

Owner answers objections to airstrip

ROSSLAKE RESORT-AIRWAYS
R.R. 3-Georgetown, Ont.

Dear Editor:
The forces that seek to destroy the Rosslake airport are again active.

For a time the controversy seemed to fade out, but it was only an uneasy truce. The new assault by a 14 member delegation was perhaps motivated by a plane which overflew the runway, coming to a stop in Mr. Alton Brecken's field.

We have been accused of allowing novices to land at this airport, jeopardizing the safety of residents and of operating a dangerous airfield. Other objections were submitted namely: increased noise activity and devaluations of land values. In order that the public not be carried away with false or misleading statements, as owner of this airport I should like to emphasize that the development of a safe landing field was our most important objective. All obstructions such as trees were removed according to direction of the D.O.T.

Although it is 2000 ft. in length and approximately 140 feet wide, it requires slightly over 100 feet to qualify for a license. This, however, does not classify it as being unsafe. To

offset this lack in length, we placed the hydro power lines underground at the western approach at my own expense. This was not required by regulations, but we feel it gives a pilot a better sense of security. Extensive grading was done and a final grading etc. is planned for September.

The pilot who overflew the runway was not a novice but had 300 flight hours. To obtain a pilot's license it requires 45 hours. The incident was caused by careless decisions in flying practice after a successful landing.

We are still waiting for spokesman Dr. E. W. Brown, whose residence is a little less than a mile from the runway, to support his statement - "seasoned pilots regard the Rosslake airway as dangerous." He also describes it as noisy.

A resident of No. 15 Sideroad, Mr. S. Frankruyter, states, no one lives closer than he does to the airport and that he lives right at the end of the runway. Mr. Frankruyter's residence is approximately 2000 feet east of the runway, which overlooks a valley. It seems a huge plane took off one afternoon causing his baby to cry.

Mr. Alton Brecken, whose residence is the closest of the

neighbors to the airway except my own, claims that flyers take off at approximately 150 feet west of his home. His dwelling is well within 200 feet of his property. The usual point of take-off is approximately 1000 ft. distance from this depending on wind direction.

His suggestion that council exert pressure on the D.O.T. to investigate our air activities here is welcomed as we have nothing to hide. All visitors are welcome and although we have not had an official opening because of different phases of development not completed, nonetheless the airport should not be assessed as dangerous.

To my knowledge we have not contravened any law relative to this type of airport.

The undesirable aspects of a light aircraft airport have been inflated beyond all rational proportions and it is no secret that the more aggressive agitators have ambitions to destroy this enterprise by using different methods of strategy. All this can be damaging to a business and downgrading to the aviation industry in general. Light aircraft deserves more acceptance and prestige because of its increasing contribution to our society. Capt. J. Ross S.O.S., S.S. "The Outlaw" Rosslake.

Fragrance on Hwy. 25 Chanel No. 6

Hallucination! No, the fragrance on Hwy. 25 surrounding my home at various hours is Chanel No. 6 from Beardmore Tannery.

Since I am the only complainant (as I am told) needless to say I was amazed to read local letters in the press. A verification was a tour on 25 Sideroad Sept. 2, 1969 with the management of the Tannery, who admitted Beardmore as the culprit.

Administration of Beardmore are intelligent, versatile, resourceful, imaginative and have a sense of humor to the extent on one complaint I was told "To pray for rain". Humor puts themselves and others in the right perspective and eases strain and tension in this case the essence of politeness is not going to eliminate the troublesome odor on Hwy. 25.

Beardmore management states, the company is willing to do all within its power to ease this discomfort.

Mr. Ross, engineer for Beardmore has been notified of a Giant Deodorizer, the unit costing \$5,000 could be attached to the disposal plant, sweetening the odor-to make sure the aroma does not wear off. Not more than \$1,500 should be spent for a year's supply of concentrated sweetener. Mr. Ross will investigate this unit.

Good luck, Mr. Ross. Thank

you. Let us not forget the frozen ground in a couple of months, which will eliminate the odor. Beardmore management will be happy, complainants residing on Hwy. 25 will be happy. (not cranks, please.)

Remember the spring of 1970 is just around the corner and tannery policies may not have changed. The vicious circle of odor, sleepless nights, discomfort, embarrassment will once again be in motion.

Mr. McLean, president of Canada Packers;
Mr. McDonald, Air Pollution Control;

Mr. Kerr, Minister of Energy and Resources;
Mr. Currie, Reeve of Esqueping;

Management of Beardmore Tannery.

The above gentlemen have been notified of this problem and with their acquired skill, breadth of knowledge and philosophy of life feel assured they will conquer the aroma of Beardmore tannery.

Has Acton Council notified Air-Pollution or are they closing their eyes to goals and needed changes or letting organizations coast along an aimless path of expediency?

Authority in Acton? Who? Council or Beardmore and Co.? May I thank the people who wrote articles in the press, saving me from hysteria, after being assured I was the only person

who could detect the aroma from the tannery.
Katherine Kelly.



A NEWCOMER to the blood donor clinic Dianne Fisher, R. R. 4, Acton, receives her glass of juice Monday from Mrs. Peg Louttet. High school students attendance was considerably down, blamed on the time of year. (Staff Photo)

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Blood donor response disappointing - just 135 donations Monday



DRINKING COFFEE after donating blood at the clinic Monday are Ray Thompson, a regular donor, and a first time donor Mrs. Albert Brooks, R. R. 2. With them is St. John nursing manager Miss Bella Maye Rowell. (Staff Photo)

Organizers of this Monday's blood donor clinic at the Legion Hall were disappointed with the turnout. Just 135 donations of blood were made less than half the amount given last March.

This is the second clinic here under the sponsorship of the St. John Ambulance Brigade rather than the Legion. Members placed advertising, gave out posters, mailed out notice cards, went through the phone book making calls, had announcements made in the churches and drove through the town with the loudspeaker system in a car to make everyone aware of the clinic.

However, the response was discouraging.

Members and those assisting blame the Monday date and the proximity of holidays. For high school students, who last time gave 40 donations, it was too

busy a time of year to "talk it up" or take time off school. Of the 147 donors who registered, 12 were rejected for medical reasons.

Mrs. Mane Hargrave of St. John Ambulance division 332, Acton, was clinic convener. She had volunteers representing the Senior Citizens and Legion Ladies.

Typists afternoon or evening were Mrs. May Dumars, Mrs. Stella Brunelle, Mrs. Alice Wilkinson, Miss Muriel McCutcheon.

At the reception desk were Mrs. Hargrave, with Mrs. Reed of the Senior Citizens and Mrs. Ruth Courtney of the Legion Ladies.

Senior Citizens staffed the cloakroom, although it wasn't needed much that hot day. Miss Annie Aitken, Mrs. Herrington, Mrs. Doris Fryer and Mrs. Anne Miller.

Legion Ladies' Auxiliary members served the coffee and refreshments after the donors had rested. They were Mrs. Kay James, Mrs. Linda Dalton, Mrs. Grace Townsley, Manue Allan, Mrs. Lois Gordon, Mrs. Lockery, Mrs. Fern Shultis and Mrs. Lucy Synnott.

Mrs. Peg Louttet served the juices that donors usually drink as they first come in. (It's good for medical reasons before a blood donation.)

Nurses from Acton were Mrs. Janet Rogers R.N., Mrs. Mildred Heffernan R.N.A., St. John Nursing Members Miss Bella Maye Rowell, Mrs. Kay Hart R.N.A., and Mrs. Joyce Carpenter.

Red Cross staff here for the day included head nurse Mrs. Gismond R.N., technician Mrs. A. Detrich, scrub nurse Miss M. Carmichael, bottle nurse Miss G. Clinch, with V. Buffett, M. Van Geest, K. Krathy, J. Dalrymple and A. Kalupneks.

St. John members and extra helpers assisted setting up and taking down the beds and other equipment.

Donors were:
Mrs. Ivy Wilson, Mrs. Jaqueline Booth, Bob Proser, William Gillespie, Gordon Reed, Ray Mason, Michael Marcoux, Mrs. Marjorie Britton, Miss Dorothy Simmons, Mrs. Monique McKerracher, Mrs. Nettie Brown, Henry Kross, Robert Hart, Mrs. L. Mitchell, Mrs. Wmfred Brooks, Ray Thompson, George Hargrave, Mrs.

Laure Johnson, Mrs. Evelyn Hudack, Mrs. Gordon Mubling, David Nelson, Herbert Hinton, Bruce Roggall, T. J. Worsling, Edward Elliott, Miss Isabel Clipp, Edward Heffernan, Gerald Ryle, Mrs. Elizabeth Hardie, Fred Hagen, Harry Bales, Gordon Frazell, Albert Ford, Dale Van Nelson, Mrs. Kathleen Hanson, Edward Hanson, Henry Fazio, George Ingle, Miss G. Bowman, Charles Coyne, Mrs. Wendy Fabian, Charles Homer, Ronald Schmitt, Richard Woodright, Mrs. Sylvia Major, Mrs. Mary Anderson, Claude Cook, Dick Louis, Heinz Harber, Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson, Robert Hart Jr., Earl Hart, Mrs. Lorna Chisholm, Mrs. Marion Pope, Harry Hofstede, Miss Kim Fisher, John Proser, Allan Hall, Mrs. Wilma Cook, Clarence Cook, Bruce Cook, David Hargrave, Les Machment, Harvey Tiffin, Miss Dianne Fisher, Mrs. Dorothy Jordan, William Thompson, Ewan Conroy, Mrs. Gerda Kuper, Mrs. Gail Gurne, Robert McCreary, W. H. Halliday, Norman Price, Fred Clipp, Conrad Sutton, George Bayles,
Thomas Maner, S. Hofstede, Roger Gray, Mrs. E. Hofstede, Earl Bessing, Nino Braida, Hugh Wilkinson, Robert Jank, John Rol, George Lee, Robert Lazenby, Gerard Zymont, Elyen, Mr. Van Arragon, Zymont Luty, Ross Buddell, Elmer Rowell, Victor Elliott, Richard Powers, Mrs. Jewel Price, Stefan Plunk, Barry Buchanan, Neil Anderson, Nick Fulton, David Brostad, Kenneth Woodman, Mrs. Vera Murchison, Brian Fisher, Mrs. Killa Hepler, Murray Harrison, Mrs. Norma Thornhill,
Miss Marie Timlett, K. W. Kammings, John Kubson, Charles Ager, Frank St. Pierre, William Conn, Mrs. Mary McVeigh, Lino Harzo, William Fordon, Ronald Papillon, D. A. Rogers, Howard Kozel, Earl Middleton, Jake Kulkun, Mrs. Helen Jockue, John Turkoz, Albert Marshall, Ian McGowan, Albert Waiters, Miss Sheri Johnston, Stephen Johnston, Miss Sharon Dowling, Raymond Patenaude,
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Harrisons see Indian pow wow while visiting Lauders in west

Visiting with former Actonians Mr. and Mrs. Al Lauder and family at Portage la Prairie on their way west, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Harrison, R.R. 4, Acton, were delighted to see a genuine Indian pow wow at the

Long Plain Reserve where the Lauders work.

The Harrisons dropped in on the Lauders on Sunday, August 3 and were just in time to participate in the three day celebration by Sioux and Saulteaux tribes from Alberta, Ontario, North Dakota and several other northern states.

The tribes were in full regalia with the men outshining the women in the traditional grass dance. Dancers were accompanied by tom toms and chanted as they did the intricate steps which have been handed down through the Indian culture.

The Harrisons took special notice of the dancers' headdress which resembled a Daniel Boone hat. Dance competitions were not restricted to any age group and one five year-old and a 72 year-old man participated.

There was only one other white in the crowd at the celebration besides the Lauders and the Harrisons.

Mr. and Mrs. Lauder moved to Portage la Prairie from Acton to work with the Indian peoples as representatives of the United Church. The church on the reserve has burned down and they assist the Indians in their homes and attempt to help with domestic and other problems.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison continued on to Victoria, B.C. through the western provinces on their vacation and returned by way of the U.S.

Lion tales

First vice-president Neil Miller handled the gavel for the first regular dinner meeting in the absence of the lion chief as Acton Lions opened the 1969-70 season Monday evening at the Station Hotel.

Tail twister Tom Fountain, engagingly separated most of the Lions from at least part of their loose change, while Lion Stewart Wolfe led the song period with hits from the Lion song book. Goodwin of the organization, Spokesman Goodwin asked the Lions to consider continuing their support of the minor hockey program and presented a financial statement of last year's juvenile hockey club.

Word from the district officer warned the Acton Lions to expect District Governor Ed Wiggins in February for his official visit.

Treasurer Bob Hall kept the Lions up to date on finances with secretary Eppie Mulder reading correspondence and minutes.

Lions decided to hold a ski-doo draw and discussed a fall fair float and other projects on tap for the year.

The executive later decided to continue support of the Tri-County hockey program in Acton.

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