



A SUMMER SURPRISE to recreation advisory committee members was the unexpected installation of new playground equipment at the far end of the park. None of the committee had been informed of the new play area. Thursday, the committee considered the hazards of the location and recommended the equipment be removed as soon as possible, to be relocated where it's needed.

Refused gov't. aid for Acton plant

A former clothing manufacturer in Acton has added his part to the current stories of government grants to big U.S. owned companies. Lloyd Fuller, principal owner of Adams Knitting Co. Ltd. of College St. in Toronto, says he tried three times to get a \$75,000 loan or grant from the Ontario government to create 65 new sewing jobs in Acton.

"We got turned down flat," he said.

Government officials assured him Acton did not qualify under the category of a depressed area, even though he explained sewing operators were out of work here.

Closed
Mason Knitting Company had just closed and Mr. Fuller figured this would be a good place for a branch of his company, which mainly makes pyjamas. There were apparently 85 sewing operators out of work here in 1971.

"We rented space and set up sewing machines for 85 operators," Mr. Fuller said. "We stayed there 11 months and dropped \$48,000 but we never could get more than 13 operators to work at any one time. It was so easy to collect unemployment and welfare, I guess."

Adams operated his subsidiary firm from about Jan. 1972 to November, before giving up.

Mr. Fuller was contacted by the Toronto Globe and Mail and the Acton Free Press during recent disclosures that government loans to American firms would cause Canadian competitors to close. He said big American companies such as Levi-Strauss Canada Inc. and H.D. Lee Co. seem to have no problem getting Canadian money for new plants — but it's apparently different for Canadians.

in Canada that have created more than 1,000 jobs. Their Canadian competitors say they are being squeezed out of business.

Mr. Fuller says he felt bad about leaving Acton. "We had some conscientious guys up there," he recalled, adding special praise for Della Kentner.

Driver injured

Last Thursday a car driven by Dan Jensen, lot 1, Con. 4, Eramosa, went out of control rolling over, striking a tree in the ditch. There was over \$1,000 damage to the '73 Chev and the driver received minor cuts and bruises.

The accident happened at 6:20 a.m. on Highway 25 just north of Halton Rd. 12.

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Three thefts keep police busy

The Acton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police was busy this past week with a number of thefts.

An earth packing machine, valued at \$1,000, was stolen from the Cobblehill Rd. construction site on November 12. The machine is owned by Graham Construction.

On November 14, a 1961 GMC pickup truck was stolen from the parking lot of one of the local hotels. The licence number is C67 548. The

vehicle has not been recovered.

A ten speed bicycle owned by Kent Nelsen, of Longfield Rd., was stolen from the high school on November 17. It also has not been found.

Other charges laid were two impaired drivers and three liquor seizures.

Two cars in accident
A two-car accident on County Rd. 24, Erin township on Nov. 11 resulted in injury to occupants of one vehicle.

A car driven by Bruno Scisizzi, of R.R. 1, Guelph, collided with a car driven by

Off welfare
Mr. Fuller said he approached both the provincial and federal governments in his efforts to make his Acton operation successful. "We told them we could take people off welfare and unemployment rolls but it didn't make any difference."

He still has about 40 employees in Toronto making pyjamas and jeans. But he is short of help there too, because of the easy availability of unemployment insurance.

The Lee and Levi corporations have received more than \$2 million between them to establish new plants

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Over budget

Peter Saxon of Whiting Saxon Ltd. will ask Halton Region's Administration Committee to consider paying an additional \$3,981.97 to his firm to make up for expenses the firm incurred over and above the budgeted amount of \$9,000 to provide a regional booth in the tented city at the Halton International Plowing Match, held in Halton Hills in September.

Saxon said the lack of volunteer assistance and interest made his job much more difficult and resulted in additional expenses. In a report to the Region's Finance and Administration Committee he wrote, "From the initial stages of planning and endeavoring to develop suitable ideas, our efforts were progressively thwarted with passive interest and apathy. As a result the period from Aug. 18 to Sept. 13 had to be devoted entirely to attempting to recruit volunteer assistance, endeavoring to engender support from the business community and seeking practical interesting ideas to incorporate within the total. As a result, both the writer and assistant R. Porter spent an average of 14 hours daily over this period in a frustrating attempt to achieve objectives that would have easily been possible had the expected interest and assistance been available."

Saxon is expected to attend the committee meeting next Wednesday.

Montreal, Quebec's largest city, was founded in 1642 and became the base for traders and explorers.



NEW TREES planted on town land at Fairview cemetery by Windland Associates have been criticized by town engineer Peter Morris. A tree expert will be consulted. Developers were allowed to cut down large trees at the far end of the cemetery to improve the grade for the back gardens of new houses.

No more help

In spite of pleas by regional treasurer Don Farmer, the region's administration and finance committee refused to recommend the hiring of a Manager of Systems and a Manager of Financial Services for his department.

Farmer told the committee a manager of systems would implement better procedures in the department. He assured the committee the man would save his own salary by introducing efficiencies not now practiced in the system.

Members expressed some reservations on that position and agreed not to act on it immediately, but agreed it could be considered during budget debates. Farmer agreed.

Never finished
The treasurer was adamant, however, on the second request for a manager of financial services. He claimed the individual would be in control of budget preparations and a host of other duties. He claimed the volume of work has grown to such a degree that it is now impossible for all of the things that should be done to be done.

The committee suggested Farmer seek more co-operation from area treasurers in an effort to lighten the load in his office, but refused the request for the additional staff person at this time.

Later in the meeting the usually calm treasurer became angry when Councillor Gord Brown suggested a change in a procedure at the treasury office. "I'd be swamped with paper. I've got more than I can handle now, that you've reused the man I need," he replied.

Opening
The Lions club is planning a formal opening program for the swimming pool.

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