



PROVIDING a helpful reminder that daylight saving time begins officially at 2 a.m. Sunday, Vicki Taylor sets the hands of her clock ahead to 3 o'clock. Most Actonians will probably make the change before they go to bed Saturday

night. Those fond of shut-eye will have an hour chopped off their pleasure, but beginning Sunday night outdoor types will be able to enjoy an extra hour of daylight.

(D. Gibbons photo)

Police enforce overnight parking ban

Some members of council have suggested the overnight parking ban on Acton streets should be reassessed in the wake of several complaints. Acton O.P.P. officers have been enforcing the by-law, which prohibits overnight parking all year, by issuing warning tickets for the first offense and following up with tickets if the offender repeats. In the past the overnight parking ban was enforced strictly in winter months but police were more indulgent in warm weather. Councillor Norman Elliott said

people were now asking why the clamp-down when overnight parking in good weather was previously allowed. Police committee chairman Orv Chapman replied that the police were just enforcing the by-law. It was the only means they had to stop vehicles from parking on streets for weeks. Unusual response Clerk Grant Usher said the by-law had been advertised twice but the response to ticketing was unusual. One resident was upset because he had been issued a

warning before the parking ticket. The mayor said one resident had complained that police were wasting their time issuing warnings and should be issuing tickets. He felt much of the overnight parking was due to lack of responsibility on the part of some automobile owners. This is one of the problems we face regarding parking, said Councillor Earl Masales and why the town needs an independent opinion on parking such as the Department of Communications and Transportation is soon

scheduled to do. Tests taken three years ago showed no shortage of parking but merchants and others have disagreed. He sided with the mayor, suggesting many people could solve the parking problems if they had to. Councillor Elliott said he had mixed emotions on parking because it sometimes involved trucks which could become a traffic hazard. On the other hand, boarding houses were permitted and often there was no place for boarders to park. He assured

council he was not pushing for overnight parking from May to October but felt council should review the by-law and come up with some answers. Reeve McKenzie said council must uphold the action of police until the by-law was amended. He felt most of the problems could be solved with more individual initiative. Councillor Bill Yundt said he had received complaints as well and felt the by-law should be reassessed and it was up to council, not the police.

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Georgetown councillor's figures show North in trap

A Georgetown councillor's calculations showing the North Halton borough getting the short end of the financial stick in the proposed regional government set-up is being studied by the province. Mayor Les Duby and Reeve G. W. (Pat) McKenzie told council Tuesday night they had been invited to and had attended a meeting with the Georgetown mayor, along with Reeve Tom

Hill of Esqueving to discuss Councillor Phil Siddall's calculations with Jim Snow, M.P.P. for Halton East, and regional government financial experts. Although contents of the report were kept from the press, the mayor and reeve divulged the brief studied the grant structure of the four areas in Halton and gave a very despondent view of North Halton's financial picture under the proposed region. The

central Halton (Milton) and Oakville boroughs would benefit immensely, however. The reeve said Mr. Snow and the government financial men said any inequities would be balanced by grants, which caused him alarm because "grants today are not grants five years from now". There's an imbalance now which could be greater in five years with the higher growth rate in central and

southern Halton. Mayor Duby said Georgetown has taken a strong position and is trying to prove to the province that the proposed formula won't work in the interests of North Halton. Georgetown feels the region should have something to break down assessment on a per capita basis. Councillor Siddall's figures are backed by Georgetown mayor Bill Smith, said Mr. Duby, and

paint a poor picture of the north's future. The reeve quoted figures which indicated the north would get progressively weaker while the central and southern parts of the county got stronger and stronger financially. Mr. Snow and the government experts are to meet with Georgetown council Friday with their answers to the brief.

Change of heart - will pave highway

Efforts by the Hon. George Kerr, M.P.P. Halton West, and John Root, M.P.P. Wellington-Dufferin, to have Highway 25 from Acton to Ospringe paved, have been successful.

Gordon Carton, Minister of Transportation and Communications, advised the two area Members that funds are to be provided for the paving, an addition to this year's program of highway improvements.

"Arrangements must be made to complete engineering and prepare the contract and it would appear that they will be calling for the contract by June 27," Mr. Root advised the Free Press. He also said every effort was being made to improve on that date.

"The recent announcement that Highway 25 will be extended northerly from Ospringe to the Grand Valley area to Highway 89, has made it increasingly important that the section from Acton to

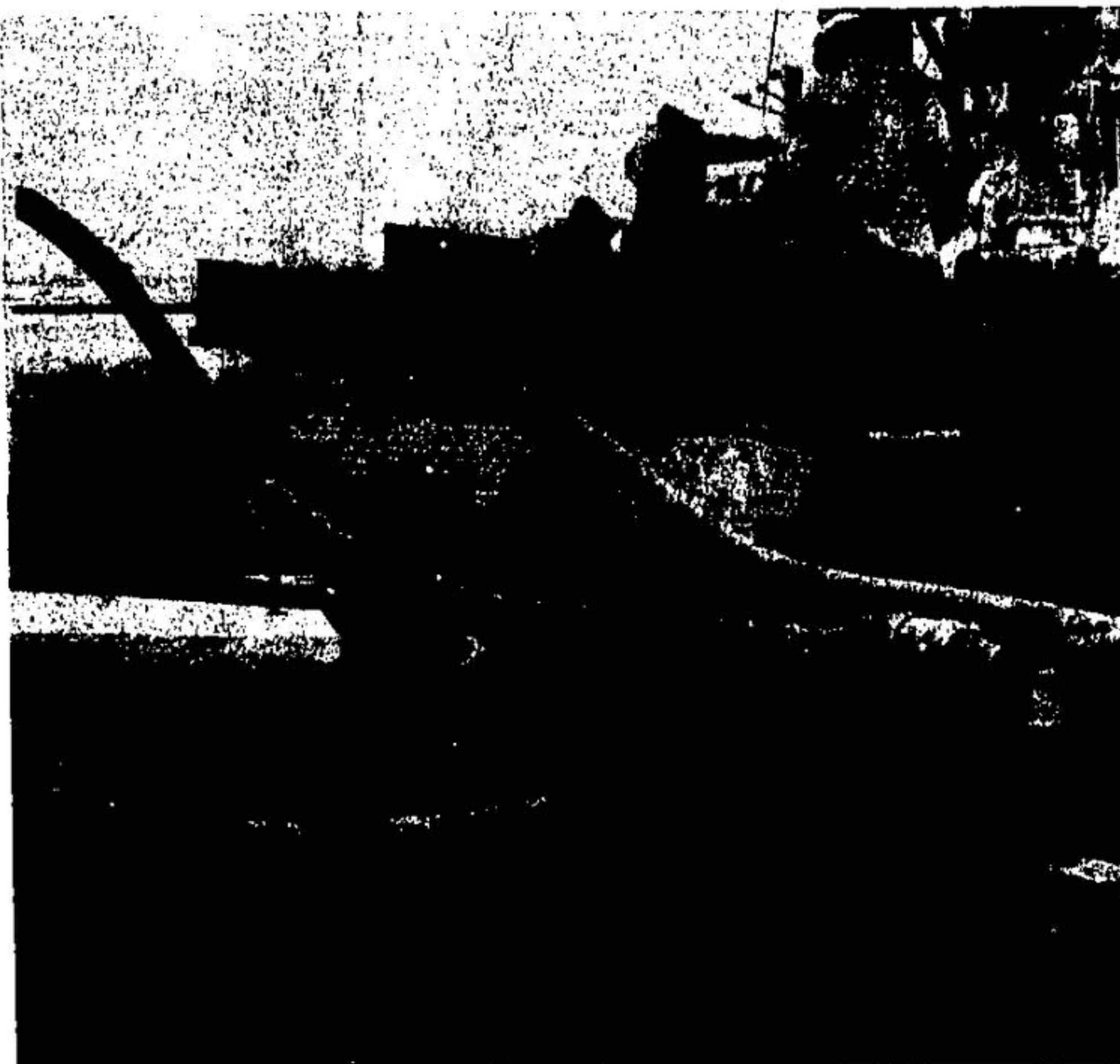
Ospringe be paved this year before the extension is assumed into the highway system in 1974," Mr. Root said.

Both Members of the Legislature have been subject to pressure from residents who live along the highway to have it paved to reduce flying stones, the dust menace and springtime potholes.

The Department has been laying a primer coat of oil each summer but the fragile surface must be graded in the spring to eliminate winter break-up problems and the problems start all over.

The decision to pave the highway was announced last Wednesday. The highway has been called an "Orphan" because it falls under the political jurisdiction of two M.P.P.s, both of whom have expressed satisfaction that the program is scheduled this year.

The Free Press contacted the Department three weeks ago and was told no paving was contemplated for that stretch of road.



Fire destroys Rosley barn

An early morning fire today (Wednesday) destroyed a barn located in a field behind the home of Sandy McEachern on 25 Sideroad, just east of the Esqueving-Nassagaweya town line.

The barn belongs to Karl Rosley who lives next door to the McEacherns. Mr. Rosley was not home at the time of the fire.

Although Acton fire chief Mick Holmes has not completed his investigation, it is believed the barn contained only a large amount of hay.

Archie Ng, who lives on 25 Sideroad about a mile east of the

McEacherns, spotted the fire shortly before 1 a.m. and notified Acton Firefighters. The McEachern family had gone to bed, but were awakened by the barking of their dog. Their house and garage is less than 100 yards away from the barn.

Firefighters remained at the scene watering down the ruins until almost 5 a.m. Water supply of the two trucks was replenished from a pond on the property of Merv Barber on the south side of 25 Sideroad.

Flames lit up the sky which was visibly orange from Lakeview subdivision. Cause of the blaze has not been determined.

Acton not in directory will ask Bell to explain

Councillor Bill Coats' suggestion that council invite a Bell Canada representative to explain why Acton was left out of the new Halton-Peel telephone directory was accepted Tuesday night.

Coats said the new directory would include 99 per cent of Halton and Peel, excluding Acton, and he thought it was time Acton's voice was heard in the matter. He said the free calling area into Georgetown cost Acton users extra and found it ridiculous that the Acton exchange was then put in a directory with Guelph.

He pointed out Acton would soon be a part of the new North Halton borough which included Georgetown and yet residents in

both places would have different directories.

"Bell is taking advantage of us," he said, telling us a survey showed we wanted to be in with Guelph.

Too harsh Deputy-Reeve Peter Marks felt Coats' statements that the "great monopoly doing Acton dirt" were too harsh and likely Acton could be included in the new directory if the request was made.

The mayor recalled the past history when a survey showed Acton phone users preferred to be included in the Guelph directory. He said Bell takes its own surveys and arrives at its own conclusions but to remember that Burlington also was left out of the directory.

SEARCHING for a water reservoir in shale underneath Fairy Lake, workmen for the Snider Drilling firm began drilling near the western point of the park Monday. A study done by Crowley Ground Water indicated potable water may be located there. Drilling will also

be done in two other areas of town in an effort to find the best source of water to enable a million gallons a day to be pumped. An increase in water supply was recommended to the town by a provincial government body.

(D. Gibbons photo)

At park well

Water quality favorable but supply undetermined

Test drilling in Fairy Lake near the western point of the park indicates that a supply of good quality water may lie in the shale table underneath the lake. However, town superintendent Alf Duby says it may take until the end of the week before drillers can determine how great a supply of water is located there.

The town is searching for more water to increase its pumping capacity to a million gallons per day. At present 300,000 gallons of water a day are being pumped from existing sources on the Fourth Line of Erin township and on Churchill Rd. N.

Water study Following a recommendation to increase water supply made by the provincial government, the town engaged Crowley Ground Water to make a study of underground water courses in the Acton area. The study recommended three areas where suitable water might be found.

The Snider Drilling firm of Craighurst, Ontario moved its equipment into the park Monday and began test drilling down to a depth of 155 feet in shale. Samples of the material were taken every two feet. Two areas of the lake have been tested and the

equipment will be moved today (Wednesday) to the Nelles property on the south side of the lake.

The Snider firm recently drilled a well in Midland, which is now producing 1200 gallons per minute.

Building problem

What to do with the cement block building that sits in the centre of the park?

That's the question staring parks board in the face every time they sit down for a meeting. The building, which was constructed during the late 50's to house change rooms for swimmers, dressing rooms for baseball teams and toilets has become a prime target for vandalism. Toilets are often plugged up by pranksters or

overflow and recently some copper piping was stolen from the building.

"Anybody walking into our park and that building would not return. It needs to be fumigated," suggested parks board chair lady Diane Spielvogel.

"Detonated" is the word, interjected Councillor Barry Inscoe with a smile. Toilets are still used by picnickers during the summer time.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR George Elliott, centre, accepts congratulations from Aldo Braida, left, and Chamber of Commerce president Edgar Bendicks, right, at Saturday's Citizen of the Year

dinner and dance. Doctor Elliott received the award as a token for all Acton handmasters from the days of John Hill. See inside pages for story. (Photo by H. Coles)

Plan to build hall on Nelles farm

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 197 membership voted Monday night to proceed with purchase of a 10 acre parcel of land abutting Fairy Lake on the west side of Cameron St. where they plan to construct a new Legion hall at an estimated cost of \$250,000. Cost of the land which belongs to Cecil Nelles is approximately \$60,000.

The new building will likely be single storey and contain an auditorium which will accommodate 350 persons at a dance, two small meeting rooms, games rooms and lounges.

Need rezoning Branch spokesman Gord McCutcheon told the Free Press the Legion is prepared to proceed with construction, as soon as rezoning can be obtained. The land is presently zoned agricultural.

Approximately 3 1/2 of the 10 acres is in the town of Acton and the rest in Esqueving township.

The new building will have access on to Mill St. W. It will probably be situated towards the northern section of the property near the lake. Ample room for parking spaces will be maintained.

Engage architect No plans have yet been drawn up for the building, but an architect is to be engaged now that the land purchase has been approved and steps towards getting proper zoning changes will be taken immediately. Barring any major holdups the building should be completed in time for some of the Centennial celebrations in 1974.

It is expected the present Legion building on Main St. N. will be put up for sale. The second floor auditorium of that building is used extensively by organizations and groups in the Acton area for dances and social functions.