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FOR THE BIRDS... Hon. George Kerr, Minister of Energy and Resources Management, watches as a baby pheasant tests its wings for the first time. Mr. Kerr released 20 of the baby pheasants to mark the opening of Conservation Week at Terra Cotta Conservation Area Sunday.—(Staff Photo)

Release baby pheasants for Conservation Week

The Honourable George A. Kerr, Minister of Energy and Resources Management, officially opened Conservation Week in the Credit Valley Sunday by releasing 20 baby pheasants at Terra Cotta Conservation Area.

Mr. Kerr and Roy McMillan, chairman of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, rode to the site of the opening ceremonies in a horse and buggy. They were greeted by applause from dignitaries and the hundreds of picnickers who had gathered to watch the opening.

Rev. John McBride of Brampton gave the blessing, which was followed by Mr. McMillan's welcome address and introduction of Mr. Kerr.

In his address, Mr. Kerr stressed the importance of developing areas such as Terra Cotta. "We must preserve and conserve", he said. He also mentioned the dredging operation the Authority is carrying out in Fairy Lake in Acton.

J. W. Pawley, chairman of the Authority's Park and Recreation Advisory Board thanked Mr. Kerr for attending. He also congratulated Mr. Kerr on his recent appointment as Minister of Energy and Resources Management.

The baby pheasants were supplied by the Department of Lands and Forests. It was the first time they had flown and most of them made their way to trees around the area.

Following the opening

ceremonies, the public were invited to view an exhibit of the Authority's intended plans of development which was set up in the pavilion.

The Grand River Conservation Authority and the Halton Region Conservation Authority are also holding special events, this week, in conjunction with Conservation Week in Ontario.

On Monday, Mr. Kerr officiated at the opening of the Morrison Wedgwood Diversion Channel in Oakville.

Limehouse pilot finishes in derby

A Limehouse mother of two, Mrs. Barbara Brotherton this week completed the 23rd annual transcontinental powder puff derby air race. Mr. and Mrs. Brotherton and their two sons live on the sixth line of Esqueing, south of Limehouse.

She's a former high school teacher who has been flying for 10 years and has accumulated 450 hours in the air.

Partnered with Mrs. Brotherton in the race was Mrs. Ruth Blks, a New Jersey grandmother with 2,100 flying hours behind her.

The three-day race began at San Diego, California, and ended at Dulles International airport in Washington. There were 92 light planes which started the race, all with women as pilots, and 59 planes completed the race.

Most of the contestants planned to go on to New York after the race for the annual convention of the Ninety-Nines, an organization of women pilots. Mrs. Brotherton is still away.

The only other Canadian entry came from Calgary.

The winners will be determined after the judges have compared handicaps with elapsed flying time.

Mrs. Brotherton's sons attend Georgetown high school.

Pay for special meetings but not for conventions

Following discussion at the last regular council meeting, No. 1 committee took up the subject of payment for councillors at special meetings, conventions and seminars.

On Tuesday, the committee's recommendation was approved by full council.

Councillors attending special meetings relative to the town's business will be paid at prevailing meeting rates.

However, because of budget difficulties, the per diem rate for

conventions and seminars will be deferred for the present and put on the agenda of the 1970 budget committee.

"It's a step in the right direction," conceded deputy-reeve Tyler, who had introduced the problem. He felt no one should lose pay because of attending to council business. "It's unfair to ask anyone to represent the town at \$15 a day."

Councillor Marks added, "I think the time has come for salaries."

Cautious approval of new roadway follows industrial park discussion

"Are we going to go ahead or not?"

Councillor Greer stressed this question when the road into the industrial park came up for discussion again at council Tuesday night.

Councillors after long discussion finally agreed to "investigate" the recommendation of the Industrial Commission that the service road into the industrial park be opened up as far as necessary to service the land for industries wishing to locate there.

Whether the recommendation should be "approved", "agreed to in principle", or "investigated" posed a word problem for awhile.

It was the long-range planning that again worried the council.

Official opening of fair

Lieutenant-Governor Ross McDonald will officially open Acton fall fair on Saturday afternoon, September 20. Mr. McDonald has agreed to be present, but details of the program and his reception have not been arranged. It is hoped he will arrive in time to take part in the annual parade through the town.

Both Lorne Scots bands will add military precision and color to the occasion. The Acton Citizens' Band will also take part.

Commissioners to seek changes

At the last meeting, hydro commissioners discussed the possibility of decreasing the number of meetings from once every two weeks to one a month, and of increasing their own remuneration for these meetings.

Many surrounding municipalities meet only once a month. The commission decided to request approval from council

Frank Untermahrer of Acton Box Company presented an offer to purchase to council. This is the second offer they've had, with Heller's first. Mr. Untermahrer seeks 3½ acres there.

Council agreed to ask the development commission to call a special meeting to deal with Mr. Untermahrer's offer. Then council will hear the recommendations of the commission.

Discussion of the problem resumed after Mr. Untermahrer left the meeting.

The opening of the road has now been approved by the engineer.

"We've got to get that land opened up!" stressed councillor Greer.

On the other hand, reeve Frank Oakes wondered if it were feasible to carry on, selling the land at a loss.

Two parcels of land have been offered at \$1,500 an acre while costs to us are \$2,000 an acre. "Let's take stock!" said Dr. Oakes.

Councillor Marks agreed, saying he'd like to see the industrial committee undertake a feasibility study. A long-range plan would include income from future assessment. The reeve agreed.

Mr. Marks added "We're at a dead stop now. Maybe we should slow down even more."

Mr. Greer felt the first two lots would be the last sold at that price.

"When we have two industries, others will be interested," added the mayor.

"But we must establish a price in relation to cost," Dr. Oakes replied.

"Even before we put in the road - are we going to continue?" asked councillor McKenzie.

Green belt maintained

A new sketch plan for the former Vyse farm was shown to council Tuesday evening by David Beasley of Marshall Macklin Monaghan Limited, consulting engineers. Council saw with interest the changes made since the first plan for this section, designed by Monex Construction.

The proposed subdivision would see the continuing of Mason and MacDonald Blvds. with homes extending to the east to Churchill Rd. The section would also eventually have a street connecting Acton Blvd.

There are 53 single family lots in this proposal with 50-foot frontages.

Since the lots use the minimum frontage councillor Masales expressed the hope that the builder anticipates building homes here within reach of the average Acton citizen's pocketbook.

(The first part of the Reisman subdivision, south on Wallace Ave. from south of the Music Centre over to Churchill Rd., would have more costly homes.)

Highlight of the change in plan was the retention of a green belt along the creek, as requested by planning board. Of the 12 acres in the parcel, 2.3 acres would be in parkland, considerably more than the required 5 per cent, Mr. Beasley pointed out.

The two main streets in the section would run at an angle, parallel to the parkland along the creek. Access to the green belt would be by walkways.

"Warren Grove will become an integral part of the development," the mayor observed. Northern limit is the

"We haven't enough material to work with," felt Mr. Marks. "That's the commission's job."

"What more do we need than what we know already?" wondered councillor McKenzie. Still in favor of a study, Mr.

Marks thought maybe someone would have to be paid to make it.

At the last industrial development committee meeting, Mayor Doby related, the committee almost unanimously wanted to retain the land and not put it up for sale. Only one was opposed.

Deputy-reeve Tyler said if the town retains it, they can sell to whatever light industry they wish. Or if they could get a good residential price, they could move the industry to the south of town - "where it belongs."

It's only 50 acres, stressed the mayor. It was a good investment even if we hold onto it for a few years.

At the conclusion of the discussion it was agreed No. 2 committee would investigate costs of opening up the road.

Charges laid after crash

Two persons were injured and two charges were laid by Acton O.P.P. following an accident on Saturday, July 5.

The accident occurred on Elgin St. when two cars were in collision.

Driver of one vehicle was Edward John Scott, R.R. 1, Acton, who suffered cuts and concussion. Sophie Scott received a bruised right arm and mild concussion. They were treated by Dr. Van Der Bent.

The driver of the other car, a juvenile, has been charged and the owner of the car has also been charged.

The Scott car's damage was estimated at \$650 while the second car had about \$300 damage.

Reliable Taxi silver stolen

Monday morning a break-in at Reliable Taxi was reported to Acton police. Apparently access had been gained through the front screen door. A small amount of silver was taken. The investigation is continuing.



RIDING IN STYLE, Energy and Resources Management Minister George Kerr and Credit Valley Conservation Authority chairman Roy McMillan enter Terra Cotta park last Sunday for ceremonies to open Conservation Week. Mr. Kerr's daughter acts as coachman.—(Staff Photo)

What Council did

- A student will be hired on a per name basis to assist assessor Bill Erskine in ward three. Clerk-administrator Joe Hurst relayed to council Tuesday the assessor's problems, lack of extra assistance in the office, and additional work with newcomers.
- We could hit 5,000 this year, Mr. Hurst thought.

Acton's bylaw with those in other municipalities.

- What's to become of the big town water tank? A price of \$3,300 for complete demolition was received. A price for repairs (expected to be higher) will come to committee. If there are new subdivisions to the south, the tower could be used again for water storage. "It's a landmark" one councillor mused.

- Inquiries will be made to see if the dredger is going to proceed down the channel by the swimming area. There have been rumors, said the mayor, that the dredging would stop when the yardage contracted for was reached, without the full plan being completed. R. R. Parker, the town's representative on the Conservation Authority, was to be contacted.

- The town bylaw prohibiting heavy traffic was slightly changed. Trucks with loads of five tons will now be permitted to use Churchill Road for deliveries in town.

- A request that a Chamber of Commerce representative be allowed to attend industrial development commission meetings was turned down. Deputy-reeve Tyler explained many matters are discussed in confidence and it was best for the meetings to be "behind closed doors." There are one or two open meetings a year, and past and present commission members are also C. of C. members, he pointed out.

- By bylaw, the small section of parkland in Lakeview at the end of Elmore Dr. was formally designated and turned over to the board of parks management.

- Council approved the hydro commission's request for a change in remuneration to \$240 per annum for members and \$270 per annum for the chairman. Approval must be given by council before the change can be made. The amount comes out of their own budget.

- Representatives of Acton council will re-submit their application for a county road designation to a special meeting of a county council road committee on July 25.

- Recent garbage collection problems were discussed at committee level. The town employees had requested that in the future garbage be picked up in accordance with the town bylaw. The clerk will compare

- The clerk was authorized to prepare a standard, basic bylaw which will be submitted to council committee, authorizing a capital works levy on apartment units. This would cover the cost of water and sewer mains.

Former mayor W. Cook dies

A former mayor of Acton, Walter Cook passed away suddenly on Friday. The family moved from Acton to Weston a few years ago.

Surviving him are his wife and two daughters, Joan (Mrs. J. Hilbron) of Milton and Barbara at home. Acton friends called at the funeral home and flowers were sent by council. Funeral was Monday afternoon followed by cremation.

Cons. Stafford leaves force



Dave Stafford has left the Ontario Provincial Police and is returning to farming at Owen Sound. He is replaced here by Doug Nosworthy, a Brantford native who was last posted to Simcoe. Mr. Nosworthy, who is single, is boarding in town. Mr. and Mrs. Stafford lived on Bower Ave.



PLAYGROUND DIRECTOR Don Price gives his last minute instructions to a group of children and playground leader Dolores Jordan, before the opening of Playground '69 at the park Monday morning.—(Staff Photo)