

What Council did

At the regular meeting Tuesday, Acton council:

• Introduced, read and passed a by-law to change the zoning to allow Becker's Milk to proceed with new stores at the corner of Queen St. and Churchill Rd. S. Becker's has a permit from the Department of Highways and O.M.B. approval. Entrance to the small plaza will be from the west on Queen St. and the exit on Churchill Rd. S.

• Introduced and passed a by-law to change the zoning from R3 to RM to permit construction of two 3-storey apartment buildings on property owned by Mrs. Hazel Orr, Bower Ave. "Property owners will have a chance to oppose if they so desire," said Reeve Frank Oakes.

• Passed a resolution accepting the recommendation of the works committee to proceed with painting of the elevated water tower on Main St. S. at a cost of \$1,900. The exterior of the tower will be painted aluminum blue and lettering "ACTON" red with a black outline.

• Passed a motion authorizing a proclamation for Decoration Day and agreed to assume cost of the programs.

• Granted permission to Mrs. Helen Laughlin to attend the Meals on Wheels and Homemakers services of the V.O.N. in Georgetown representing the town. The deputy-reeve opposed the motion until more information was available. He maintained the service was available through the county.

• Passed two resolutions to apply to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for permission to accept cash of \$2,625 in lieu of transfer of lands for park purposes to the town from the Heritage Homes for their Churchill Rd. development and later another resolution that the money be spent on parks development in Acton if the minister's approval is received. Councillors Coats, Marks, Chapman and Masales voted for the motion. Opposed were the deputy-reeve and Councillors Greer and McKenzie who felt the money should stay in a fund for future park development in the Churchill area or other acquisitions the board must make.

• Introduced and passed a by-law to appoint a lottery licence officer and setting a fee schedule for the issuance of lottery licences. Fees for bingo where the total value of prizes does not exceed \$500 will be \$2. If prizes exceed \$500 and is no more than \$3,500 the fee will be 2 per cent of the value of the prize. Fees for raffles will be 2 per cent and bazaars \$2. Councillor Marks opposed the motion contending the \$2 fee would be ample to cover administration costs for all lotteries. He said all lotteries were for charity and it was discrimination to take more from one than the other. He also said the Minister of Financial and Commercial Affairs' fee suggestions were the maximum. Council, however, contended there were hidden costs for policing that the \$2 fee would not cover.

Deputy-reeve Ted Tyler Jr. presided for the Committee of the Whole session and Reeve Oakes, in the absence of the mayor, conducted the regular session of council.

Stolen car

A car, stolen in Milton, was located on Mason Blvd. Acton police say charges are pending.

Open new plant Saturday May 30

Official opening of Acton's water pollution control plant has been set for Saturday, May 30, at the site off Churchill Rd. S. Special guest speakers will be the Hon. George Kerr, the Minister of Energy and Resources, M.P. Rud Whiting and Acton native John Barr, who is an official with the Ontario Water resources Commission.

Council completed arrangements for the opening Tuesday with clerk-administrator Hurst acknowledging Mr. Kerr, Mr. Whiting and Mr. Barr all promising to attend. A reception will follow.



PORT CREDIT RADIO-TV repairman John Kaminsky shows Ron Derbyshire of Hamilton one of the antique guns that won him first prize of \$10 for his general display at the Halton Antique Arms Collectors Association show, held at the Acton Music Centre Sunday. Also admiring John's collection are Association members Hank Ruppert and John Shadbolt, both of Acton. —(Staff Photo)

Spectators fill Music Centre for antique gun display

Antique gun enthusiasts from as far away as Collingwood, Port Hope, Peterborough and Tillsonburg filled the Acton Music Centre Sunday morning for the Halton Antique Arms Collectors' Association inaugural display.

Secretary-treasurer Hank Ruppert and local Chamber of Commerce president John Shadbolt, both avid gun collectors and active members of the Association, organized the event after attending similar

shows in Burlington and Oshawa. Although the display was scheduled to be open to the public from nine until four, most exhibitors began packing their equipment about two, in order to make it home in time to spend part of Mother's Day with families.

Mr. Ruppert called the show "a huge success", nevertheless. Exhibitors began arriving at 7.30 and in little more than an hour all 41 display tables were occupied.

Officials estimate the total number of exhibitors and spectators reached well over 300 during the peak part of the morning.

"For a first time show, this has possibilities of becoming the best" exhibitor John Kaminsky commented.

Mr. Kaminsky, who has attended numerous shows throughout the province, received a \$10 cash prize for his general exhibit. Spectators were asked to vote for their choice of the outstanding display.

Valued at well over \$2,000, the Port Credit radio and TV repairman's display was made up mostly of Winchesters, but also included a German luger, a set of duelling pistols and a rare knife, an "Arkansas toothpick", which was used for cutting tops of turkeys in the 1800's.

The first gun to bear the Winchester name, one of the rifles is worth \$700.

The Kaminsky collection represents six years of searching and more than 3,000 miles of travelling. All items are registered.

The Halton Association, headed by Lee Maghughlen of Georgetown, increased its membership from 75 to 125 during the event. Most members live in the Toronto-Hamilton and North Halton areas.

Firefighters douse blaze save Erin township house

Interior damage of close to \$700 resulted from a fire at the home of Russell Johnston, Lot

7, Concession 5, of Erin Township, Tuesday afternoon. Acton Firefighters were called to assist the Erin brigade in dousing the blaze, believed to have been started in the living room.

The fire destroyed the front door of the house, burned an area of the floor and spread to the attic, but firefighters were able to save the house.

The Erin brigade experienced difficulty with their water pump at first, but the Acton truck arrived in time to supply water.

Wire stolen hydro building

On Monday morning the theft of two rolls of weather-proof copper wire from the Hydro building was reported to Acton police. The south door to the shed has been forced open, apparently during the weekend. The value was estimated at \$65.

Police are still investigating and say they are confident the culprits will be apprehended.

Blue outfits in N.S. bank

The women employees of the Bank of Nova Scotia have decided to wear attractive bright blue "uniforms" during working hours. Each one has bought a dress, skirt and jacket which can be worn with different scarves or blouses to add contrast.

The picture's attractive, looking in through the new huge front window edged with orange curtains.

Resurface in June

Roads in Lakeview subdivision will be resurfaced in June when weather is more amenable to the surface material, Acton council was told Tuesday.

Clerk Joe Hurst said the surface treatment applied last fall, which the works committee of council was unhappy with, would be done so well the engineer claimed everyone would be satisfied when it was finished.

Disturbance outside hotel

A local man was arrested and charged with creating a disturbance Saturday morning at 1 a.m. during a fight outside the Dominion Hotel. Both Cons. Wood and Cons. McArthur had a struggle to maintain the peace, and appreciated the help of the one man in the watching crowd who came to their assistance.



ACTON FIREFIGHTERS were called to help the Erin brigade extinguish a blaze at the home of Russell Johnston, Lot 7, Concession 5, of Erin township Tuesday afternoon. —(Staff Photo)

Dragway open in June Milton trial called off

The Golden Horseshoe Dragway, between the Fifth and Sixth Lines of Esqueping, east of Acton will be ready for racing about the middle part of June, owner Carl Bristow told the Free Press this week.

Grading is presently being carried on and the strip should be ready for paving by the end of this month, Mr. Bristow said.

The dragway's control tower is under construction, but work on two washroom buildings has barely started and lighting and fences have yet to be installed.

A civil action by residents in the area of the dragway, which was to have been heard at the Ontario Supreme Court sitting in Milton Monday was postponed, Peter Bowman a spokesman for the group, told the Free Press.

Mr. Bowman said plaintiffs served notice of discontinuation of trial on the advice of their lawyer.

Mr. Bristow appeared at Monday night's meeting of Esqueping Council to ask about council's intention of imposing by-laws restricting operation of the dragway.

Although the matter was discussed at length, council made no decision but assured

Mr. Bristow they would give it serious consideration between now and the dragway's scheduled mid-June opening.

Mr. Bristow indicated he would prefer an 11.30 curfew to one of 11 p.m. for weeknight racing. In any case, weeknight racing would be started early enough so that it would be completed by whatever hour is set by council, he said.

"If you give us hours we can live with, we'll keep well within them," Mr. Bristow told council.

Mr. Bristow told council the dragway would be in operation only two weeknights, but asked if they would have any objections to a midnight curfew on Friday and Saturday nights.

Deputy-reeve Tom Hill indicated he would go along with an 11.30 curfew, but added, "I can't go along with midnight."

Councillor Wilfrid Leslie said he thought council should consider letting nearby residents have a few hours sleep at night. Councillor Russell Miller said "11.30 definitely."

Reminding council several drag strips operate Sunday afternoons, when the weather becomes chilly in the fall, Mr. Bristow asked about the possibility of Sunday racing.

"We have from now until fall to consider this question," Councillor Ken Marshall commented. "Perhaps by fall we'll have a better idea of what this thing's like," he added.

In answer to Mr. Bristow's question about having dust on the Fifth Line kept under

control, deputy-reeve Hill referred the owner to roads superintendent Bud Snow. "We'll have it done, then bill you for it," the deputy-reeve said.

Mr. Bristow made it clear he didn't want to be accused of putting an extra load on the road, then not keeping it up.

Spectator access to the dragway is to be off the Fifth Line.

Regarding police protection, the deputy-reeve directed Mr. Bristow to the North Halton detachment O.P.P.

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