

Young drinkers in Acton well behaved—hotel owner

Dropping the age of majority from 21 to 18 has increased business for local hotels but most of problems publicans face still come from drinkers over 21, not young patrons, the Free Press was told this week.

There have been exceptions. Last week a 14-year-old girl was removed from the Station Hotel by police after she was requested to go by management and refused.

Police were called. She was

removed and her parents contacted.

Station Hotel proprietor Don Hamilton noted the waiter had challenged the girl's age when she furnished identification and refused to serve her. Mr. Hamilton said he had instructed his waiters to treat the "kids" honestly and when in doubt about age to ask for identification courteously without exerting undue pressure.

As far as he is concerned the

presence of the younger crowd in the beverage rooms has done something to give the business more class. Most of them have been quiet and well behaved, he said, unlike some of the noisier and more boisterous over 21 drinkers.

"If everyone was as well behaved as the younger crowd there would be few problems for publicans," he asserted.

Mr. Hamilton said he has sold his business to a Toronto man and

was leaving it with no sense of loss. He entered the hotel business with little experience and much enthusiasm but his confidence had slowly eroded with some of the troubles he experienced. He felt, however, he had gained a great deal of insight into human nature during his stay in Acton.

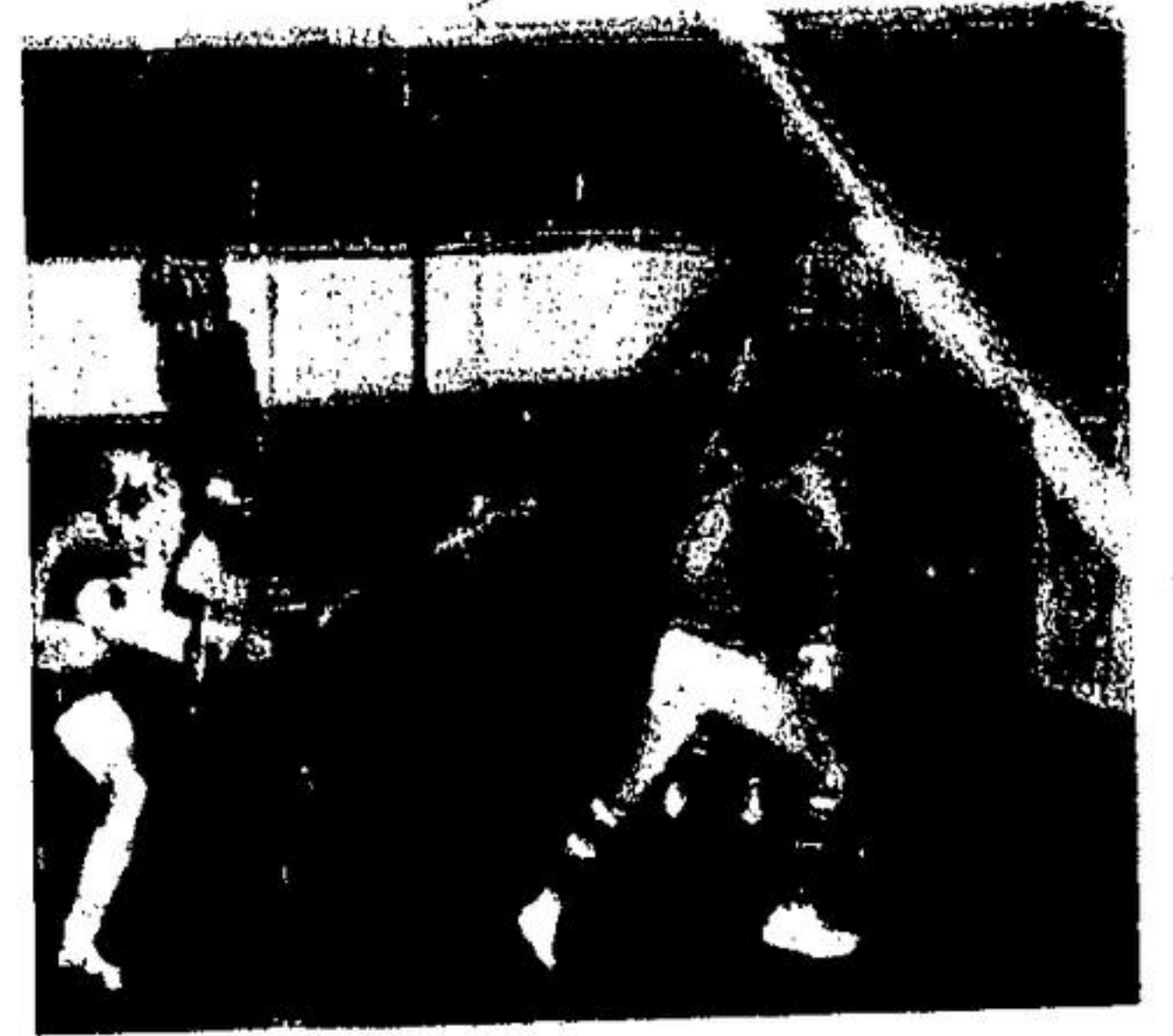
Business at the Station Hotel has increased quite a bit after passage of the new majority law but it was starting to level as the

novelty wore off.

At the Dominion Hotel co-owner Eddie Startek estimated there has been a five to 10 per cent increase in business following passage of the new majority law, a fact he hardly notices now.

Trouble? There has been none at all, says Eddie, with new customers very well behaved.

Mr. Startek thinks the new majority was a move in the right direction.



ACTON RAM forward Paul (Capper 16) sinks a shot in Sunday runaway O.L.A. Junior "C" playoff game here, with Brockville Esso defenseman Kurt Bruckner's team to thwart the attack. Rams took a commanding 3-1 lead in game in the championship series by outscoring the visitors 10-1. Acton could end up with its first provincial sports title since 1951 if Rams can defeat Brockville in the fifth game in Keswickville Saturday at 3 p.m. A large contingent of Rams fans is expected to make the trip for the big game. For full details see the Free Press sports pages.—(Staff Photo)

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One finger typing police false economy, says Marks

Hiring an extra police officer at a salary in the neighborhood of \$10,000 to do one finger typing several hours a week, instead of spending an additional \$5,000 to hire a female stenographer to handle police clerical duties is false economy, in the view of Councillor Peter Marks.

Marks made the statement last night (Tuesday), shortly after serving a notice of motion that council take on additional help to handle clerical duties only in the police office.

Earlier in the year council decided not to hire a stenographer and made no allowance for it in this year's budget, but Councillor Marks, who opposed the decision at that time, re-aired his view at Tuesday's regular meeting.

Investigates

He said his own investigations have shown a significant amount of one finger typing is being done by officers, who are earning salaries in the \$10,000 range. He contended hiring a girl to do work would allow officers more time to "do the job we're hiring them to do."

Councillor Earl Masales, a member of council's Public Works and Utilities Committee, said an OPP officer told him he was quite happy with the work situation this year, but that next year secretarial help might be useful.

"Peter, have there been any complaints from the people?" Councillor Masales asked. "If you hire a girl, you can't let a

mango and it's costing us more money," he suggested.

"But you're getting increased police protection," Councillor Marks retorted.

Councillors differ

According to Marks, Sergeant Spiker of the OPP recommended the addition of one officer, one car and one stenographer to the Acton detachment. But Councillor Jack Greer differed with Marks on his interpretation of the Sergeant's recommendation.

"He said eventually we would need that," Greer commented. Councillor Marks was consoled by the Masales hope that the detachment should have clerical help by the end of the year, but did not budge from his false economy charge.

"It bugs me that we're throwing money away," he said.

"But we're not throwing money," Reeve Frank Oakes said. The reeve reminded Marks that council had not budgeted for clerical help earlier in the year and could not undertake to do it in August.

Masales promised his committee would certainly look into the matter at an upcoming meeting.

Orval Chapman, chairman of the fire and police committee, was absent from the meeting.



DAVID Radcliffe, Frederick Street, celebrated his 91st birthday quietly at home, Monday, August 16.—(Staff Photo)

No more tires in dump

Ron Robinson of Churchill Road appeared before Esquimes Council Monday to discuss dumping of tires in the township dump. Councillor Len Cox charged that Mr. Robinson was "using our dump for disposal of garbage (used tires) from other municipalities," adding that right now there was more tires than waste in the dump.

Reeve Tom Hill agreed they just can't cope with the number of tires and suggested Mr. Robinson take the rejects back to where he picked them up (Hamilton, Toronto, etc) and throw them in THEIR dump. He further explained Esquimes could never get enough dirt out of the place to cover them and suggested there'd be trouble if they ever caught on fire.

Mr. Robinson picks up to 1,000 tires per day, 400 of which go to the dump while the rest are usable.

Rev. Joseph Gillen pastor St. Joseph's

Rev. Joseph J. Gillen, pastor at Elora and the mission church at Fergus, will be the new parish priest at St. Joseph's Church, Acton. He will succeed Father V. J. Morgan who is retiring as pastor of St. Joseph's Acton, after more than 30 years of service.

Father Gillen has been pastor at Elora and Fergus for the past 10 years. Prior to that he was pastor at Chespew. He was born in Wellington County and the family resided in Walkerton for many years.

Father Gillen said he knows no one in Acton except present pastor Father Morgan but he quite often has passed through and liked the area. He begins his duties in Acton Tuesday, September 7.

Rev. John V. Walsh who is currently serving the pastorate of

Chespew and Cargill will succeed Father Gillen in Elora. Meanwhile, parishioners at St. Joseph's Church are planning a reception to honor Father Morgan.

Tower tumbles

Workmen tumbled one of Acton's old landmarks Wednesday morning when the 60 ft. high, 60,000 gallon water tower on the cemetery hill (Main St. S.), fell to the wreckers' hammer. A condominium house development will replace the tower and town garage.

Proposal quite adequate deputy-reeve assured

In spite of a suggestion by Deputy Reeve Garnet McKenzie that a presentation to planning board on the advantages of county planning may not have

been up to par, Councillor Norm Elliott assured the deputy-reeve last night (Tuesday) the presentation made by Councillor Bill Coats was quite adequate and planning board simply had mixed emotions on the matter.

Deputy-reeve McKenzie introduced the question during the regular enquiry period of the Acton Council.

Refers to report

Referring to a newspaper report of the July 15 meeting of Acton Planning Board, the deputy-reeve remarked "I couldn't read into the report in the paper where the person had tried to bring out the good points

of county planning."

Mayor Les Doby, who also attended the July 15 meeting, backed Councillor Elliott's claim that the presentation had indeed been adequate. Elliott is one of council's two representatives on planning board.

Reeve speaks

Reeve Frank Oakes said the way he read the report, one member of the board did most of the objecting to the idea of county planning.

"I think from what I read, one man did all the talking and he went to great lengths to allow his political affiliations to show," the reeve commented.

Enter agreement for dog control

Following an administration committee meeting with a representative of the Ontario Humane Society earlier in the evening, Acton council last night (Tuesday) decided to enter a dog control agreement with the society along with the town of Georgetown and the township of Esquimes.

George Herrington, who has been looking after dog control in the three municipalities, recently tendered his resignation and Acton council subsequently received correspondence from Esquimes Council saying they

were interested in hiring one dog control officer for the three municipalities.

Effective October

The new agreement will cost the town 50 cents per capita and will come into effect, October 1. The Humane Society has pound facilities at its headquarters in Cooksville.

Councillor Norm Elliott pointed out that Acton will now have full access to all services rendered by the society, not just for dogs and cats.

"Even if someone has a racoon in their attic," he said.

Second advantage

Councillor Peter Marks explained another advantage of the new agreement is that the Humane Society will administer the town's by-law.

"They'll actually issue summonses themselves to persons who are violating our by-law," he said.

Judges say Free Press best all-round paper

The Free Press has again won first prize as the best all-round newspaper in its circulation class in Canada.

Results in the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association Better Newspaper competitions were announced this week in conjunction with the association's annual convention in Vancouver, British Columbia. Seven provinces were represented in the winners' circle.

Publisher David Dills is in Vancouver to accept the award.

Judges commented favorably about Free Press pictures which were awarded the highest marks of any newspaper in the competitions. Judge "A" said most entrants appeared to have taken great care in supplying quality local photographs. In particular the Acton Free Press and the Tilbury Times showed "much imagination, good taste and quality printing."

The judge criticized weekly newspapers which used national news and those which editorialized in stories.

"Using national news in a community weekly puts that paper in competition with the dailies," the judge declared. "The

weekly's role is one of supplying the local news and it is better suited to this job than any other medium... If opinions of writers or newspapers show, the article should be on the editorial page or should be by-lined," he concluded.

The Gananoque Ont. Reporter and the Bradford Ont. Witness were second and third behind the Free Press respectively in the best all-round competition.

Other nearby Ontario weeklies to win awards included The Canadian Champion, Milton sister paper to the Free Press which won the best all-round competition as well as a second for the best editorial page in its class, and an honorable mention for an editorial on the War Measures Act by publisher Jim Dills, who is also in Vancouver to accept award.

Slight increase for hydro bills

Acton consumers can expect a "slight increase" in their hydro bills as a result of a new rate structure which goes into effect November 1, this year.

Bob Hanley and Jack Christopher of Ontario Hydro Consumer Services met with Acton Hydro Commission Thursday night, reviewing the commission's financial picture and recommending they adopt new rates. Faced with dwindling resources as a result of "holding the line" on rate increases in the past, the Commission agreed to the new rate structure worked out by the visitors.

The increases and new structure are subject to the approval of the Ontario Hydro, even though their officials worked out the formula.

"It is just a formality," said vice-chairman Ted Tyler.

Accept Civiero tender Mill St. reconstruction

Acton Council has accepted the tender of Civiero Construction at the price of \$41,227.80 for reconstruction on Mill Street W., at the corner of Park Avenue.

Council accepted the tender on the recommendation of its public works and utilities committee.

Deputy clerk Grant Usher has also been instructed to negotiate with Beardmore and Co. a trade of property on the north and south side of Mill Street S., and to have necessary documents and transactions prepared.

Gets rapped for ripping

Ripping up a \$2 Acton parking ticket will cost a Toronto motorist an additional \$74.

Angered when he found the ticket on his car, the visitor proceeded to rip it to shreds in the presence of Acton O.P.P. Constable Roy Wood. Con. Wood then charged him with littering the highway.

Justice of the Peace Murray Allan has issued a twin fine summons, \$53 for littering the highway and \$23 for illegal parking.

—Last week's record rain on the Tuesday washed out driveways and caused havoc at the Ontario Housing Corporation development on Cobblehill Rd. Some nearby residents were engulfed by the moving mass of dirt.



THE HON. Darcy McKeough talks to the press Tuesday.

Toronto-Centered Region plan Allows Acton modest growth

Acton's position in the Toronto-Centred Region plan will remain relatively unchanged from the objectives outlined in Design for Development in May of 1970.

The Hon. Darcy McKeough released a status report on the plan Tuesday at the Cara Inn, Malton, modifying the boundaries of Zone One slightly to include Milton and parts of Brampton and Hamilton but Zone Two which includes Acton and Georgetown and Surrounding townships is to be mainly agricultural, recreational and open space.

Modest growth

Modest natural growth that takes place will be encouraged into the existing urban communities, the report said, but large urban development proposals such as Century City near Stouffville and Centennial City and Castlemore will not be permitted.

Public response to development objectives for Zone Two was the most favorable of all the proposals put forward in the

May, 1970 report, Mr. McKeough said.

Mayor Les Doby who attended the meeting as an official of the Central Ontario Regional Development Council, talked with the Minister and was assured that Acton's size lends itself, to a certain amount of growth.

"If we double our size that would be all we require," the mayor told the Free Press. He

saw the status report as a green light for the town to go ahead with planning to develop new areas. "Now is the time to proceed," he asserted.

Develop eastward

The mayor felt that common sense dictated that the town should grow eastward so no new development would be far from the water pollution control plant or source of water on Churchill Road. This would inevitably mean annexing parts of Esquimes. He felt the Tuesday meeting was enough warrant to proceed with annexing parts of the township.

First step would be for the town to get development proceeding on the Seynuck property and then have room to expand from there in the township.

In what almost amounted to a personal victory for Mayor Brian Best and the town council, Milton has been shifted into Zone One of the Toronto-Centred Region and the Treasurer of Ontario, the Hon. Darcy McKeough said. Milton's capital will be allowed to grow as high as 20-25,000 people on a self-sufficient basis.

Straighten Boundary

Three modifications were made to the original boundaries of Zone One, but the one that affected this area said:

"In the Milton area the Zone One boundary will be straightened to include the present town of Milton and adjoining lands to the west. The new boundary is intended to indicate the ultimate northern limit of a second tier of communities comprising the lakeshore

corridor in its eventual full state of development. For the immediate future, however, the growth of Milton will depend on the extent to which the town is able to provide water and sewage services."

McKeough cautioned against interpreting this as meaning an endorsement for immediate large-scale development, however. Rather, he said, as indicated earlier the growth of urban centres in Zone One must be orderly, compact and properly staged. Population in the zone is allocated at 5.7 million people.

Milton was included in the agricultural and recreational Zone Two in the original development concept proposed for the Toronto-Centred Region released May 5 last year in a curious jog of the boundaries. Mayor Brian Best spearheaded

opposition to the town being included in Zone Two because he felt Milton was the only municipality capable of providing services to North Oakville and North Burlington.

"Natural" growth

The rest of the Halton towns in Zone Two, including Acton and Georgetown, can expect "modest natural growth" which will be encouraged into existing urban communities. With the exception of the northern corridor of cities the government is to maintain land use essentially in its present form, mainly agricultural, recreational and open space.

Population growth in the remaining small communities outside the northern corridor will only be facilitated if the community can demonstrate that

it is self-sufficient in the provision of services at acceptable provincial standards.

McKeough also shot down three large urban development proposals, Century City in the vicinity of Stouffville, and Centennial City and Castlemore to the west of Kleinburg will not be permitted.

This drew the ire of one questioner in the audience who said he was one of the mortgage holders at the Century City site and Mr. McKeough had better stay out of that area when there was an election, because he was very unpopular. A former reeve of the area, the questioner said mortgages amounting to over five million dollars were held by area farmers. He also asserted

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