

**OUR READERS WRITE:**

**Many dog owners not aware of law ?**

Mr. Hurst, Town Clerk, Acton Municipal Offices.

Dear Sir:

Today, I called your office to enquire whether the Canine Control Officer had made any routine patrols of the Lakeview subdivision lately. The area has had so many dogs running loose this week that once again I feel compelled to see exactly what can be done about it.

First, I must mention that I have a dog of my own, so I am not a dog-hater by any means. But a dog UNCONTROLLED constitutes a menace to children, a hazard to traffic and a complete disaster to gardeners.

I am sure that half the dog owners in Acton are not aware of the law concerning dogs running loose. These misguided people feel that they are being cruel by keeping their pets in their own back yards. But the potential danger to children and the damage to other people's property doesn't seem to bother them one bit.

Most dog owners know that awful feeling when a dog slips out when a door is

opened, but the responsible owner makes every effort to retrieve it—both for the dog's sake and everybody else's.

Would it not be possible to issue a pamphlet outlining the rules concerning owning a dog, with every dog tag listing the penalties for infractions. And, a quarterly reminder in the Free Press might do some good, too. Surely it would not be a strain on the town budget and it would put a lot of mothers' minds at rest especially during the summer months. Also, as an avid gardener, I would welcome the relief from having to watch shrubs and plants killed by the pets of these thoughtless people.

Please give my letter some thought—it may be a small point, but a very necessary one, and one that IS covered by law.

Yours truly  
Mrs. Beryl M. Bennett  
196 Elmore Drive,  
Acton,  
cc The Editor,  
Free Press.

**Drag strip, dump shock visitor**

To the Editor:

Dear Sir:

Three or four years ago I spent several months' holiday in Acton and its surrounding areas and was sad to have to return to England and not make my future home in Acton, a delightful little town of friendly folk.

Since that time I have received each week your Acton Free Press, which continues to keep me in touch with the activities of your town.

The first shock was that recently you were considering giving permission for a drag strip to spoil the peaceful atmosphere of the countryside during weekends and, as badly as is that, the latest unthinkable action is to bring to this lovely little area the ghastly idea of a rubbish dump — not only for the town of Acton, but for a clearance of several other towns' rubbish.

Why choose such a position when there must be miles and miles of surrounding land far away from nearby houses and agriculture area?

Have you considered the danger of rats and how very quickly they multiply in

numbers and the danger of spreading diseases?

Have you considered the nearby neighbors and the annoyance to them when winds are in the direction of their homes?

We live in a thickly populated town — with rows and rows of terraced houses but our council placed our rubbish dump far removed from them and if we can do it, surely you, with so many miles of land unoccupied by nearby homes can find a more suitable spot for an eye-sore such as this dump will be.

If women were on the council I'm sure they would see the great wrong to allow this very disturbing idea to go through and would not give it even a second thought. Women seem to have far greater common sense than the majority of men and I hope they have the opportunity to express their opinions in this matter.

Yours faithfully,  
(Mrs.) D. A. Mills  
1 Bemsted Rd.  
Walthamstow, E.17, Eng.

**Dramatic break-in, rescue**

145 Church St.  
Acton, Ont.  
April 5, 1970

To the Editor:

I would prefer advising you that the Pattersons have just returned from a two week holiday in Sunny Florida, but as you may already be aware, certain things transpired at home in our absence which might be of more interest to some of your readers. How about this?

Imagine your consternation upon hearing that your house had been broken into while you were on holidays, especially after you had asked the Police to keep an eye on things. But then the neighbors came and told us that the Police were around regularly AND THAT THE POLICE THEMSELVES HAD BROKEN IN!!!

The whole thing was quite innocent, of course. It seems that when getting ready to go away and after you check the doors, windows and all the other usual things, you should also make sure that the cat has been put out and has stayed out. We had made arrangements with one neighbor to feed the cat and she noticed that the food was not being touched. Another neighbor spotted a cat inside the house after one

week swinging from the curtains rather frantically. She informed the Police and quite a crowd gathered outside the house to ponder the fate of the stranded cat.

Various means of gaining entrance were investigated and after due discussions by all concerned a window was smashed and the cat dramatically saved. A certain cat-lover volunteered some cat food; another warmed some milk; the window restored and the crowd returned to their normal duties knowing that they had saved one under-nourished feline and done a good deed.

Our sincere thanks to the participants in this little escapade — especially Esther Taylor, the Synnotts, our interested friends and neighbors and the two major culprits in the caper — Jessie Coles and Cons. Roy Wood.

Incidentally, we had a wonderful holiday in Daytona, Florida, and tried to bring back some warm weather with us. We brought it as far as Chatham but lost it there in a snow storm. However, I have a feeling that it may show up around here soon like all misplaced things do.

Hugh Patterson

**Jiggy Joggers tour Guelph sugar bush**

The Rock-a-long Jiggy Joggers, a group of 4-H'ers affiliated with the Rock-a-long Women's Institute held their last meeting on date of March 28 at the home of leader Mrs. John R. Thomson of R. R. Rockwood.

Due to the absence of president Mrs. Joan Ramsay, vice-president Lois Hamilton chaired the meeting at which the executive consisting of Carol Law, secretary, Marian Coulson, reporter, and Elizabeth Jackson, assistant leader, were all present along with 13 other members.

After the adjournment of the formal meeting the girls then enjoyed a pot-luck supper which they had prepared and then Mrs. Thomson escorted the girls on a tour through the sugar bush owned by Harry Thomas, situated near the Centennial Park north of Highway 24 towards Guelph.

The tour began immediately upon their arrival at the farm and they were allowed to investigate the sugar barn on the premises and then hike through the sugar bush. They saw the pipe line and bucket system method of procuring sap and many of them participated in dumping the syrup laden

buckets after which they returned to the barn where they saw first-hand the boiling-down operation and were allowed to test the results through various stages right to the final sampling of maple sugar.

At the culmination of the outdoor escapading the Jiggy Jogging 4-H'ers then returned to the Thomson home in Rockwood where they participated in a short period of square dancing and refreshment consumption.

**Family get-together, shower held in Everton**

Sunday, April 5 was a memorable date for the Milne families in both Rockwood and Acton when Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jestin of Everton entertained their nephew and his new bride at their home with a combined family get-together and bridal shower.

Paul and Gloria Milne of Acton were married in the St. Alban's Anglican Church on date of March 12 and were entertained after the event by the brides' parents Mr. and Mrs.

**Silver anniversary celebrated by couple**

Rockwood's Town Hall was the scene of the happy 25th wedding anniversary party for the Lloyd Waddells of Guelph Street when Lloyd and Helen were feted to a dance and buffet supper by their sons Paul and Mike, assisted by daughter Mary Anne and her grandmother, Mrs. Robert Waddell of Toronto.

Sixty-five friends, neighbors, and relatives were together from

Chicago, Port Hope, Toronto, and Rockwood, to participate in the festivities and the two celebrities were presented with a coffee table and two matching end tables purchased especially to fit in with their living room decor.

After dancing to the music provided by Gordon Green of Guelph the surprise presentation was made after which a delicious cold supper was served. Special guests for the occasion included Mike and Diane from Petrolia, Mr. Nixon Hunter from Chicago, Mrs. Ivor Monk, Mrs. Waddell's mother from Toronto; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Waddell, Lloyd's mother and father also from Toronto.

**No action**

At the regular meeting Monday night Esqueing Council was reluctant to endorse a resolution passed by Burlington council asking county council to apply to the provincial legislature for a private bill to establish a Halton-only region, with representation based on population.

"We better wait until we see if Burlington's going to be in Halton before we endorse it", deputy-reve Tom Hill advised.

**Letter asks no raceway**

A letter from Georgetown lawyer Peter Heslin Monday night asked Esqueing Council not to allow the establishment of the proposed Halton Automobile Raceway near Milton.

Mr. Heslin represents township ratepayer William Lawson, an opponent of the raceway.

The letter reminded council the Halton County Health Unit had advised them municipal water and sewers were essential for the project and the town of Milton had since refused to supply these services.

The letter also referred to the petition Mr. Lawson had circulated among residents of the area of the proposed raceway. The petition, opposing the establishment of the raceway was signed by 86 per cent of the 375 residents contacted.

**Widen road**

Maple trees on highway No. 25 north of Acton are being cut down and telephone poles are being moved back, ready for widening the road from Acton to Ospringe. Grading is also underway along this stretch.

**COMIN'S AND GOIN'S**

Mrs. Max Milne of Guelph Street was the hostess to the weekly ladies' Euchre club last Monday afternoon when Mrs. Rose Oakes, Mrs. Florence Till and Mrs. Alice Doby, met at her home.

Mrs. Ron Williamson made a special visit to Rockwood this week to visit with friends at the home of Mrs. Audrey Hudson and also used the occasion as one to display her new vocation of fashion make-up.

The weekend sunshine laid bare some long grass outside the Guelph Centennial High School last Monday, and, during a lunch hour period it was ignited by a cigarette. The fire which resulted required the aid of the area Fire brigade who put out the smouldering grass within minutes of their arrival. Spring really has arrived.

Mrs. Florence Till spent last weekend in Fergus with her niece and had an enjoyable visit.

Rick Wall is now employed in the Royal Bank in Midland and just a few days ago returned there after a two week visit with his mother and grandmother in Rockwood.

Rumour has it that the magazine "Showcase" has had reporters in the area checking on places of local interest and intrigued by rumblings that Rockwood is fast becoming a habitat for antique enthusiasts.

Sunday hikers were out in full force enjoying the robins and other fresh signs of spring in the Rockwood countryside this week and horseback riding enthusiasts were also to be seen on many roads in the vicinity of the village.

Thirty-four J. A. girls were to be found in the St. John's Parish Hall last Monday evening, participating in a pancake spree eat-in when 6 of the girls composed of an older group under the direction of Christine Sinclair, prepared for their Homemaker badge and were responsible for the purchasing.

preparing, serving, consuming, and clean up of the succulent batter cakes. Guests at the delightful repast were Rev. and Mrs. Ken Cardwell.

Caroline Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gray of Rockwood, has already been feted to two family showers in anticipation of her coming wedding, one of which was a cup and saucer shower and the other miscellaneous.

The Guelph Little Theatre will be presenting "Never too late", a summer comedy by Sumner Arthur Long, on dates of April 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, and 17th, with the curtain up at 8:15 p.m. and for information re tickets phone 821-0270.

**Water by-law**

At the Monday afternoon meeting of the Eramosa Township Council the township enacted the by-law, subject to the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board, for providing water and sewage services within the Police Village of Rockwood at the request of the Rockwood Village trustees, with a possibility of availability of such service by the end of 1971.

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**HAPPENINGS AT ROCKWOOD CENTENNIAL SCHOOL**

By Jody Hospes Grade Eight

April 3 — Grade seven had a floor hockey game. The 'Yellow's' with captain Dean Bridges defeated the 'Red's' with captain Ron Kelly 11-5.

April 2 — Grade eight had a floor hockey game. The 'Red's' with captain Charlie M. defeated the 'Yellow's' with captain Charlie A. 8-4.

April 6 — Grade's five and six had a floor hockey game. The 'Yellow's' with captain (unknown) lost against the 'Red's' 5-0.

Mr. Love challenged any two people to a game of ping pong for ten cents each. He used a pot instead of a ping pong racket. If you defeated him you would win a dollar. So far no one has beaten him. The money he won was donated to the Quebec Education Tour.

On Friday, April 3 the grade seven's held a bake sale for the student's of R.C.S. in order to raise money for the Quebec Trip. From this \$36. was made.

On Friday night the senior citizens and parents of Rockwood had a dance at R.C.S. This was also to raise money for the Quebec Trip. A large crowd was on hand and a good time was had by all.

Next Tuesday there will be a basketball and volleyball game against Eramosa Public school which will decide which school gets the Love-Marian trophy.

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