approval it was fine with them.

They asked two requests of council—one, that they make a motion and forward it to the Department of Municipal Affairs that they are in favor of the changes in plan, and two, that Mr. Reisman be allowed to build five model homes on Wallace St. which will not be occupied until

the plan is finally passed and registered. Mr. Beasley explained the developer would like to get the housing development off the ground while there is still available labor and contractors.

Deputy-Reeve Ted Tyler asked Mr. Beasley if the people in Acton would be able to afford these houses. Mr. Beasley replied they would be in the \$25,000 to \$29,000 bracket.

Councillor Mazales said this particular development was not aimed at the people of Acton but it was what Acton needs. Mr. Beasley said that the Reisman group was interested in building town houses or condominiums in Acton as well—houses he felt the Acton people could afford.

Back objection education cost

Acton Council endorsed a resolution from Saltfleet township Tuesday night asking for revision of grants for education. Reeve Dr. Frank Oakes told council they should support any objection on education because the more that was sent in to the government, the more notice they would take of the seriousness of the situation.

Councillor Bill Coats asked if the reeve was concerned with the educational costs or with the

method of paying for it. Dr. Oakes replied that he was concerned with both since the method of paying for it had caused an increase in borrowing in the first five months of the year.

Clerk Joe Hurst commented that the 1969 deficit from the Acton schools cannot be picked up this year and the mayor agreed. Mr. Doby said the 1968 deficits would not be picked up until 1970.

Mr. Reisman also be interested in bringing in some industrial development to keep the town assessment balanced," asked Reeve Oakes. "How can we approve until the subdividers' agreement is through?" asked councillor Greer. "It seems to me the builder is sticking his neck out," said the deputy-reeve. The mayor said the onus was on the builder and he would have to conform to all town regulations including the new subdividers' agreement.

Councillor Marks thought there was nothing in the subdividers' agreement which would surprise Mr. Reisman and later the mayor explained he had already talked to the builder

about what the agreement would entail. Solicitor Grossman said that any risk in this project would be taken by Mr. Reisman. "All he wants is the assurance that he can go ahead on the project."

Mayor Les Doby said it was a simple agreement. Any services would be paid for by the developer so the development could carry itself and not be a burden on the rest of the town.

Deputy-Reeve Tyler asked if there was any subdividers' agreement which also included a clause enforcing the builder to bring industry with him. Paul Nielsen, in the audience in the council chambers, told council that the Rubin Corporation held such an agreement with Orangeville.

The mayor thought that this perhaps was only an initial agreement and further development in Orangeville would not be affected. Mayor Doby told council that Mr. Reisman was only interested in developing the land. He hoped eventually all this talk of development would be development.

Mr. Grossman answered that he was completely satisfied that Mr. Reisman wants to go ahead with this project. Council later passed a motion concurring with planning board's resolution to move Division St. and approve issuing five building permits for Wallace St.

MANY RECOGNIZE SCENE FROM PHOTOS OF PAST

Last week's Photos from the Past featured a picture of a bridge and stream in Esquewing township, taken by Jacob Bauer on a 14 x 17 inch glass negative, in the early years of this century.

Did anyone recognize the location? Yes, several people recognized the picturesque arched bridge with the sparkling stream descending the valley in a series of limestone steps.

Mrs. Jacob Bauer phoned to say she had no difficulty remembering that stream. Her husband often used to fish there for speckled beauties. "We got many a meal from that creek," she remembers.

Miss Emma Cole also recognized the location. She used to live nearby. Her brother Fred was sure of the location as well.

Mrs. A. McLean also dropped us a note to say she recognized the scene now owned by Mr. Vaughan. At the time the picture was taken it was owned by Donald McKay. Mrs. McLean explained. Stan Norton recognized the scene right away, too. He passes by on his way to work each day. Several other people also thought they recognized the scene.



CLOCKS MUST be turned ahead Sunday morning at 12:01 a.m. as Acton ushers in Daylight Saving Time. The extra hour's sleep missed will be caught up on again in the fall.

Where is it? Oh yes, it's the bridge between the 8th and 9th Lines of Esquewing, east of Silvercreek. The beauty of the scene has been enhanced by the growth of trees and bushes since the original picture was taken.

Scenery along this road which runs on the top of the escarpment has little to equal it in this part of the country.

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A third car was involved in the accident but suffered no damage. Damage to the other two vehicles was estimated at \$3,000.

Trapped in car suffers severe leg, hip injuries

Adrian Champagne, 44 of Acton was trapped for nearly half-an-hour in a small car on the Dundas Highway last week before he was released and taken to Oakville hospital with critical injuries. He is still under intensive care.

Two tow trucks and a transport were needed to pull the car apart so he could be released.

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Decoration Day Sunday, June 1

First meeting of the Decoration Day committee will be held in the library Wednesday, April 30 at 8.30 in the evening to plan for this year's Decoration Day on Sunday, June 1.

The meeting is open to the public and every interested person is urged to attend. The present committee feels that the more public participation and interest there is, the more successful the day will be.



THE SEARCH IS CANCELLED now, but on Thursday when these photographs were taken there were high hopes of solving the almost two-year-old disappearance of a young Kilmbridge schoolgirl, Marianne Schuett. Police, acting on information received from a prisoner at Toronto's Don Jail, dug a large excavation in the Esquewing bush at the south end of the Third Line road.

MARIANNE STILL MISSING

Search for body south of Acton

After four days of intermittent digging and blasting, police have given up hopes of finding the body of a missing girl in a crevice beside the Bruce Trail in Esquewing Township.

Hopes of finding 10-year-old Marianne Schuett who disappeared from near her home in Kilmbridge almost two years ago, faded away again Monday when officers from Burlington Police and the Criminal Investigation Bureau of the O.P.P. gave up digging a 20 foot deep hole they had dug and blasted in a swampy, rocky bush, two miles south of Acton. The site, half a mile south of the dead end of Esquewing's Third Line below 22 Sideroad, had been pointed out to police as the possible spot where Marianne was buried.

Marianne disappeared on her way home from school at 4 p.m. April 27, 1967. Witnesses said they saw her entering a man's small foreign make car halfway between the school and her home. Her disappearance launched Ontario's largest manhunt as more than 15,000 police, army, Scout and citizen volunteers, including many from this district, combed the bush. The main search lasted more than two weeks, but the files on the case remain open.

Police have followed up thousands of false leads and

offered to show them the spot. He said an acquaintance had shown him a body in a rocky grave near Speyside about a year ago. He visited the site with Insp. Lidstone several weeks ago but was unable to pinpoint the exact location because of the deep snow. Police salted down the area, then decided to wait until the snow melted before launching a dig.

Thursday morning shortly after 10 o'clock, Insp. Lidstone, Lt. Smith and a short, balding, nattily dressed young man drove to the end of the Third Line and walked the remaining half mile to where Burlington Police and works department employees had roped off a large segment of bushland.

The men spent nearly an hour in the roped-off area, and finally appeared to decide to concentrate their efforts on a rocky crevice atop a hillside beside a swamp. Then they left the site.

The man is believed to be Robert Turner, the informant from the Don Jail who was being held on two minor charges. Police at the site refused to confirm his identity.

Hall an hour later Insp. Lidstone and Lt. Smith held a brief 10-minute press conference in the Milton O.P.P. detachment office: The inspector pinpointed

the area in which the digging was to be carried out—the first time it had been officially disclosed—and told reporters the area was practically inaccessible.

Insp. Lidstone and others working on the Schuett case have tracked down thousands of pieces of information. Holes have been dug in several areas of the province, as close as the Bruce Trail area south of Milton and as far away as the shores of Lake Erie. He invited the press to visit the site, but would not allow photographers any closer than 75 yards away from where the digging was taking place.

Throughout the weekend O.P.P. officers guarded the Third Line road and the Bruce Trail that runs past the site, to keep spectators and reporters away from the hole in the rocks.

Three collisions

Acton O.P.P. reported three accidents over the past week along Acton streets.

First occurred on Jeffrey St. at Elizabeth Drive last Wednesday afternoon when a town truck driven by Douglas Garrett of Willow St. and a 1966 Volkswagen driven by Kathie Duess, 192 Elmore Drive collided.

The car sustained damages of \$400 to the left front fender while the truck also had a fender damaged to an estimated \$50.

On Saturday morning Douglas Christie, 3358 Main St., Milton,

reported his 1969 Ford was struck by an unknown vehicle on the Brewers' Retail parking lot. Damage to the left door was estimated at \$80.

Tuesday morning, April 22, cars driven by Victor Morris, 113 Elizabeth Dr. and George Brooks, 853 Dovercourt Road, Toronto, were involved in an accident on Main St.

The Morris car was southbound on Main and the Brooks vehicle was northbound. Damage to the Morris car was estimated at \$125 while the other vehicle had no damages.