



TOP PLACE in the Acton Hi-Flyers model plane contest Sunday went to Peter Puchyr, president of the club, Ron Macdonald, right, makes the trophy presentation while John Smit, centre, adds his congratulations. (Photo by Jim Jennings)

## Minister informs Board suggestions "quite valid"

Members of Acton Board of Parks Management and Recreation Committee were jubilant, Thursday night after secretary Doris Townsley read a letter the Board received from Minister of Energy and Resources Management George Kerr in which Mr. Kerr described suggestions made earlier by the Board about future dredging projects as "quite valid."

The Board had previously sent a letter to the Department of Energy and Resources Management criticizing the handling of the Fairy Lake dredging operation and suggesting ways and means of avoiding problems in similar operations in the future.

The Board criticized Acton council and the Credit Valley Conservation Authority for failing to reclaim the proposed parkland north and east of the arena, as agreed to prior to the start of dredging operations.

They also deplored the lack of communications between Council, C.V.C.A. and themselves.

Contents of Mr. Kerr's reply follow:

Dear Mr. Ahearne:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 2 last, regarding Fairy Lake and the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

I note the suggestions that you have made regarding the Fairy Lake project and I recall hearing some criticisms a couple of years ago regarding the project, therefore I feel that your suggestions are quite valid.

I will pass on a copy of your letter to Mr. Alf Barnes, Director of the Conservation Authorities Branch and also to the Chairman of the Credit Conservation Authority.

Yours very truly,  
George A. Kerr Q.C.

## Novelty song from Yorkshire

The Choraliers have an amusing new novelty song in their repertoire—Ilkley Moor Baa! At—and how they came to sing it makes an interesting story.

While on holiday this past summer, Jim Higgins was visiting his sister at Bradford, Yorkshire. The lady next door, Mrs. Helen Gatenby, learned Mr. Higgins sings with the Legion Choraliers, and gave him a copy of the Yorkshire song, over 50 years old, expressing the wish that his choir in Canada would sing it some day.

He brought back her copy, showed it to his fellow singers, and they duly learned the lovely song. And they sang it for the first time Saturday night at a dinner dance in the Music Centre.

## Police report cases solved

During the reporting week of October 12 to October 18, the men at the Acton Detachment of the O.P.P., while working a total of 211 hours patrolled 524 miles of town roads.

Break, Enter and Theft dominated the occurrences investigated with a total of eight being investigated, and all have been brought to a successful conclusion with charges being laid against the culprits.

A theft from a local store was reported; this theft is still under investigation.

Other occurrences reported were two family disputes, and two Liquor Control Act investigations. As a result of the latter two investigations, charges were laid for having liquor other than in a residence.

After a most intensive investigation by the officers of this detachment, four juveniles were questioned in regard to the rash of Break and Enters in the town over a period of six months. The youths have admitted to a number of offences, the offences being Break, Enter and Theft, Break and Enter, Attempt Break and Enter, Shoplifting, and Theft. The thefts have ranged over a large area in Halton and Wellington counties. The boys will appear in Juvenile Court in the near future to answer to the charges.

On the traffic scene, a total of four charges have been laid against motorists in the past week, and four more have received warnings.

And we are happy to report

no accidents have occurred in town during the week. Let's hope this is a good sign.

The school safety contest is well under way, and children from both public schools have been stopped in the past week by officers. The children have had their names taken, and have been advised of the points lost by them for their errors.

## Protest Bill 205 provisions

In answer to a request from the Ontario Liberal Association for comments and suggestions about Bill 205, which concerns the taking over of assessment by the provincial government, Esquesing township council passed the following resolution at their regular meeting Monday night.

"Resolved that this Council wishes to protest the provisions of Section 52 of Bill 205, the Assessment Act 1968-1969. First, that one lawyer is sufficient to ensure that proceedings are carried on in a proper legal manner. Secondly, that neither the chairman nor vice-chairman should necessarily be a lawyer. Both should be elected by the members of the Court and lastly that the major businesses in the municipality should be represented on the Court, a farmer, a builder and a merchant, for instance.

## Compromise cuts team weekly ice rental bill

Acton Board of Parks Management and Recreation Committee agreed to provide Acton Tanners intermediate hockey team with one hour of practice ice time free of charge each week, but stood firm on their previous decision to charge the team \$12 an hour ice rental for games.

The compromise resulted from a request for reconsideration of the change in ice rental from the 60-40 gate split agreement to a flat rate of \$12 an hour, voiced by Roy Goodwin and George Haggitt, members of the Tanners' executive. Tanners use three hours of ice time for games and an hour and a half for

practice each week. At the \$12 rate they would have had to pay \$54 a week for ice. The Board's latest decision will cut the bill to \$42.

Mr. Goodwin told the board that it would cost between \$3,000 and \$3,500 to operate a team for the coming season. He said the team had lost money last year, but chances of icing a contending team and thus increasing gate receipts this year were very good.

When Board chairman Brendan Ahearne asked what the team's average gate receipts for last season were, Mr. Haggitt quoted \$1,117 as the total amount of gate receipts for the

season, an average of about \$100 a game.

"If you don't get 100 people to a game it's hardly worthwhile having a team," board member Will Duval contended.

Mr. Haggitt replied that if the team experienced another season as poor as the last one, even the executive would have to think twice about continuing to operate a team.

On the other hand, Mr. Goodwin admitted that in the event Tanners iced a real contender this year they probably would be better off paying \$12 an hour. However, he added that the executive did not want to gamble on this.

Speaking in defence of the change to a flat rate of \$12 an hour, Board chairman Brendan Ahearne explained that even at \$12 an hour the Board was subsidizing the team, since they could get \$20 an hour from out of town teams.

Mr. Goodwin replied that he thought the community centre was built to provide recreation for townpeople and not just to make money.

Board member Herb Dodds said he couldn't see how the board could justify renting ice to the Tanners for less money than minor hockey teams were paying, especially when the Tanners had more opportunities to make money. He estimated 70 per cent of the people in town could care less whether they have an intermediate team or not.

In reply to Mr. Dodds, Mr. Goodwin said he felt intermediate hockey was advertising the town of Acton all over the province of Ontario and added that on the basis of the 60-40 gate split intermediate hockey was probably paying \$12 an hour, when others were paying only \$3, in the '30's and '40's.

After discussing the matter in private for a few minutes, the Board made the offer of one hour free practice time a week.

Mr. Ahearne concluded with "This is certainly the last year we can go this far."

## Night school classes for 44 now underway

With 44 registered, night school classes begin in Acton this week. Although this number is not higher than last year's registration, the organizers think it's likely more will come out to sign up at the first lessons.

The elementary sewing class, being taught by R. L. teacher and Ryerson grad Mrs. Hanna, will be Tuesday nights at the R. L. School. The advanced sewing class will be Mondays in the R. L. School, taught by Mac Hall grad Mrs. McKay.

There are a dozen in the

upholstery class in the Y Tuesdays, with instructor Earl Jensen.

There are just six so far for the rug hooking class which begins tonight (Wednesday) in the R. L. school and R. L. art teacher Mrs. Titan instructing.

Mrs. Annemarie Krudweg will instruct the ladies gym class in the high school on Wednesday evenings.

With just six for the bridge class, the Y board is advertising again hoping for a few more. They think they need a dozen at least for a good class.

## Advocate new approach to drug abuse problem

A new approach to solving the problem of drug abuse among students and teachers at Acton District High, Monday.

Dave Coleman, Addiction Services Branch, Wellington County Health Unit along with Don Blair and Clinton Yardley, two young men, who are doing work with Toc Alpha advocated a system which would explain the facts about drugs to students, but leave the decision on the use of drugs up to themselves.

Mr. Coleman encouraged more dialogue between students and teachers and said discussion groups should stress being selective about drug use.

When asked why he thought students took drugs, Mr. Yardley said he thought students felt extremely pressured by the whole school system. "Having others tell you you're lazy more often than not causes harm," he said.

Mr. Blair claimed there is nothing in school to make learning attractive and that there is too much pressure to conform.

Lieutenant George Moore of the Burlington Police Department, on hand to explain laws under the Food and Drug Act, and penalties for offenders, told the group that a survey conducted in Burlington showed that a large number of marijuana users eventually got on to

barbituates. He also warned that he has seen LSD users end up in a hospital.

On the question of what action should be taken by persons having knowledge of drug users, Mr. Yardley said he thought students resented a behind-the-back approach and would appreciate a teacher calling them aside to explain the dangers of drug abuse.

Lieutenant Moore, however, added that parents are legally responsible for a child until he is 16 years old and for this reason parents of these students should be informed.

Nick Volpe, Physical Education Coordinator for the Halton County Board of Education and Jack Woolfrey the Board's Guidance coordinator also attended Monday's meeting.

HIGH RISK

Keep your weight normal and reduce your risk of heart attack, the Ontario Heart Foundation advises. Among middle-aged men who are 20 per cent or more overweight, the risk of heart attack is twice as high as among men of normal weight.

## Johnson wins first feature in rain-shortened program

The rains did not hold off today for all of our races to finish. The rains came down and the crowd ran.

When the rains came, the L.M. feature was on so it was sure a slippery one. On the first lap No. 81 spun along with Art Somerville. On the third lap Bruce Bailly spun and was out for the remainder of the race. George Nicholls lost control and spun but was able to continue.

Our first restart was on the 13th lap when Art Somerville spun. Steve Pletto took the lead on the third lap and was able to hold it until the 14th when Harry Johnson took over and held it to the finish to take his first feature win. Steve Pletto

was second and Art Overland third.

Since to-day was our final day of racing for this season, I would like to say it sure was a pleasure writing for the paper; and hope to be able to do it again next season.

Results of the races follow:

C. Heat, Steve Pletto, No. 81, No. 29.

B. Heat, Dev Rondau, Bruce Bailly, Harry Johnson.

A. Heat, Art Somerville, Larry Cittaau.

1st. mini, Brian Coles, Gary Kruckka, No. 42.

Consie, Stan Adams, Dan Kociuk, Art Overland.

Sam Fina, No. 41, Bruce Bailly, Steve Pletto.

2nd Mini, Brian Coles, Gary Kruckka, Mike Iansko.

Match race, Eddy Stewart.

L.M. Feature, Harry Johnson, Steve Pletto, Art Overland, Stan Adams, George Nicholls.

## Utility poles take beating

The Milton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police report three major accidents occurred in their coverage area during the week.

Early Saturday evening, Oct. 18, a truck driven by William King of 7 Court St. North, Milton, hit a telephone pole on 15 Sideroad, west of Highway 25. King was not injured.

Later Saturday night, another car hit a hydro pole on the Guelph Line north of the Base Line Road. This time the driver was Eugenio Nero of Welland and he suffered minor head cuts and bruises and his car was a total wreck.

A three-car accident on Highway 7 near Acton on Sunday saw three people treated at Georgetown Hospital for minor injuries. The first car was driven by George Avis of Downview and \$250 damage was done to his vehicle. The second car involved in the mishap was driven by Seigfried Pinner of Toronto. His car was a total wreck and both Pinner and his passenger, Miss Avery Holly of Toronto were treated in hospital for head lacerations and bruises.

The third car was driven by Claude Owen of Willowdale and two of his passengers were also treated in hospital for injuries received in the accident. Edith Owen suffered a whiplash and

Bruce McQuarrie of Georgetown was treated for head lacerations. The Owen car was a total wreck.

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