



Committee approves six applications

Six applications were heard by the Committee of Adjustment at a hearing last Wednesday evening.

Another application which had been expected was postponed. All six applications were approved, although there were two objections from planning board.

Ray Thompson's application to allow an addition at the rear of his present garage on Young St. for storage was approved. There were no objections.

Becker addition A representative from Beckers, Mr. Jackson of Toronto, presented the application for relief from parking to permit an addition to the present Becker store. He had a letter of intent from the Brewers Warehouse to permit Beckers use of parking space there in the adjoining lot. Planning board had objected to the application, due to shortage of parking space; however it was approved by the Committee of Adjustment.

Also approved was an application for Jim Gibson to sever his lot in the industrial park. There was no objection. Harvey Palmer received permission to sever three feet from his lot on the school lane to his son, to straighten the lot. There were no objections. Ron Mellon, Crescent St., made application for severance to create an additional building lot. There

was no objection and this was approved.

Two lots Elte Lathing Limited made application for severance with minor variances of three feet. This would create two building lots, one containing the former McLane house on Mill N. and the other to contain a new two-storey house. Owner Alf Berry also plans to raze the adjoining McLane garage and replace it with an office building. The houses would be on two 47-foot lots, in a 50-foot zone.

An objection from planning board was read. However the committee approved the severance and

minor variances subject to the removal of the porch on the existing house, and removal or demolition of sheds. Also Mr. Berry must enter into an agreement with council to establish an easement across the property; it is proposed to enlarge the present storm sewer there some time.

The proposal for Elte Lathing was made by Terry Haines.

Neighbors were in attendance but didn't speak in objection.

Mr. Berry's application to create another building lot off Nelson Court was postponed until a later hearing.

Youth, 17 crushed

A farm accident Monday afternoon west of Campbellville claimed the life of a 17-year-old youth who was crushed beneath a farm tractor.

Dead is Robert William (Willie) McLaren, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McLaren of 109 McLaren Rd., Campbellville. Milton O.P.P. who investigated the incident said he was attempting to remove a fence post with the tractor when the tractor flipped over on top of him.

The incident happened around 2:30 p.m. Monday. Const. Ron Barrett of Milton O.P.P. investigated and coroner Dr. W. T. Kellington of Freeton pronounced him dead at the scene.

McLaren was a student at Milton District High School until last year but had quit to work on the family farm.

Now it's two Corridors!!

Although the September '73 report of BHI Ltd. to the Solandt Commission indicated their preferred route for the 500 KV Hydro lines would not go through this area, Ontario Hydro is still planning TWO large corridors in our district.

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Rotarian interviews arthritic sufferer

The Rev. Andrew McKenzie, publicity chairman for the Rotarian drive for funds for the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society, to be held on October 24 and 25, interviewed Mrs. Herb (Anne) Dodds, who has experienced for many years the inconveniences, physical and psychological, of this disease. He is hopeful that the citizens of this community will respond generously to the Rotarians' appeal on behalf of this agency which is doing so much for so many afflicted persons. The interview follows:

Q: How long have you been afflicted with arthritis?

A: Since I was 10.

Q: How did you first become aware of it?

A: It started in my right knee joint, but it was undiagnosed for a number of years. The swelling gradually got worse, but it was really undiagnosed until I was taking my nurse's training.

Q: Where was that?

A: At St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph.

Q: Was that a 3-year course?

A: Yes.

Q: Bermuda

A: Did your arthritic condition limit much in your training?

A: No, not really. I didn't let it. It was not then so bad, but it gradually got worse. When I graduated I went to Dr. Raffan for treatment. In April of 1959 I went to Bermuda; it was the rainy season and my knee started to swell again. I went to a doctor there, and he couldn't decide whether I had arthritis for sure. He kept me in hospital for a month and sent me home to Canada on crutches. In Sept. of that year I had a synovectomy (lining

removed from the knee joint) in Brantford.

Q: And what followed?

A: I was in and out of hospital about a month in every six until Herb and I were married in 1964. In '62 I entered university and I was on drugs the whole year in order to keep going. Ricky was born in 1966. While pregnant I was really in good health, but about six weeks after his birth I had a major flare-up and it took about 4 1/2 months for me to get going again. I was fairly well after that and I worked for three years (1968-70) teaching at St. Joseph's—in charge of the phasing out of the senior program. But by July of 1970 I could hardly walk; I was on crutches and sick most of the time. As soon as I finished work, I was in the hospital for two weeks, and then I went in October to the McMaster Chedoke Centre—the Holbrook Pavilion—a rehabilitation centre.

Q: Artificial joint

A: What did they do for you there?

A: They put an artificial joint in my knee and a prosthesis in my wrist.

Q: What was the value of the prosthesis?

A: It enabled me to turn my hand over and to do it with a smooth motion.

Q: Tell me a little more about the care you received.

A: Well, they tried to help us adjust to the disease. They carried out extensive rehabilitation procedures which were extremely good and better than I've ever observed anywhere else.

Q: What has the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society done for you?

A: More than I can ever repay.

For a year after I came home a physiotherapist came here to supervise my exercises and to make sure I was alright.

Q: "Tremendous"

A: Have you had fairly continuous contact with C.A.R.S. since you were in Chedoke?

A: Yes. The physio stopped coming after a year, but when I phoned she came again and did so until last April. I've never called yet, but a therapist has come, and at least twice a year they make an assessment of my condition. The present physiotherapist is tremendous!

Q: Were you referred to C.A.R.S. through your doctor?

A: Yes, through Dr. Frid of the Chedoke Centre.

Q: I presume that everyone who does get help is referred by a doctor?

A: As far as I know, this is the case.

Q: Do you know of others in this community being helped by C.A.R.S.?

A: Yes, I know of at least two

other ladies who were receiving the attention of the physiotherapist. And when you consider the time involved and the cost of travel and the salary of a competent physiotherapist, this is a very expensive treatment, but it is really great! And, you know, half of it is just having someone who is really cheerful coming in to encourage you to keep on fighting. You really have to

work hard to do the things you can do for yourself and not be crushed by all the things you can't do anymore.

Q: Support

A: So you feel that people in Acton should support the work of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society?

A: I sure do; and particularly for the sake of the many children who need help. The research necessary for the

control of this disease can only be done if people support it generously.

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