



IN DRESS WHITES FOR SPRING, cherry trees Hughes orchard farm near Milton. Blossoms were parade down the escarpment row on row on the at their peak early last week. —(Staff Photo)

## Rain drowns camp 80 cubs return

If the main requirement for a good Cub camp is rain, then the Georgetown District Cubs had a very good camp on the recent long weekend.

Eighty Cubs, ages 10 to 11, and ten leaders braved the elements on May 17 to journey to the Wilcox Conservation Area near Orangeville to enjoy a weekend of camping. Undaunted by a small shower or rain, Cubs and adults alike set to with will unloading cars and setting up tents.

By noon on Saturday the confusion was more or less straightened out and the Cubs, divided into patrols for the weekend, had fires going and a good dinner in the process of being cooked. After a hearty meal and a few comments such as, "What's for supper?" and "I'm tired", Scouter decided it was time for a hike. Wild flowers and birds were to be seen in number among the trees, as well as many other interesting things. Scouter proved that he wasn't lost by bringing his followers back to camp just in time to prepare supper.

Campfire that night was a wet one as the rain began to make its

presence felt. Fortunately the campers were able to gather inside the one small building used as a cooking and dining area. A group of Scouts from Toronto joined the group and helped the program along with a few songs and a story of "Little Red Hooting Ride". Cookies and hot chocolate helped end the evening on a cheerful note before heading to bed.

Sunday morning started out very nicely as fires were lighted and breakfast started. The respite was brief as the time breakfast was cleared away. Some of the campers were lucky enough to get out of the rain as they went to Mass at the Mount Alverno Seminary.

By noon the rain had made no sign of letting up and cooking fires were constantly being drowned out. It was decided that desertion was the better part of valour and a call was sent to Georgetown for parents to come and help break up camp. Soup, crackers, hot dogs and cookies were prepared by Mrs. Janet Price-Jones, who also did the cooking for the leaders, and the Cubs had one last good meal before heading for home.

## Declare special weeks but no proclamations

Acton council agreed to go along with a request from the Golden Age club to declare June 15 - 22 Senior Citizens' Week in Acton but balked at inserting a proclamation in the Free Press.

Over the objections of Mayor Dudy and Councillor Orv. Chapman who declared the town was being "niggardly" in refusing an official proclamation, a resolution passed stating simply that council endorses Senior Citizens' Week June 15 - 22.

Councillor Marks said it was his opinion all deserved a proclamation but he didn't think they were hurting anyone by not running a \$12 ad in the paper. He said he would sooner see council write a cheque for \$12 and give it to the organization.

## R. Drinkwater resigns post

Copy of a letter of resignation submitted by Bob Drinkwater to the planning board was received and discussed at a meeting of No. 1 committee of council and councillor Peter Marks asked that the letter be read at Tuesday night's regular meeting of council.

"It's a terrible thing to have to lose him. Are the reasons personal?" he asked. The mayor said, "All we have is a copy of the letter to planning board. There is no official letter from planning board."

"It is only one sentence long. There is no reason given," councillor McKenzie agreed. Council will take no action on this matter until action is taken by planning board.

## Road expenditure priority concerns councillor Marks

Councillor Peter Marks made a verbal recommendation at Tuesday night's meeting of council that in the future the engineer and No. 2 committee make a draft of their programs so he could keep on top and be able to vote intelligently on any projected work.

Mr. Marks was referring obliquely to the \$63,000 capital works program that council passed, by motion at the meeting, which authorized the spending \$27,000 at the Mill St. and Park Ave. corner; \$26,000 on Bower Ave. and \$10,000 on Lakeview subdivision roads.

"I don't feel I have enough information to vote on the validity of this program," he said, "although I have tried to keep on top of work council has projected."

Reeve Frank Oakes said that possibly Councillor Marks had missed the special meeting at which the roads program was gone over in detail and this would account for his lack of knowledge. Earlier in the meeting councillor Marks had asked why the Mill and Park St. corner was receiving top priority in the program.

Mayor Les Dudy answered by saying the program was six years old and had been engineered for many months now. "We are actually only doing one phase of the program," said the mayor, "moving back the wall and making room for a sidewalk."

"Were any other alternatives considered?" asked Mr. Marks. The mayor answered that there had been an exchange of land with Beardmore and Co. and the job was being done to relieve the hazards at the corner and had nothing to do with the flow of traffic, as councillor Marks had suggested. Answering further questions by Mr. Marks, the mayor stated that the decision to go ahead on this corner was not related to traffic flow. It had been promoted by No. 2 committee and should have been done many years ago. The town has been negligent on this for years, he stated.

Mr. Marks said he thought the amount of traffic going through this corner should have some bearing on the amount of money spent on it. "However, I wasn't aware," he said, "that this was a problem going back five years."

Reeve Oakes injected his opinion that there was plenty of traffic there to warrant the work being done. Mayor Dudy said that Mr. Marks, being a member of parks board, should know the park was helping to cause the congestion. It was fortunate there had been no accidents there.

Councillor Marks answered by saying he was looking at the \$27,000 and wondered if it couldn't be spent elsewhere, on Bower or Church, or for sidewalks.

"Mr Marks hasn't heard what I've been saying," the mayor answered. "We are committed to it."

"Who committed us?" asked Mr. Marks. "The street line runs through the porch on Mr. Parker's house. Beardmore and Co. and the town exchanged property with a concession to the town by Mr. Parker of eight and a half feet, to which the town received the same amount on the other side (of the street)."

The project has been five years in planning, the mayor continued, and has reached the stage now where it can go on the capital works project.

"Why is this more important than Lakeview roads?" asked the councillor. "I assume it has been discussed with the Department and the engineer?"

The engineer would not agree to paving Lakeview roads, the mayor answered. You said you were taking the advice of the engineer. What did the engineer say about that corner? asked councillor Marks.

It is being done on the engineer's recommendation, was the answer. Considerable money has already been spent on the project also, councillor Orv. Chapman said.

Councillor Jack Greer, replying to criticism that the work was being done for one property owner, said that if he was in that position he wouldn't want it done. We're talking of selling property in that area and

## OBITUARY

### Former Acton reeve dies

A former reeve of Acton, Theron Harold Jones died on May 15 in Guelph General Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Jones was born in Athens, Ontario, the son of the late John A. Jones and Lily May Earle. He married Dorothy Gillard in Hamilton on July 3, 1924 and formerly lived at St. Anne's. He had been a resident at 290 Peel St., Acton for the past 21 years.

A builder with Jones and Van Gils, Mr. Jones retired in 1956. He worked for a time as assessor in Hamilton. He was a past president of the Rotary Club and a member of the Acton Baptist Church.

The funeral service was held May 17 at the Rumley-Shoemaker Funeral Home. Rev. Stanley Gammon officiated. Pallbearers were Bill Benson, S. Rocchi, Ford Rogers, Jack McGeachie, Doug Manning and Bill Erskine. Interment was in Woodland cemetery, Hamilton.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy, a brother Allan in Burlington, and two sisters, Mrs. J. Bennett, Toronto, and Mrs. I. Marrit, Galt.

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### Robert Darby resident of Acton for 43 years

After a lingering illness of a year and a half, Robert Linton Darby of 12 John St. died in Guelph General Hospital on Wednesday, May 18. A retired Beardmore employee, he had lived in Acton for the past 43 years.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Darby, he was born in Nassagaweya township July 27, 1889. He and Caroline Fletcher were married at Kilbride on Dec. 4, 1912, and she predeceased him.

He is survived by sons and daughters, Orval and Muriel (Mrs. Telford Reid) of Acton; Irene (Mrs. McCullough of Hamilton); Elizabeth (Mrs. Clarence Dods) of Holstein and William of Hamilton; and a brother Alfred Darby of Regina, Saskatchewan. He had 16 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Rev. A. H. McKenzie conducted the funeral service at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home on Wednesday, May 21 and interment was in Fairview

cemetery. Pallbearers were Don Dods, Gerald Darby of Guelph; Ivan Dods, Holstein; Allan Reid, Georgetown; Grant McCullough, Camp Borden; all grandsons, and Jimmie Dawe of Guelph, a nephew.

Mr. Darby's friendliness, good humor and helpfulness were well-known. He maintained his keen interest in his family and friends despite his long and trying illness.

## TRAIL RIDERS SPRING SHOW

On Sunday, June 15, the Rockwood Trail Riders will hold their spring show, which will include a sack race, scurry race, obstacle race, barrel racing, equitation and a costume class for the juniors. For the seniors, the classes will be Western Pleasure, Western riding, barrel racing, keyhole race, flag race, trail class, open task, English Pleasure, English Equitation, working hunter, jumper, and scurry race.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF Acton Citizens' Band extend an invitation TO THE Citizens of Acton and District to attend their Official Grand Opening of THE ACTON CITIZENS' BAND MUSIC CENTRE Saturday May 31, 1969 AT 2 P.M.

## Suggest town accept culvert responsibility

When asked if he would like to go camping again, one of the Cubs answered with a hearty "sure!" Leaders attending were Mrs. D. Barrager, Mrs. T. Colter, Mrs. E. Owen, Miss B. Youman and J. R. Colter, R. Walsh, W. Schreiber, R. Clark with Mrs. J. Price-Jones cooking for the leaders.

Eleven Acton Cubs attended. They arrived home at 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon after three cars were dispatched for them. Acton Cubs will be attending the Georgetown District Cubaree in Centennial park, Georgetown, Saturday, June 7.

Who's responsible for driveway culverts being worn out through normal use? asked councillor Marks in the inquiry period at Tuesday night's council meeting.

Maintenance is the responsibility of the property owner after the municipality has supplied access, the mayor replied. "I suggest No. 2 committee reconsider their policy on this."

## J.A. McIsaac was farmer

Funeral service was held at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home on Saturday, May 17 for James Allen McIsaac, R.R. 4, Acton, conducted by the Rev. Young, Georgetown. Interment followed in Fairview cemetery.

After a lengthy illness Mr. McIsaac passed away on May 15 in St. Joseph's hospital, Guelph. He was a farmer, living on the family farm. He was born in 1898, son of Elizabeth Kennedy Bell and James McIsaac. He and Florence Lillian Troup were married in Milton in 1933.

Mr. McIsaac is survived by his wife, sons and daughters James of Toronto; Gladys (Mrs. Herb Vyse) R.R. 3, Milton; Jennie (Mrs. Tom Harris) of Everton;

## Mr. Marks suggested.

The town only replaces when it has been responsible for damaging them, the mayor went on. "Considering the few people who are affected I suggest that we reconsider this as a service to the people," Mr. Marks said.

Councillors took no action on Mr. Marks' request but it will likely be discussed in committee.

Pallbearers were Davie Joe, Milton; Herb Vyse, R.R. 3, Milton; Tom Harris, Everton; Bruce Barber, Acton; Jack Coleman, R.R. 4, Acton; and Michael Rippon, R.R. 4, Acton. Flower bearers were Barry McIsaac, Kenneth McIsaac, Wilmer Fryer and Dennis Kelly.

RED & WHITE FOOD STORES

CHOICE, PLUMP - CANADA GRADE 'A' - Eviscerated 2 1/2 to 3 lbs. CHICKENS - 35¢

CHICKEN-IN-A-BASKET 39¢

COTTAGE ROLLS 69¢

SKINLESS CHICKENS 63¢

PORK BUTTS 69¢

LUNCHEON MEATS 79¢

BLUE RIBBON BOLOGNA 49¢

JELLY ROLL 41¢

TOMATO JUICE 29¢

POTATOES 53¢

STEWES 2:99

CAKE Mixes 2:89

NESTLES QUIK 79¢

FRIED RICE 37¢

E. D. SMITH'S JAM 39¢

GOLDEN RIPE BANANAS 2 lbs. for 29¢

NEW POTATOES 45¢

DELICIOUS CARROTS 39¢

BUY-OF-THE-WEEK BLUE STAR CANNED WHOLE CHICKEN 99¢

TOMATOES 4:89

PINEAPPLE 3:69

SHREDDED WHEAT 29¢

TEA BAGS 79¢

CANDIES 3:11

SHAKE 4 pack 89¢

ULTRA WHITE TOOTHPASTE 69¢

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Citizens of Acton and District ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN DECORATION DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 1st. 3 P.M. AT FAIRVIEW CEMETERY

PARADE FORMS UP AT 2.15 P.M. AND LEAVES FROM FELLOWS STREET

Decoration Day, (sponsored by His Worship, The Mayor and Members of the Council of the Town of Acton, the Canadian Legion, Women's Institutes, Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Acton Fire Dept., Duke of Devonshire and Lakeside Chapters I.O.D.E., Acton Citizens' Band, L.O.L. 467, Acton Lions Club, The Rotary Club of Acton, The Acton Ministerial Association, and the Y's Men's Club of Acton) is designed to honor the dead of two World Wars by placing wreaths and flowers at Fairview Cemetery, St. Joseph's Cemetery and Pioneer Cemetery. Citizens are invited to participate in the ceremony and at the same time decorate the graves of their own loved ones.

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ACTON

Day after Day You Get MORE FOR YOUR MONEY

Dog Food 6:79

Household Scottowels 49¢

CORN 5:11

ARCTIC POWER 89¢