

Fairy tale ends playground



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PICKED as Mr. and Miss Playground from the high school playground from the high school playground were Denise Paton and Mike Dawson. They were seated on the back of a convertible in the playground parade.—(Staff Photo)



NO MISTAKING who's running this parade. Acton Playground wound up the most successful season to date with a parade and concert at the high school last Wednesday evening. Hundreds turned out to see the imaginative floats and fairy tale characters follow Acton Citizens' Band up Mill St. to the high school.—(Staff Photo)



BRUCE McPHAIL and Cindy McGilloway were voted Mr. and Miss Playground at the park and enjoyed a ride in a convertible in the place of honor in Wednesday's playground parade.—(Staff Photo)

Break-ins net thieves \$30, bottle of pop

Four more cases of break and entry were reported to the Acton detachment of the O.P.P. this week but there was only one instance where there was anything missing. Thieves broke into the Acton Dairy on Main St. N. on Wednesday, August 13 and took \$30. An unlocked chute into the milk room provided entry. The theft was reported at 6:45 a.m. Hotchen's Bakery reported another break-in at their premises on Willow St. Saturday morning. A screen was removed from a side window to permit entry but nothing was reported stolen. The same day Hector Dawe, 81 Mill St., reported his side door was entered, but again nothing was missing. Fingerprints were taken at both places. Final break-in was reported by caretaker Charles Landborough at Acton Baptist Church. Entry was gained through an unlocked basement window. The only thing missing was the contents of a soft drink bottle which leads police to believe it might have been children. Nothing else was touched. Constables N. Farion and B. Kressler investigated the break-ins. Constable John Hicks of the North Halton detachment is substituting on the Acton detachment this week for Constable Nosworthy, who is on vacation.

Rain causes five crashes in an eight hour period

Saturday's storm played havoc on the highways and the Milton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police report a total of eight accidents occurred during a five-hour period in the afternoon. The first accident of the afternoon occurred at 2:20 and happened on 401, east of the Oakville Creek bridge. It involved a single car owned by Hector Genoux of Milton and saw a total of \$900 damage done to the car. The next four mishaps of the afternoon caused a total of \$2,300 damage although most were fairly minor. Then at 7:00 p.m. on five sideroad near the first line of Equestrian, a car driven by Carl Eayrs rolled and he and his wife suffered arm and facial lacerations. The car received \$800 damage. Two more minor accidents with a total of \$325 damage rounded out a hectic day for the investigating officers. In other accidents, an August 12 mishap on Highway 7, west of Acton saw a car driven by Clinton Taylor of R. R. 1, Acton collide with a car driven by Stephen Boys of Georgetown. Total damage was \$650 and a (Continued on Page 3)

\$2,300 damage two accidents

Two accidents were reported by Acton detachment of the O.P.P. this week, with a total of \$2,300 damage to three cars and a hydro pole. Thomas Harris of 64 Main St. S. was in collision with a hydro pole on Main St. S. Thursday afternoon about 5 o'clock. Damage to the car was estimated at \$1,000 while the pole received an estimated \$300 damage. There were no injuries. There were no injuries in the other smash-up which saw vehicles driven by Richard Jackson, 155 Tyler Ave., and Raymond McRae, 406 Maple Ave., Oakville, collide on Main St. N. on Saturday, August 16 at 4 p.m. Damage to the Jackson vehicle was assessed at \$600 while the McRae car received \$400 in damages. Constable Nosworthy investigated both accidents.

School bus schedules inside

School bus schedules for the Halton County Board of Education are published inside the Free Press this week. Students are requested to study the schedules and clip them for future reference.



A PAIR OF CYGNETS (young swans) welcomed the arrival of seven pairs of wild ducks and a pair of Canada Geese to Rainbow Lake on the property of Beardmore and Co. last week. The lake was created as part of the Company's 125th anniversary celebration.—(Staff photo)

Developer asks overhead

Commission holds out for underground wiring

Acton Hydro Commission stood firm on their demand for underground wiring for new subdivisions despite a plea from the Reisman firm for overhead wiring on the first stage of its 118 house development on the Seynuck farm. Al Reisman and his solicitor appeared before the commission at the regular meeting Thursday and made a pitch for the overhead wiring. Mr. Reisman said it would cut the firm's costs and they in turn could pass the saving on to the people who purchased the homes. The firm, which will operate under the name of Red Mill Estates in Acton, is anxious to get started on the first phase of the development. Mr. Reisman maintained the lower prices he charged would attract more buyers and he intended to stay in Acton and develop further if the houses sell well. Mayor Les Duby pointed out that the Commission's policy was to establish a program that makes underground wiring mandatory for all future subdivisions in Acton. Vice chairman Ted Tyler was more blunt. He told the delegation that they were not building homes for Acton people and the Commission wasn't particularly interested in new people who just sleep here. "Besides," said Mr. Tyler, "the difference between overhead and underground wiring amounted to very little." Underground wiring would also add another selling point to the homes. Mr. Reisman thought the estimated \$200 per house could deter many people from buying, but Mr. Tyler maintained the better type of wiring would attract more than the extra \$200 would turn away. Mayor Duby joined the dialogue to remind the builders that they could not subsidize subdivisions. "Local people feel

developers must carry themselves." He also reminded Mr. Reisman that the town and the commission split the \$800 required for each installation whereas the charge in other places often came in three or four bills amounting to approximately the same charge or higher. "Yes, our fee is for total installation. The house is all ready to turn the lights on," agreed Mr. Tyler. In other municipalities the developer has to take the service in from the property line, he told the delegation. "Our figures might look ridiculous but when you figure the entire thing out they are no so much," chairman Wilf. "Our figures might look ridiculous but when you figure the entire thing out they are not so much," chairman Wilf. "Well, don't wait until 1977," Mr. Reisman urged the Commission. "We want to start moving." Mayor Duby told the two man delegation that the municipality would in no way hold up proceedings. Mr. Reisman asked the Commission to keep in mind that his organization was not a hit and run organization. "We'd like to stay and develop and develop."

The mayor said the town could expand to about 12,000 with the new pollution control centre but the town will be faced with many responsibilities. "You'll be proud of the type of development I do," Mr. Reisman assured the Commission and as a parting shot complimented the town on the speed and efficiency of all departments he had approached. "Since we bought the land here you've moved quicker than any town I ever dealt with." Chairman Wilf McEachern presided for the meeting with commissioners Tyler, MacArthur and Brown also present.

Douse fire on Thursday

Acton firefighters were called to the farm of Ben Tuck, R. R. 1, Campbellville, late Thursday afternoon to extinguish a fire in a field of stubble. Mr. Tuck had been burning the stubble, when strong winds suddenly came up and carried the fire out of control. The blaze quickly spread throughout the entire field, but the Acton brigade were able to douse it and prevent it from doing any further damage.

Suspend sentence on drug charge

A 20 year-old Acton youth received a suspended sentence and was placed on one year probation for possession of drugs at a high school dance in the spring. He was charged after police searched his car in the school parking lot with his assistance. Two packages of marijuana were handed over to the officers.

A defence witness testified that it was common knowledge among those at the dance that the drug was being smoked and sold "pushed" there. The youth testified the packages did not belong to him. He said he often let other students smoke in his car because the school prohibited it inside.

Minister admits APPLIES BRAKES REGIONAL GOVT.

It was billed as a dialogue on municipal government reform with discussions on the new Assessment Act but the emphasis at last Thursday's confrontation between four Ontario cabinet ministers and 200 municipal representatives from Halton, Peel, Wellington and Dufferin counties was on regional government proposals. Most of it was a rehash of previous meetings with little new information but it was obvious the deadline for regional government in the Peel-Halton area was substantially slowed down by events of the past few months. A warm, humid, summer afternoon at the Riviera club in Norval was the setting for the meeting, which turned into a series of individual complaints from several municipalities and very few references to the Assessment Act. Several people left before the two hour meeting was at the three-quarter mark. Provincial Treasurer Charles McNaughton, Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough, Education Minister Bill Davies and New Energy and Resources Minister George Kerr represented the cabinet while almost 200 mayors, Reeves, councillors and administrators threw questions, which the ministers fielded. Also present in a supporting role for the government were M.P.'s John Root, Jim Snow, Harry Worton and Rev. A. W. Downer. Questioners were free to pick their own material, step to the microphone and ask questions which the different ministers answered in respect to their own departments. Darcy McKeough took over at second base, fielding most of the questions. He insisted the province wants to shift some of its decision making powers back into the hands of the municipalities and modernize the municipal structure designed 120 years ago. The difference between town and country are only marginal today, he claimed. "We should be strengthening local government," Mr. McKeough said, "and get the decision making out of Queen's Park and back into local hands. Therefore we need a stronger community. We now have too many," the minister asserted. Mr. McKeough defended his regional government proposals as being closer to the principles of 'top by pop' than present division lines. He said the municipality which is in the 8-10,000 figure can afford professional help and start to become an efficient unit of administration. He told Mayor Brian Best of Milton that there was no time table for the establishment of regional government in Halton and Peel. "The counties want to look further at the relationships between the two. They are also



ACTON MAYOR Les Duby wanted to know how many more assessors the provincial take-over of assessment was going to require. None, was the answer. Better use of the personnel already on the job was promised.—(Staff Photo)

awaiting the results of the Steele report which is expected ahead of time table, probably in October. It will make some important recommendations on the advisability of Burlington joining Hamilton-Wentworth or staying within the Halton-Peel orbit. "We haven't been pushing because the atmosphere has not been conducive to talking about regional government in the last two or three months," McKeough admitted. The Milton mayor also asked Energy and Resources Minister George Kerr when positive action on the Niagara escarpment was going to be taken and what form it would take. Mr. Kerr concurred with Mr. Best that the Milton area had been hit hard by quarry operations. A report has been submitted to the department, he said, and the committee would soon be making recommendations. He thought conservation authorities, local municipalities and his department could

Police urge people to phone them. Constable Farion of the Acton O.P.P. investigated a case of vandalism at the Robert Little school on August 14 when a plate glass window in a rear door was reported smashed. The Acton detachment urges people who hear noises in their back-yard, and sense intruders, to phone them quickly. They will be happy to investigate and the sooner the phone call is placed the better. Just dial 863-1250. If there is no one at the police office, record your message on the automatic recorder and phone Zenith 50000 for the Milton detachment.

CHIEF WHITE WOLF grimaces in pain as he is hurled head first into the ring corner by bad guy Chris Tolos. In the main event of Thursday night's professional wrestling card at the Community Centre. Close to 800 fans watched four action packed bouts, including a hilarious tussle between two midgets, Darling Dagnar and Diamond Lil. For more pictures see Sports pages 3 and 4.—(Staff photo)