THE CN STATION IS COMING DOWN!
New glassed cubicle replaces it.

Lions abandon moving plans sell CN station

Acton's old CN station is being dismantled and the lumber in it salvaged, Acton Lions Club revealed this week. The club bought the building from CN, but sold it to an Acton man for salvage.

In a letter to Parks Board the club said although permission had been granted to put the building in the park, building experts found it would be uneconomical to move it down Knox Ave. The building was constructed in three phases and would have required complete dismantling and reassembly. "We have consequently sold it to be dismantled and the lumber salvaged," the letter said.

" When we first looked into this project, we had considered a site on the Lakeview side of the lake, and had been assured by movers it could be moved up the route to that side. However, a site mutually acceptable to all parties affected could not be found on that side.

"We feel the cost involved in dismantling and rebuilding is not warranted as a lot of renovating, wiring, plumbing, heating, etc. would also be required. It is our intention to use our financial resources for some other centennial project," the letter declared.

The letter concluded with thanks for the co-operation of the board and stated that while the project is dropped, the Lions have gained a greater insight into the workings and problems of the board.

The Lions sold the station to Henry J. McCarthy, of R.R. 1, Acton, who has been tearing it down for the last three weeks. He says the CN has given him until September 12 to have it completely dismantled and moved but thinks the railway would be lenient if he could not meet the date.

"They built this to last a 1,000 years," he told the Free Press last week. "It is well put together."

Mr. McCarthy said most of the wood in the station is oak and pine. Insulation in the walls is thick. Workmen assisting him to tear it down were impressed with the quality of the workmanship.

Although the CN had moved most of the furniture and other valuable equipment, much of the fine wood remained when Mr. McCarthy and his helpers started the dismantling job.

McCarthy wondered why it was coming down when it would have made a much better passenger depot than the little modern glassed kiosk which the railway has erected in its stead. He said he understood a bigger building was to be constructed, but still felt it would be pale in comparison with the older building.

"They really put a building together in those days," he said admiringly in his soft Irish brogue.

Strike delays paving of roads

Mayor Les Duby told the Free Press this week that paving of town streets has been held up by a strike among machine operators which he and council have had to deal.

Contractors have been busy fixing roads, leaving depressions which sometimes left something to be desired.

The mayor said council cleared this up by conferring with the engineer but the schedule set up by council has been dealt a blow and he hoped the program would move along so roads could be finished during the good weather.

Contractors have dug up roads in several areas of town and brought them up to better standards.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Charles F. Leatherland, Q.C.

is pleased to announce that he has formed an association with the law firm of **Kaplan, Morris, Meagher and Smith** and will continue to practice law as Counsel to the firm at

28 Main Street North, Acton.

Three more hats in ring

Marks will stand

Deputy Reeve Peter Marks has announced he will stand for the position of Regional Councillor in Ward One, which is the Town of Acton in the new borough of North Halton.

He feels his experience on local and county governments will be an asset to the position, but stresses the need for political representatives to listen to and express concerns of the public.

"Past experience is valuable; however, public needs and priorities are slowly changing and more efficient and less costly methods for municipal administration must be developed," he said.

Arrangements have been made with his employer to ensure there will be no conflict between his job and the position of Regional Councillor. He stated that if required his position as business administrator for a large service centre could be terminated. Mr. Marks did say however, "that after discussions with the new Regional Chairman and many other municipal officials in Halton and other regions, I am convinced that my association with business management procedures will be an asset in helping to establish financial and administration policy for our municipality."

Commenting on the cost of regional governments he stated that, "My studies of most of the other Regions in Ont. have revealed numerous errors that have resulted in significant tax increases and these same mistakes do not have to and must not be repeated in Halton."

Mr. Marks is the second to announce he would contest the Ward One regional seat. Reeve G.W. (Pat) McKenzie announced his intention earlier.

Two others—Mayor Les Duby and former clerk-administrator J.T. (Joe) Hurst—have disclosed they will run for the North Halton council.

Bill Smith announces he'll run

Mayor Bill Smith of Georgetown this week officially announced he would run for mayor of North Halton in the October regional election.

He is the third candidate from Georgetown and the fourth to advance their name for the mayor's post. He was preceded by Councillors Hunter and Siddall and Esquesing reeve Tom Hill.

With eight years' experience on council, three of them as mayor, earlier speculation put him on the list of candidates, anyway.

Smith says he has gone through preparatory regional government meetings and feels he has the experience necessary to implement the new system in North Halton. He feels he has the common sense and leadership qualities that will benefit the northern town over the next three years.

Bus tour of district

By Henry J. Stanley

The sunrise tour and the bus trip were conducted for the members of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association during the last two weeks. The insight into growing faba beans was obtained at the farm of William Gregg, Rockwood R.R. 2 on the sunrise tour on Tuesday morning, July 31.

These beans are a high source of protein and are obtaining considerable prominence out west. Everyone then travelled to the Leaver Mushroom Co. on the Guelph Line, Burlington where they looked through the new mushroom plant. The members then visited the farm of Richard Sovereign, Burlington where Prof. Jack Winch, Crop Science Department, University of Guelph, discussed the many ways of cutting the costs of high protein supplements.

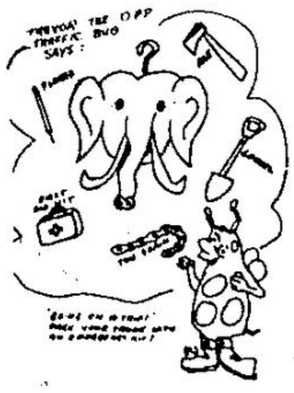
Better quality

His main emphasis was on the storing of better quality hay and haylage. The Soil and Crop members also looked over Mr. Sovereign's corn handling and drying equipment.

On Tuesday, Aug. 7, the annual bus trip was held with some 25 members visiting Peel and York Counties. Stops were made at the Brama Green Alfalfa Dehydration Plant, Bramalea where several hundred acres of alfalfa is dehydrated every year and pelleted for sale; the beef feedlot of Bill Sheard, Brampton with a large pit silo and feeding of wet distillers grains as the main features; Paul Baker farm at Thornhill, soybean growing and hog production; a tour of the Bradford Marsh; Jim Sabbotson's horse farm at Stouffville; and Harvey Brown's sheep and beef farm at Markham. Many new ideas were picked up from these stops.

Schweitzer

The Ontario Safety League, whose job it is to reduce the risk of physical tragedies, quotes this from Albert Schweitzer: "The tragedy of life is what dies inside a man while he lives."



Maltby seeks council seat

Esquesing Councillor George Maltby announced this week he will stand for a North Halton local council seat in Ward 2 (Esquesing) in the October 1 elections.

George said the experience he has gained in the past term has provided him with the knowledge to serve the best interests of Esquesing township on the new North Halton area council.

George is a business administrator salesman with Atlas Alloys. He lives on the Third Line, just north of Highway 7, near Acton.

He is the first to announce he will contest a seat in Ward 2. Reeve Tom Hill earlier confirmed he would contest the mayoralty. Other present members of Esquesing council have been noncommittal.

Happy Hoers prepare for achievement day

The final meeting of the Ashgrove Happy Hoers was held at the home of Mrs. J. Bird, Grace and Carolyn on Aug. 7 at 7.30 p.m. Prior to the meeting the girls examined their garden and flower beds in some detail.

The roll call "Bring in two vegetables of any one kind," was answered by the seven members present. The members then read over "Exhibiting Quality Vegetables" from their members pamphlets. Following this they judged the vegetables the members had brought in to answer the roll call.

Achievement Day activities were discussed so as to prepare the members for this day which is to be held on Aug. 23 at Ballinafad Hall. The members of the club wish to extend an invitation to all those interested to attend the afternoon program which begins at 2.30 p.m. It will prove to be not only an educational afternoon but a colorful one as well. Each member is to take a flower arrangement to the Achievement Day and each club will have a vegetable display as well.

The second year gardeners were reminded to bring their reference file to Achievement Day and to include in their record books an index.

The members practiced their play in preparation for Achievement Day and will rehearse again on Aug. 9 at the home of Joyce Wilson.

The meeting was then adjourned and a lunch of cantaloupe and ice cream was served by the leaders.

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