



ROBINS MAY BE harbingers of Spring but grass fires hold that distinction as well. The first grass alarms rang Tuesday afternoon and firefighters squelched flames at the corner of the First Line, Esqueuing, and 25 Sideroad, across from St.

Joseph's Cemetery and then were called to another one at the Ontario Electrical Railway Museum property on the Guelph Line in Nassagaweya. Then it was a recall to the scene of the first fire, when flames broke out again in a rail fence.

—H. Coles Photo

Fell through ice

Porty brothers rescue boys in Beaver Meadow

Three soaked young boys from the "cemetery hill" went through a frightening experience Saturday as they played on ice in the swampy area known as "Beaver Meadow" south of the new Kingham Hill Estates.

All approximately eight years old, the boys fell through rotting ice into waist-deep water which made it difficult to move because of the mud on the bottom. One of them, fortunately, managed to extricate himself from the morass and ran to the nearby home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Porty on Highway 25 for assistance.

Steve Porty and his brother Keith came to their assistance. One of the boys was quite close to shore and easy to get out but another was quite a way out. Steve had to wade through water that sometimes reached to his waist to rescue him.

"The water didn't look deep," Steve told the Free Press, "but there was mud at the bottom and sometimes I sank to my waist."

Fortunately the trio was none the worse for wear and they

returned to their homes on the "cemetery hill" soaked, but much the wiser about venturing on ice at this time of year. Police, meanwhile are warning parents to keep their children away from all ice-covered areas and swift flowing streams. Most ice is rotten and will give away. Areas such as Fairy Lake and its tributary at

Beaver Meadow already have large open areas tempting to youngsters.

Firefighters were called Saturday to aid in the rescue but the boys had been rescued by the Porty brothers when they arrived. The brigade fanned out on both sides of the marsh which flows into Fairy Lake.

Jutting lots disturb Acton Blvd. extension

The Bovis corporation's attempts to purchase two pieces of property which interrupt the continuity of phase three of the company's Acton Meadows subdivision is causing the planning board and town council some headaches.

The properties back halves of long lots facing on Churchill Road N. just through the proposed extension of Acton Boulevard.

Negotiations between the company and the owners of land have so far resulted in a stalemate that has not been resolved. Some members of council have proposed expropriation.

Planning Board faced the problem again Thursday when a Bovis letter was read asking the board to approve zoning in phase three. The company said it had met all the conditions the board asked for an enclosed cheque to cover the cost.

The board approved the rezoning application with the stipulation that a one foot reserve around the stub ends of Acton Boulevard and around three R4 blocks be retained by the town. This would control access to the property and rest final control with the municipality.

In an earlier letter the developer said they had reduced the number of units in the multiple family-type housing from the 102 first proposed to 79, in order to conform to the by-law.

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Acton regrets necessity of separate brief Thurs.

Acton council will present its own separate brief Thursday at a regional government meeting in Milton.

Authorizing the mayor and clerk to prepare the brief, council members Tuesday night expressed their disappointment at the turn of events. Meetings had been held of the four municipalities in the North Halton region to talk toward a joint presentation, but this hope has fallen through.

As a result, Acton, Georgetown, Esqueuing and Nassagaweya are all presenting separate briefs this week.

Nassagaweya concern Copies of the Georgetown and Esqueuing briefs had been obtained for Acton council. Nassagaweya's brief is the one that councillors expected would give them the most concern. It was being prepared yesterday (Tuesday).

Thursday is the mandatory date for presentation of briefs and they go to the province March 31. Mayor Les Duby sought council's consensus before

he and clerk Grant Usher prepare Acton's presentation for Thursday.

We tried "Acton tried to think in terms of a region, and we tried to work together," commented the mayor sadly as he prepared to word the Acton-only brief. "We were willing to prepare a joint brief... we said to ourselves, let's start acting like a northern area. But it's fallen by the way-side. It's ridiculous."

Deputy-reeve Marks added that not only had Acton supported joint meetings, we were the main leaders.

Mr. Usher's information that Georgetown was taking their brief to the Minister Wednesday cast more gloom over council.

Two exceptions It was agreed to endorse the brief as prepared at a North Halton meeting March 7 with certain exceptions.

The first: that water and sewer controls be regional. Deputy-reeve Marks who had visited York region said they discovered this would be best.

The second exception: that the northern boundary be amended so Eden Mills would be contained in Eramosa township, to be included later in a Wellington regional plan. Eden Mills is 80 per cent in Eramosa already.

Boundary change They spent some time considering how best to object to Nassagaweya's expected suggestion that more of that township should be included with Wellington and all south of No. 25 side-road should be included in the Central Halton region with Milton.

"Every time you talk to Nassagaweya they have a different proposal!" warned Reeve McKenzie wryly.

Mr. Usher reported that Georgetown's brief has changed the eastern boundary from what was discussed at the joint meeting but basically agrees with the government structure stated then.

At least two Deputy-reeve Marks who had perused the Esqueuing brief over dinner Tuesday said it generally

concurred with the North Halton meeting. "At least there'll be two of us in agreement."

Mr. Marks also observed it was too bad the four municipalities were unable to submit a joint proposal. "Views became polarized. It's regrettable we couldn't tie it all together."

Hope that the mayor will present Acton's brief including strong opposition to Nassagaweya's boundary plan was expressed by reeve McKenzie.

Asks road improvements

Although the condition of streets in Acton and Highway 7 between Acton and Rockwood is outside of the jurisdiction of Acton Planning Board, the subject cropped up at the board's meeting Thursday when member Dave Muckle quizzed the mayor about possible solutions to the poor road conditions.

Mr. Muckle said one stretch of road on Elmore Drive in Lakeview subdivision was dangerous for drivers doing 30 miles an hour. Then he shifted his attack, referring to the condition of Highway 7 between Acton and Rockwood.

The mayor acknowledged there were problems in both areas but felt there was little that could be done with roads in Lakeview subdivision but patching. The roads in the subdivision have never been hard topped with asphalt because grants were not available.

Highway 7, of course, is the responsibility of the Department of Transportation and Communications, but the mayor said he had met with M.P.P. George Kerr regarding the condition of the road and council was putting its push behind a campaign to have improvements done.

Three collisions

Three collisions were investigated by Acton O.P.P. during the past week.

First was Thursday at 7 p.m. on Churchill Rd. S. with drivers John Krul and Harold Roberts, both of Acton. Total damage was estimated at \$150.

Later that day at 10:40 p.m. on Mill St. total damage was set at a minimum of \$300, when two cars were in collision. Drivers were Robert Johnstone and Dougal Dick, both of Acton.

Friday afternoon another collision occurred on Mill St. with \$150 damage. Drivers involved were Thomas Staves and Paul Carriers of Acton.

There were no injuries.



Holding the trophy aloft!

WINNER IVAN KILBY, of Elmore Drive, Acton, holds the keys that control the gussied-up 1973 Maverick he won in the Acton Minor Hockey draw Saturday night. Helping him hold his trophy aloft are Acton minor hockey president Don Lindsay, right, and L & L Ford garage owner Lorne Doberthien. Ivan's number was the last picked from the drum.

—H. Coles Photo

Pleads guilty

Concurrent sentences were meted out in court to Gordon Adamson, presently serving a term at Ontario Correctional Centre, Guelph, of two years less a day for arson. He appeared in court in Milton March 21 pleading guilty to other charges.

Judge Latimer handed down a sentence of one year concurrent for stealing a car, a year for theft and 18 months for another theft in Acton.

On a charge of arson at the Pope residence, Adamson also pleaded guilty and the sentence was 18 months concurrent. The fire at the Pope residence on Poplar Ave. occurred the same night as a fire at the Mowat home, Frederick St. A brief summary of evidence was given.

It was the charge of arson involving the Mowat home that was first heard in court some weeks ago, bringing the sentence of two years less a day.

Suggestions wanted for 1973 Citizen

Acton Chamber of Commerce is still asking for suggestions for the 1973 Citizen of the Year.

Only a few replies have been received so far and the Chamber would like several more before the deadline on Monday, April 2.

They are asking anyone who has a person or group in mind for the honor to write the Chamber of Commerce at Box 415, Acton, including if possible the reason for the choice. All letters are treated as confidential.

Regional government seminar

Mayors from Halton's five towns will join Halton County Council in a seminar (tomorrow) Thursday at 3 p.m. on regional government in Halton County.

Municipal politicians heard the provincial government's proposals for regional government in Halton Jan. 23. Since that time the warden's

select committee on regional government has been meeting and travelling to other regions in order to determine the best method of implementation and what things to avoid in the implementation process.

Conduct studies Meanwhile at the local levels individual councils have

conducted studies and some have proposed briefs that will go to the province.

The meeting Thursday is expected to carry on into the evening. A supper is planned to be held at the cafeteria in the county administration buildings and debate will continue after supper.

Kingham Hills agrees to Mill walk, paving

Three Mill W. residents, representing five households, attended council meeting Tuesday and heard a solution to their concern.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cook first attended a committee meeting of council where they expressed their objection to Kingham Hill Estates phase three. They felt Mill W. was too narrow, poorly paved and poorly drained to handle the increased traffic

which would result from this subdivision. There are also no facilities for pedestrians.

Correct situation At the meeting, Tuesday, Mike Brodigan of Windland Associates, Kingham Hills planning consultants, showed what the developers would be willing to do to correct the situation. The three residents, Mr. and Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Sue Walton, were completely agreeable and signed

forms that they would withdraw their objections. The other householders concerned will also be contacted for signatures of agreement. These are the Marchants, Gibsons and Barena families, all on Mill W. between the mill and the Cobblehill Rd. corner.

Walk, paving The developers will construct a four foot concrete sidewalk from the corner of Cobblehill Rd. and Mill W. to Cameron St., where it will join a town-planned sidewalk.

They will surface this portion of the road with a double-surface treatment of bituminous binder and crushed stone.

They will clean the culverts and ditches to Fairy Lake.

Cost will be shared equally by the town and Kingham Hills Estates, with the town's share not to exceed \$7,000.

The town engineer will approve the work as it proceeds.

GUARD progress

GUARD organizer William Johnston reports this week that the Ontario Federation of Agriculture has reaffirmed its support of the organization, Group United Against Rural Dumping.

Mr. Johnston himself is making a trip to England and will be inspecting garbage recycling plants at London and Leicester. The London plant is purported to be one of the most modern in the world.

bumper stickers soon, he says.

First prize biggest and best for 400 clubber Ivan Kilby

For the bargain price of \$94 Ivan Kilby, 241 Elmore Drive found himself in possession of a brand new 1973 Ford Maverick (retail value well over \$3,000) Saturday night.

Ivan, an employee of the Douglas Aircraft Company in Milton has been a member of the Acton (OMHA) Minor Hockey Association's 400 club since its inception in 1969, but had never won as much as a \$10 bill in the popular lottery which hands out five \$10 prizes weekly for 28 weeks each year.

The \$94 represents the amount he has paid into the lottery during the four year period.

Saturday night in the Legion auditorium, the ping pong ball bearing Ivan's lucky number 188 was pulled from the drum for the first time. Fortunately for him it was the 400th of the night and

made him the proud owner of the shiny new car.

Excited

"I've won \$50 or \$100 cash prizes in other draws, but never anything like this," the excited winner told the Free Press. "It didn't really hit home until Monday. I kept thinking over and over again, maybe there's been a mistake."

Tension mounted as the elimination draw narrowed the field of eligible winners down to five. Three more balls were removed from the drum and three more names stroked off the list. Left on the list were Ivan and Mrs. June Gerth, Elizabeth Drive.

The two held hands nervously, before Councillor Barry Insoe reached into the drum and it was announced that Mrs. Gerth had been eliminated. Mrs. Gerth,

however won herself \$100, as did Herb Woods of Guelph who was first to be eliminated from the draw.

The good fortune strikes the Kilby household at a very opportune time. Presently the owner of a 1965 Oldsmobile, Ivan had already been negotiating with dealers for a new model. He will keep both cars and wife Jean has made plans to apply for her driver's license.

It may have been poetic justice that Ivan should benefit from a lottery which raises funds for minor hockey. He himself has been a volunteer worker for several years with the Acton Legion minor hockey Association, which supervises house league hockey in town.

Clayton "Dude" Lindsay won himself \$50 for selling the winning ticket.

Previous car winners include Dave Metcalfe - 1970, Claude Couture - 1971 and Harry Arbie - 1972.

A complete list of prize winners in the draw follows: 1st ball \$100 - Herb Woods, \$10 winners - 25th - Bob Doyle, 50th - Ted Curtis, 75th - Doug Vickery, 100th - Tom Parker, 125th - Alec Johnson, 150th - Jim Elliott, 175th - Jack Pink, 200th - Reg Holtham, 225th - Sid Spears, 250th - Pete Homer, 275th - Hartley Coles, 300th - Dunc Anderson, 325th - Cam Fraser, 350th - Helen Lescur, 375th - Marg Dunn, 398th \$25 - Ted Pratt, 397th \$50 - Jean McAfee, 398th \$75 - Ron Holloway, 399th \$100 - June Gerth, 400th - car - Ivan Kilby. Lucky winners of \$10 in the final afternoon draw were, Jim McDonald, John Dunn, Barry McIsaac, Lena Nellis and Ken Hurten.