

Country market gets council endorsement

A miniature of the Kitchener farmers' market is being planned for the downtown area of Acton by nine Acton High School students, who have received a \$7,700 grant from the federal government's Opportunities for Youth program.

Acton Council last night endorsed the project in principle and further resolved that a suitable location in the downtown area be reserved for the market.

Two of the students, Bonnie Bristow and Rob Ellerby presented their proposal last night. Centennial commissioners

and Jack Carpenter also attended the meeting. Miss Bristow asked council to consider passing a resolution calling for an emergency "No parking" by-law on Willow St. between Church and Mill streets each Saturday morning between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. from June 17, the proposed opening day, through September 2.

First choice
Mr. Tyler explained the whole portion of Willow St. between Church and Mill is the group's number one site choice for the

market. As a possible alternative he suggested the street might be restricted to one lane traffic in a southerly direction.

Miss Bristow explained the group would like to set up open air stalls in the closed off area each Saturday. She said a nominal rental fee would be charged to occupants. The fee would only be enough to cover overhead costs of stall materials.

According to Miss Bristow, a survey of area farmers produced a very positive reaction to the proposed market.

"We didn't encounter one negative attitude or refusal," she

said. As a result the group has already made tentative commitments for 10 stalls.

Totals support
The group is totally supported financially by the government grant and no extra burden will be placed on local taxpayers.

When the market is terminated in September, Miss Bristow told council her group would like to donate the constructed stalls to the town or a local organization like the Centennial Commission so that they could carry on the market in the future, if it proves successful.

Loss of parking space created by the temporary street closure would be compensated for by the additional revenue downtown merchants would receive from an increased number of shoppers, Miss Bristow suggested.

She said Moss Pro Hardware and the Toronto-Dominion Bank have voiced no objection to the use of the site, but that Les Holchen, owner of Holchen's Bakery feels the decrease in parking spaces could be a detriment to his business.

On the positive side, Miss Bristow went on to point out that Mr. Holchen's shop would be

located in the hub of the market.

She said most other downtown merchants to which the group has spoken, feel the market would be an asset to the town.

Questioned by Councillor Norm Elliott about what role the youths will play in the project, Miss Bristow explained they will buy lumber locally, construct the stalls and see that they are set up and taken down each Saturday. She said farmers will do their own selling, but that members of the youth group will be on duty at the market when it is open.

Mr. Tyler asked about the possibility of the group renting an anteroom to the council chambers as an office. He said investigation in the downtown area has failed to uncover a suitable office site.

"They'll pay the rent and the phone bill. It won't be a hangout. There'll be business going on," he said.

"Will local merchants be encouraged to lease these stalls?" Councillor Peter Marks asked.

"We'll rent to anyone," Miss Bristow replied. "They may sell whatever they want to. We won't restrict it."

Manage on own
Mr. Ellerby said the youth group is working in co-operation

with the Centennial Commission, but that they will manage the market entirely by themselves.

Councillor Bill Coats said he is in favor of the market.

"I hated to see the Kitchener market disappear. Maybe we can do our little bit," he said.

Councillor Orval Chapman agreed with Miss Bristow that Mr. Holchen would probably get more business, because of the extra shoppers coming into the area.

The proposal and the request for office space was referred to committee for further discussion.

Other members of the youth group are, Mary Fran Marcoux, Darlene Welch, Sheila Cheyne, Hein Mooten, Karen Pierce, Deb Papillon and Louise Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McEnery mark 60th anniversary

More than 300 people honored Robert and Margaret McEnery of Wilbur St., Acton, on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon at Ballinafad community hall.

The McEnerys farmed most of their lives in the Ballinafad district and the number of people who turned out Sunday afternoon and evening was testimony to the many friends they have made.

Mr. McEnery was born at Lot 32, Con. 9, Esqueping, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David McEnery, and Mrs. McEnery, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alva Kentner is the former Margaret Jean Kentner. She was born at Lot 32, Con. 5, Esqueping.

The couple lived in Galt for two years and farmed in the Ballinafad area for 50 years. They retired and moved to Acton in December, where they are both

very active in the Golden Age club.

"I thought I'd be a while adjusting to living in town," said Mr. McEnery, but the transition has been made smoothly and they find plenty to occupy their time.

Mrs. McEnery was the Ballinafad correspondent for the Free Press for many years when they lived along the Seventh Line. They are members of Ballinafad United Church.

Sunday was a festive occasion as friends and relations gathered to renew acquaintances with the couple. Telegrams were received from Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and letters from M.P.P. John Root, the Hon. George Kerr, and M.P. Rud Whiting, who also dropped by to congratulate the pair personally.

The McEnerys were also pleased to receive a telegram

from the Queen on Wednesday morning.

Serving tea were Mrs. Jake McEnery, Mrs. Archie Kentner, Mrs. Helen Aikett, Mrs. Stan Sinclair, Mrs. Norm McEachern, Mrs. Don Van Fleet, Mrs. Alger Cripps and Mrs. Ada Burt.

Waiting on the many guests were Mrs. John Pearson, Mrs. Marguerite Robertson, Miss Bonnie Cotton, Mrs. Paul Hamilton, Mrs. Bernie Freuler, Miss Catharine Sinclair, Mrs. Bud Kentner and Mrs. Ernie McEnery.

Receiving guests were Mrs. J. Felker, David McEnery, Ernie and Jesse McEnery.

Mrs. David McEnery and Mrs. Norman Sinclair looked after the guest book.

The Free Press joins in extending best wishes to the well known couple.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT MCENERY Sunday at a reception in Ballinafad hall. Over 300 guests attended. (H. Coles Photo)

O.P.P. report

Ten collisions in month

Officers of the Acton Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police investigated eight general occurrences and three motor vehicle collisions, during the reporting week of April 30 to May 7.

A lengthy investigation into a number of recent break and enters, resulted in the arrest of three local men. Offences dating back as far as 1966 were brought to a successful conclusion. The

officers of the Acton detachment worked in conjunction with officers of the Milton detachment in an effort to conclude the investigations. Two of the men arrested face a total of 29 charges of Break Enter and Theft. The third person faces charges of possession of stolen property.

Willful damage
There were two reports of willful damage. A local woman had the aerial broken off her car while it was parked. A second

party reported damage to stones in the Fairview Cemetery. Apparently a number of children having been playing on the cemetery grounds, resulting in minor damage to some head stones.

An out-of-town man has been charged with willful damage for breaking a door at a local hotel. The incident occurred during the early part of April.

Charges of Assault and Trespassing are pending as the result of a local man becoming abusive after being requested to leave a local beverage room. The unwanted patron became aggressive towards the management when he was ordered out of the premises.

There were two charges of Impaired Driving during the reporting week.

Ten collisions

Officers are concerned with the number of motor vehicle collisions investigated lately. In the past month there have been a total of ten collisions investigated. Three of the accidents resulted in injuries to school age children.

Drivers and parents are reminded that children do not always make themselves aware of the dangers involved when walking or playing near moving traffic.

Caution your children and remind them of the safety rules taught them at school. Don't let your child become another statistic in the ever increasing highway death counts.

Drivers are urged to use extra caution when driving in school zones and residential areas. Be careful, not sorry.

Work on cairn

If there is enough money available in the Nassagaweya budget then Gus Goutouski's plan for a cairn to commemorate the founding fathers of Nassagaweya may be an accomplished fact.

Goutouski appeared before Nassagaweya Council in the fall with the outline of the project. He proposed the creation of a cairn, to be built with stones collected from the farms of Nassagaweya. Council passed the ball back to Goutouski and asked him to handle the operation.

Needs \$500

At a Monday night meeting of Council, Goutouski reappeared before Council and told members he was ready to go ahead with the project if they were willing to set aside \$500 for expenses. He said he hadn't become too involved with the project during the winter, because of the fear the new airport would be created in the township.

In addition to the Nassagaweya rocks, stones from all over the world will be used for the cairn, Goutouski said. "I have stones from all over the world. I doubt very much if there's land in the universe that we haven't collected rocks from," he claimed.

The speaker said he had the support of numerous people in the township who were willing to help with the project.

Student essay
The proposed cairn would bear the essay of one student from either the Campbellville or Brookville Public Schools. The essay would be limited to 50 words and would be based on such items as "what Nassagaweya means to me" or general history topics, said the speaker. He stated that a local man, John Fries would be willing to build the cairn and that it could be ready for July 1. Goutouski

also advocated having an all-out celebration day, including a ball game and the distribution of prizes at the July 1 event.

Council came out in support of the program, although a few problems were noted.

List latest library count

Latest figures indicating Esqueping township resident use of library facilities in Acton, Georgetown and Milton were released last week.

Acton has 261 Esqueping adults and 212 children users. Georgetown figures are 610 adults and 443 children. In Milton the count is 133 adults and 349 children.

The township has its own library board, distributes money to the three libraries in proportion to resident use.

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