

Quarry garbage OK with professor



An independent opinion was sought for the Chamber of Commerce's second meeting on the garbage problem; Wednesday Prof. L. R. Webber of the University of Guelph brought a new perspective to the problem of land disposal of urban wastes.

About 40 members and guests demonstrated, as he pointed out, the good life we lead during dinner with steak, vegetable, salad, rolls, wine, dessert and coffee. These may be the golden years of the century, Mr. Webber told the well-satisfied diners. But for every pound and a half each person had eaten, many more pounds of waste were created, and a few more ounces of waste would be flushed away with gallons of water. Each person creates a thousand pounds of garbage a year.

It's part of our luxurious good life—and we may have to give some of it up, Prof. Webber warned.

Three ways
After detailing specific aspects

of waste creation, Prof. Webber proceeded to the result and the fact that people no longer want to be party to open dumps. He continued, in a surprisingly interesting way, to review dump problems, incineration and finally recycling.

Recycling is going to come, and we're going to pay for it, he predicted, yet mentioned snags that have yet to be worked out in the system.

Then to Acton's problem—possible deposit of garbage in Indusmin quarries where we can "hide it for a few generations!"

One of better schemes He admitted frankly that with limitations "we won't rant and rave against this one." He had toured the site that morning, determining water location by sight.

However, he specifically listed requirements which should be agreed to before such a dumping project began.

First: At no time should garbage be in contact with the

ground water, either seasonal or permanent water. (At Pickering, for instance, the water is too close).

Seal base
Second: The quarry base must be sealed, graded and tilled, so the "percolate" can be collected before it goes onto the rock.

About half the rainwater will get to the garbage, Prof. Webber said. It's a strong waste that comes off—don't let anybody kid you. It's full of nitrogen and phosphorus, and must be kept out of the groundwater. He said there were various ways to seal the base. The liquid waste, he suggested, could be squirted back on the land "as I've already seen done on the south side of town."

Third: A final cover should have at least two feet of soil to grow an excellent crop of grass to use up rainfall before it reaches the waste.

Lastly, he said some provision must be made to vent this garbage. Methane gas in decomposing garbage can cause

explosions.

No company will be given permission to proceed with this type of operation until all the requirements have been met, including a full hydrological report, and public hearing have been held, Prof. Webber assured his listeners. You have assurances that you do have protection. And the license can be revoked if the public can prove malpractice.

Two films were shown, the first of a recycling plant now in effective operation in Franklin, Ohio, and the second on a University of Guelph project. At Guelph, garbage and sewage sludge are put on test fields in varying amounts, and crops of corn are fully tested.

Favorite answer

The question and answer period was lively and Prof. Webber was sometimes forced to give what he called his favorite answer—"I don't know."

C. of C. secretary Mrs. Betty Eastwood voiced her conclusions with which the guest speaker heartily agreed. "Indusmin is not our enemy," she declared. We should make our voices heard in government for money for research into recycling and disposal methods. We should be urging Ottawa to tackle a national problem... and we will be taxed for it.

Prof. Webber nodded "let's explore alternatives!" At the present time recycling methods only work for 38 per cent of the

garbage and the rest? It's too thick to drink and too thin to plow!

Can do it here

Can we afford to take the remotest chance, wondered William Johnson, organizer of GUARD, the anti-dumping group. He reported on present recycling in Nassagaweya and Brendan Ahearne agreed this could be easily done in Acton with three boxes in each home—one for papers, one for tins and one for bottles, — and pressure for separate collections.

When Prof. Webber pointed out home recycling had been tried, not too successfully, in Burlington. Separation must be precise — clean newspaper with no colored inks; scrap paper; card; different colors of glass; cans separated into iron and aluminum. Most women haven't time, he said, and the whole family would have to do it.

Paul Nielsen repeated to Prof. Webber his thought that maybe the waste could be mined years hence and found the first person to agree with him. Indusmin might make money both from storing the waste and then from selling the resource years later, the professor thought.

Allan Eastwood introduced him: George Scott thanked him and Mrs. Eastwood presented a gift of pottery.

Director elected

Mrs. Susan Pratt was elected to fill the vacancy on the board of

directors following the resignation of Bob Drinkwater. Three were nominated, the others Ralph Kelly and Don Murdy. Voting was by ballot.

Mrs. Pratt spoke briefly explaining she has only lived in town since February but wants to become involved in the community. She and her husband Tom Pratt were welcomed as new members.

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NEWCOMER TO ACTON
Mrs. Susan Pratt was elected to the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce last week. (Photo by K. Dills)

Plaque

In his final year as Mayor of Acton, Les Duby will be the recipient of a plaque recognizing his 10 years of faithful service.

Deputy-reeve Peter Marks who chairs council's administration committee suggested that a plaque be inscribed to honor Mayor Duby. The mayor has been in office since April 1, 1963.

"Very few men reach this plateau without something interfering with their activities," Reeve Pat McKenzie said last night (Tuesday) in praise of the mayor.

Former reeve

praises workmen

Former Reeve Bert Hinton dropped into the council chambers last night (Tuesday) to recognize the efforts of town workmen in rapidly removing dust and dirt from town streets this year.

"It was off the street and not down the drains. This saved the town a lot of money," the former reeve remarked. "I just had to drop in for a moment to pay tribute to the town staff for the job they've done."

Hit, run

A hit and run accident last Thursday is being investigated by Acton O.P.P. Owner of the damaged parked car is Bette Ann Gardin of R.R. 2, Rockwood. Police estimated minimum damage to the left side at \$200. The car was parked on Mill St. E.



NEW EXECUTIVE of Acton Progressive Conservative Association was elected Friday—front row, secretary Valerie Schepannek, president Gail Maltby, second vice-president Donna Aitken; back row

treasurer Brian Cargill, first vice-president John Shadbolt, Esquing vice-president Ross Ballentine. The meeting was held in the Music Centre. (Photo by K. Dills)

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Wires blow down burn quarry man

Gerald Livingston, 20, of 18 Gower St., Georgetown, suffered burn to his right side and left wrist in a freak accident with blown down hydro wires near Limehouse, Monday, at 8:30 p.m.

An employee of J. C. Duff Quarries on the Fifth Line, Esquing, Livingston told police he was leaving the quarry by the company road when he spotted what seemed to be a fence in an adjacent field. He knew a bulldozer had been operating there that day, so he went over to investigate, grabbing at the "fence" wires.

The fence turned out to be wires which had fallen, along with a hydro pole. As a result Livingston was burned on his side and left wrist.

Monday's high winds apparently blew down the pole which transmitted hydro to a nearby residence.

The injured man was taken to Georgetown District Hospital by an unidentified motorist and then transferred to Peel Memorial Hospital at Brampton.

Simultaneously the live wires were instrumental in setting nearby grass fire, which resulted in a call to the Acton fire brigade about nine o'clock. The high winds fanned flames but firefighters soon had them out.

Both incidents happened on the Fifth Line, Esquing, about half-mile north of Limehouse.

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