

David Thomas \$23,000 richer

An Acton man is \$23,000 richer thanks to the Irish Sweepstakes in the Cambridge Handicap run in Newmarket, England.

David Thomas, of Kingham Dr. purchased a ticket at his place of business, Southam and Murray Ltd. in Weston. On Thursday he was informed that his ticket had been pulled and was eligible to win. However, he dismissed the thought of winning from his mind because the horse he had the ticket on was not listed in the paper as running.

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Sons, daughters get new status

At a general meeting Monday night, Legion members agreed to permit sons and daughters of veterans to join the Legion as associate members, rather than fraternal affiliates. The provincial-dominion command instituted the change in policy.

The category of fraternal affiliates is generally used for people who have contributed a great deal to the Legion (such as the Choralliers here.) There are still certain qualifications to be met by

sons or daughters.

Dances

The general membership approved a policy presented to them which would see a dance in the main Legion hall every Saturday night. (This precludes rentals on Saturdays.) A special Oktoberfest dance is being arranged for Oct. 26 and orchestras are booked for weeks ahead.

A tentative rental schedule for events in the building was also considered and referred back to the executive.

Delegation claims Acton advisory group ignored by Collison

The disgruntled members of the Acton Citizens' Advisory Committee for recreation left Halton Hills committee of the whole council Monday night hardly pleased with the action that was taken at the meeting.

They had appeared before the committee to voice their dissatisfaction with the way

they have been ignored by recreation director Doug Collison. They outlined 12 incidents to substantiate their complaint.

The council decided that Collison will report to the general administration committee's next meeting to give his side of the conflict and the citizen's committee will then be invited to another meeting.

Committee for Acton, hoping to see some continuity to past efforts and to be involved in recreation to the benefit of Acton in the present and future. It has become obvious that we have been totally unnecessary as there have been no meetings or contacts with the Recreation Department since April.

Had the Committee functioned the way we understood it was intended to, the thought of hiring a Program Coordinator would not be necessary at the present time.

6. There has been no input to this Committee from the Recreation Department concerning grant structures for baseball, hockey, soccer, etc. Acton Figure Skating Club is still waiting for a reply concerning 1973 grant, although the Club President has called on more than one occasion, leaving his name, address and telephone number.



AT LAST! FENCING went up at the new tennis courts behind the community centre Saturday. Players will no longer have to run far afield to retrieve their balls. Courts have been ready for many weeks, awaiting the fencing contractor.

"This is another rip-off. We will have to come back again, I guess after Collison makes his report. We had hoped Mr. Collison would be here tonight but he wasn't," citizen's committee chairman Diane Spielvogel said. She added that Collison had received a carbon copy of the brief they presented to council. "His absence makes you wonder. It's obvious indication of the recreation director's concern for ward one," Mrs. Spielvogel stated.

"Where do we go from here? Not very far, it appears," she added.

The Acton brief reads: We, as a past Parks Board and Recreation Committee, have served Acton for a number of years and were pleased to have been asked to serve on a Citizens Advisory

1. No member has ever received a copy of the Recreation budget for Acton.

2. We have not been informed to date that money set aside for the arena roof would not be used this year.

3. We have not been informed of any renovations to the Community Centre.

4. We have not been informed if the seventh member for the Committee was officially appointed.

5. Telephone calls from the Sports Group members and individuals go unanswered.

7. There has been no discussion on the final location of the tennis courts. Installation of same has not been completed and we are of the understanding that the necessary equipment is still sitting in the Legion Works' yard.

8. Previous summer programs were far superior to that offered by the Recreation Department for the summer of 1974 as has been obvious by the number of complaints received from parents, children and leaders alike.

9. We understand an Intermediate Hockey Club is starting up again. Where is the ice time coming from, and is public skating going to suffer?

10. The contract received.

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HEART DECAL on a window or door will indicate to firefighters the presence of a handicapped person within. It's a new project being launched during Fire Prevention week. Here Chief Mick Holmes sticks one of the pink heart-shaped decals on the door of the Price home on Willow St. Cheryl Mrs. Hilliard Price walks with difficulty, using canes. The chief hopes to hear from others, to assist firefighters in the event of an emergency.

New heart decals for handicapped

"Have a Heart: Save a Life" is the new community service project for Acton and all Halton firefighters. The campaign is being launched this week here during Fire Prevention Week in Halton.

Free heart-shaped decals will be distributed by fire chief Mick Holmes to homes where invalids or handicapped people live. He started by placing one at the door of Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard Price. Mr. Price is a former firefighter and Mrs. Price moves slowly with canes. She came happily to the door to greet the chief and watch the pink heart go on.

At houses they are placed on the window in the front door, or the nearest window.

Keep track

As the decals are requested and distributed the names and locations will be recorded in a log at the fire hall. Firefighters will make a call back in a year's time to see if the decal is still needed.

The project is being arranged through the Halton Region Fire Prevention committee and includes all areas of Halton.

Firefighters always make a thorough search of any building but it is additional useful information if they know they are looking for an elderly, bedridden or handicapped person.

Heart decals point the way to speedy rescue. They are intended to be an extra safety aid only.

Open house

Also as part of fire prevention week, Chief Holmes is arranging fire prevention demonstrations at Building Products and the schools, and for the Girl Guides Thursday evening.

Saturday there will be an Open House at the fire hall. A large sign has been erected there.

For private fire inspections, Chief Holmes says he can be contacted through 877-5185 days, or 853-0636 evenings.

Will appraise Legion property

Acton Legion Branch 197 was asked to pay \$20,000 to Halton Hills in lieu of five percent parkland as a condition of selling 29 lots in a subdivision owned by them.

This decision was reached at Monday's meeting of Halton Hills council but a different decision was reached Tuesday. (See adjoining story.)

thought was minimal. Using our figures we came up with \$30,000 so we struck a happy medium."

"How did you come up with the \$30,000," insisted McKenzie.

Booth said five percent of the land was a lot and half,

which he claimed was worth \$30,000.

John Goy, a Legion representative, said \$20,000 might apply to serviced land, but \$11,000 would be appropriate for unserviced land.

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An editorial Vision sours

Members of Acton Legion had a vision... and they lost it Monday.

When construction began on a new Legion hall, Legion members began to consider what to do with their old building on Main St. N.

They soon came up with a perfect idea—their lot was the ideal site for senior citizens' housing. Near to shopping, churches, buses. No hills to climb.

And so, hopefully and confidently, Legionnaires began to contact Ontario Housing Corporation about their plan. They proposed selling the building and lot for a very reasonable price, so it could be torn down and replaced by senior citizen units.

For five months the Legion has got "the run around" from O.H.C. and Halton Hills. Dozens and dozens of phone calls were made trying to convince officials at a series of civil service levels that their idea was a great one.

O.H.C. said Halton Hills had not requested more senior citizens housing here. Councillor Les Duby vows the motion requesting more housing was passed long ago by the new council.

O.H.C. would also not go out on a limb and buy the property for land banking—too open to criticism from others apparently.

Meanwhile, Acton people who heard of the plan by the grapevine are telling Legion members to put their name on the list for accommodation.

Another meanwhile: Legion members learn via Halton Hills council that the Ontario Housing Corporation already has two acres of land available—in Georgetown.

Finally after the five months of "futile negotiations" the Legion members agreed to give up trying to get senior citizens apartments as a service to the town.

Monday night, they sold the building and property to a district man. And the price they had asked O.H.C. to pay was less than 50 per cent of the final selling price.

Ontario—a place to live, a place to groan.

UNICEF walk

A walkathon will be held on October 19 for UNICEF. The walk is to start above Hillsburg and end 20 miles away in Acton. Tyler bus lines are providing transportation to the beginning point from Acton.

Students from Robert Little public school, M. Z. Bennett public school, Acton high school and Speyside public school are invited to participate. Walkers must be over 10 years of age and have a permission sheet signed by their parent. It is the child's responsibility to find sponsors.

Sponsors

The idea of sponsors is to make the person's walk worthwhile. The citizen approached for this, if willing, promises to pay the walker so much money per mile.

The police have been sent a letter asking permission to conduct this walkathon. There will be a private car with a sign to motorists to be cautious and warning them of the upcoming walkers, following the last walker. There will also be a car in front of the first walker with a similar sign.

The teachers involved are Richard Coe from Robert Little School and Ed Leatherland, from M. Z. Bennett.

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MAYOR TOM HILL (far left) and Councillor Pat McKenzie (far right) present the area police with pedestrian safety awards won by Georgetown and Acton. The policemen are, (left to right) Constable Larry Scott, Milton; Staff Inspector Ray Andress, Georgetown; and Corporal Bob Arbour, Acton.

Arena gets new boards

New crystoplex plastic boards are being installed around the floor at the Acton arena this week in preparation for the hockey season. The modern material is designed to stand up better than wood under the punishment of continuous hockey games.

Arena manager Harold Townsley hopes to have the work completed by this weekend. If so, ice-making machinery will be started in motion and provided the weatherman cooperates a sheet of ice will be ready the following weekend of October 19.

A stream of warm weather however, could foil those plans since the building is not insulated and it is necessary to have suitable temperatures to hold ice.

Julia Bowen receives award

A grade seven student at M. Z. Bennett public school received the Miss School Safety Award from the Hamilton Automobile Club on Wednesday, Oct. 2. The presentation took place during a banquet at the Holiday Inn in Hamilton.

Julia Bowen is the captain of her school's safety patrol. She is in charge of 16 to 20 students at seven different points. She, along with fellow student, Steven Lumbers, make sure the seven intersections between M. Z. Bennett and No. 7 Highway have patrols on them.

There must be people at these corners from 8.30 to 9.05, 11.45 to 12.12.30 to one o'clock and 3.45 to 4.15.

Julia and Steve attended a safety summer camp sponsored by the Hamilton Automobile Club. While there, they received weekly instructions on the proper methods of safety guarding and were tested on traffic safety in written and oral tests.

Julia received this award for a combination of things: her co-operation, performance and personality during the first month in school.

In addition to the award, Julia received a small trophy for her own personal memento.

Town citation

The town of Acton also received a special citation for 1973 pedestrian program improvement category for cities and towns with 5,000 to 10,000 population. There have been no pedestrian deaths in 13 years in Acton.

The award was presented to Councillor Garnet McKenzie.