

Registry office, courts should be in south—Coons

Burlington Deputy Reeve David Coons last week told the administration committee of Halton County Council the registry office and the county courts should be moved to Burlington or Oakville, where the heaviest population is, and leave

the existing county building in Milton for county use. Currently the building is shared by the county and province and houses several county and provincial functions. Expansion of the existing building has been an off-and-on

subject at the county level for three years now. Crowded conditions exist in a number of departments.

Move south
Coons suggested the lawyers wanted the registry office and the courts relocated in the south and

he indicated they are the ones who use them.

When chairman Allan Masson asked Coons to put his feelings into a motion, Coons said he had no motion to make, but felt the matter should be studied. The TECO committee will consider

studying the matter. Warden Jim Swanborough said he couldn't support moving county and provincial facilities to Burlington or Oakville because he felt the geographic balance was important to maintain. Swanborough said Burlington

Mayor George Harrington had appealed to the province to have a registry office opened in Burlington but had not met with any success.

TOWN men worked late Sunday night sanding roads.

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AT LAST, THE STEPS of the Chateau Champlain. Brisk 2 degrees above zero Montreal temperatures soon emptied the streets of Actonians Tyler, Carpenter, Townsley and Nielsen.

No Acton Grey Cup but airlift success

Five flying ambassadors from Acton descended on the Canadian Football League meeting in Montreal Friday with the avowed purpose of making the town and its 1974 centennial well known.

"And we sure did," chuckled centennial commissioner Jack Carpenter, the dreamer who whopped up the Grey Cup promotion that has hit air and TV waves across this country and the United States as well as using up lots of ink.

Although Acton didn't get the Grey Cup, which, of course, no one but the most naive ever thought could happen, the commissioners generated plenty of good will—and interest.

Officially CFL commissioner Jake Gaudaur turned down the Acton request because of the attempt to black out Crewson's Corners. "We receive an awful lot of flack from our fans understandably, and it really was on that point the Acton bid was rejected," Gaudaur quipped to press, radio and TV.

The Acton group which flew down courtesy of CP Air to Montreal, rented a room in the Chateau Champlain, was interviewed by Montreal radio stations, talked to Jake Gaudaur who suggested they might want to apply for the Cup again or "maybe even apply for a franchise."

To show there were no hard feelings, the centennial commissioners agreed to donate the footballs for the 1974 Grey Cup game wherever it is played. (The CFL has made no decision yet.) The football offer was accepted.

Making the morning flight to Montreal on CP Air's executive jet were Ted Tyler Jr., Jack Carpenter, Paul Nielsen, Harold Townsley and Hartley Coles. They returned that same evening fortunate to get a flight out of the city since the airport was partially crippled by the strike of radar technicians. They made the 5:35 flight which took off at 6:55, and were then relayed around Ottawa for a couple of night-time turns before heading for Toronto and home. They arrived in Acton at 9 p.m.

Football writers covering the CFL meeting were almost unanimous in their praise of the favorable publicity Acton received because of the Grey Cup bid.

Even the folks in Oakville supported the Acton bid. In a telegram to Jake Gaudaur, the Oakville and district Chamber of Commerce "strongly endorsed the Acton application to hold the 1974 Grey Cup on virgin sod in the Town of Acton as part of their centennial celebrations."

"As a neighboring community, and part of the County of Halton, we believe Acton is making a great contribution to the welfare of football and Canadian unity in offering their facilities, and guaranteeing an adequate gate return for what is now recognized as an annual national event," the telegram read.

A couple from Saskatchewan who heard Ted Tyler Jr. and Jack Carpenter on a nation-wide radio hook-up with the Acton

story sent their best wishes and \$1.00 with best wishes.

Their names?—Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Acton!

Where did Acton get its name, anyway, they asked? These Actons live at 505 Duke St. in Saskatoon.

While Centennial Commissioners were on their way to Montreal the pilot of the 747 announced they were on board and bidding for the Grey Cup.

The commissioners were ready for the deluge of good wishes and enquiries from passengers and stewardesses. They

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Three accidents during week

Three accidents were investigated by Acton police during the week. Cars, but not their drivers, were damaged.



SHERIDAN College journalism student Wilma Blokhuis is spending a work week at the Free Press. She has written several articles for this week's edition.—(Staff Photo)

Busy bath night

After two calls, Acton police arrested a 17-year-old district youth under the Mental Health Act Saturday. He was taken to Joseph Brant Memorial hospital for psychiatric examination.

The first call at 5:40 p.m. was to McIsaac's service station. The youth was taken home by his father and brother.

The second call was at 11:15 p.m. when the youth had stopped a car and kicked it, causing \$30 damage to the fender.

He was located by police and arrested.

Cons. Bruce McArthur and Brian Pringle made the arrest.

Hotel skirmish

Two charges were laid against an Acton man Saturday at 12:30 a.m. involving incidents at the Dominion Hotel. Charges were for trespassing and causing a disturbance. He was jailed in Milton.

Police were informed by an Acton man of an assault on Saturday evening, but no charge was laid.

A Rockwood waiter who attempted to break up a fight in the Dominion Hotel received cuts and a black eye after midnight Saturday, and an Alliston man also had a black eye. Police say charges are pending.

Charges are pending in connection with shoplifting at the Royal Milk store on Valentine's Day at 4 p.m.

There were two accidents last Friday.

At 7 p.m. two cars were in collision on Mill St. near the railway tracks. Drivers were Doris Steenson, R.R. 4, Listowel, whose car had estimated \$150 damage, and David Bittorf, Acton, who had estimated \$300 damage.

The same day near Hoare's Texaco station a collision involved cars driven by Wilmer Fryer, R.R. 4, and Howard Cornell, Brantford. Damage was placed at \$100 to the Fryer car and \$125 to the Cornell vehicle.

Charges were laid by the investigating officers.

Hit and run

On Saturday police investigated a hit and run accident at the Dominion Hotel parking lot. The car driven by James Mitchell was struck, with the other driver involved leaving the scene. Damage was estimated at \$100 to the Mitchell car. The incident occurred at 11:15 p.m.

On Monday police were informed a stereo and five tapes had been stolen from a car in the Dominion Hotel parking lot.

Pick Citizen of Year

Members of Acton Chamber of Commerce suggest residents put their thinking caps on and come up with some suitable suggestions for 1972 Citizen of the Year.

The Chamber is anxious to receive suggestions for the annual honor any time. They should be addressed to the Chamber care of Box 415 Acton.

Tentative date for this year's Citizen of the Year banquet and dance has been set for April 23.

Paul Faulkner, 11, of R.R. 3, Acton, was killed on Friday, Feb. 11, when hit by a car driven by David Rodgers of Shanty Bay, on Highway 24, near Ospringe, Police said.

Paul darted in front of Rodgers' car while changing buses on his way home from school at 3:35 p.m.

Paul was walking to catch a bus leaving Ospringe public school, after being dropped off a shuttle bus which took him from Rockwood Centennial School, where he was a grade 4 student, along with his twin brother. The boy was taken to Guelph General Hospital where he was

pronounced dead.

"Paul was a very fine cooperative youngster, a happy

\$1,004 total

Organizers of the Ability Fund canvass here this year a very pleased with the total received—\$1,004.72. The last time the canvass was held here, three years ago, the total raised was \$800.

Chairman for the campaign was Mrs. Lorna Pargeter and co-chairman Mrs. Shirley McKeown. Volunteer canvassers called door to door.



Here comes the Judge!

NEW HALTON JUDGE J. Kenneth Blair was officially sworn to office and welcomed as a county and district court judge in a ceremony at the court house in Milton Friday. Sheriff Mac Sprowl of Acton helps the judge adjust his robes. Judge Blair has practiced law in Guelph for over 30 years.—(Staff Photo)

New county judge sworn into office

Over 300 well-wishers were on hand at the County Court House in Milton Friday when J. Kenneth Blair, Q.C., a Guelph lawyer, was officially sworn in as a county judge. Judge Blair's appointment was announced late in December.

His new title is Judge of the County and District Courts of the Counties and Districts of Ontario, Local Judge of the High Court of Justice for Ontario, Surrogate Court Judge, and Local Master of the Supreme Court of Ontario.

Friday's ceremony, presided over by Chief Judge Colin Bennett and Halton's senior Judge Alan B. Sprague, included three sworn oaths for the three offices, plus the oath of allegiance to the Queen, Gordon E. Madill, Local Registrar of the Supreme Court of Ontario, clerk of the surrogate court, administered the oaths.

Judge Blair changed his black lawyer's robe for the purple robe of a county judge after the oaths, and was escorted to the bench by Halton Sheriff J. M. "Mac" Sprowl.

Halton MP Rud Whiting, Halton East MPP and Minister of Public Works James Snow and Judge Blair's family, including his wife Helen, son Geoffrey, daughter Nancy Liscombe and her husband occupied seats of honor. There were 11 other county court judges, four provincial judges, Judge-designate Janet Boland of York County Law Association life members Hughes Cleaver, T. A.

Hutchinson and Cecil Putman on hand to witness the ceremony.

30 years lawyer

Judge Sprague introduced Judge Blair and reviewed his background in law work, including a practice in Guelph for over 30 years. Judge Blair's father the late Dr. J. Blair was an MP for Wellington North. He is active in several Wellington County and Guelph organizations.

Murray Haesler of Oakville, president of the Halton Law Association, extended a welcome on behalf of that group and David Jack of Fergus, president of the Wellington Law Association also brought greetings. Welcomes were also given by Allan T. Marshall of Burlington who is Ontario vice-president of the Canadian Bar Association, Halton Warden James Swanborough and Halton Crown Attorney Douglas Latimer. Most members of Halton County Council attended, along with Mayor Les Duby of Acton and Brian Best of Milton.

Growing case load

Chief Justice Bennett called Judge Blair "a very reliable, trustworthy and able man." He noted the workload was growing in this area and a second judge was needed to handle the case load.

A reception sponsored by the Halton Law Association followed. The Association presented the new judge with a desk pen set and Mrs. Blair with flowers, and Warden Swanborough presented a Halton Atlas.

Board, art consultant shun poster contests

A request from Oakville council asking Halton County Board of Education to explain why an official of the board prevented grade five students in Halton from taking part in the fire prevention contest operated by the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau, brought a cool rebuttal from the board at their meeting Wednesday.

The Oakville request was supported by various other municipal councils in the county. Prior to the beginning of the school year representatives of the fire bureau approached Ed Thornydyke, art co-ordinator for board, for permission to hold their annual fire safety poster contest.

No prizes

At that time Thornydyke explained there had been a great number of requests for contests supporting a variety of worthwhile causes. He suggested that each grade participate in one classroom poster activity per year on an optional basis, and that such an activity be worked into the regular art program.

"In addition to this, we have been encouraging that the monetary rewards for such activities be channeled back into some charitable organization. We find that a thank you letter to the class is sufficient reward," he wrote.

At a subsequent meeting of the fire prevention bureau all bureau members with the exception of Oakville firefighters decided not to participate in the activity, unless a contest could be held. The bureau held a contest for separate school students only.

In an interview with this paper Mr. Thornydyke explained the difficulty in holding poster contests. He suggested posters, as with other forms of art, couldn't be judged as first, second and third. He said his department was stressing participation and if 35 took part, there should be 35 winners.

Mr. Thornydyke said he encouraged participation from

such groups but discouraged the idea of contests.

At the board meeting Wednesday director J. W. Singleton said it is very easy for an organization to set up a poster contest and get fantastic mileage out of it while 50,000 youngsters do the work.

"Where in education. If it fits the program we encourage it. So many groups get so wrapped up in their own projects they can't understand why we don't stop the program and do their poster," he added.

He said the requests for contests came in at the rate of one every 10 days and only a spotted response could be expected.

Week's toll: 13 injured

Seventeen motor vehicle collisions occurred in the North Halton area patrolled by the Milton OPP last week report police officials.

The accidents involved 26 vehicles. As a result of these accidents a total of 13 people were injured and one man was killed. Total estimated damage of the accidents exceeds \$10,750.

WHEN A FATHER AND SON team up in the business world it hardly rates notice but when they play lead roles in a "Folk Mass" it is news. Rev. Laurence Duby of St. Catharines came back to his native parish, St.

Alban's, Sunday, to conduct a centennial folk mass. There with his guitar was father Les, who also happens to be Acton's mayor. The church overflowed. Turn inside for more information.—(Staff Photo)