



DISTRICT GOVERNOR Stewart B. Munroe, of Toronto, paid his official visit to Acton Rotary Club Tuesday evening. He complimented Acton Rotarians on the work they are doing with the scouts and urged them to get more involved in the

## Company capitulates bows to Department

Acton Council rescinded last week's motion and passed another accepting the modifications to the town's official plan as proposed by the Department of Municipal Affairs on the Dills Printing and Publishing Company property, following receipt of a letter from the company Thursday night.

Dills Printing acknowledged it was a frustrating experience attempting to resolve and clarify the land use designation being forced on the property by the Ontario government. The company indicated it was not prepared to mount the necessary legal battle and had no recourse but to capitulate and accept the terms as laid down by the Department, even though they are contrary to the proposal of the town and planning board and a decision of the Ontario Municipal Board.

The Department of Municipal Affairs concurred with a recommendation from the Conservation authorities that the land along the rear of the Dills property on Willow St. should not be zoned industrial unless improvements were made to the bed of the creek. According to Conservation authorities the creek traversing the Dills property presents a defined area now susceptible to flooding.

This flood area, according to the authorities, could be flooded in the event of the occurrence of the one in 50 year storm centred over the contributory watershed. They recommended a "Conservation" designation along the alignment of the creek with the implementing zoning by-law establishing a 40 foot setback requirement from the line indicating the limits of the flood prone area.

Council first passed a motion at a special meeting last week asking that the Dills property amendment be deleted from the Official Plan and that the Department release the balance of the plan. Following receipt of the letter from Dills Publishing capitulating to the demands from the Department, council rescinded the original resolution in favor of one accepting the recommendations.

Dills Printing was critical of the decision of the Department of Municipal Affairs, citing the large M (Industrial) zone on the south of town which has the same stream but none of the restrictions. "We find this discriminatory," the letter stated but admitted they couldn't battle the principle against the resolve of the conservation and planning branch of the provincial government.

The company stated it had serious doubts about the necessity of local planning when it can be superseded by Department officials but also emphasized they did not wish to delay further proceedings on the long-delayed amendment.

"If and when the official plan is ever amended or reviewed again, we expect the balance of the stream will be dealt with in the same way as that section in our ownership is now being restricted," the letter concluded.

A hearing of the Ontario Municipal Board late year ruled that unless the town was prepared to acquire the land within a reasonable length of time the owners could use it for the purposes they saw fit.

## Urge appreciation of school patrols

During the reporting week of Sept. 28 to Oct. 4, the men at the Acton Detachment of the O.P.P. worked a total of 197 1/2 hours while patrolling 818 miles of town roads.

The occurrences investigated included three domestic complaints, a reported theft from a motor vehicle that proved unfounded, and during the weekend two occurrences involving the use of alcohol by teenagers. A complaint was received in regard to an indecent exposure; this case is still under investigation.

Two motor vehicle accidents resulted in a total of \$750. damages, and two of the drivers were charged under the Highway Traffic Act.

A total of seven charges were laid against motorists during the week, and seven others were warned for their bad driving habits.

On September 30, at Milton Juvenile Court, two boys aged 13 and 15 were convicted for drinking under age. His Honor Judge K. Langdon warned both the boys of the danger of consuming liquor at such an early age.

Prov. Const. R. Wood gave lectures on two occasions at the M. Z. Bennett School. The lectures concerned traffic safety and were heard by the two kindergarten classes. On Thursday a lecture was given to the driver training class at the Acton High School.

Comments Const. Wood, "With the bad weather just round the corner, let us all take time out to thank the boys and girls from the two public schools who make up the Traffic Safety patrols. This group are standing on the street four times a day, in all kinds of weather. They help the other children to cross the roads to and from school, and when one realizes the excellent work they are doing in traffic safety, you will realize that this is the reason why you don't worry about your children walking to school.

"So when you next see them on the street, give them a smile and a wave and this will show that you appreciate the job they are doing for all of us."

## Flashing light called for "before someone gets killed"

For the second time in five months, two potentially dangerous road hazards were criticized by Nasagaweya Council at their meeting last Monday night.

The hazards rapped by council were the lack of flashing warning lights at two road intersections in the township.

The first intersection at the corner of Guelph Line and 15 Sideroad, was the reason for a petition by township residents, in May, who were requesting something to be done about the corner. Councillor Art Gibson said, "Do we have to have somebody killed before we get a light at Haltonville corner?"

The second hazard mentioned by council was the intersection of Eden Mills Sideroad and the Guelph Line. One councillor noted cars had driven right through the dead-end intersection and had ended up in a farmer's field. A flashing caution light was also requested for this corner.

Reeve Anna MacArthur told council she would bring the matter up immediately with the county roads committee.

## Fire Monday

Fire Prevention Week got off to a bad start Monday night, when firefighters were called out to extinguish a small grass fire near the C.N.R. tracks.

Chief Mick Holmes is visiting schools in Acton today to observe fire drills.

Fire Prevention Week runs from October 5 to 12.

## \$500 damage to two cars

There were no injuries but \$500 damage on Thursday afternoon when two cars were in collision on Main St. N. John Creasey, Elmore Dr., was stopped in front of C. K. Browne's store, and Elizabeth Eastwood of Elmore Dr. was making a turn out of the school lane when the accident occurred. Police estimated the damage to the Creasey car at \$200 and the Eastwood car at \$300.

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## Accident at hotel

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## District accidents cause injuries

In other mishaps this week, a single car accident on Wednesday, October 1 on 22 Sideroad, west of Esqueewing's Tenth Line, saw a passenger in the car sent to hospital for treatment of injuries. The car was driven by Robert Bistretzan of R. R. 1 Ravenna and police say he lost control of the vehicle. Brian Edden, the injured passenger was admitted to hospital suffering from facial lacerations, a cut left arm and a possible fractured jaw.

In another single car mishap early Saturday evening, October 4, the driver of the small car and his two passengers were admitted to hospital for treatment of injuries. According to police, the car driven by David Shubert 16, of R. R. 1, Acton, went out of control and rolled.

Shubert received a cut head and sore knee and one passenger, Ralph Digrolamo of R. R. 2 Georgetown suffered a bruised right shoulder. The second passenger, Kenneth Leach, 16, of R. R. 3 Georgetown suffered a bruised right hip and cut right hand.

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## Council postpones decision on land separation request

At their regular meeting Monday Esqueewing township Council decided to refer to their solicitor a request by F. David Thompson for a land separation and then discuss the matter with a full Council present before making a decision. Reeve George Currie was absent from the meeting, which was chaired by deputy-reeve Tom Hill.

Mr. Thompson told Council that he is interested in purchasing land from a neighbor Bruce Frame and that he and Mr. Frame were willing to draw up an agreement on who would maintain the right of way and at no time in the future would Council be asked to maintain the road.

Mr. Thompson presented his request to committee of adjustment last week, but the committee was unable to come to a decision on the matter and passed it on to Council.

Recently Council agreed that if committee of adjustment were ever undecided about whether to allow persons to build houses on unmaintained township roads they should send a representative to council and the two bodies would come to a decision between themselves.

On the subject of whether Council should make an immediate decision on the matter, councillor Russell Miller said, "I'm not against this, but I would like to see it discussed with a full Council, when the Reeve is here."

Councillor Ken Marshall added that he thought Council should seek the advice of their solicitor in case the property ever changed hands.

## Found bike

A girl's bicycle was discovered at the edge of the high school grounds by an Acton boy. He reported it to police, and they still have the bike - unclaimed.

## Hunting mishap two men hurt

Two Oakville hunters were shot in the leg Saturday afternoon in a freak hunting accident near the Fifth Line in Nasagaweya Township.

A hunting party of three was walking in the bush when the ding on a shotgun owned by Giovanni Bonadeo of Oakville came loose and the gun fell to the ground and was discharged, says Milton OPP. His two companions, 36-year-old Reno Rocca and 20-year-old Peter Biglieri were caught in their legs by the blast from the shotgun.

Taken to Milton District Hospital by Milton's new ambulance service, the two men were later transferred to Toronto for further treatment.

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