



MAKING PICTURE frames was a project for Acton Cubs at Monday's meeting where Akela Forbes Cole right, helps Michael Waltes adjust side pieces while other Cubs watch.—(Staff Photo)



NAILING birch picture frames together is a tongue twister for Jerry Wardle. Cubs had pictures of ships and wildlife to frame at a meeting Monday night.—(Staff Photo)



ONE OF THE FINISHED pictures is Cubs Adam Swetman, left, and Jerry Wardle. The attractive birch frames were proudly displayed by Cubs.—(Staff Photo)

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Pollution expert says Acton should heed waste factor

Installation of pollution control devices can result in increased profits for manufacturers, University of Waterloo biologist Dr. John Pasternak told a dinner meeting of Acton Chamber of Commerce at the Dominion Hotel Wednesday night.

Dr. Pasternak, one of the founders of Pollution Probe, a non-profit public action group organized to bring attention to the dangers of pollution, said some companies, asked to put in pollution control devices, have shut down and put people out of work rather than accede.

To prove his profit point, Dr. Pasternak cited an example of a

grain elevator in western Canada which was creating a pollution problem for residents nearby because of an excess of grain dust. Electrostatic precipitators were installed in the elevator, the dust was compacted into small pellets and the owner made almost three-quarters of a million dollars selling the pellets as chicken feed.

"There have been dozens of other similar instances," he said.

Must enforce

The speaker admitted there isn't much the individual can do to stop industrial pollution until certain standards are enforced, but at the same time offered the

group a suggestion on how to help combat smaller forms of pollution.

"Communities should ask their councils to start separate paper collections whether it's profitable or not," he suggested. Dr. Pasternak claimed paper can be re-cycled up to 30 times.

"It would be a feather in Acton's cap if they were the first to do it," he said.

Dr. Pasternak pointed to the multiplication factor to convey how serious throwing wrappers or other garbage out of car windows can be.

"Individuals may think nothing of throwing garbage on the floor,

but when you multiply that by millions of people it adds up," he explained. Man averages five pounds of waste a day, he added. "All of us in some way contribute to pollution."

Asked why manufacturers prefer to use disposable bottles for their products instead of returnable types, Dr. Pasternak said he thought the initial capital outlay required to use returnable bottles acts as a deterrent to their use.

Why the fuss?

Why all the fuss about pollution now when nothing was said about it 20 years ago?

"We're just now beginning to

see the hidden inter-relationships between all things on earth," he explained.

The speaker told the group that people, as living organisms, have living action with the non-moving world and referred to a famous quotation, "England owes her glory to her old maids" to illustrate how all things are inter-related.

The strength of the Britons came from eating good beef, he explained. Good beef was produced by having cattle feed on good clover. Clover must be cross-pollinated by bumble bees. Field mice eat bumble bees, but cats eat mice and old maids generally keep lots of cats, he went on.

In another example, Dr. Pasternak told of the World Health Organization's efforts to eradicate malaria in Borneo. Villages and residents of the island were sprayed with DDT. The dose of DDT helped cut down malaria but it also had a disadvantageous side effect — it

destroyed a lot of insects. Miniature iguanas began to eat the DDT infested insects. The iguanas in turn were gobbled up by cats who are extremely susceptible to DDT.

Villages in Borneo suffered a tremendous loss of cats which led to an over-population of jungle rats which moved into the villages and began biting children during the sylvatic plague. Eventually the R.A.F. parachuted thousands of cats into the villages to get rid of the rats.

"I don't mean to criticize the World Health Organization", he said. "I'm just pointing out some good ideas can have unforeseen side effects."

Mercury pollution

A perfect example of this is the well known discovery of mercury pollution in the Great Lakes. Mercury was dumped into the water because it would sink to the bottom of the lakes and be forgotten about. Later, mercury poisoning was discovered in fish.

Dr. Pasternak named Dow Chemical as the main culprit in mercury dumping. The company was recently sued for \$35,000,000 by the provincial government when company and government officials were unable to agree on a remedy to the situation.

"Dow were putting from 50 to 200 pounds of mercury into the water even though they were losing as much as \$2,000 a day in inventory," Dr. Pasternak claimed.



DR. JOHN Pasternak, a University of Waterloo biologist and a member of Pollution Probe addressed a meeting of Acton Chamber of Commerce at the Dominion Hotel last Wednesday night. Chamber president Roy Goodwin looks on as Dr. Pasternak makes a point. —(Staff photo)

Acton travellers return from Mediterranean tour

An 18 day tour of the Mediterranean and bordering countries ended Monday night about 8:15 for 45 students and 17 adults from Acton, when a World Airways 707 jet brought them home to Toronto International Airport on a flight from Rome.

The group left Toronto Thursday March 11, landing in Rome the next morning at 7:30. They travelled by bus to Naples, spending two nights there, visiting the Isle of Capri, before boarding the ocean liner "Ausonia", bound for Beirut, Lebanon.

The ship was to have docked at the Island of Rhodes, just off the coast of Turkey, but 50 mile-an-hour winds whipped up waves

and kept it on a direct course to Beirut.

Sea-sick

Chaperone Keith Black confirmed reports about sea sickness amongst the group during the two days of the storm. "We encountered the tail end of a cyclone and I'd say about half the group became sea sick," he said. "We found the best thing to overcome sea sickness is to remain out on deck and look right at the waves or the horizon."

After stopping at Beirut, where they visited the famous shopping bazaar, the group visited the Island of Cyprus, Ephesus, Knossos in Crete, Syracuse in Sicily and pulled in again at Marseilles, France, where some

of the students spent a day observing in a French high school.

View statue

From Marseilles, the ship sailed to Genoa, Italy, where the group disembarked for the last time. On the way back to Rome they visited the leaning tower of Pisa and viewed the famous Pieta statue, sculpted by Michaelangelo at Florence.

Before leaving Rome, the group received Pope Paul's blessing Sunday at 12 noon. Some students caught a glimpse of Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia on his way to visit the Pope.

Leaving Rome by air, they stopped at Amsterdam Holland for re-fuelling and then came direct to Toronto.

Highlights of the voyage included a guided tour of the ancient city of Ephesus with a top-notch guide, finding snow in the mountains of Lebanon, which are about 4,500 feet above sea level and viewing the Pieta, which brought tears to the eyes of many of the students.

One of the disappointments was the fact that museums in Italy were on strike and not open to the public.

Except for the two day storm and the final three days in Italy, skies were sunny and temperatures rose as high as 75 in Cyprus.

Students will give personal accounts and opinions of the 18 day voyage in the Free Press over the next few weeks.

Ask for suggestions

The Chamber of Commerce is anxious to hear from anyone with suggestions for Citizen of the Year.

Suggestions will be accepted until the deadline Sunday, April 11. Then the committee under chairman John Rol will select the 1971 Citizen of the Year at a special meeting Tuesday, April 13.

All that is necessary is a telephone call to Mr. Rol or any other member of the Chamber of Commerce executive which includes Roy Goodwin, John Shadbolt, Alan Eastwood, John Secord, Kevin Conroy, Don Dupuis, Don McDonald, Paul Nielsen, Mike DeJong, Chester Anderson, Fred Gordon, Bob Davis or Sydney Lamb.

Suggestions will be brought to the special meeting where the merits will be discussed before the final vote is taken to determine the selection.

The dinner and dance to honor this year's nomination for the honor will be held at the music centre April 24. Tickets are available for the event from any member of the executive. The Chamber wants to emphasize tickets will be sold singly for the event as well as couples.

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Two youngsters struck by cars

Two seven-year-old children have been struck by cars during the school holidays. Their injuries were not serious, and no charges have been laid against the drivers of the two cars involved. In each case, the children apparently darted out onto the road.

Albert Harris, 48 Victoria St., was the first seven-year-old to be involved in one of the holiday incidents. Driver of the car was Alvin Clark. The accident happened last Wednesday at 5:05 p.m. on Main St. S.

The boy had a bruised left hip

and was treated by Dr. Hutchison and released.

Cons. Bruce MacArthur investigated.

Sunday accident

The second accident occurred on Young St. at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, Carol Ann Chaisson, seven, of 251 Mill E., also was reported to have run from between parked cars.

Driver involved was Glen Holmes of Church St.

Dr. Garrett treated the girl for a cut forehead.

Cons. Bruce Kressler investigated.

Holy Week services at Trinity next week

Special speaker at the inter-denominational Holy Week services this coming week at Trinity United Church is the Rev. Bill Bothwell.

Many may remember hearing him at the High School commencement two years ago. Mr. Bothwell explains that he has always been vitally interested in the field of education.

Onleave

An Anglican clergyman, he began his ministry as rector of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Toronto from 1952 to 1957, served as

Anglican Chaplain to the U. of T. from 1957 to 1963; became Dean of the Cathedral of Montreal from 1963 to 1968 and also served in that capacity as vice-president of the Christian pavilion at Expo '67. Presently he is on leave from the Diocese of Toronto to work in education. He is also a staff member of the Cathedral in Toronto.

He is heard regularly on the radio.

Of local interest Mr. Bothwell is a cousin of a well-known Actonian, Mrs. Ted Hansen. His home is in Orangeville.

The theme for the three evenings will be entitled, "The Cross in the Centre". Sunday evening's address is "His Cross and Ours", Wednesday evening, "How He accepted the Cross and carried it" and Thursday evening, "How He fell beneath His Cross and died upon it."

Participating

On Sunday evening, the Rev. Gordon Turner and the Rev. Harry Dawson will conduct the service with St. Alban's choir singing and Mrs. Frank Oakes playing the organ.

On Wednesday, the Rev. A. H. McKenzie, the Rev. P. Brouwer and the Rev. F. Byrne will conduct the service; a combined Knox and Baptist choir will sing with Ted Hansen playing the organ.

On Thursday those in charge are Rev. W. Postbury and the Rev. S. Thoman, with the United Church choir and George Elliott at the organ.



THE REV. W. BOTHWELL



BACK TO THE BOOKS, after returning from an 18 day tour of the Mediterranean are these Acton District High students l. to r. Bonnie McKenzie, Susan Shoemaker, Sean Ahearne,

Debra Streets and Anita Braida. Corie Maxwell points to Rome on the map, as Glynis Johnson looks on. —(Staff Photo)

Ask 60 m.p.h. limit

Esqueing Council received a letter from the Department of Highways, recommending that speed limits on the newly repaved stretch of Highway 7 between Acton and Georgetown be updated to 60 miles per hour.

Reeve Tom Hill directed that a letter be sent to the Department, asking them to consider reduced speed areas, from 22 Sideroad north to the bottom of the Silvercreek hill, and from the 6th Line east to the Cedar Springs Motel.