



NEW LEGION hall will be situated on 10 acres adjoining Fairy Lake.

## Turn first sod for Legion Hall

First sod was turned Tuesday morning for the new \$350,000 Legion hall, to be built on 10 acres beside Fairy Lake. Legion president Bob Angell and Mayor Les Doby were present for the symbolic first turning of the land, formerly Cecil Nelles' farm. A committee of the Legion is planning the work including Mr. Angell, Gord McCutcheon, Ed Footitt, John Gray,

Fred Allen and Gord James. The future Legion hall will be approached from Mill St., with a turn west of Cameron St. The building will rise at the far end of the large lot, near the lakeshore, with patio outside to take advantage of the pleasant site.

Banquet hall Largest room in the building is the banquet hall which can accommodate 500, or can

be divided for smaller groups.

Its dimensions are 59 feet by 99 feet. It is reached through an entrance foyer and has adjoining washrooms and coatrooms for parties, weddings, dances, etc.

The men's lounge is 28 by 32 feet with seating for 73, the ladies' lounge 29 by 40 with seating for 118. A games room, 34 by 49

feet, contains dart board area, pool table and shuffle board.

A board room has seating for 40; the main kitchen is carefully planned for catering. There are also washrooms, cooler, bars, offices and store rooms.

There are five entrances to the building.

Parking facilities are for 200 cars.

Decision to proceed with the new building has followed about a year of discussion.

The committee hopes to have foundations, steel work and building enclosed by the end of the year.

Planners are M.H.G. and Associates, Engineers. Mansell Nellis is contractor for the excavating.



THE DIE IS CAST. Tuesday morning president Bob Angell and Mayor Les Doby turned the first sod to get the new Acton legion hall off the ground on the 10 acre site, west of Cameron Avenue, beside Fairy Lake and opposite Prospect Park. Operating the bulldozer in the background is Lloyd Nellis and, beside the machine is Percy Jinks, official superintendent of legion hall building. He recently completed another hall in Agincourt. Percy will be in charge of the local project for the Legion Branch No. 197 here in Acton. (Photo by L. Root)

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WHO'S THAT, standing a thousand feet up in the air with all of Toronto stretched behind? It's radio and TV reporter Jack Carpenter (left) putting on a pose of composed nonchalance. With him at the outside edge of the imposing new CN tower is Malachy Grant, design and construction manager. To see what Jack saw turn inside today's Free Press.

## McKenzie keeps seat

Reeve G. W. "Pat" McKenzie maintains his seat as regional councillor for ward one (Acton) following an official recount Monday, supervised by Judge Alan Sprague. In formal, court-like setting, every ballot in the eight Acton polls and the advance poll was recounted.

Official results after two and a half hours was 883 votes for McKenzie and 875 votes for his opponent in the election, Peter Marks. Total vote was up by 12 ballots.

Count election night gave McKenzie 874, Marks 872. Irregularities in polls were discovered; spoiled ballots had in some cases been completely rejected when only the spoiled section should have been rejected.

The count in two polls also changed by one. Judge Sprague and two clerks were present at the recount in the court house with chief returning officer Pritchard, deputy Grant Usher, Ray Steel of Helson, Baines and Langdon law firm, Mr. McKenzie with his scrutineer Dr. F. G. Oakes and Mr. Marks with his scrutineer Brendan Ahearne.

At the conclusion of the recount Mr. Marks quickly congratulated Mr. McKenzie.

Both men agreed it was a "gentleman's recount". There were no disputes over any ballots.



G. W. (Pat) McKenzie

## Six proposed landfill sites in Esquesing twp

Waste disposal will become a county responsibility and representatives of the consulting firm of James F. McLaren Limited outlined their proposals Monday night to Esquesing council. Their final report commissioned by county council is not yet written.

Doug Sexsmith, site director and Bob Graham, project engineer, unfurled a county map and explained colored dots indicating their findings and proposals.

Councillors soon noted that of 14 proposed county landfill sites, six are in Esquesing township. Questioned about this the consultants reviewed their criteria.

Two landfill sites were located north of Acton, two south-west of Georgetown and two others in quarries in the township. Four sites were marked in Nassagaweya, three in Oakville and one in Burlington.

Processing There were also four sites marked for processing facilities. One is off highway 25 in Halton Hills, one in Milton, one in Oakville and one in Burlington. Exact location was not determined. These are 20 year projections, the consultants explained.

They have already made presentations at the request of Nassagaweya, Burlington

and Oakville councils. All sites need investigation first, Mr. Sexsmith repeated. "It amazes me six of these landfill spots are in Esquesing," said Reeve Tom Hill, Councillor George Maltby observed one location was close to Acton's water supply.

Hearings County engineer Jack Corbett to councillors with the consultants, said the final report will come to county council at the end of the year and then action is up to the regional council. He said hearings would be held. "You can bet there'll be hearings!" echoed Deputy Reeve Len Cox.

During the lengthy discussion many questions were asked about the choice of

location. Mr. Sexsmith and Mr. Graham explained comparative costs, transportation problems, methods of lining sites and drawing off accumulated liquids, baling, necessity of nearby cover material and the problem of runoff in clay soil in the south of Halton.

Never ideal "I've never seen an ideal site," Mr. Sexsmith admitted. He agreed landfill sites—or dumps—have a hard time getting public acceptance. "Everybody's in favor until the sites are fixed. Then they know a better place five miles away."

He defended landfill sites as the most economical solution to the problem.

Challenge Their presentation was challenged at its conclusion

by Bill Johnson, chairman of GUARD (Group United Against Rural Dumping). "This is anything but a progress report," he declared, "I've never seen an ideal site," Mr. Sexsmith admitted. He agreed landfill sites—or dumps—have a hard time getting public acceptance. "Everybody's in favor until the sites are fixed. Then they know a better place five miles away."

Mr. Johnson promised to be back for hearings. Reeve Hill concluded the discussion by commenting he was happy county council had hired consultants to prepare a report. "We couldn't manage it ourselves," he said.

## M.M. Coles crash victim

A revered churchman, Murray M. Coles was killed in a head-on crash on Trafalgar Rd. near Lower Base Line, Oakville, on Wednesday night of last week.

Mr. Coles was a faithful member of Knox Presbyterian church and the funeral service was held there on Saturday. He was 79 years of age.

Mr. Coles of R.R. 2, Acton was killed in the collision and three others were injured. Katerina Kiraly, also of R.R.

2, Acton, was a passenger in the Coles car. She is now out of intensive care in Oakville-Trafalgar hospital and improving.

On curve Driver of the other car, Brett Cameron, 21, and his passenger Lynda Bradbury, 18, both of Oakville, are also now recovering well from lacerations and leg injuries.

The cars apparently met head-on on a curve.

Obituary for Mr. Coles will appear in next week's Free Press.

## Fourth fatality

A collision between a dump truck and a car on Highway 25 this morning (Wednesday) took the life of John Watson, R.R. 5, Milton, a resident of the Speyside area.

The deceased was driving the car which collided with the rear end of a dump truck in front of Durante's Esso service station, half mile

north of 401 Highway at about 6:20 a.m. The car jammed under the rear end of the truck which was owned by T. D. Smith.

Coroner Dr. Ivan Hunter declared Mr. Watson was dead at the scene. Milton O.P.P. are investigating.

The fatality was the fourth in the past week

## Untangle Hydro at Orton meet

While the Solandt commission is conducting hearings regarding the proposed 500 KV power transmission corridor from Middleport to Pickering, Ontario Hydro is holding meetings to determine two rights-of-way for 500 KV power lines between Bradley Junction and the Acton-Rockwood-Georgetown area.

Ten meetings are being held with the nearest to this area set for East Garafraxa Central Public School on Tuesday, October 23.

Details of the process by which the two corridors were identified will be described at the meetings and those attending will have an opportunity to discuss the method by which the corridors were identified and comment on the corridors, as well as having an opportunity to suggest any additional corridors Hydro may have overlooked.

Already a group of Wellington County and Halton County residents are suggesting Hydro could avoid a lot of hassling and some of the best agriculture land in

the province by avoiding this area with the corridors altogether and sending them from the Bruce power station to Essa near Camp Borden and Barrie and then south using an existing Hydro corridor.

The local group has already expressed their suggestion to Hydro without much success. Spokesman for the group, John Schneider of R.R. 2, Acton, says Hydro will not permit the available corridor between Kleinburg and Essa to be used since they are reserving it for a future, unidentified, unlocated station north of Essa.

Valuable land One of the group's main contentions is that Hydro will be passing through valuable farm land in Wellington County, whereas a northern route from Bruce to Essa would use less arable land and complete a power grid without having to deal with so many land-owners since part would be on an existing route.

The group also claims there would be a saving on 14 miles of new corridor and there would be more protection in

the event of natural disasters such as tornadoes and ice storms. They say only 19 miles of the corridors would be unprotected whereas under the present "Q" or modified "Q" would allow for some 79 miles of unprotected corridor.

The local group believes they have some support for their proposals within Ontario Hydro and they intend to press them at the Orton meeting on Tuesday, October 23. They are asking residents of the area who are concerned about a swath of towers coming through the area, possibly down through the Fourth and Fifth Lines of Erin and Esquesing or the Sixth Line of Eramosa, to come out to the Orton meeting. The school is located on the "Fergus Road" between Fergus and Orangeville directly above Hillsburgh, at the corner of the "Seventh Line". It is in East Garafraxa township.

The group is also critical of Hydro for not holding a meeting in this area for residents to express their views.

## Ice ready next week

Repairs and painting in the arena are continuing today (Wednesday) in preparation for ice making this weekend.

Arena manager Harold Townsley says a sheet of ice should be ready to skate on early next week.

Ice making machinery was turned on last week and the floor temperature is dropping to the required level to make ice.



ONTARIO COMPETITIVE Trail Ride Association's High Point Arab of 1973 is five year old "Rocklea Treysabara", owned, raised and ridden by Di Lindblad, Highway 24, Rockwood. Treysy has won many trophies this year, winning in all of the four rides she has been on. She and owner, Di Lindblad, are pictured here admiring the awards they won at the Riding Canuck's Annual Endurance Ride on Sept. 30. The ride is a first of its kind in Ontario being a 60 mile contest ridden in two days—thirty miles each day. (Photo by Jennifer Barr)

## Sandra Van Fleet dies in accident



Sandra Van Fleet

Tragedy ended the promising career of one of Acton's bright young women on Monday afternoon. Sandra Van Fleet, 18, had been working for two weeks as Y program co-ordinator, and, with assistance of friend Susan McPhail, was taking a load from the Y to the dump when the accident occurred.

Their truck, owned by Susan's mother Jean McPhail, went off the fourth line of Esquesing south of 17 side-road on a crest, rolling over on the east side of the roadway.

Driver Susan, 16, was treated and released from hospital.

Const. Brian Pringle of the Milton detachment O.P.P. investigated.

At college

Sandra was in her second year of recreation leadership at Humber College of Applied Arts and Technology, and had just been engaged as part-time co-ordinator for the Y here.

Registration nights, planned for Monday and Tuesday, were cancelled, said Y board chairman Pat McGrenere.

Young people who showed up to register were asked to come back again next week, when other arrangements have been made, he said. "She was like a breath of

fresh air in the Y," said Mr. McGrenere. "She was a real go getter and worker. We were really impressed."

Schools

Sandra Lynne Van Fleet lived with her parents, Donald and Annetta, and brothers Russell and Randy at 43 Wil low St. She is survived by grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Van Fleet, Park Ave. She was born March 6, 1955, and attended Robert Little school and Acton high school before going to Humber College.

She was a member of Acton Citizens' Band for five years. She enjoyed participating in driving fancy ponies at the fairs, and played lacrosse and

golf. She liked working with children and had been enthusiastic about her job at the Y.

She was a member of Trinity United church and former minister the Rev. Gordon Turner will conduct the funeral service at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home on Thursday afternoon. Interment will be in Fairview cemetery.

News of the accident deeply shocked the community where the family is so well-known. The loss is to the whole town which would have benefitted from her capabilities and talents.