

**Need candidates for municipal office**

The Editor,  
Acton Free Press.

Dear Mr. Editor:

With your co-operation I would like to register an appeal to the citizens of Acton to give serious consideration to our upcoming municipal elections.

1973 should be the most important year in the history of our town, relative to expansion and growth of social and public works programs. The unprecedented growth in our assessment of 1972, accompanied by income from land sales should be in excess of \$100,000 and (provided the existing council does not incur too high a deficit) finally enable our 1973 municipal council to possibly lower or hold the tax rate, and also provide improvements to any needed municipal services.

I am concerned about the apathy being encouraged by those in our community who are suggesting that 1973 will only be a year for marking time prior to the implementation of regional government. Our town must be strong to reap the benefits of

regionalization and the 1973 council will have this as one of their main objectives.

I would therefore strongly urge any person who feels they can contribute to the administration of Acton next year, to declare themselves as a candidate for any of the nine offices being contested. Any person who can think objectively and who has a sincere social conscience resulting in a desire to improve and administer community services has ample qualifications to meet the responsibility.

Equally important is the individual responsibility of all of us to become informed and then to register a vote on December 4. Don't let the over-saturation of the federal election campaign dampen our enthusiasm for this vital re-appraisal of our local administration.

I sincerely hope the Chamber of Commerce will continue their fine tradition of sponsoring a Candidates' Night to ensure that all interested voters may have the opportunity to become better informed.

Yours very truly,

P. E. Marks,  
Councillor.



MRS. STAN ROBERTSON and Mrs. Horace Blyth were busy addressing 1972 Christmas seals for the Halton County TB and RD Association, recently. The attractive new seals will be mailed out from Oakville to Acton and district residents. Donations are then sent back to Oakville headquarters of the

TB and RD Association at 184 Balsam Drive. The ladies addressed almost 1,000 envelopes and stuffed the letters at the R. R. 1, Acton, Blyth home. Proceeds go to help fight emphysema, asthma, bronchitis and related diseases as well as tuberculosis. —H. Coles Photo



Council had no objections to applications made to the committee of adjustment for severances of property on Main N. owned by Don Timmings and Queen owned by Mr. and Mrs. David Dawson. The purpose of both applications is to create a building lot.

The town engineer was to inspect the wet situation in the Y basement and submit recommendations for repairs.

Two members of council were absent at the regular meeting Tuesday of last week, Reeve Oakes and councillor Greer. Councillor Chapman presided for the committee of the whole session.

For the first time, a representative of a delegation used the new furniture provided in the council chambers. A table near the front of the room is to be used by anyone addressing council. Ted Tyler Jr. of the development commission had the honor. (This part of the council meeting was reported in last week's Free Press.)

Councillor Massals reported the public works committee was disappointed to discover another holdup in the building of sidewalks on Elizabeth Dr. The town engineers had recommended that the construction of sidewalks on Elizabeth Dr. should now be delayed until the road is reconstructed and storm sewers installed.

Council accepted the committee's recommendation to begin engineering for the reconstruction of Elizabeth including sidewalks, curbs, storm sewers, and servicing of future building lots on the south side.

Church St. Council also accepted the committee recommendation that the engineer begin engineering for Church St. from Main St. S. to Eastern Ave. for the reconstruction of sidewalks, curbs and completion of storm sewers.

"Now the community has seen Bower Ave. they're going to pressure us for Church," commented deputy reeve McKenzie.

Sidewalk repairs Superintendent Doby was also authorized to spend up to \$5,000 to repair sidewalks on Park, Lake, Brock, Willow, John, River and Main Sts.

**LIP grants**

Clerk-administrator Joe Hurst reported he has forms and regulations available for Local Initiatives Programs grants. Councillor Marks wondered if these funds could be used to improve the storefronts on the main streets. Mr. Hurst said the money could not be used to enhance private enterprise, or increase value of property.

**Police needs**

Corp. Bob Arbour of the Acton detachment of the O.P.P. had attended a committee meeting of council. Discussed were the need for a filing cabinet, enforcement of town bylaws, the problem of the police washroom also being used by the public, and a bicycling violation.

A garbage container on Main St. N. across from the library was to be removed since it had been abused. Mid-Span TV cable company has submitted a verbal request to install cable service complete with tower on the Alteo Construction condominium property. At council committee meeting there was no objection as the installation will serve only one property.

**Arena grants**

Council endorsed a resolution from Whitby requesting substantial capital incentive grants to municipalities for the repair of existing arenas or the reconstruction of new arenas to provide economic stimulation in the winter. The resolution resulted from the recent enactment of a bill for the protection of people in industrial establishments which brings arena structures into safety regulations.

It should be retroactive! Councillors commented wryly as they approved the motion. (Repairs at Acton arena have just been completed.)

**Ballinafad Hallowe'en, anniversary**

By Mrs. R. Shortill

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Shortill and family attended the golden wedding anniversary family dinner of Ruth's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Thompson. The celebration was held on Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Anderson.

**Anniversary**

Ballinafad friends called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr on Sunday afternoon to wish them greetings on their wedding anniversary.

**Hallowe'en dance**

The Hallowe'en dance in the Community Centre on Saturday night was well attended. Many arrived in costume. Prizes were given. All enjoyed the music of Jeff Berry and his orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. George Oakes of Toronto visited Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shortill on Thursday.

Sympathy through this column is extended to the families of the late Mr. John Kirkwood; Miss Beatrice Hills and Mrs. Wm. Kentner.

**New homes**

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie McEnery have started building their new

home on the 7th line. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett are also beginning a house on the former Blue Mt. school grounds.

A new roof has been completed by Mr. R. Grundy on the barn of the former David McEnery farm. Mr. Clarence Allan has erected a fine new stock building on his farm.

Erin fair prize list contained the names of several Ballinafad exhibitors.

Congratulations Graduation pictures and commencement exercises in Acton included several of our former Blue Mt. pupils. We congratulate them — Irene and Ursula Fiedler, Nancy Swindhurst, Sheila Jamieson, Beryl McEnery.

**WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY**  
YOUR WEDDING STORY IN COLOR BY  
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**Relieve congestion with by-pass**

The Editor,  
Acton Free Press.

Dear Sir:

Some time ago, the Acton Free Press carried an article enquiring reasons for the slow growth of the town. The article invited readers to offer suggestions, and many of us hoped this would cause a profitable discussion in the columns of the paper. Mysteriously, nothing further appears.

It does appear without any reference to individuals, the council might give serious thought to aspects of the town life that could show improvement.

Did you ever try to drive along Mill Street in certain hours of the day (not on Mondays) and find large vehicles parked on either side of the road, with a Gray Coach Lines bus trying to get through what is then single line traffic? Such congestion cannot bring joy to the hearts of the merchants for the long line of parked cars effectively prevents further parking.

Why do we not have a by-pass road? Such serious congestion is the bane of travellers going through who always remember a town by its amenities.

Yours sincerely,  
G. A. Harrap.

**Let's talk about HORSES**

with Jennifer Barr



All this talk about wild stallions lately has reminded me of one of the most exciting events ever to happen to me — our visit to the Lipizzan stallions of Austria when they toured the North American continent. Now, a lot of people saw these horses perform in 1964 but very few had the honour of meeting each stallion personally. It all went like this:

Two months before our son was born, Mac and I read of the coming of the Spanish Riding School and we immediately sent for tickets. Dressage is one of my big interests so a trip to see these most highly trained horses was awaited with much anticipation. Even cowboy Mac was keen to see this famous performance. Just on a whim, I wrote to Colonel Alois Podhajsky, the director of the Spanish Riding School, who was then in Toronto, requesting permission to visit the stallions backstage after the show. I never dreamed that the great man would find time to answer and was not surprised when he didn't.

However, on the Saturday that we were due to drive the 60 miles to Montreal (we were living in the Ottawa Valley), the phone rang. The long distance operator asked for me personally and a sweet feminine European voice whispered over the wire. Mrs. Podhajsky was thanking me for my letter and saying how delighted the stallions would be to receive us.

Cats flew in every direction and I skittered out of the house and vaulted the pasture fence, stomach and all, yelling for Mac. Poor Patrick kicked in protest as I struggled into my brand new maternity dress and leaped into the truck.

Friendly little boys The performance of the Lipizzans brought tears to our eyes. We were close enough to see the riders' hands signal cues to the horses and even heard Col. Podhajsky verbally encouraging his horse. Never, as long as I live, will I see a rider like him.

We were equally interested in two Morgan stallions lent for the tour by Mr. and Mrs. C. Ferguson of Rhode Island. "Broadwall Drum Major" and "Parade" happened to be great grandfather and great uncle of some of our horses.

But I couldn't wait until the bigger event after the show.

We pushed our way backstage and down to the stables there to find we were to be shown around with the Austrian Ambassador and party. How incongruous! Cowboy Mac and terribly pregnant me mingling along the red carpet with the Austrian Ambassador!

What a surprise to find that none of the 20 white stallions were confined to their stalls but were popping in and out to visit each other and their grooms.

I chatted with Neopolitan Shana, discussed politics with Siglav Gora, admired Maestoso Mercurio's new shoes, and marvelled that these curious gentle pets were actually stallions and there was no animosity between the horses either.

Grooms cleaned the 200 year old suede saddle as one horse casually licked his freshly polished bridle.

What a difference in the friendly plump little boys pottering around like cubs at camp and the glamorous playboy Morgan stallions chained in their stalls with ears back and tails twitching.

Travelling home in a daze, I made great plans for getting the pregnancy over with, polishing my saddle and de-burring my mare. We would take dressage lessons and set the world on fire.

Well, eight years later, two pregnancies are over, the saddle polished, the mare de-burred and the lessons taken. But I haven't set the world on fire yet.

**Authorize signing park agreement**

A special meeting of Acton council Monday night passed a by-law authorizing the mayor and clerk to sign an agreement with Paul Nielsen and Gino Civero for the purchase of land in the industrial park, providing it is approved by the town solicitor and engineer.

An offer to purchase by Mr. Nielsen and Mr. Civero for approximately 50 acres of land in the industrial park, bordered by the CN tracks and Highway 25 (Main St. N.) was first made public at last week's regular meeting of council. Cost was not divulged but the Free Press learned it was in the neighborhood of \$60,000, comprised of \$3,000 an acre for serviced land and \$1,100 for unserviced land.

Also passed at Monday's meeting was a resolution to petition the Department of Transportation and Communications for interim payment of road subsidies of \$93,791.70.

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**The thinking man's friend...Bill McVean**

If Bill McVean had a single mission in life, it would be stimulating people to think. "What you believe is important," Bill explains, "but even more important is that you've thought it through. However, if you can't change your mind once in a while, you're not thinking!", says he.

He advocates that people shake out prejudices once a month because they may be surprised to discover they've changed their views on some of them. "There's little virtue in consistency for consistency's sake!" is the way he puts it.

But, of course, Bill McVean is a man of many parts. Thinking all the time makes his head ache so he also plays music, eyes the current scene in a quizzical way and adds his own deft touches of humour.



All good listening! Weekdays: 1:05 to 3 p.m., 11:30 to midnight, and "Dialogue" 10:05 a.m. and 8:50 p.m.

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