

O.M.B. approves Rockwood sewers-water

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THE PRESENCE OF TWO SWANS and several Canada Geese on Fairy Lake attracted another flock of about 20 Canadas on Fairy Lake last Thursday morning. The flock flew

in, stayed for a couple of days and then took off for parts unknown. (H. Coles Photo)

Disston strike ends

A 21 day strike by 100 Disston (Canada) Ltd. employees, members of Local 23650 of the Saw Workers Union, ended Monday.

A majority of the members voted to accept a mediator's recommendation of a three year contract with an eight percent hourly wage increase in each of the three years.

Union and management negotiators signed the agreement shortly before noon Monday following a union membership meeting in the Legion auditorium, Local 23650 president Reuben Skeete said.

The percentage wage increases will raise the starting labor rate from \$2.67 to \$2.88 per hour immediately and eventually to \$3.36 in the third year.

Company and union employees will begin a 50-50 cost sharing dental care coverage plan on January 1, 1973.

Cost of living bonus and increased pension benefits which the union had been seeking were not included in the agreement, however Skeete said the company agreed to take another look at pension benefits within the next two years.

The company originally offered a two year contract with an 8 percent wage increase the first year and seven percent the second.

Afternoon shift workers began work at 4 p.m. Monday

Check pays off

This time, investigating a complaint of a "prowler" paid off for Acton police. Answering a call that prowlers were seen on Guelph St., police last night (Tuesday) subsequently checked a car in a driveway and discovered it had been stolen from Guelph. The vehicle was located so speedily the Guelph police had not yet circulated the word it was missing.

Most of the police searches for reported prowlers prove fruitless.

Cons. Bruce MacArthur is temporarily in charge of the detachment here while the chief, Corp. Ray Mason, is in hospital in Toronto.

Reapply for Mill-Main signs

Acton council may re-apply to the Department of Transportation and Communication to have "WALK" and "DON'T WALK" flashing signs installed for the benefit of pedestrians at the intersection of Mill and Main Streets. An application last year was refused.

Deputy-reeve Pat McKenzie made the suggestion at last week's council meeting during a discussion on traffic congestion at the intersection.

Mayor Les Duby suggested council also take a look at what's done at similar intersections in other municipalities, before new pavement markings are painted

at the corner. He said cars approaching from the south on Main St. are sometimes hung up three or four lights, before they're able to make a left hand turn onto Mill.

He absolved the town of any blame for the mess, since he said the department itself laid down regulations for markings.

Reeve Frank Oakes complained that cars approaching from the north on Main St. are proceeding south in the centre lane, even though the lane is reserved for left hand turns.

The mayor also suggested lighting capacity in the town's crosswalk areas is not sufficient.

Majority prevails in budget debate

Finance and budget committee of Acton Council will continue to consist of five of the nine councillors appointed by the mayor.

Present committee members made sure of it last week. They combined to defeat a resolution sponsored by Councillor Peter Marks asking that an addendum be made to council's procedural by-law to allow all members of council to sit on the committee.

Mayor Les Duby, Reeve Frank Oakes and Councillors Bill Conly, Jack Greer and Earl Masales opposed the resolution. Deputy-reeve Pat McKenzie, and Councillors Peter Marks, Orval Chapman and Norm Elliott supported it.

Marks and McKenzie voted against this year's budget on the grounds they were not provided with copies of it to peruse prior to the meeting at which the vote was taken.

"Not only should we be informed," Marks said last week. "Each member should be influencing decisions for council to endorse."

He estimated it might take five extra hours of work to have all members on the budget committee, but expressed the opinion it would be well worthwhile.

Elliott said he thought it might speed up the process to have every member informed.

Although he warned a new council could have different ideas next year, McKenzie said steps should be taken to prevent a majority of council from being on the budget committee.

Acton Parks and Recreation Committee will meet with representatives of the Ontario Municipal Recreation Association here, Monday, June 26 to discuss the town's recreational needs.

Both sides "And I've sat on both sides of the fence," he emphasized. McKenzie said he'd be in favor of a majority of three or four members, if it was impossible to have all councillors on the committee.

"I'm still against this, there's no use of me elaborating on it," Reeve Oakes commented.

Defeat of the resolution marks the end of discussion on the

budget system, which began in April with a call by Marks for a wholesale investigation. It was followed by an administration committee recommendation that the makeup of the committee be kept the same, but that all members of council be invited to the final budget meeting, and a subsequent resolution which passed by a 5-4 vote to have the matter referred back to committee.



RUMORS THAT CLERK-administrator J. T. (Joe) Hurst would soon retire were confirmed at the last meeting of Acton council. Mr. Hurst was instructed to advertise for an assistant clerk to be trained as a replacement for the deputy clerk treasurer post upon his retirement. Appointed in September, 1968, when the post was left vacant by the resignation of Jack McGeachie, Mr. Hurst will retire in April, 1973. He told the Free Press he found the duties becoming more demanding as time goes on, with large amounts of paper work still increasing.

(Staff Photo)

Providing tender prices are not substantially greater than the estimated cost of \$1,301,000, Rockwood will get water and sewers.

In a five page decision handed down by B. E. Smith of the Ontario Municipal Board Monday, applications for water and sewer projects for the village were approved by the OMB.

"As the Board has already indicated, the cost is considerable, but in view of the seriousness of the problem, it is one which is not unreasonable," the Board decision said. "Accordingly, and for the reasons given, the application is approved."

The decision comes after four Ontario Municipal Board hearings in the Rockwood town hall where reams of evidence and testimony was presented by solicitors and witnesses for the police village of Rockwood, Rockwood and area Residents' Ratepayers Association, the township of Eramosa and the police village of Eden Mills. The Ratepayers' Association and Eden Mills trustees opposed the application.

The Ontario Municipal Board pondered and then gave a partial decision in January after the first three days of testimony but asked for further evidence from the Ontario Water Resources Commission which is making the application on behalf of the Township of Eramosa, which in turn is representing the Village Trustees.

Two more days of hearings followed with the last on May 18, when the O.M.B. representatives, H. E. Roberts and B. E. Smith took all the evidence with them to ponder further.

Following is the complete text of their decision:

Decision of the Board In a decision of January 20, 1972 this Board continued the hearing in order to obtain additional information on the extra cost involved to discharge the waste effluent downstream from the pond area of the Conservation Authority Park. Related to this, evidence was also to be given as to the reasons for locating the outfall at the location proposed. Pursuant to these directions the hearing continued on May 1, 1972 and May 18, 1972, and on the latter date, the Police Village of Eden Mills was represented by counsel to oppose the approval of the application.

It was generally agreed that the main concern is over the nutrient enrichment of the stream by various elements. Phosphorus, while not the only necessary ingredient for aquatic growth, is the one which is usually the most practical to control. The Ministry of the Environment, through the evidence of its staff members calculated the minimum dry weather flow in the stream at 5 cubic feet per second, based on a 7-day flow period. The methodology of arriving at the stream flow was criticized since the measuring points were all downstream from the outfall point; it was suggested that an 8-hour period is more representative of stream characteristics than the 7-day period.

However, the Board is satisfied that the final flow figure is appropriate for the purpose intended. It was used to set a design standard which has certain safeguards incorporated in the design value and the 7-day flow was taken over a 20-year period which is a fairly lengthy time interval.

From the flow measurements the witness Glen Pearce of the Water Quality Surveys Branch was able to conclude that the phosphorus levels in the Eramosa River could be kept within the range of .01 to .05 ppm, which is below what this witness considers to be the critical level. This does not guarantee that algal blooms will never occur for this branch of science cannot be predicted to such a degree of accuracy, and neither could assurances be given that problems will not develop in the river under existing conditions.

Granted, a well constructed and well maintained septic tank system will remove a high quantity of phosphorus by absorption or fixation, but how the efficiency of such a system is affected by time is not known.

The evidence here clearly indicated that septic tanks are not operating properly and one can only speculate as to the amount of phosphorus that is already leaching through the soil to the river. It seems to the Board that a municipal system which

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Country Market debut quiet but exciting

Acton's Country Market, a miniature version of the famous Kitchener's Farmers Market made a quiet but auspicious debut under sunny skies in its adopted home on Willow Street, south of the busy Mill-Willow intersection Saturday morning.

Dream child of nine Acton High School students, who obtained a \$7,760 grant under the federal government's Opportunities for Youth program for its operation, the country market added a bit of excitement to the downtown area.

Ten separate stalls leased by area farmers and craftsmen and staffed by pretty sales girls offered fresh vegetables, eggs, mushrooms, potted plants, ceramics and attractive

handicrafts for sale to curious shoppers who paused from their regular Saturday morning routine to stroll up and down the street for a "look see".

Nine students Seven girls, Bonnie Bristow, Debbie Papillon, Sheila Cheyne, Mary Fran Marcoux, Darlene Welch, Louise Johnston and Karen Pierce and two boys, Rob Ellerby and Hein Mouten were up at crack of dawn Saturday to place the stalls they constructed along the west side of the street backing on the Moss Hardware store. The market was open for business from 8.30 until 1 p.m. In future closing time will be 2 p.m.

Several meetings since April and two weeks of after school sawing, hammering and

painting, while classes were still in session were necessary to meet Saturday morning's opening deadline.

Vendors pay \$3 per day, \$15 per month or \$25 for the entire summer until closing day September 2 to lease the portable stalls which are stored behind the hardware store throughout the week.

Although opening day crowds didn't exactly overflow the area, response to the market was generally favorable for both vendors and shoppers.

One couple, Steve and Jean Haddon, R.R. 1, Campbellville, who sold fresh garden vegetables from their stall Saturday liked the idea so much they plan to return each week.

Jeun Denny, who sold handicrafts from her booth passed up an opportunity to set up at the Guelph city market to be a first timer at the Acton market.

"Every little town should have something like this; we think it's a great idea," offered Kathy Kayler and Paul Follett, two Toronto high school teachers who were spending the weekend with friends in the area.

More goodies More goodies for sale and added decorations are expected to attract shoppers this Saturday, according to Miss Bristow.

"We hope to have home made bread, fresh strawberries which we'll be picking ourselves Friday, more vegetables and honey at the market this week,"

she told the Free Press. Raspberries, fresh trout and lobster are possibilities for the month of July.

The group began sprucing up the area with a general cleanup and weed pulling project Monday morning. Flower planters and brightly colored garbage barrels are to be installed along with a huge wooden barn-like entrance to the street at the Mill Street corner. It is hoped motor vehicle traffic on the street can be curtailed during the hours the market is open.

Arrangements are being made to have recorded music played at the site and a painted cloth mural may also be erected.

The youths will be attired in white and red uniforms ad-

vertising the market. Operation of the market doesn't stop at 2 p.m. closing time every Saturday. The youthful operators put in a regular work day the rest of the week soliciting prospective lessees, advertising and planning for possible expansion of the market.

The group has applied to town council for the use of an anteroom at the council chambers and hopes to have an office open there from 8 until 4 every day except Sunday.

The government grant provides for a salary of \$60 per week for eight of the students who are returning to school next year and \$90 per week for one who is graduating, plus \$300 for operating expenses.



ACTON'S COUNTRY MARKET, operated by nine high school students under a grant from the Opportunities for Youth program opened Saturday morning along the west side of Willow Street, between Mill and Church. Fresh garden vegetables, eggs, mushrooms, potted plants and crafts were

on display for sale. Home made bread, fresh strawberries, honey and more vegetables are expected to be available this Saturday. The market will be open every Saturday from 8.30 until 2 through September 2.

(Photo by D. Gibbons)



TORONTO visitors at Saturday morning's Country Market, high school teachers Cathy Kayler and Paul Follett paused to examine

ceramics at the White Oaks booth. Sales girl is Sharon Barber.

(Photo by D. Gibbons)