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Building boom concerns reeve

A half million dollar residential building boom in Esqueving township during the month of April has Reeve Tom Hill concerned.

"What are we going to do about this Toronto-centred Region plan that says we have to hold to a certain growth?" he asked council last week. "I thought we were slowing down and going to cut down on separations."

A total of 28 building permits were issued during the month of April. Total estimated cost of the buildings is \$555,826.

More to come

Clerk-treasurer Delmar French told council there are an

additional 30 separation applications before committee of adjustment right now.

Reeve Hill said the township's building by-law is going to be altered so builders must obtain written permission from building inspector Tom McLean, after he has looked at the lot.

"If anyone digs a foundation and hasn't contacted you Tom, they might not get a permit," Hill warned.

McLean also asked council to consider making it compulsory for garages attached to homes to have a fireproof wall in between. He said many other municipalities insist on this.



DR. GEORGE ELLIOTT, left, directs Acton Citizens' Band in their special program of American music Sunday evening. The spring concert was held in the high school auditorium. This is the first program of this type presented by the band and

included representative selections of American music ranging from the hymn of the American revolution to the popular musical Hair. Some beginners were included in the ranks with regular band members.—(Photo by J. Dills).

Public welcomes in Police Week

Police Week will be highlighted in Acton next Monday when there will be special displays at the police office from about 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Police Week is from May 14 to May 20.

Displays will be set up both inside and outside the O.P.P. rooms in the town hall, as they were last year.

Local police aren't certain what will be coming. They expect Const. Pearson of the Milton detachment of the O.P.P. will be here with scuba diving equipment.

He and another officer were called in by Acton police last week to put their training into action. They recovered stolen articles from a pond near Everton last Friday afternoon.

It's also hoped that a specially trained police dog will be brought up for display. This dog was trained by the R.C.M.P. at

Calgary to detect drugs. He's the only dog in Ontario trained for this type of detection work and he's been very successful already in his canine career.

Schools have already made arrangements to bring classes to see the O.P.P. displays.

Everyone is invited to visit with the O.P.P. during police week.

Commissioner Eric Silk in a statement this week says "In the peaceful enjoyment of all that is fine in our modern society, the part the police have played in bringing about that pleasant state of affairs is too frequently overlooked."

On the Acton force are Corp. Ray Mason, Constables Bruce MacArthur, Nick Farlon, Paul Brown, Roy Wood and Dave Boyes. They work in close cooperation with the Milton detachment of the O.P.P. which covers not Milton but all of rural North Halton.

American music highlight at band's spring concert

"A Look at America in the Music of America" took a skippy but appreciative audience through 16 hand selections Sunday. The Acton Citizens' Band's spring concert at the high school traced the variety in American music from the 18th century till now. Bandmaster George Elliott gave an illuminating commentary before each selection and conducted most of them.

Chuck Wright left the band ranks to conduct several selections while Mr. Elliott played.

The band filled the stage, some of its 50 members almost hidden from sight. Among them were some beginners who didn't join in the full program.

There were over 100 at the concert, which was not as well attended as the annual Christmas programs. This is the first concert of this type and Mr. Elliott explained if it were well received, they could give a similar program of English, French or Canadian music.

Despite the elephant-and-mouse situation, the U.S.A. and

Canada are best friends, Mr. Elliott said, and we'll be going on in this partnership.

The American character was shaped in wars, patriotism and optimism, depicted in the march New Frontiers, the hymn of the American revolution Chester, Battle Hymn of the Republic from the civil war, Sousa's march High School Cadets and American Patrol.

Southern patriots adopted Dixie as a favorite song. Example of immigrant music was Legende by Gustav Mahler.

Of Man River was played from Showboat and more tunes from musicals, Summertime, If I Loved You, Night and Day, Begun the Beguine and rousing renditions of songs from Hair.

Classical music was introduced to America through the organ; example was a Voluntary, G. F. Handel's Prelude and Fughetta, arranged by an American, is the best piece for this year's C.N.E. and already drew much applause.

Non-U.S. number was the closing one, O Canada.

Plan residence for retarded

North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded has received Esqueving Council clearance to erect a 15-bedroom residence in the township.

Association president Bill

Treahy told council last week the building may not be erected for three or four years, but that township approval had to be secured first.

CCC asks affected twp. councils to review power corridor position

Citizens' groups protesting the proposed 500,000 volt hydro transmission corridor which will pass through this area have been assured by the Minister of the Environment James Auld that he would answer their protests after he has studied a brief being prepared by Ontario Hydro.

Hydro is drawing up a large document for discussion with the communities involved, outlining the need for the lines which will

transmit power from new generating stations to the industrial heartland of the province.

Send letter

Meanwhile the Coalition of Concerned Citizens, formed by residents of townships from Beverly to Pickering, have sent a letter to all the township councils involved in the controversy. In it the CCC points out the point of

concern is not the building of such a power corridor, because it is generally accepted that such a line will be needed, but at the fact it will have an "immense and permanent effect" on the beautiful countryside in this part of the province.

The CCC suggests that the councils review the position of their particular township in the matter since two new points have emerged.

One is that Premier Davis and members of his cabinet have stated that careful consideration will be given to setting up a commission of enquiry as requested in a brief to the Government. They also showed strong interest in the proposal that a permanent board or commission be established to obtain the public point of view in future instances of a similar nature.

The second point is that Ontario Hydro has stated it is submitting a report on the proposed corridor to councils of all townships along its path.

Welcome action

The CCC letter says it welcomes the Hydro action and "trust that the proposed report will give full and detailed facts and a fair assessment of the problems related to each of the various routes which might have been selected. The commission is prepared to comment on the Ontario Hydro report if it should overlook essential points and prove to be less than truly objective," the letter concludes.

In its brief to Premier Davis the CCC charged Ontario Hydro had made doubtful and even misleading claims and asked for an impartial body to review the question of where the corridor should be located.

The corridor runs from Nanticoke to Pickering, crossing the Terra Cotta, Balinad areas and then progressing north of Acton through Erin and Eramosa townships to slip diagonally through Nassagaweya. Many district landowners are affected.

Water line set to go

Esqueving Council approved plans for the installation of a 12 inch water main, to connect Acton's present water reservoir

on the Third Line at Churchill with a new well on the north side of the Erin-Esqueving Town Line. The well is just west of the Fourth Line.

The main will cross Esqueving land only from the reservoir, north to the Town Line - Third Line intersection. The rest of the line, which will run east along the town line is in Erin township.

Esqueving granted approval on the condition that the portion of road torn up, be repaired to the satisfaction of the township roads superintendent, before Acton makes final payment to the contractor.

At a recent meeting of Acton Council, Mayor Les Duby said water in the new well is in good condition and adequate supply now. He said concern expressed by some people in Erin township was relevant to the original condition of the well. A hardness problem brought about by the depth of the well has resolved itself now, the mayor explained.

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Crop club plans year

By Karen Pierce

The second meeting of the Acton 4-H Field Crop Club was held on Wednesday, April 26 at the Acton Community Centre.

The meeting was opened with the 4-H pledge by president Tom Parker.

Executive of the club had already been selected at the previous Acton 4-H Club meeting. They are as follows: president Tom Parker, vice-president Sharon Leslie, secretary Carol Somerville, and press reporter Karen Pierce.

Members discussed the next club meeting which is to be held on May 15 at Scotsdale Farm.

The group spent some time making suggestions and planning our program for the year in the field crop club.

Bill Lasby spoke on plant nutrients and Russell Murray told about making a seedbed. Nino Braida discussed costs of producing crops and suggested that a study of costs on a particular crop for a project.

Tom declared the meeting adjourned and the members were dismissed.

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Funeral Thursday for Paul Fendley

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Fendley died in Kitchener-Waterloo hospital Monday night from head injuries he received in the game, when he was knocked off balance, fell losing his protective helmet and struck his head on the ice. Doctors at the game said he had a fractured skull.

Fendley will be remembered by Acton hockey fans for his outstanding play over the years with Georgetown minor hockey teams. He also refereed minor games in the North Halton area.

He played junior hockey in Brantford for two years and was traded to the Guelph team this season. His playoff scoring totals of 14 goals and 18 assists were the highest on the team.

Asks investigation recreation grants

Glen Williams minor softball executive member Don Lawson has asked Esqueving Council to investigate the possible benefits of the township setting up its own recreation commission.

Mr. Lawson said he was thinking primarily of grants that might be available from organizations such as the Ontario Athletic Commission.

Reeve Tom Hill said council will meet soon to discuss the recreation budget and how it will be divided up.

Mr. Lawson requested the Glen Williams Minor Softball Association receive the usual consideration. He said player registration in the village has already reached over the 100 mark.

Request road designation

Esqueving Council has asked the Minister of Transportation and Communication to designate the Ninth Line, north from Steeles Avenue to the Georgetown boundary line, a development road.

Three reasons were given for the request: first, the road will provide the main access to the International Plowing match in 1974; second, the road is deficient in structural adequacy, drainage and maintenance demand; third, the road is an extension of an urban arterial road, namely Halton road 13 out of Georgetown.

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