



ACTON'S FIRST LAND RANGER troop in several years was invested with new Rangers Heather Strongtharm, Ellen Wisentz, Nancy McCutcheon, Betty Ginger and Mary Ann Freuler. On hand for the occasion was Acton Guide leader Mrs. W. E. Edger (right) and Mrs. Fortbe, District Commissioner. Mrs. Ginger (behind) will act as troop captain. —(Staff Photo)

## Esqueuing taxes reduced

Esqueuing education tax has been reduced by \$104,000 or 6.25 mills it was learned at the regular meeting of council on Tuesday night. The reduction is a result of the municipal equalization grant program announced by Education Minister William Davis three weeks ago.

Clerk K. C. Lindsay said he felt a letter of protest sent to Queen's Park when the original levy was set, had something to do with the changes made in Esqueuing.

Councillors are on the lookout for historical sites and artifacts, following a request by planners of the new Ontario pavilion at the C.N.E. A representative of that group will be visiting every township in Ontario in a search for exhibits and historical information. They are expected in Esqueuing in the next few weeks.

Residents along No. 22 Sideroad, off Highway 7, aren't happy about the prospect of a milk farm being established on the lot behind their homes. Representatives Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Maunby approached council for a by-law to keep them out. Mr. Maunby argued that the lot in question was too small for that type of business and the smell from the animals would probably make life miserable for the residents already there. He admitted he did not know if the deal was final yet.

## Confirm budget . . .

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affected by the mill rate subsidy. The Chairman refused to consider this since it was not possible legally. Director Singleton replied to the comment that administrative staff was defending the budget. He stressed the items were put in at a "defensible level." "We're not here tonight to say we can't defend it now."

"If you tell us to cut \$10,000,000 we'll do it, but the board has to bear the result of its action for unpaid debentures or broken contracts."

Trustee R. E. Goodin suggested people are disturbed and frustrated by the cost of education. "Many have given up in despair," he suggested. He called for a re-establishment of confidence in education and a holding of the budget line.

Trustee W. J. Priestner suggested the board's budget as not unreasonable. He noted the salaries were negotiated by the trustees, not the administration. Noting there was over 100 years of trustee experience at the board table and the board had been operating as a unit for only four months, Trustee W. Lawson suggested there would be improvement in the whole field of education and he had every confidence the board would make this possible.

Trustee Lawson also noted he had suggested earlier the press in the north had not projected the results of the education levy on the taxpayer. He stressed this had been done in the Acton and Milton papers, however.

Trustee L. D. Palmer maintained he would have to support those ratepayers in his ward by opposing confirmation of the budget.

It was suggested by Trustee Ronson board members had to support ratepayers in two ways, in providing quality education at the lowest possible price.

On a recorded vote the budget was confirmed with Trustees Palmer, Price and Goodin opposing.

## Industrial land, higher apartments, subdivision meeting with Esqueuing concern planning board

Amendment No. 4 to the official plan was recommended by planning board to council for passing Thursday night.

The amendment relaxed to a degree some of the restrictions imposed on non-conforming uses presently in effect. It also rezones the property owned by Delta Printing and Publishing on Willow and Alice Sts. into an industrial category. The original zoning proposed for the property was O1 (conservation) and some residential.

If the amendment is passed by council and accepted by the department in Toronto the zoning on the property would be completely industrial.

Solicitor C. F. Leatherland, acting as an agent for the Toronto solicitors of Jack Ridley, told planning board he would advise Mr. Ridley's lawyers they will have until the next council meeting to submit written objections to the amendment.

Mr. Ridley objected on the grounds that the rezoning granted on the Dills property was what had been requested at the municipal board hearing in 1967. At the same hearing he had objected to the change in zoning on his property and asked that it be zoned industrial as well. He said that "all matters referred to the O.M.B. hearing had not been included in the amendment."

Mayor Doby in speaking on the objection said the planning

## Mystery solved

### Priscilla peahen in love noose

The peacock mystery has been solved.

Not one but five members of the peacock family escaped from a pen at the home of Gino Civerio, R. R. 1, Acton. Two of the birds, including the peahen which took up lodging behind the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett on Elmore Drive, belonged to a Silvercreek man. Acknowledging that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, the man from Silvercreek brought a beautifully plumed peacock to the Bennett home Tuesday afternoon to entice the still reluctant peahen into captivity.

Tethering the male in the Bennett garage and assisted by Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Kevin Conroy, they waited. It wasn't long until Priscilla peahen walked right into the trap. Mrs. Conroy slammed the garage door

## Venturer News

Uniforms by Decoration Day is the big target at the moment! A 99c car wash behind the Post Office this Saturday should earn the rest of the money needed.

A full uniform costs \$23 so the boys have elected to earn the money rather than tackle the parents.

We are also trying to organize a dance for Friday, June 20 at the Legion.

For those members of the public who do not fully realize what Venturers are: they are boys from 14 years to 18 years old who belong to the Boy Scouts of Canada. This is a new section to Acton so get used to it, you'll be hearing it quite often.

Incidentally, if any of you have an old canoe or small boat, which is cluttering up your garage, please call 853-2063. We will remove it and appreciate it, thank you.

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## Residents out to stop whistle tooting

A petition against "whistle-tooting" was presented to Esqueuing councillors last Tuesday night by solicitor Terry Baines.

Well over 100 residents within a mile of the No. 17 crossroad and the 7th line on the edge of Georgetown, signed the protest

against what they feel is unnecessary noise at crossings which are fully guarded by lights and gates.

Mr. Baines pointed out that there are 48 trains passing every day and over 200 homes within the one-mile radius. "Many municipalities have succeeded in

stopping the whistles through public pressure," he said.

"It's not the trains that toot a couple of times before the crossing, it's the ones that lock the whistles straight across the area and blow right through," submitted Clerk K. C. Lindsay who lives near the tracks himself.

Mr. Baines added that the Board of Transport will not act unless the complaint is backed by the municipality involved. He intends to present the matter to Georgetown Council as well.

Reeve Currie warned that if Council pressured to have the whistle stopped and someone was killed as a result, they could be in serious trouble. It was a case of weighing the disturbance and nuisance against the safety to people crossing.

The matter was left with Council for consideration.

## Stewarttown school ransacked by thieves

A break-in at Stewarttown school Monday night is being thoroughly investigated by

North, Halton detachment of the O.P.P.

Classes were shifted Tuesday morning while the police checked each room and took fingerprints.

Damage was slight and some small articles were missing. Books and papers had been tipped onto the floor, some milk and paint spilled and drawers forced. "It looked worse than it was," one teacher commented.

A hole was smashed in an aquarium but it was near the top and the fish managed to survive at the bottom until rescued the next morning.

Those who broke into the school were likely looking for money, but none is ever kept at the school. Drawers in teachers' desks had been forced open, yet would have opened easily if the intruders had realized they only needed to open the centre drawer to release the others.

The caretaker found the damage when he opened up the school after the holiday weekend.

## Letters to the Editor

SIDEWALKS TO SCHOOL  
88, Churchill Rd. S.,  
Acton, Ont.

The Editor,  
The Acton Free Press.

Dear Editor,  
With reference to the article in last week's paper, "Rocky road to industrial park", paragraph about sidewalks on new subdivisions.

My view and quite a lot of others, too, I think, is that all subdivisions should have sidewalks for the safety of our children, but, as I can see that is quite a big job. The next best thing is how about sidewalks to the M. Z. Bennett school?

It is not safe to drive down that road when the children are going to school as they sprawl.

With reference to the article in last week's paper, "Rocky road to industrial park", paragraph about sidewalks in new subdivisions.

The second road to have consideration is Churchill Road South. The pace the limestone trucks race down that road is terrifying and definitely not safe, plus all the other traffic that comes down there.

All I can say is that the only homeowners who can be happy are those without children or irresponsible councillors, and those I think must be in the minority.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs. Crystal Davis

## Special meeting council Friday

A special meeting of Acton Council Friday evening passed two urgent items of business so money would be available for town work.

First was the passing of a by-law to cover supplemental capital road expenditures for 1969.

Council also passed a resolution requesting the Minister of Highways to designate 66 ft. of Lot 240 as a thoroughfare for through traffic from Main St. N. to McDonald Blvd. This is along the industrial road where the town has a right of way through the H. K. Porter property.

If it is designated as a thoroughfare work on road projects will be eligible for subsidies.

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THE OFFICERS and MEMBERS  
of HALTON-PEEL CORPS  
of the  
**St. John Ambulance  
Brigade**  
extend a cordial  
**invitation**  
to the  
**Citizens of Acton  
and District**  
to attend their  
**ANNUAL INSPECTION**  
**Thursday Evening, May 29, 1969**  
at the  
**ACTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
AT 8 P.M.

THURS. - FRI. - SAT. MAY 22 - 23 - 24  
**ALL COLOR SHOW**  
PARENTS: BECAUSE OF CERTAIN REVEALING SCENES WE SUGGEST YOU SEE "HELGA" FIRST!  
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**Helga**  
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THEY PLAY AROUND WITH MEN!  
**"THE MINI-SKIRT MOB"** COLOR  
Adult Entertainment

SUN. - MON. - TUES. MAY 25 - 26 - 27  
**ALL COLOR SHOW**  
20th Century-Fox presents  
**FRANK SINATRA  
"LADY IN CEMENT"**  
PANASONIC COLOR  
Adult Entertainment  
Plus  
Never Underestimate  
**"THE SECRET LIFE  
OF AN  
AMERICAN WIFE"**  
from 20th Century-Fox COLOR BY DELUXE  
Adult Entertainment  
STARTS WED. MAY 28  
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**CANADA WEEK**  
**PROCLAMATION BY MAYORS  
ON CANADA WEEK**

Canada is the homeland of all Canadians, nourished by its two cultures, enriched by still other races of men, drawing its strength from its people, building together a nation that will be a reflection of its high ideals.

Canada is a vast land where 21,000,000 Canadians live in liberty, proudly, with respect for the individual and his fundamental rights.

Canada is a land of peace and prosperity with a future few other countries can equal.

Canada is a colourful and picturesque country whose complexion changes with every season, which is never the same, yet never so different.

This land, Canada, is mine. A land I love and whose name I am proud to bear as a Canadian. And I hereby proclaim this week, of May 25th. until May 31st, 1969 as CANADA WEEK.

Furthermore, I invite all my fellow citizens to celebrate this week together . . . to better acquaint themselves with our country . . . to value our national symbol: our flag . . . and to proudly bear the name: Canadian, the name that is rightfully ours.

L. A. Doby, Mayor