

# Maple leaf dishes ordered for Canada Week in Japan

Maple leaf dishes produced near Acton will be on sale this fall in Tokyo, Japan, during Canada Week.

Four buyers in a Japanese trade delegation came to Toronto recently to place orders, and when John Secord of White Oaks Ceramics showed them his wares, they ordered 160 of the gaily colored maple leaf dishes. He was one of many who had half-hour appointments with the delegation, displaying all kinds of products including canned food.

These dishes will go to a chain store in Japan, much like Eaton's here, as far as Mr. Secord can ascertain.

The dishes come in various colors.

Since John and Sharon Secord have started White Oaks ceramics of R. R. 3, north of Acton, business has grown steadily. They have a wide range of attractive products such as mugs, ash trays, vases, figurines, salt and peppers and banks. The articles are moulded, fired, glazed and hand painted in the workshop next to their home.

About 40 per cent of their total sales this year are going to the United States, where they now have agents. In August some of their ceramics will be going along through the southern United States in a trade caravan, sponsored by the Canadian government.



MAPLE LEAF dishes destined for Japan are shown by White Oaks Ceramics owner John Secord (right) who is being helped by his brother Jimmy (left). The R.R. 3 ceramics firm has a new order for 160 of the Canadian souvenirs to go to a store in Tokyo for Canada Week there in the fall.—(Staff Photo)

# Rezoning applicants must now bear full cost will eliminate 50 foot lot owners' "hangup"

From now on, the applicant must pay the full cost of having land rezoned.

Tuesday night council agreed with planning board's recommendation to charge the full cost to the person or governing body making the application.

Mayor Duby pointed out last year the town had to pay as high as \$800 for a zoning change, and most of the applicants are developers, men financially able to bear the cost.

All councillors favored the change.

A deposit of \$200 will now be required with each application to planning board for rezoning,

and the remainder or refund will be assessed later when the rezoning is approved.

Planning board had received a suggestion from council that \$100 be charged but after discussion the planners had upped that figure to the full cost.

Council promptly agreed.

Council also agreed with planning board's recommendation for an amendment to the zoning by-law which would permit building or erection of additions to houses on 50 foot lots.

This will eliminate the necessity of many homeowners making application to the

committee of adjustment, to permit a minor variance, before they can build. The application costs \$25.

Mayor Duby commented: "An unjust zoning regulation is being corrected. It's very valid... it was a hangup."

When the zoning by-law is amended, it will permit the erection of dwelling units, or alterations, on lots having less than the required frontage (under 60 feet) when the by-law was passed, if all other

requirements of the residential zone are complied with.

Clerk-administrator Joe Hurst pointed out that about 60 per cent of Glenlea lots and 90 per cent of the Leishman survey have 50 foot lots.

With the change, these owners may build a garage or verandah without a committee of adjustment application. A building permit is still required.

The amendment prevents developers building new homes on 50 foot lots.

# 13 trainees at workshop plan extension, residence

L'Arche Auxiliary of Acton held their April meeting at the Acton Public Library opening with a prayer for the retarded read by the president, Mrs. J. Conroy.

The trainees enjoyed bowling for the third time as guests of Mr. and Mrs. K. Hulford, Mrs. Joan Knight gave her time to serve refreshments.

There are now 13 trainees employed at the A.R.C. workshop in Hornby. They are busy rewebbing lawn chairs and chaise lounges in readiness for summer. Anyone interested in having chairs done can contact Mrs. Conroy 853-2063 or Mrs. Kuiken 853-1175.

Mrs. Conroy and Mrs. Kuiken were present at the executive meeting in Hornby and were told of plans to build an extension adjacent to the workshop. Negotiations are underway to buy land on the 7th Line near the workshop and Sunshine school to build a residence for the retarded.

There will be a general meeting at the workshop in Hornby, May 5 at 8 p.m. Slides

of retarded olympics are to be shown.

The president of North Halton Association for the mentally retarded will give a review of what members hope to accomplish in the coming year.

The general public are cordially invited to attend.

Some members of the local auxiliary will be attending the convention in Hamilton dealing with all aspects of retardation. Members of Georgetown and Milton auxiliaries will also attend.

The next meeting will be held May 27, at 8 p.m. at the Acton Public Library and members are hoping this time to see more parents of retarded children participate.

## Free Press Local News Items

SPRING'S HERE, and it's the first day of the rest of your life.

AREA GOLF courses were jam-packed on the weekend.

WATSON'S restaurant was closed while a new floor was laid.

THERE WAS a good crowd at the high school Friday evening to see the movie The Love Bug.

EASTER SEAL returns are still dribbling in to the Rotary Club.

ACTON O.P.P. remind motorists with studded snow tires that they must be removed before May 1. It is illegal to drive in Ontario with studded tires after April 30.

### OBITUARY

## James McGladrey was farmer, carpenter

James McGladrey, well-known resident of Acton, passed away suddenly April 18, in his 72nd year at the Guelph General hospital. He was the son of the late Adam and Sarah McGladrey, formerly of Alma, Ontario.

He is survived by his wife Matilda (Tilly) Kopisky and daughter Eynonne (Mrs. Harry Van Der Heyden) Acton; two brothers Alex, Nanaimo, B.C., and George, Thornton, Ont., and two sisters Lizzie (Mrs. Hugh Murdoch) Palmerston, and Mary (Mrs. Ernest De Rosier), New York.

Tom, Jack and Bill of B.C., also Margaret (Mrs. David Moir) formerly of Elora predeceased him.

## Claim dog control unfair

Complaints about dog control in the Stewarttown area were lodged by three township residents at Monday night's meeting of Esquering Council.

Cec Walker, Robert Thoms and Oscar Robb claimed the present system of dog control is unfair to both residents and animals and asked for a change in the by-law. Esquering hires a dog catcher to patrol the villages of Stewarttown, Norval, Glen Williams and Linehouse.

Mr. Thoms was upset about having to pay \$7 to get his dog back from the dog control officer.

Reeve George Currie sympathized with the protesters, but reminded them "There are dogs rambling around down there that don't belong." The reeve also recalled a recent incident, in which a resident lost 37 prize rabbits.

Mr. Robb was unhappy about having to confine his own dog, while at the same time putting up with stray dogs.

"The greatest percentage of Stewarttown residents are not worried about dogs from within the village," Mr. Walker pointed out.

Council agreed to take the matter up with the dog control officer.

# Slides of gardens at Golden Age club

By Mrs. Elsie Reed  
A short business meeting of the Golden Age Club on Tuesday, April 21 preceded a wonderful entertainment. The usual reports were quickly dealt with.

A show of hands showed it was not the wish of the club to send a delegate to the annual convention of United Senior Citizens to be held at Queen's University, Kingston, Aug. 25-26.

The president reported a primary grant of \$150 was coming from the town council to be used for whatever the club wished to do with it. Acton Club will be responsible for one item of the program at the zone picnic, June 25. It was decided to sponsor a thread-the-needle race and provide a prize for the mystery draw.

Mr. Barber, from Georgetown Horticultural Society, an ardent and knowledgeable grower of flowers and a specialist in lilies, gave an interesting talk on the planting and care of many varieties. With the assistance of Mr. Coles beautiful colored pictures were shown, mostly

from gardens in Georgetown and vicinity but some of gardens in New Zealand, Ottawa and Niagara Falls and some marvellous pictures of the brilliant autumn colors of nearby woods.

A question and answer period followed and members were invited to the flower shows of the Georgetown Horticultural Society free of charge, mainly a special one on June 20. Mrs. Shoemaker and Mrs. Finnimore had prepared a wonderful program which was thoroughly enjoyed. Mrs. Gertrude Clark and Mrs. Shoemaker each gave lovely readings.

Miss Jean McLean gave instrumental solos on the piano including the beautiful Moonlight Sonata and accompanied Miss Dorothy Simmons whose wonderful singing of How Great Thou Art was very moving and inspiring to all. Miss McLean and Miss Simmons led in a couple of short singings.

Mr. and Mrs. Cam Agnew's wedding anniversary came in April and they were saluted with the anniversary song.

Despite the illness of some of the committee a nice lunch was served with the help and co-operation of some of the members.

Winners of prizes for the open euchre on April 7 were ladies' Mrs. Baines, Mrs. Osborne; gents Mrs. McCutcheon, Mrs. Allen.

Winners in crokinole: ladies Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Warne; gents Mr. Healey, Mr. Warne.

Provincial Responsibility  
The Federal Government administered the forests of the three Prairie Provinces up to 1930. Since then, all forests are administered by provincial governments except those in the Territories, National Parks, Indian Reserves and a few other small areas.

## O.P.P. REPORT

During our reporting week of April 19, the men at the Acton Detachment while working 197½ hours, patrolled 607 miles of town roads.

A total of nine charges were laid and six warnings issued for infractions of the Highway Traffic Act.

There was one accident investigated in which one driver was charged with failing to yield the right of way. This involved property damage only.

One driver was charged with impaired driving when observed driving in an erratic manner.

One minor was charged with consuming and issued a summons.

There was one subject arrested and charged with causing a disturbance in a public place. Another subject was charged with vagrancy when found

sleeping in an auto.

Two other occurrences involved a broken window and an alleged poisoning of a dog.

Two charges of loitering under the town by-law were laid. At this time of the year it is expected that further charges of this occurrence will result.

The provincial court in Milton saw 22 convictions registered and fines totalling \$360.

Now that the nice weather is upon us, it might be remembered that a lot of the younger children are taking to their bicycles and are darting here and there, and a little added caution is advisable while motoring on our town streets, in case some youngster is forgetful of some rules pertaining to driving on our streets.

—Prov. Const. E. B. Kressler.



ACTON FIREFIGHTERS acted quickly to smother a grass fire on the property of Cliff Boles on the Fifth Line of Nassagawya, near 20 Sideroad, last Wednesday afternoon. Firefighters received the call about 3.30.—(Staff Photo).

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