

M.P., mayor tout Acton as GO train stop

M.P. Rud Whiting and Mayor Les Duby told the Free Press this week that they have been "right on top" of the possible extension of the GO transit system proposal being discussed now by federal, provincial and Metro Toronto representatives.

Mr. Whiting has been working at the federal level for some months and has made his own feelings and the mayor's known that the town should be included in the expanded system. It was their joint feeling that the service

should also be extended to Guelph so it would reach the rich market that gravitates out of the Kitchener-Waterloo area.

"I'm sure that if the service was available to Acton people they would use it," said the mayor.

Some risk
Mr. Duby said the town must be prepared to accept the risk of a certain amount of residential development so some of the amenities not available now would be more practical.

Extension of the commuter service to Acton would open up new avenues for business and industrial development as well as attracting new residential building, which in turn would provide more assessment needed to develop the town's potential.

The mayor said he would act on a suggestion from Mr. Whiting to meet with the Ontario deputy-minister Cam McNabb to discuss expansion of the system to Acton, outlining the town's position.

Mr. Whiting also proposes to

tout Acton as a location for industry which found relocating in federal government "designated" areas undesirable. He proposed that the town supply him with a dossier with all the pertinent information so it could go to the proper government departments.

Home mail delivery
GO trains were not the only subject the mayor and M.P. discussed as they broke bread at the Dominion Hotel, as part of periodic meetings to discuss

matters of mutual interest. Also on the agenda was home to home mail delivery.

Mr. Whiting said it required 2500 mail drops for a community to have the home mail delivery service and it was his opinion Acton should be very near that figure. He advised the mayor to look into the possibility of applying for postmen's service now because it takes a year after the application is in before the actual service begins.

People who do not want the

service merely have to request their mail be left at the post office, Mr. Whiting said.

The Halton M.P. also squelched rumors circulating that the Acton customs office would be closed.

There is no basis for the rumors, he said, suggesting they were the product of someone's imagination. He noted that with the large amount of business in the Acton office it would be very difficult to shift it somewhere else where volume was smaller.



WHAT'S A HUCK FINN day at the playground without whitewashing a fence? Leader Susan McPhail grimaces as one contestant in the fence painting splatters whitewash on the boards and spectators, too.—(Staff Photo)



NO. 15 MIKE MARCOUX of the Rams sifts the ball past Brockville goalie Larry Herrington in the third period of Sunday's game which the Essos won 16-13. Mike scored six

goals as Acton fell short of tying the game with a third period surge. The O.L.A.J.C. series is tied up at one game a piece.—(Staff Photo)

M.P. defends House role

Halton M.P. Rud Whiting was present for approximately 68 per cent of the votes taken in the House of Commons, he told the Free Press during a visit to Acton Monday, but he considers the recent attendance survey taken by a professor and given wide prominence, as biased.

"It is not a fair assessment," he told this newspaper, noting he had missed votes in the House because parliamentary business took him elsewhere. Some times things come up which require my presence elsewhere he said, and it is a matter of judgement which is the most important.

Other business
For instance, he continued, "I took a day to attend a railway

hearing in Acton, spent two weeks at the United Nations on government business and was out west on the Regional Economic Expansion Committee business."

"How many votes were taken while I was away?" he asked.

By and large, he said the M.P.'s in Ottawa are sincere dedicated people representing constituents in Ottawa. Most of them have to live with their conscience, and "I for one don't have to cross the street in any Halton municipality when I see people coming", he told the Free Press.

"And I can look them in the eye, too", he concluded.

\$100 scholarship for Joe Petric

Joe Petric has been awarded a \$100 scholarship given by Waterloo Music Company through the Royal Conservatory of Music. Joe auditioned at the Conservatory in Toronto for a scholarship in June, and learned

he had been successful while acting as head counsellor at Ontario Youth Music Camp last month.

The money will be used for his accordion lessons.

2.54 in. rain fell Tuesday

Eighty per cent of the normal August rainfall we experience in this district fell on Tuesday, reports weatherman Walter Lock from his Crewmans Corners station.

Mr. Lock said the rain, which started at about 11 a.m. Tuesday morning and didn't stop until sometime during the night, measured 2.54 inches.

Inquest soon

The date for the inquest into the death of Joseph Roger Lapointe is expected to be set within a few days, according to O.P.P. Cons. Jim Hodgson. Mr. Lapointe's body was discovered in his burning house south of Acton.

At conservatory
Joe goes regularly to Toronto to take accordion lessons from Joseph Macerollo there. In September he is beginning studies for his B. A. at Queens University, but will continue to go to Toronto for a couple of days every second weekend, for accordion lessons and some music courses.

As yet, the University of Toronto music course does not include accordion.

However, Joe explains that with his new accordion, the fingering is like the piano with each note sounded individually. He has wider scope, and can play Bach so the sound is very similar to an organ.

His teacher Mr. Macerollo demonstrated the accordion's scope last Thursday, when he played a Concerto for Accordion as the guest artist with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra at Ontario Place. Joe and George Elliott attended the concert from Acton.

Cycle gang loses booze

Two charges were laid by Acton police during an hour-long confrontation on Mill St. Friday night. Between 20 and 30 members of a Hamilton motorcycle gang had one of their cars searched during a check by police. A seizure was made and one of the Hamilton men was charged with having liquor in other than his residence.

Spectators and another group of motorcyclists were attracted

and there were about 100 people on Mill before the crowd dissolved. Three Acton policemen were there as it was time for their shift change, and North Halton O.P.P. also came along during patrol.

An Acton youth was arrested and charged with being intoxicated in a public place.

The gang bore an unprintable name.

Boxla finals deadlocked resume here Saturday

The third and fourth games of the Junior C lacrosse finals are scheduled here this Saturday at 8.30 and again Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Acton Rams, favorites to take the title from Brockville Essos, emerged from the two opening games with a split decision winning the first game 22-11 but losing Sunday afternoon's contest 16-13 to a tight-checking Brockville team.

The Rams, trailing by three goals in the opening minutes of the first game, came on strong in the last half of the opening period to open a wide gap which the smaller Essos could never close.

Sunday, however, Essos displayed a heady mixture of speed, better goalending and more desire than the Rams and held on to a second period margin to deadlock the series in front of a small but ebullient crowd of home town fans.

The Rams seemed lethargic and failed to play up to the standard they displayed in the opening game on Saturday. Club president Howard Dwyer blamed it on lack of sleep.

"Graduating nurses from a Brockville hospital held their graduating parties at the same motel we stayed at and they kept going as late as 5 a.m. Sunday morning. Some of the palyers didn't get too much sleep." Howard admitted the Essos were an improved club Sunday over their Saturday performance, capitalizing on the "breaks" of the game but he had few kind words for referee Aime LeBlanc of Cornwall whom he felt played the "homer" role for Brockville fans. He called the O.L.A. when he arrived home Sunday to protest.

He was especially critical of LeBlanc's lading of penalties to Fred Barends in the closing minutes of Sunday's game. He dealt the Acton defenseman a 10 minute misconduct, five minutes for fighting and another five for attempting to injure while only dealing five to his ring partner Greg Coutu. Barends' penalties could mean indefinite suspension for the Ram defenseman.

Esso coach Al Herrington admits things might be tougher in the Rams' own rink but he thinks his smaller — and faster — charges can take the series.

The fifth game will return to Brockville the next weekend and if sixth or seventh games are necessary they could return to Acton.

The Rams themselves, smarting from Sunday's defeat think they'll be up for this weekend's games. They are itching to square accounts with some provocation they feel Brockville players gave them in the St. Lawrence city.

In any event Acton arena should be almost at capacity for Saturday's and Sunday's games.

Transfer lad to Toronto

Six-year-old Thomas McGreener of Elizabeth Dr. who suffered a fractured skull in an accident Friday, has been transferred from Guelph General Hospital to Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. He is expected to have an operation, possibly on Thursday.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McGreener.

The boy was riding his bicycle out of his driveway and John Charles Johnson of Manotick, Ontario, was driving along the street when the accident occurred. Mr. Johnson was in town visiting relatives, the Swetmans.

Cons. Boyes investigated and no charge will be laid.

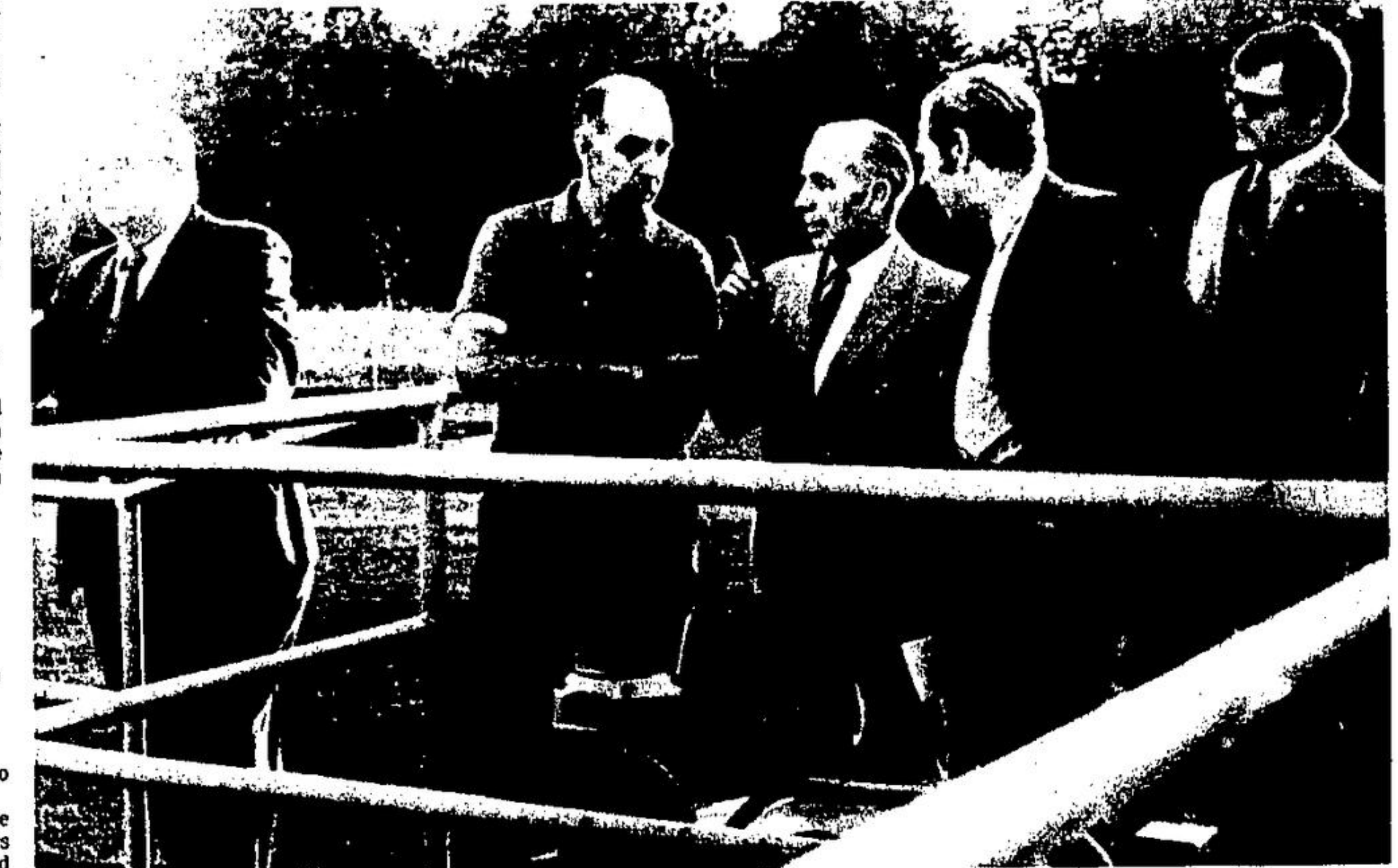
The boy was taken to the Medical Centre where he was examined by Dr. Hutchison and sent immediately by police cruiser to Guelph. His mother accompanied him on the emergency trip, driven by Cons. Roy Wood.

Stolen cars found here

Two stolen cars were found in Acton during the past week. The O.P.P. recovered one on Thursday and another on Saturday. One had been stolen in Nagsaweya township and the other from Milton. One car was undamaged; the other had a broken window.

Wilful damage

Several instances of wilful damage were reported to Acton police during the week. Damage included slashed tires on both cars and bikes.



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Near 90

Trapped two days under tractor

Trapped under his tractor for two days, Ben Tuck of Eden Mills is in Guelph General Hospital recovering. His leg was broken in the farm accident, and there are fears he may lose his foot.

A bachelor near 90 years of

age, Mr. Tuck still farms and keeps beef cattle.

He was last seen leaving his barn on his tractor Saturday evening about 7 o'clock. Monday evening a hunter came to ask his permission to hunt groundhogs on

his property. Finding Mr. Tuck not home and the dog tied up, he went searching and found him lying underneath the tractor.

Neighbors Mr. Masson and Mr. Williams were summoned and arranged to lift the tractor. Mr.

Tuck was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

Mr. Tuck's brother used to live with him but died some years ago. Mr. Tuck had considered selling but had decided he wanted to stay at his home.