



Smile power!

POOR TEETH in Acton? Well, maybe, but Pat Kentner's sparklers would make even the Halton Health Unit dental chief "green" with envy. This is dental health week for *Canadians and the Free Press* has a feature on teeth inside for those who care about oral hygiene.—(Staff Photo)

No further dragway permits without council's approval

Esquering council passed a resolution Monday instructing clerk-treasurer Delmar French not to issue any further building permits for the Golden Horseshoe Dragway, between the Fifth and Sixth Lines, north of Highway 7, without the approval of council.

The resolution was the result of a complaint lodged by Peter Bowman, a Sixth Line resident whose property borders on the dragway site about the wording of a resolution passed by council at a special meeting January 23. The resolution approved the issue of building permits with regard to the Dragway.

Mr. Bowman told council he thought a building permit was to be issued for a control tower only. "Who's to say he doesn't need a motel up there?" he asked council.

Reeve George Currie agreed with Mr. Bowman. "I understood it was for a control tower only," he said.

The new resolution was passed unanimously.

Mr. Bowman, along with other residents of the area, will pursue court action in an effort to halt construction of the dragway.

Temporary layoff at Beardmore

Approximately 100 upper leather division employees of Beardmore and Company are gradually returning to work after a temporary layoff.

The company found it necessary to curtail operations in one or two departments for a period of one week, because of a lack of business on the part of shoe manufacturers.

No layoffs have taken place at either the Micro Plastics or H. K. Porter plants, according to company spokesmen.

Ability Fund over goal

Although not all canvassers have reported, the Ability Fund is already well over its goal for Acton.

The Marching Mothers, who went door-to-door Monday evening have already turned in \$810. Acton's objective was \$700.

Due to illness some canvassers aren't yet finished. Campaign chairman Mrs. S. Cripps expects to have a grand total for publication next week.

Some high school students also assisted the Marching Mothers.

V.O.N. service available here

The administration committee of Acton council is concerned that the service of the Victorian Order of Nurses is not being used to a greater degree by residents of Acton following a report from the Order covering the period September 1 to December 31, 1969.

Three Acton patients received a total of 23 visits in the four month period since the V.O.N. service was available.

The clerk was directed to contact physicians and the health nurse asking them to publicize the service.

Bill Nelles heads '70 fair board elections, reports at annual meeting

Bill Nelles was elected president of Acton Agricultural Society at their annual meeting Monday, January 26, in the council chambers. With past president Wilmer Fryer, the other officers are: first vice president, H. H. Hinton; second vice president, Chester Anderson; secretary-treasurer Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer; corresponding secretary Mrs. J. Marshall.

Directors — Brian Evans, Wm. Fox, Walter Fryer, Murray Wallace, John Hasson, John Chapman, Ken Marshall, Russell Murray, Brent Marshall, Ken Murray, Carl Sinclair, Stuart McCulloch, Stanley McEnery, Bruce Coles.

Associate Directors will be contacted in the near future. It was decided that anyone wishing to act as an associate director and assist in promoting the fall fair may do so by contacting any of the executive or directors.

In the absence of retiring president Wilmer Fryer due to ill health, Donald Matthews was chairman for the meeting, and read a review of the past year which had been prepared by the retiring president. 1969 was a successful year financially with the total prize money being only slightly less than last year's record high.

Operating costs continue to rise in some cases but this is definitely not the case where labor is involved. Mr. Fryer paid tribute to the many hours of free labor donated by so many people in preparation for fall fair days. He made special mention of the opening parade and the many hours of work spent in preparing the beautiful floats.

Before vacating the chair to the incoming president, retiring first vice president Don Matthews stated that 1969 had been a very successful year under the capable leadership of

Wilmer Fryer but it had also had its sorrows. He asked everyone present to stand and observe two minutes' silence in memory of S. E. Griffin, D. D. Waldie and J. A. Robinson, life members of the Society and E. Woyznarski, a director and convener of the poultry committee, who had all passed away during the year.

The Society accepted with regret the resignation of Don Matthews from the board as he was moving from the area but it was the unanimous decision of the meeting that he be made an honorary director for 1970.

Newly-elected president Wm. Nelles took the chair for the remainder of the meeting. Delegates were appointed to the fair convention in Toronto in February. Russell Murray was elected to represent the Acton Agricultural Society on the Halton Farm Safety Council.

Dates set for the 1970 Fair were Friday and Saturday, Sept.

18 and 19. Plans are already under way with a midway contract signed with King Shows and concession space reserved and a theme suggested for Acton's 57th annual Fall Fair.

Spring around the corner?

Spring is just around the corner. Who said so?

Several radio announcers and countless newspaper columns reported on Monday when the groundhog supposedly emerges from his winter burrow to give the latest weather information.

If he sees his shadow, the story goes, we can expect six more weeks of winter. If he doesn't get a glimpse of his shadowy sidekick, Lady Spring is on her way and the buds will soon bloom, the snow disappear and we'll be bathing in balmy breezes.

Monday, Herr Groundhog did not see his shadow—so Spring must be around the corner.

By Tuesday morning the weather seemed to discredit the furry little fellow, however.

A bone-chilling weather front blew in from the west bringing with it a sprinkling of snow and sub-zero temperatures.

Dental director misquoted, misinterpreted—Health Unit

The Halton County Health Unit muzzled dental director Dr. Samuel Green from making any further statements to the press following the furor which resulted at county council over remarks attributed to Dr. Green in a Hamilton newspaper.

The newspaper stated, among other things, that oral and personal hygiene take a back seat to the pressure of survival in the northern areas of Halton County. Dr. Green was also reported to have described the Acton-Georgetown sector of the county as a poor socio-economic area where people tend to have poor eating habits, consuming more sugary and starch foods than the protein which is necessary for good teeth.

A representative of this newspaper interviewed an



DR. SAMUEL GREEN

were not as good as those in the south but attributed it to lack of fluoridation in the water supply. Oakville and Burlington have had fluoridation in the water supply for years this accounts for the better teeth in the south, he said.

Dr. Green also said he would do anything he could to assist the northern municipalities to introduce fluoride into their water supply.

Told there was a shortage of dentists in Acton he also said he would attempt to assist the municipality to locate a dentist there if he were asked by municipal officials.

Dr. Green would make no further comment about the dental situation in the north but handed the reporter a press release, prepared and signed by the acting medical officer of health, Dr. I. A. Hunter. Following is the text of the release:

"On behalf of Halton County Health Unit some explanation and apology is in order on behalf of Dr. S. M. Green, D.D.S., D.D.P.H., for the misquoted and misinterpreted information as a result of a recent interview with an out-of-town newspaper.

"Dr. Green's remarks were in no way intended to disparage

the residents of North Halton. Rather it was a zealous attempt on his part to promote a comprehensive program of public health dental care and to enlist the support of the public in the need for early dental care of children's teeth. The dental program in Halton County speaks for itself."

Dr. Green has been summoned to appear at a county health committee meeting to discuss remarks attributed to him in an interview he said took place between 11.30 and midnight on a telephone line with a poor connection.

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KEN MARSHALL OF ACTON guided his team of huskies to a first place finish in the cross-country dog sled race in the "Eskimodaze" carnival in Galt on the weekend. Ken and his dogs completed the

five miles course in just over 15 minutes. Here, Ken poses with his lead dog "Karu" and the trophy he won.—(Staff Photo)

Ken Marshall and Karu winners at Eskimodaze

Acton's Ken Marshall took first place honors in the five mile cross-country dogsled race at the "Eskimodaze" carnival in Galt on the weekend.

Ken and his three dog team, headed by "Karu", completed the five mile course in just over 15 minutes, on Saturday and turned in a time of 16:42, under

more difficult conditions, Sunday.

Contestants in the race came from Acton, Galt, Hespeler, Guelph and Hamilton.

Steve McIntyre of Acton also competed in the cross-country race.

Ken won a trophy for his first place finish.

Darcy desires meet council

Acton council may have more answers about regional government in this area following a meeting in Toronto with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Hon. Darcy McKeough.

Clerk-administrator Joe Hurst reported he received a telephone call from the Department of Municipal Affairs advising council that Mr. McKeough would like to meet with them in Toronto on Monday, February 16 at 8 p.m. Subject would be regional government.

Councillors are all eager to attend the meeting and the Department has been informed the date and time are suitable.

Councillors were curious why Acton, Georgetown, Oakville and Milton councils have been invited to separate meetings in Toronto with Mr. McKeough while Nassagaweya and Esquering township councils will play host to the Minister at separate meetings in their own council chambers.

Centralized disposal plant may locate south of Acton

A centralized waste disposal plant with the capacity to handle industrial waste and municipal garbage from Acton, Milton, Georgetown, Esquering and the northern third of Oakville may be established on the former Rognvaldson property, on the east side of Highway 25 near 22 Sideroad about three miles south of Acton.

Bill Lombard of Tecan Limited of Mississauga and Stan Goodfellow of Goodfellow Enterprises, of Corunna, appeared at Monday's meeting of Esquering council to explain plans for the proposed plant. Mr. Goodfellow operates a centralized waste disposal plant to handle industrial waste materials at Corunna, near Sarnia.

Mr. Lombard told Council of the serious concern developing in the area over the disappearance of suitable dumping sites for waste materials. He claimed the need for a company to help rectify the situation on an area basis is quite evident adding that the property chosen for the plant is in an ideal geographic location.

Heat, latent in industrial waste materials would be put to use to help burn municipal garbage in the plant incinerator, Mr. Lombard explained. He estimated that after burning there would be approximately

five tons of ash left for every 100 tons of garbage. The ash would be buried in the ground.

The plant would be subject to strict air pollution control laws, laid down by the provincial government. Department of Energy and Resources Management officials inspect the Corunna plant two or three times a week, Mr. Lombard told Council.

Slides of operations at the Corunna plant were shown to council.

Mr. Goodfellow told Council the plant would employ about 30 people who would likely live somewhere in the Acton-Milton area.

\$988,260 value of new building

Sixty or so new buildings were erected in the town of Acton during 1969, and building permits totalled \$988,260.

Biggest addition to the town was the \$224,000 Seneca Apartment building on Churchill Rd. S., a mate to the Winston Apartment built earlier. Second largest building project was an addition to the Micro plant estimated at \$150,000; third the new supermarket on the former tennis courts at \$75,000 and

Deputy-reeve Tom Hill thought Council should have a talk with residents of the area first. There are about five homes within a quarter mile of the site of the proposed plant.

Esquering would have to amend their recently passed agricultural holding by-law to permit the plant to be built.

After some discussion, council agreed to invite the five landowners in the area to their next meeting February 9, along with Mr. Lombard and Mr. Goodfellow. Mr. Lombard is also to obtain a letter of approval for the plant from Minister of Energy and Resources Management George Kerr.

next the Bank of Nova Scotia addition at \$65,000.

Monex built 14 private homes during the year for the total value of \$296,800. All other permits were for smaller projects.

The town office doesn't keep records of the totals each year so there is no quick way of knowing if the past year saw the highest value placed on new building in the town.



Wreckers start on old post office

WRECKERS MOVED INTO the old Acton post office Tuesday morning and started to demolish the solid looking exterior. Built in 1913, the post office was superseded by a new federal building on Bower Ave. in March, 1963.—(Staff Photo)

the inside of the red brick pile out first before demolishing the solid looking exterior. Built in 1913, the post office was superseded by a new federal building on Bower Ave. in March, 1963.—(Staff Photo)