

# "Must correct thoughtless way we live" - Kerr

Energy and Resources Management Minister George Kerr told an Acton high school audience Monday, pollution control may mean less powerful cars and boats in the future.

"You may have to sacrifice a bit of performance under the hood to make sure you have a planet to perform on," he said.

Mr. Kerr said pollution was a personal thing and called "correcting the thoughtless way

we live," the best solution to the problem.

On the subject of industrial pollution, Mr. Kerr said industries will be compelled to include the cost of waste disposal in their cost of production.

He asked students to report all cases of industrial pollution to his department.

In answer to a question from teacher Paul Martindale about

the pollution problem in Acton, the Minister reported two local industries are presently involved in programs in which they must meet certain requirements by specific dates. He did not name the industries.

Mr. Kerr criticized an editorial in a Toronto daily, which charged the government had fined only one industry in the province for breaking pollution control laws.

On the contrary, he said the government had secured at least 15 convictions last year and have 10 pending now.

Asked about speculation a jumbo jet airport might be built in Halton County, Mr. Kerr said he did not know what location had been chosen, but added he hoped it would be an area in which the least possible number of residents would be affected.

He also pointed out that

aircraft are now installing carburation controls and predicted pollution from jumbo jets will not be as great as from present day DC8's.

Science teacher Alan Eastwood introduced Mr. Kerr and student council secretary Marie Timbers thanked the minister on behalf of students.

Mr. Kerr will address a dinner meeting of the Acton Y's Men's tomorrow (Thursday) night.

## Campanologist acquires old post office bell

The bell which tolled the hours in Acton for over half a century from the top of the old post office tower will soon be mounted on display at the home of Hillis E. Rowland, R. R. 3, Brampton.

Mr. Rowland, campanologist (student of bell lore), will be displaying the old post office bell along with 400 other bells he has picked up in his travels over the last three years.

He has ships' bells, church bells, train bells, horse bells, cow bells, telephone bells, camel bells, glass bells, ceramic bells, wood bells, bamboo bells, Wedgewood china bells, dinner bells and hotel bells in his collection, along with the bell from Coningsby school in Wellington County, reputed to be the largest in the county.

He started his hobby, which Mr. Rowland admits is fast becoming an obsession, by buying a horse and cutter. Innocently he tried to purchase some sleigh bells. Then he was "hooked".

"Bells rule your life from the time you're born

until you die," he told the Free Press and there's a fascinating story behind each one. The first bell, as far as history records, was cast in the fifth century.

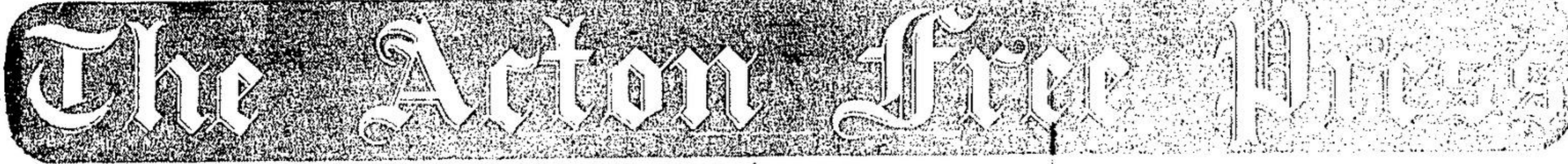
In England, for instance, when a male child was born the parish church bell tolled twice. The bell tolled three times for a girl, setting the pattern through life, that only ends when the final knell is sounded.

"Think of it for a while and you'll see what I mean," he said.

Mr. Rowland has many of his 400 bells mounted on the roof of a building with plaques attached identifying them. He'll pick a prominent spot for the Acton bell.

In the meantime he is doing research on the history of the bell which kept Actonians cued on the time and regulated life in this community for over 50 years.

He invited the Free Press to visit his home on Highway 10 once the post office bell is installed. He casually mentioned that all his spare time isn't taken up with bells. "I've got gongs at home, too," he laughed.



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## New industry to employ 15

A new industry to replace one which folded up in December will start operations in the Acton Industrial Centre in the early part of July.

The former occupants of the factory at the old Wool Combing plant, Lavoie Textiles ceased operation in December last year. A new company, Lavoie

Knitting, will take over the space and do the actual knitting of socks, in association with Beaumont Knitting Mills, Glen Williams.

The Free Press has learned the company will sign a five year lease with Beardmore and Co. for the space at the Industrial Centre. Old machinery which

was used to card and make yarn will be replaced by new machines to knit socks.

It is expected 15 girls will be employed when operations begin.

Proprietors of the plant are Jack and Bob Lavoie who have been associated with the knitting industry for many years.



ENERGY AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT Minister George Kerr spoke to students at Acton District High School about pollution control, Monday. Mr. Kerr checks a list of questions prepared by student Bob Smith, as Benita Pries and teacher Alan Eastwood look on. Mr. Kerr will address a special dinner meeting of the Acton Y's Men's Club at the Music Centre tomorrow (Thursday) night. - (Staff Photo)

### Attack questioned

## Expect mill rate to drop

Attack or not to attack, that was the question of the day when Halton County Board of Education drafted a press release noting Halton taxpayers will receive a saving this year due to a reduction in the mill rate needed for education.

Some board members debated the use of one paragraph in the release. The paragraph read, "The Board is hopeful that the decrease in the mill rate in the individual municipalities will be passed on to the taxpayer and not consumed by an increase in the mill rates required for other municipal services."

Trustee Ernie Bodnar of Georgetown took exception to the paragraph but the Board approved it as written. Later Trustee Hugh Cholecy admitted he had not read the release until after the vote was taken, but was not in favor of the paragraph.

He, Jim Price and others agreed the paragraph should be left out and every effort should be taken to "mend fences" with the municipalities. Director Jim Singleton said the paragraph did not apply to all councils but only certain ones. Trustee Liberty Pease argued the Board should follow the rules of combat, "give as good as you receive and act when attacked, or the public will believe the accusations."

Vice chairman Bill Priestner

likened the situation to one where evidence had been given in court and the judge said it should be forgotten after it was already given. (The release was circulated to the press before the debate began.) The Board voted eight to six against an amendment and approved the release with the paragraph intact.

Chairman Doug Wood said the increase in the Legislative Grants from the Province of Ontario and the increased revenue from new assessment in the County will result in a significant decrease in the mill rate if considered on a county basis.

The budget in its entirety will be presented March 19 and is expected to be finalized at the March 26 meeting. At that time a detailed analysis of the effect of the 1970 Legislative Grants will be considered and the administration will have completed the apportionment of the requisition required from the municipalities.

Provincial grants are increased by \$1,596,637 from last year's grant of \$7,603,363 for the elementary schools. Secondary school grants amount to \$8,095,000 which is \$2,709,742 more than last year's grant. The total grant represents an increase of 34 per cent over last year's.

The Board will spend an estimated \$4,000,000 more this year than last but the mill rate is expected to go down due to the increase in the grant structure and extra assessments in Halton.

### George Kerr's got sole, man

George Kerr's sole will not be as holy as it was during a recent appearance on a Hamilton TV program.

Acton mayor Les Duby noticed a picture of the minister of energy and resources management with a big hole in his sole in a Hamilton newspaper. Obviously Mr. Kerr could not plead poverty since the Robarts' government has proclaimed Ontario as the affluent province in the country.

Neglect? Perhaps, but leather being the lifeblood industry in the northern end of his riding, Mr. Duby sent Mr. Kerr a pair of half soles from Beardmore and Co.

Two halves make a whole, according to arithmetic in the old primer, but in this case the mayor of Acton hopes two half soles will cover the hole, even with the new mathematics.

Anyway, Mr. Kerr has completed the sole, man, and it is up to him from now on. We hope he thinks of Acton every time his feet touch the ground.

### Mayor gets office space

With assessment "gone regional", Mayor Les Duby has taken over the assessor's office in the town offices. He expects to be there about an hour a day between 1 and 2 p.m.

### Esqueuing may licence tracks

Esqueuing township may pass a by-law, licensing race tracks.

Reeve George Currie indicated council would consider the matter after Sixth Line resident Peter Bowman appeared at Monday night's meeting to inform council a similar by-law had been passed in Erin township.

Mr. Bowman said the by-law would give the township some control over race tracks, when nearby residents complain.

Mr. Bowman, whose property is adjacent to the proposed Golden Horseshoe Dragway is presently pursuing court action in an effort to have construction of the dragway halted.

### Seven cars damaged - driver hurt

Five cars were involved in two accidents just five minutes apart at Young and Mill Sts. last Saturday at 7:15 p.m. Cons. Bruce MacArthur investigated.

First two drivers involved were Richard Road and night, Rockwood, whose car received \$250 damage and Thomas Edward Borecky, Guelph, whose car had \$500 damage. Mr. Borecky also suffered a bruised head, injured left elbow and right thumb.

Next three cars: driver Thomas Eastman, R. R. 4, Acton, with \$200 damage to the car; Morley Mills, Georgetown with \$500 damage and Jean Marcoux, Tidy Ave. with \$25 damage estimated to the car.

Another accident occurred at 9:25 a.m. Monday when Cons. Bruce Kressler investigated.

Drivers were Douglas Guthrie, R. R. 1, Acton, whose car's damage was estimated at \$150 and Leonard Kinton, Weston, with estimated \$200 damage to the car.

Charges are pending, according to police.

A snow storm made driving conditions treacherous.

### Moon glow

An old Indian was standing on top of a hill with his son, looking out over the beautiful valley below. "Some day, my son, all this land will again belong to our people. Paleface all go to the moon."

## Bell adds 215 Acton phones

According to the annual report of Bell Canada, 302,000 telephones were added to the network in 1969, 215 of them in Acton. Total number of telephones in service in Acton reached 2,678 out of a grand total of 5.1 million served by Bell during the year.

"Never before in its history did the company install so many additional telephones, serve so many people, connect so many long distance and local calls and transmit so much data," the report states.

Taxes amounting to \$12,203 were paid in Acton during 1969. Bell's 1969 payroll in the Guelph region amounted to \$830,031.16.

In spite of a record year the company is not satisfied with earnings and rate setting. Net income per share during 1969

was \$3.20, compared with \$3.27 in 1968.

The company complains that if revenue increases approved by the Canadian Transport Commission in September had been in effect throughout 1969, earnings would have shown a substantial improvement, exceeding \$3.50 per share.

Bell manager Lloyd Denby told the Free Press that if additional houses were built on Churchill Rd. it is unlikely they could be supplied with telephones until later in the year since the company was short on capital to expand services. He said the company was unable to supply a doctor in Guelph with a phone in one section of the city and it would likely be June before there was enough capital to expand the system in his direction.

## No blarney - just fact

Many surprising and somewhat troubling figures were totalled up when the Chamber of Commerce survey was completed. The results have not yet been made public, but the Chamber is calling a special meeting to assess the results and make suggestions for positive action.

Blarney they don't want - just facts and ways to improve - but

the meeting is set for St. Patrick's Day evening, Tuesday, March 17 in the library.

Any changes made as a result of the new information could be of vital interest to the community, the C. of C. feels. They have invited businessmen, Chamber members and any interested citizens to be there to hear the results and discuss them.



### INSIDE - The White Paper

IMPLICATIONS OF THE WHITE PAPER are discussed at the public meeting in Erin Saturday by George Jackson of Milton and Lester Whiting, father of M.P. Rud Whiting. - (Staff Photo)

## Council opposes discontinuance of trains

Although some councillors felt it would only be a futile gesture, Acton council will oppose the application of Canadian National Railways to discontinue commuter train service from Toronto to Guelph.

Several Acton and district people use the eastbound morning train which leaves Acton at 6:49 a.m. and return on the westbound evening train which arrives in Acton at 6:36 p.m. The alternate CN train No. 986 arriving at 9 a.m. and trains 151 and 672 which leave Toronto in the evening are also on the list of applications to be cut off.

The railway claims losses of \$147,313 on the Toronto to Guelph run. The application to cut off the service will be heard at a public hearing in Guelph, April 8.

Complaints must be sent to the secretary of the Railway Transport Committee within 30 days.

"It is our duty to notify the people they are thinking of cutting off the trains," said the deputy reeve. There are commuters here and they will have a chance to object, he said but he doubted any action would have much effect.

"I feel like the deputy-reeve," said Councillor Coats. "Perhaps it is futile and it looks like we will antagonize them a lot further."

Mayor Duby told council he personally has written a letter to the Railway Transport Committee following a request from a Weston commuter. Copies of the letter will be posted on the train.

and 987 that provide the only commuter service for our people between Guelph and Toronto.

I am speaking out specifically for the residents of Acton who have had a continuing need for this service, and I know they are supported by the 4 - 500 others who travel regularly on this route.

The whole phasing out operation of the C.N.R. from the beginning, has been carried out with a flagrant lack of concern for the paying customer and the general public.

On the same day, we learn of the successful bid to withdraw the agent from Acton, but that facilities will be kept clean, lighted and warm for passengers while there is a passenger service in operation. In the same mail delivery we learn of the bid to withdraw trains 986 and 987. I am at a loss to know how such action can be justified.

L. A. Duby, Mayor.

The deputy-reeve acknowledged there was a need for the type of commuter service the railway operated but pointed out the CN was losing over \$100,000 a year. He felt maybe some other alternate method of providing the service should be considered.

"I agree with Mr. Tyler but I'm amused by the argument of the railway of excellent roads and bus lines to serve the area," Councillor Coats observed. "The analogy is clear. There are other ways of getting money than by urging the use of other service."

Councillor Marks said the facts were there. The service was not justified when it lost large amounts of money.

Councillor Greer felt taxpayers would be assessed for deficits in other areas where there is a service, so it was foolish to lose the service in this area.

"We're losing time talking (Continued on Page 3)

### Break-ins four homes

On Saturday evening, while the occupants were out, four break-ins took place at local homes.

The method of entry varied, according to police, with broken windows in some cases. In three cases cash was taken as a result of a search.

The victims of theft were Mr. and Mrs. William Severnski, Acton Blvd., who reported losing nothing; Mr. and Mrs. Meb Blow, Peel St., who lost \$25 in cash; Mr. and Mrs. Mick Holmes, Brock St., who lost a small amount of change and some articles; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leatherland, Mill E., missing \$22.

### Missing pet

"Lady", a pet dog belonging to Ron Loutett, has been missing since last Thursday and the young owner is heartbroken.

He is offering a reward for the return of his pal. Look for the ad with a picture of Lady elsewhere in the paper. If you can help, phone the distraught owner and claim the reward.



ACTON LEGION MINOR HOCKEY chairman Ted Pope presented the Acton Legion Branch 197 trophy to Georgetown midget captain Dave Irons, after Georgetown won the midget division championship at Saturday's 4-town tournament. See the Free Press sports pages for the tournament story. - (Staff Photo)