

Complaints on Mill-Main corner

The Free Press has received a number of complaints from confused motorists about road markings on the south side of the Mill-Main St. corner at the traffic lights.

Markings indicate traffic travelling north on 25 Hwy. must pull over to the right as they come to the corner, while traffic making a left hand turn takes the inside lane.

Motorists complain that when they take the right hand lane they are challenged by traffic which used the inside lane for travelling straight through.

Since most traffic at the intersection travels straight through there have been many narrow escapes from collisions as the two lanes merge into one across the intersection.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

At the regular meeting Tuesday night, Acton council:

• Granted new assessor Hugh Hunter leave of absence to take a course at Oakville providing he keeps up with necessary work at his office here.

• Gave third reading and passed a by-law authorizing a \$250 impost charge for storm and sanitary sewers in new apartment buildings.

• Passed a garbage by-law limiting pick-up among other things to containers not over 50 lbs. in weight and restricted to five containers from each residence or place of business. Councillor Coats opposed the by-law.

• Authorized installation of the large clock received as a gift from the Bank of Montreal on a pole in front of the municipal office, Mill St., at a total cost of approximately \$500.

Scarey supper

The C.G.I.T. girls had a pot luck supper and Halloween party Monday.

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NEWSPAPER CLUB from Lancaster school, Milton, saw production of newspapers first hand Monday when they toured the Free Press plant. Teacher Susan Beacom and the interested boys and girls went away with lots of information and extra newspapers which are published here. — (Staff Photo)

Chamber urges council develop industrial park

Chamber of Commerce representatives urged Acton council Tuesday to take some action on the industrial park property suggesting there were three alternatives:

1. Council develop the property;

2. A contractor do the developing;

3. The land should be sold.

The three man delegation composed of spokesman Carl Watzek, president John Shadbolt and Allan Eastwood asked why Acton Wood Products had received no answer yet from council on an offer to purchase property in the industrial park.

"I find the issue important because the company is under pressure to expand," said Mr. Watzek. "A major account has advised the Acton company to expand or lose their business. Expansion would mean 15 additional employees. It's a matter of extreme urgency and the company does not know what way to turn."

Mayor Les Duby answered that Mr. Untermahrer was informed and no matter how urgent the Wood Products owner found the situation, council could not beat all the red tape involved as well as many ramifications of which perhaps the chamber was not aware. "We

can't proceed any faster than we are proceeding," he told the delegation.

"Things don't go like we want them to in the democratic process," the mayor continued. "We are still trying to get a majority vote of council to develop the property and something else has come up in the last few days we'll have to deliberate on."

"The offer to purchase was made many months ago," the Chamber spokesman said, suggesting there was no excuse for the company not to have received an answer. "Taxpayers' money has been tied up in the industrial park for six years. Surely council has some sort of guide lines on which to proceed. Surely it doesn't need six years to come up with a decision."

Councillor Coats reminded the delegation of the difficulty in getting money to develop anything under the government's policy of cutting back. The deputy reeve stated the company's offer did not cover costs and there were no funds available. The clerk said the company had been satisfied their offer could not be accepted.

"It appears lines of communication are tangled," admitted Mr. Watzek but said Mr. Untermahrer would be willing

to negotiate.

"The Chamber of Commerce has made a good point," commented Councillor Marks. "I hope council this year can make up their minds. There has been a breakdown of communication."

Councillor McKenzie reminded the delegation there were mixed feelings on developing the park around the table and the democratic process complicated matters.

The mayor said the only criticism he has is the length of time it takes to make a decision and "all things have to get approval from higher bodies. I wish more citizens knew this."

The deputy reeve told the delegation Acton Wood Products wasn't the only firm patiently waiting for development of the park. "There are four other parties," he asserted.

Mr. Watzek wasn't impressed. "We're full of good intentions but maybe in five years we could still be here bringing up the issue." Costs continue to rise, he said, and if council continued to procrastinate costs may double.

"Surely no one here would invest his personal funds as council did," he said. "It's not businesslike."

The reeve said provincial government policy was making municipal councils look bad in the eyes of taxpayers but he doubted costs to develop the park were as inflated as the Chamber suggested. "Council is not in the land owning business to come up with a profit," he said.

"If the land had been sold the town would have had revenue by now," Mr. Watzek said, "and as time goes by we're losing more revenue."

"When it is voted down, it is voted down," the mayor, long an advocate of developing the park, answered.

More discussion on the possibility of Acton becoming a dormitory town and the capability of the sewage plant to handle increased population brought out the rapidly changing scene.

"We are in a very enviable position assessment-wise in Acton," the mayor concluded, but subdivision development and subdivisions' agreements could make a dormitory town an attractive proposition.

He assured the delegation council would do everything possible to develop the property.

Grant curlers permission to lay sewer line

In answer to a request from John Goy and Jack Ridley of the Acton Curling Club, Esquering council Monday night granted the Club permission to lay 430 feet of sewer line to join the main line along Churchill Road.

Permission was granted on the conditions that it be carried out under the supervision of roads superintendent "Bud" Snow and at the club's own expense.

Badminton starts at high school gym

Badminton started at the Acton District High School on Oct. 16, explains Hugh Patterson.

"This phase of adult recreation was not advertised due to the fact that the Halton Board of Education still has not settled their policy toward the use of area schools for adult programs. The badminton club has asked for use of the high school Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7.30 to 10.00 p.m. We are also hoping that if any charge is made for use of the gym, that it will only be a nominal charge instead of the

CHURCHILL

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Hilarious Hallowe'en party in Churchill church basement

By Mrs. F. MacArthur
The annual Hallowe'en party in the Churchill Church basement which was beautifully decorated by the Intermediate girls was very well attended last Friday evening.

Many in costume made it difficult for Rev. and Mrs. Fosbury and R. L. Davidson to judge. Prizes were given for the various classes and ages in costume. Contests and of course scrambles for the children were really enjoyed. Old and young enjoyed the hilarious party which concluded with lunch for all.

At the Sunday morning service in Churchill Church Rev. W. A. Dempsey of Barrie Hill Church was the pastor in exchange for

Rev. A. W. Fosbury conducting the anniversary services at Barrie Hill. Mrs. Fosbury accompanied him.

A pot luck dinner and happy reunion of friends and neighbors followed the regular Sunday morning service at Churchill. The occasion was the 47th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Thompson now living at Everton. We regretted Mrs. Thompson is in hospital and unable to attend but most of their family and grandchildren were present. A beautiful anniversary cake was baked and decorated by Mrs. C. Storey and presented along with a lovely feather floral arrangement for Mrs. Thompson. At the same time another

presentation of a hand painted picture was made to Mr. and Mrs. William Simpson and family who have lately moved to Hillsburg. Mr. J. C. Denny presented Mr. Alfred Thompson and son Bill with a copy of "Good News to Modern Man" version of the Bible and New Testament from the Churchill Church. Both Mr. Thompson and Bill, replied in heartfelt thanks and happy memories of days spent in our church, where Bill grew up. Donna and Bill were married and their three children were baptized.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dobbie spent last weekend in Sudbury at her sister's home with Mr. and Mrs. L. Baschler, also her mother Mrs. Frank Graff, who had been in the hospital after a car accident and is convalescing at her daughter's home.

Miss Susan Brook spent the weekend with her friend Miss Lynn Davidson in Toronto and attended the show "Oliver". On Sunday afternoon Susan's parents Mr. and Mrs. Davidson and girls also Mr. Myett, an old-time friend of the Brooks family, enjoyed a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Denny and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McKeown attended the annual production of the Clark opera society of which Mr. Turner's sister Mrs. Reg Greene is a member. He shows this year, Franz Lehár's The Merry Widow was much enjoyed.

Mrs. W. J. McDonald was relieved when she received word of her mother Mrs. J. H. Wardlaw's safety after the explosion and fire in Milton on Saturday night. She was evacuated from her home that was within 1/2 mile of the disaster area.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Rotz and Mr. Gordon Rotz of Weston, also Mr. and Mrs. Ken Rotz, Jimmie and Debbie of Kitchener spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rotz, Linda and Mike.

Mr. Garry Dobbie spent the weekend in Quebec City.

Seven mishaps in storm's aftermath

Last Wednesday's snowstorm may have added charm and beauty to the countryside but it was one big headache to the Milton detachment of the OPP who handled seven accidents that day which were nearly all connected with the storm.

The first accident occurred at 6.45 a.m. that morning on the Guelph Line, south of 20 Sideroad as Harold Jarvis, 30, of R. R. 1 Moffat rolled his car, causing \$500 damage to the vehicle.

Half an hour later, an American motorist lost control of his car on Highway 401 at the Nassagaweya Fifth Line, skidding into a guidestop on the side of the road. Kamal Savagh of Detroit, Michigan, was not injured but \$350 damage was done to his car.

Two hours later, at 9.30 a.m., a car driven by 62-year-old William Elliott of Acton flipped on Highway 7 near Stoney Creek. Elliott suffered a sore right shoulder in the mishap which saw \$250 damage done to his car.

Tuesday evening, a two-car rear end collision on Highway 401 east of Highway 25 sent one person to hospital and caused \$1,100 damage. According to the OPP, a car driven by Claude Smith of R. R. 1 Simcoe collided with the rear end of a car driven by Alfred Johnston of R. R. 4 Freilton. A passenger in the Smith car, a Mr. Hilton, was treated in hospital for head lacerations. The Johnston car received \$600 damage and the Smith car received \$500 damage.

The three other mishaps on the snowy Wednesday were of a minor nature. Recent hunting activity in the Milton-Acton area has brought an influx of hunters to the area, but Lorne Demone 27, of Acton wasn't thinking of hunting as he drove along Highway 25 early Thursday morning, Oct. 23. Just north of Ten Sideroad, a deer bounded out onto the road and

into the path of Demone's car, causing \$750 to the automobile. Police had no report on the condition of the deer.

Three young men were slightly injured in a single-car mishap Saturday, October 25, when the car in which they were riding went out of control and rolled over on the Base Line Rd. at Nassagaweya's Second Line. Driver of the car, 17-year-old Barry Woods of Burlington received a sore left leg while his two passengers, Robert Brown and Dennis Hemming were also injured. Brown complained of a sore right leg while Hemming suffered bruised ribs and facial lacerations.

Later the same evening, a collision between a motorcycle and a car on Highway 25 north of 401 saw \$600 damage done to both vehicles. Driver of the motorcycle, George Irving of R. R. 3, Milton, suffered leg bruises while driver of a car, Mario Durante, also of R. R. 3 Milton was uninjured.

Another accident on the same day, October 25, was a two-car collision which injured two and caused an estimated \$1,500 damage. Driver of the first car, Henry Burri of Kitchener, 60, was uninjured but a passenger, Mrs. Louise Forbes complained of a sore head. Driver of the second car, Gordon Crewton of Guelph, 61, was also unhurt but his wife, Wilma suffered a cut knee.

Scout hall Open House

Parents and everyone especially interested are invited to the scout hall Tuesday evening, November 4, to see a program and the extensive renovations in the building.

(It's exactly 20 years since the scout hall was officially opened.) Rotarians have spent many hours at the scout hall in repairs and changes. They are giving this opportunity to those who have donated to their fund-raising projects to see how the money is being spent.

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Bazaar, bake sale held by Golden Age members

By Mrs. Elsie Reed
The Golden Age Club held a very successful bazaar and bake sale in the Luxton Hall on Tuesday evening.

A well-laden table of cakes, pies, tarts, cookies, buns, candy, etc. drew a brisk trade. A lovely box of red raspberries, freshly picked by Bob McEnergy from his garden a few minutes before appearing on this table, were quickly snapped up (and made into sparkling jam next morning).

The bazaar table was beautiful with aprons, knit goods, novelties, etc. and a good business was also done

there. Prices were kept very reasonable throughout and many patrons felt they had made a good buy.

"Chances" were sold on a beautifully decorated cake, made and donated by Hotchen's Bakery. It was won by Mrs. Cam. Vinn.

Mrs. DeVries donated a lovely white dolly, knitted with many fine, careful stitches. Mrs. Jack Creasey, Sr. was the lucky winner of that draw.

Mrs. R. L. Davidson with quips and jokes auctioned off the remaining articles when business had slackened. A cup of tea or coffee, with a

doughnut, provided a social touch.

Mrs. Ferguson, "official" tea and coffee maker, did her usual efficient job.

Mrs. Fryer, president, thanked all for their donations, help and co-operation which had made this new venture such a heartening success.

At the next meeting, Nov. 4 at 2 p.m., plans will be made for attending the zone rally to be held in the Burlington Centre on November 13, so a good turnout is hoped for.

To all sick and ailing, a speedy recovery.

Give more study on middle schools consider three pilot projects in 1970

Further consideration will be given the proposal to implement a middle school program including grades six, seven and eight by the Halton County Board of Education, members agreed Thursday.

Several weeks ago the Middle School Program Council presented a proposal and Thursday a series of recommendations was presented to the Board by the executive committee.

Approving the establishment of middle schools for grades six, seven and eight the report also cautioned that it might later be necessary to amend this to grades seven, eight and nine for accommodation purposes when the student population peak leaves the elementary schools and reaches the secondary schools.

A pilot project in one school in each education area was recommended for September 1970 and this would be at Montclair School in Oakville, Centennial School in Georgetown and Tecumseh School in Burlington.

Trustee John Noble observed that the Martin St. School in Milton was already operating with grades six, seven and eight and he wondered why it would not be better to consider it a pilot project for the program.

Assistant Director D. S. Lawless pointed out the program, for a fair assessment, required a school with 500 to 600 students. "It would not be feasible or economical to introduce the program for 350."

The executive committee report also ruled out including typing and instrumental music in the middle school program because of the financial implications.

Trustee E. Bodner noted transportation was not to be provided as part of the introduction of middle school programs. He pointed out the Centennial School in Georgetown was apparently to serve all of Georgetown and suggested some transportation would be required.

Mr. Lawless said it was not considered excessive for a grade