



Hello . . . Who, me? . . . Wow, Nassau!

Modern T.V. system completion in April

Halton Cable T.V. should have its work in Acton completed sometime in April. A definite date cannot be set however, due to the possibility of inclement weather and construction holdups.

Construction on the tower, just west of Speyside, has commenced. Noram Communications is in charge of the manufacturing and installation of the 300-foot tower. When completed it will stand 1500 feet above sea level compared to Norval's present tower of 500 feet above sea level.

Contractors Eric Bell Communications is in charge of all the underground work and B.C. Construction Company of Toronto is taking care of the aerial installation. Gerrold is the overall cable system being used.

When the whole system is complete, Acton subscribers to cable T.V. will be able to watch 12 channels as a basic service. A converter can be leased which will bring in six other stations.

This converter works on the same principle as remote control. The television is set to one particular station, which will be decided in the future, and the channels switched by pressing different buttons on the converter. The converter is a small box which can be placed anywhere in the room, connected to the television by a very fine wire. There is a converter out which is entirely remote control with no wires, but according to Art Jamieson, president and general manager of Halton Cable system, it is not known whether this will be the one used.

In 1968, Georgetown Cable TV Ltd. began operations in Georgetown. At the same time, licenses were applied for, to serve Acton and Milton. However, there was a long delay before a public hearing and decision by the Canadian Radio Television Commission.

Last August the company was given permission to extend their services to Acton and Milton. The name has since been changed to Halton Cable T.V. Ltd.

Due to the many changes in technology and the introduction to the industry of improved equipment during the time of the delay, the company is able to bring Acton residents a completely new system using the most recent equipment available. This will result in a signal and picture that will be superior

to most Cable TV systems. "As far as I am concerned, Gerrold is the Cadillac of its business. The very, very best," Mr. Jamieson commented concerning the quality of the system.

The system does not only service television channels, but will have a two-way capability which will allow for future extra services such as home banking and shopping, plus a 30 channel capacity. To make full use of this cable system, a wired city concept will be employed, by which every home in Acton will be wired having the cable attached to the outside of every residential unit with no obligation for any further use by the residents.

After the first year of service it is planned to have a large new studio built on the Speyside site. Local

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Wild wildfowl

Love nests on Fairy Lake

Love knows no barriers, and as a result Cupid's darts have played havoc with the wildlife on Fairy Lake.

It seems the wildfowl found the domesticated fowl attractive and produced hybrids, which according to the Ministry of Natural Resources is a "No, No."

Adding to the complication is man's killing with kindness. The birds have been fed by the town staff and by many other bird lovers. The birds who never had it so good,

No subsidy carryover

Halton Hills won't be getting any subsidy carryover for work not done last year.

It had been hoped the province would allow subsidy grants for works projects not completed last year to be used this year.

The province informed Halton Hills recently that subsidies expire, if the funds aren't used up, on December 31 of the year they were issued.

have now decided not to migrate in the cold winter months, and instead stick around for the free handouts.

The Wildlife Service of the Ministry of Natural Resources insists the hybrids be culled from the flock, and recommends the wildfowl, including many Canada Geese, not be fed during their migratory season, since the feeding is interrupting their normal migratory patterns.

The permit issued by the Ministry allows only a total pure bred wild population in the bird sanctuary.

Harold Townsley, manager of Acton arena, adjacent to the lake, told Halton Hills administration committee a high school group donated 6 Canada Geese, some mallards, and other types of ducks. He said they interbred and produced white hybrids. "I see no harm in that, but the Ministry of Natural Resources claim they are a detriment to the strain of mallards."

Townsley said the Ministry had suggested the local conservation officer assist them in culling out the hybrids. He said there was no need of wringing their necks, since he had received

many calls from people willing to take them.

He said a wildlife biologist with Environment Canada, had suggested the birds not be fed during the migration season.

Recreation Director Collison said the order from the Ministry of Natural Resources stated the town had 30 days to have a total pure bred wildlife population or discontinue feeding the

wild birds completely. "The idea seems to be the wild birds will fly away and then not be interbreeding with the domesticated ones."

Councillor Les Duby asked if they had been told what the migratory season is. Townsley replied, he imagined it would start around September 15, and might last until November 15.

Councillor Ric Morrow suggested the Ministry of Natural Resources should handle the whole problem, and contended it was bit out of line for council business. "Yes, but the birds are there and we have to do something," retorted Duby. He said the birds attract a great many people to the park from all over the province. "Maybe it is nice to see Canada Geese in the middle

of February, but it's not what the good Lord intended for Canada Geese," commented Morrow.

Townsley said there were two Canada Geese who were born on Fairy Lake and came back and raised young there. He said their wings were clipped, but only for one season, so they would stay. "This is the first year a large number of Canada Geese have stayed," he added.

Miss Esther Taylor, well known Acton bird lover, said the first clipping of birds wings set the pattern for non-migration. "I never want to see another bird pinioned, straining every feather to join a migrating flock," she remarked.

Miss Taylor claimed the interference with migratory

Nassau trip winner elated

Delighted winner of the special merchants' trip for two to Nassau is Linda McMillan of 159 Jeffrey Ave., wife of the new owner of Canadian Tire.

It didn't take her long to decide they would certainly take the trip. They have been to Nassau several times before and enjoyed it very much. They haven't had a holiday lately and are looking forward to it.

The draw Saturday afternoon culminated six weeks of draws at town stores. There were 29 merchants who participated in the program, to encourage Acton and district people to shop at home during the Christmas season.

The 29 participants were very pleased with the response of the local people. This kind of promotion has

been offered here before. The participating merchants made a draw each week and the names of winners were listed.

Final draw was made at Nielson's clothing store and Mrs. McMillan was phoned at once.

She helps in Canadian Tire store and they have three children. They have only lived in Acton since Dec. 1, but she did a good deal of

shopping here, she says.

Never before. Although she has been to Nassau, she's excited just the same. "I never won anything before!" she says. The trip must be taken between April and November this year. Five consolation awards were made to Kathy Turkosz, Peel St., Lorna Musales, 183 Main N., Janice Ruine of 116 Kingham Dr., Alvin Stuckless of 138 Puplar and Wendy Mason of Churchill S.

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Pool closed for repairs

The new swimming pool was closed for seven full days the past week while repairs were made.

The recreation department expects that regular programming will begin again by today (Wednesday.)

Two coats of waterproofing under the marmalite base didn't laminate properly and pushed up, cracking the marmalite.

Other repairs included grout work along the coping, pool ledge, and painting of baseboards in the shower rooms.

Temperature The pool is filled with water and the only hold-up now is water temperature.

The pool was shut from New Year's Day.

A committee is planning an official opening of the pool Sunday, January 19. It is expected the Lions club will then hand over the amount of money raised in the town-wide canvass to the town.



KEVIN PARKER, who started figure skating in Acton and now trains in London won the gold medal in the senior men's singles event at the recent Ontario Winter Games in Thunder Bay. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Parker, Kevin will represent Ontario in the Canada Games in Lethbridge, Alberta February 17-21.

Number or name for rural roads?

Halton Hills works committee decided the regional engineers, Halton Hills engineer and the fire chiefs must sit down and work out some kind of system of identifying roads to end confusion.

Recently the fire chiefs in Halton Hills went to the administration committee requesting they find some way to eliminate confusion caused by the numbering system for regional and town roads. They pointed out in the rural areas some roads have

two or three names and it is confusing for people phoning in fires.

The administration committee suggested the region use three digit numbers for their roads.

Monday night the works committee tossed around the idea and suggested the region and town get together and work out a solution. Some members thought it would be a good idea if names were used instead of numbers to identify roads in the rural areas.

Council views today

Interviews with councillors continue in today's Free Press. Acton's representatives answer more questions on page 10. Mayor Tom Hill and the three Esquusing councillors review the year on page five.

Early pussywillows

"The earliest ever" says Mrs. Frank Freeman about a bouquet of pussywillows she brought in to the Free Press office. She found the pussywillows near her district home, and can't remember ever having seen them out earlier. Normally the furry buds appear in spring.

New rec man begins

Recreation co-ordinator for Acton and Esquusing, John Ross Cooper will begin his new duties here next Monday. It's a new post.

Consider hunting ban

Sometime in the future Halton Hills works committee plans to look into hunting regulations in Halton Hills with particular emphasis on the areas where hunters frequent, namely Esquusing.

Councillor Len Coxe would like to see hunting banned while councillors Joe Hurst and Ern Hyde believe that would be too drastic a step.

Outdoor rinks are well used

The three new outdoor rinks are being well used. The holidays proved a perfect time for enjoying the new facilities.

So far town men have been flooding the rinks every day if possible, to build up as thick a surface of ice as they can. Then the rinks will be able to outlast any spells of mild weather.

Recreation director Doug Collison says the good conditions of the rinks despite the

mild weather is "a fantastic compliment" to Alf Duby and his workmen.

He also reports that he hasn't heard any complaints of the hockey players taking up too much time from little children on the new rinks.

Weapon charge

An Acton man was charged with possession of restricted weapons Sunday. The charge was laid by the Georgetown detachment of the regional police.

New Year's Eve fire

House trailer burns

Both Acton and Milton firefighters interrupted New Year's Eve parties to rush to a house trailer fire on the First Line of former Nass-

agaweya, Tuesday evening of last week. The trailer was destroyed but it was beyond saving when it was first noticed by

neighbors—first reports reaching the fire departments reported a big glow in the sky. Acton firefighters arrived first at the scene but turned over the firefighting chores to the Milton brigade, as it falls within the town of Milton boundaries.

Milton Fire Chief A. E. Clements said there is a new house being built on the property, in Lot 22 just above 20 Sideroad, but the trailer appears to have been used as temporary living quarters as it had beds, a refrigerator and washing machine in it. The property is owned by Tom Papageorgiou of Streetsville but the fire chief has been unable to contact him since the fire, to obtain more details. The chief said he has no idea of what caused the fire, or the total fire loss.

Acton volunteer firefighters were also called to a fire at the home of Tom Teeples at R.R. 2, Acton, on the Sixth Line of Erin township on December 30.

Mr. Teeples was burning umbers of an old house he had torn down when a neighbour spotted the flames and called the fire hall. The firefighters were not needed as Mr. Teeples was attending the fire.



ZOOMING DOWN a hill and thoroughly enjoying winter are Marie and Monika Musselle. Peter McCusker photographed snow-time fun Sunday.



OUTDOOR RINKS were put to good use during holidays last weekend. The rinks are now barren

during the days as children returned to school Monday.