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Ask revised plan

Plan for five new stores on Main St. turned down

Planning board Thursday night rejected a plan submitted by T. H. Berry of Altheo Thruah Construction to build five stores, each with an apartment above, on the west corner of Church and Main streets. However, the board did indicate concern about improvement of this area and invited Mr. Berry to submit a revised plan at their next meeting.

The board also received a letter from Lake Manor Holdings Ltd. indicating interest in building a small shopping plaza on the east side of Main Street near the C.N.R. tracks.

Chief objection to Mr. Berry's proposal was the lack of adequate parking facilities in his plan. The plan allowed for parking space for 20 cars. Five of these spaces were to be for apartment tenants' use. Town by-law calls for one parking space for every 100 square feet of floor space.

Board chairman Bob Drinkwater felt that the town already had a downtown parking problem and that the construction of five stores with only 15 parking spaces would contribute further to the problem. Mr. Drinkwater noted that Planning Board had had delegations in the past complaining about parking in the downtown area.

Realtor Alec Johnson, acting on behalf of Mr. Berry, was of the opinion that the town by-law should be looked at more deeply. He felt that if the type of store Mr. Berry were intending to build were a large grocery, then the by-law should apply, but that since the stores in question were of the "hairdressing shop", "flower shop" variety the by-law was not appropriate.

"We don't really have a parking problem in this town", Mr. Johnson said. He felt that downtown merchants wanted customers parked on their front doorsteps.

Mr. Johnson pointed out that he would hate to see Acton turn down people, who were going to build things to improve the look of the town.

Mayor Les Duby felt that in the interest of the good development of the town, planning board should give the idea serious consideration, as long as Mr. Berry was prepared to take care of his own parking requirements.

"Our by-laws aren't perfect by any stretch of the imagination", Mayor Duby added. "These things will have to be looked into from time to time."

Councillor Earl Masales, one of council's representatives on planning board wondered if it would be feasible for Mr. Berry to build four stores on the property instead of five, thus decreasing the amount of parking space he would need.

Mr. Berry replied that he didn't know if it would be economically sound for him to do this.

Mr. Berry pointed out that he had build stores of the same type in Etobicoke and could bring photographs of these to show the board. Mayor Duby felt that this would be helpful to

Three break-ins in past week

Police reported three cases of breaking and entering and one unsuccessful attempt at same, during the period from Wednesday July 30 until Tuesday, August 5.

A break-in at C. K. Browne's store on Main St. N. last Thursday netted thieves about \$3.50 in silver.

The thieves apparently forced their way through a side window of the store. Mrs. Browne found the window open when she opened up the store the next morning.

The same day a break-in occurred at the community centre. The culprits forced their way in through a back entrance but went away empty-handed.

On Monday a break-in took place at Grant Motors on Queen St. A small amount of silver was taken.

Also on Monday thieves attempted a break-in at a drive-in restaurant on Queen St., but were unsuccessful.

the possibility of purchasing land on the south side of Church Street which could conceivably provide an additional 20 parking spaces for Mr. Berry's project.

With regard to the letter from Lake Manor Holdings Ltd., the board resolved that representatives of the company be invited to attend a meeting of planning board at their convenience to present their proposal.

members of the board in making their decision.
Mr. Johnson is to look into

Flyers from States, Canada to compete in combat exposition here August 31

Model airplane flying enthusiasts from Toronto, Detroit, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Ithaca, New York, will converge on Acton's Prospect Park, Sunday, August 31, to compete in the Acton Combat Exposition.

The event is being held by the local club, Acton Hi Flyers under the auspices of the Acton Chamber of Commerce.

Model airplane competitions are divided into three categories, stunt flying, speed flying and combat flying.

In stunt flying, competitors attempt to guide their aircraft through a series of figure eights, loops and -cloverleafs, as smoothly as they can. Points are also awarded for the appearance of the aircraft.

The object of the speed flying competitors, as the name suggests is to determine just exactly how fast each aircraft can fly. Here the competitor guides his aircraft through the air in a circle. Some aircraft in this competition have reached speeds of close to 200 miles per hour.

Combat flying, the third and perhaps most exciting phase of model airplane flying will be featured at the Exposition here August 31.

Two competitors take part in this event. Each has an aircraft with streamers attached to the rear. The object of the event is to try to cut the streamers off your competitor's aircraft. Planes still manage to reach speeds of between 100 and 120 miles per hour.

One hundred dollars worth of material and sinths labour often go into the building of aircraft for stunt and speed flying. One member of the Hi Flyers, Bill Davidson constructed his "novette" model after drawing up his own plans.

Because of the hazards of combat flying, aircraft for this competition usually consist of just a wing, and a solid piece of wood for the body. Their engines produce about three-quarters horse power.

The original Acton Hi Flyers club was formed at Acton High School in the early sixties, but then members graduated or moved elsewhere the club gradually folded.

The Hi Flyers are presently being reorganized under the direction of president Peter Puchyr, one of the original members. Ron Malcolm is vice-president and his wife Wendy is treasurer.

Other members include, Bill Davidson, Terry Davidson, Glen Lee, Ben Switzer, Bob Yoth,



TOWNSHIP REEVE
W. A. N. Hoey

William Hoey dies suddenly on coast

Nassagaweya Township Reeve W. A. N. Hoey died of a heart attack in his sleep Friday night, while vacationing at Digby, N.S.

A private funeral service will be held on Thursday.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Heart Fund.

Reeve Hoey had served just seven months of his two year term as Reeve of the township. He had been Deputy-Reeve of Nassagaweya in 1966, 1967, 1968.

He and his wife Elizabeth and daughter Martha were vacationing with friends in Nova Scotia and he had been in apparent good health. Reeve Hoey had a heart attack a few years ago.

Born at Hamilton 54 years ago, William Arthur Nelson



ACTON BOARD OF PARKS management has placed several new pieces of life saving equipment around Fairy Lake to ensure the safety of swimmers. Officials point out however, that the equipment is for emergencies and not for everyday use. They ask children and adult swimmers to co-operate with them to ensure the equipment is in good shape if needed.—(Staff Photo)

John Vanderkooy, John Brown, Bill Muelbacher and Ted Muelbacher.

Each member is required to join the Model Aeronautics Association of Canada. The association provides \$300,000 worth of insurance coverage to each member, in case his aircraft should go astray and cause some damage.

Hi Flyers meet every Sunday at the M. Z. Bennett school grounds and are always looking for new members. According to president Peter Puchyr, the club intends to build two training

aircraft with which to teach new members.

Events at the Exposition will begin at 10 in the morning and will probably draw close to 50 entries.

Deadline for entries is 12 noon, August 15.

First prize in the Fast Combat event is \$200, with \$25 for second and \$10 for third. Winners of the other events will also receive trophies and prizes.

The Exposition is sanctioned by the M.A.A.C. and should attract a large crowd of interested spectators.

Playground parade next Wednesday

Activities at Playground '69 will reach a climax this week with a giant "spook house" at the arena tomorrow night starting at 7.30 and then the grand finale parade on Wednesday night, August 13 at 6.30.

Among the attractions children will be able to take in at the "spook house" are Dracula and his wife, Frankenstein, the Wolfman and the Mummy. Admission is a dime.

Wednesday night's grand finale parade will start at the park and wend its way up Mill Street to the high school.

Acton Citizens' Band is expected to lead the parade, which will feature floats from each of the six groups of Playground.

At the high school each group will present a skit based on the theme of their particular float. Playground leaders will also present a skit.

Minor damage two accidents

A two car collision occurred last Friday on Mill Street East. Drivers of the cars were John Rozzell of 10 Knox Avenue and Albert Schupp of R.R. 4 Acton. There was approximately \$40 damage to each car.

A two car accident, Monday, on Mill Street West resulted in minor damage to both cars. Drivers of the cars were John Henry Higgins, 22 of 190 Main St. and Ivan Bealic, 26, of 91 Hillcrest St.

Relief for farmers

Only three objections to new zoning by-law

Just three objections were voiced Wednesday when Nassagaweya Township's Restricted Area By-Law 11-69 went before the Ontario Municipal Board for approval.

The by-law is regarded as a "clean-up" by-law, and incorporates amendments in the township's original zoning by-law (11-67) which the council found necessary after the 1967 by-law was passed by the O.M.B.

Two of the objections appeared to be cleared up at the hearing. Since the original by-law was passed, council ordered changes to relieve farmers from the five acre restrictions on rural lots for members of their family or for retirement homes on the corner of their farms.

Planning Board chairman William Coulter and vice-chairman Gordon Agnew explained to O.M.B. member Mr. Van Every the original by-law was intended to stop homes from springing up all over the township, but the amendments were made to allow long-time farm families to use their land for family homes or retirement homes. Mr. Agnew pointed out the farmers have paid a lot of taxes, opened up their lands, and contributed greatly to the township over the years.

F. David Thompson, representing Murray J. May, pointed out his client could have built a home under the original by-law but the new by-law prevented him from using his land. He submitted an amendment allowing an owner of several lots permission to build a home, which the township council had approved in June of this year. Mr. Van

Every suggested that as it had council approval there would be no problem incorporating the amendment in the by-law.

Lawyer P. H. Howden representing Mrs. Sandra Moore explained his client was protected under the original by-law, but the new by-law stopped her from building a home on her lot. It has 100 feet of frontage but is too small to farm, and restricting its sale to a member of a farmer's family or a

retiring farmer would cut down on the saleability of her land. Rate payer Leonard R. Chandler of Moffat objected to a "rural residential" zoning on a 100 acre lot he owned in the north-west corner of the township. "Why was just that corner zoned rural residential when there were dozens of other areas suited for it?" he wanted to know. He felt there were whole blocks that could have been zoned RR.

Mr. Chandler said allowing farmers to have half acre lots was "discrimination" when everyone else had to purchase five acres and build a home twice the size of a farmer's. He said a man had purchased half Mr. Chandler's 10 acre lot and intended to build a small home on it, but owing to the township's restrictions was being forced to sell the lot and build elsewhere.

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The pioneers who blazed the trails into the wilderness now have descendants who burn up the roads.



BILL DAVIDSON of the Acton Hi Flyers made his own plans, then built this "novette" model for stunt flying, himself. Bill will be among close to 50 entrants from Canada and the United States in the Combat Exposition at Acton park, August 31.—(Staff Photo)



PLANES LIKE THIS "NOBLER" built by Dave King of Toronto weren't the only attractive "models" on hand Sunday afternoon as flying enthusiasts practiced for the Acton Combat

Exposition, later this month. Pretty Debbie McDonald came all the way from Toronto to watch the events.—(Staff Photo)

Free Press wins first prize in Canadian competition

Elevated into a higher class because of increased circulation, The Acton Free Press nevertheless bagged two honors in the annual Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association competitions.

The Free Press was judged to have the best editorial page in its class and also took third place for the best all-round newspaper in the Canada-wide competitions.

Publisher David Dills is in Halifax, Nova Scotia this week to accept the awards at the annual convention of the C.W.N.A. He will accept the P. George Pearce Memorial award for the first place in the editorial page competitions and a certificate for the best all-round

newspaper award.

The Free Press was followed by the Taber (Alberta) Times, the Beausejour (Manitoba) Beaver and the Mission City (B.C.) Fraser Valley Record in the editorial page competition and was nosed out by the Taber Times and the Fort Erie (Ont.) Times Review for the top all-round newspaper.

Sister paper to the Free Press, The Canadian Champion of Milton made a clean sweep of all the awards in its circulation class this year. Publisher Jim Dills is in Halifax to accept the "triple crown" — top for best all-round, best editorial page and best front page in class two, second highest circulation class.

The Free Press and the Canadian Champion were the only newspapers in the Halton-Wellington area to win awards.

The Free Press has been a consistent winner in the Canadian better newspaper competitions with over 40 awards for excellence.

Judges remarked that the winning newspapers and more than 50 per cent in the class were indeed good newspapers that their community would be proud of and support. The top papers in the Free Press class, said another judge, handle material with care, with attractive, meaningful heads, care in make-up balancing pictures with body type.