



EVEN ELEPHANTS GET tired as this one showed as he (she?) began to sit down in front of students of M. Z. Bennett school before the circus.

Pictures from last night's two big shows were not available at press time today, but there will be plenty for next week's paper.

Credit River sets limit to growth

A combined maximum of 45,000 population in Georgetown and Acton is the most the Credit river could handle, according to the Ministry of Environment studies.

Homes being built in Georgetown, plans approved, and infilling would bring Georgetown's population without any extension across Silver Creek to approximately 26,000. Acton's anticipated population from homes now being built or where permits are issued is approximately 8,000. The combined total without any Esqueuing area, would be roughly 34,000.

According to these rough figures growth would be limited to 11,000 population for both urban areas, combined, because of the receiving stream, the Credit river.

The additions at both Georgetown and Acton plants scheduled to be completed next year would be the final additions until new technology comes along perhaps ten or fifteen years in the future.

A scheme for hooking up Georgetown and Acton to the South Peel system at Streetsville, under study at the Region, would demand a population of 90,000 in Georgetown area alone, or a staggering 360,000 if Georgetown and Acton both hooked up to the Streetsville point.

The study, done by Canadian-British Engineering Consultants, for the Region, showed a cost of \$4,200,000 to hook up Georgetown alone and \$13,500,000 to hook up both Acton and Georgetown on the South Peel system.

The final scheme including all buildable lands in Halton Hills, which would mean running sewer services throughout Esqueuing, now on septic tanks, would demand a population of 750,000 and a cost of \$22,900,000.

This would be 23 times the present population of Halton Hills.

Halton Hills planning board received the report with little comment.

Councillor Ern Hyde said, "This means the planned extensions to Georgetown and Acton plants is the last."

Planner Mario Venditti agreed, saying the hook-up with South Peel was out of the question unless there was a minimum of 90,000 population in Georgetown area alone. He said the scheme looked ahead at least 15 years. He said the report was simply for information.

"I certainly hope so, there's no way I could support any plan for a population like that," commented Harry Levy. Chairman Ernie Sykes said the Ministry of Environment are not considering any more extensions to the sewage plants. He said any connections with South Peel system has been ruled out. "The extension is as far as we can go in the foreseeable future."

Decision made on hydro study

A decision has been made on the feasibility of an independent study on the proposed hydro corridor from Bradley Junction to Georgetown. But energy Minister Dennis Timbrell won't disclose the decision until he has conferred with Premier Davis and the Provincial Cabinet.

The corridor is slated to cross the Escarpment at Limehouse, cutting Halton Hills in half and then projecting through Erin Township on its way to the Bruce nuclear power station at Douglas Point.

Bill Mann, chairman of the Interested Citizens' Group, told this newspaper Andrew Frame phoned him this week at the request of the Minister to advise him a decision had been made. The Minister asked Mr. Frame to call for him since he is in England. Mr. Frame was unable to give any details until Mr. Timbrell had discussed the decision with Premier Davis and the cabinet.

However, he did say there would be an announcement made probably within a week.

"I'm hoping for an independent study of the route," Mr. Mann said, in view of the reception of a brief he and other members of the Interested Citizens group presented to Mr. Timbrell and Ontario Hydro at a joint meeting March 25 in Toronto.

Mann said Ontario Hydro's weak response to the presentation, based on hydro's published data, and what he termed the Minister of Energy's open-mindedness and sensible approach, left him optimistic about the decision.

"We feel the Limehouse crossing of the Escarpment is not necessary," he emphasized and termed hydro's rebuttal to the brief "pathetic."

Although Hydro favors a Limehouse crossing of the Escarpment the entire exercise is designed to get power through to Kitchener and they don't know how they are going to accomplish it, a factor which weighted heavily in favor of the brief.

"The route was pushed through with no objectivity," Mann said, noting the Concerned Citizens group feel the Bradley to Georgetown corridor is also totally unnecessary. Evidence indicates that "definite bias occurred in the material given to the Cabinet by Ontario Hydro, which probably contributed greatly to the decision on the Bradley-Georgetown corridor," the group maintained in a letter to Mr. Timbrell recently.

Mr. Mann said he and the group would be willing to accept any unbiased, non-political study of the proposed corridor, preferably by a firm qualified such as Bruce Howlett Inc. If the corridor is necessary they are willing to accept it but they feel the decision has been bulldozed through without the consideration given to similar cor-

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Know number - O.P.P.

A rash of bicycle thefts the past week has prompted Corp. Rob Arbour to issue a warning to bikers and their parents. Take precautions, he warns.

He says everyone should know the serial number of his or her bike. Simplest way is through registering it on the bike license. Then both the police and the owner have a copy of the bike's number.

In the last month eight bicycles have been stolen in town, and in only two cases did the owners know their own serial numbers.

The past week alone there have been five thefts of bikes. A couple were taken at the high school and the rest downtown.

Corp. Arbour has another good idea. Owners can stamp their initials or date of birth on some hidden location on the bike with a metal stamp.

Assault

A man was picked up in Kitchener on a warrant issued by Acton police. He was charged with assault causing bodily harm on March 21 while living in Acton. He will appear in court July 17.

Addition to double size of scout hall

An addition to the scout hall will double its size, and by fall all groups should be able to meet under the one roof.

The new project is spearheaded by the scout group committee composed of Rotarians, parents and leaders.

Scouting has been growing along with the town, and some of the girls' groups have been squeezed out of the hall and are meeting in schools. Leaders in particular like meeting in the scout hall since equipment can all be

left in the one place. And leaders aren't easy to come by.

The project is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000. It starts with a boost, the donation of a pre-fab building by Beaver Lumber. Cub Leader Frank Goulding works at the Beaver yard in Milton.

Still required will be the foundation, insulation, siding, flooring, roofing, wall covering, doors and windows. Labor will all be volunteer.

The Scout and Guide Mothers started off the special building account with a donation of \$400.

Appeal will be made to all people who have benefitted from the scout-guide movement here over all its 60 years.

Letters will go out, but the scout committee is still working on campaign ideas. Application will be made tonight (Wednesday) by scout group committee representatives at the committee of adjustment meeting, for permission for a building permit. The scout hall is classed as a non-conforming use since the property it's on is zoned institutional. The bylaws of the town list schools as a conforming use, but not the existing scout hall.

Construction will begin as soon as possible after the building permit is obtained. L-shaped. The addition will convert the rectangular building into an L-shaped one. The addition

will adjoin the back of the present hall, extending east toward the Robert Little school.

The addition will be the main fund-raising project of the Rotary Club for a while, but the group committee has already found excellent response from everyone they have contacted.

Scouts have been using the scout hall basement. The new Venturers group meets in the hall Sundays. Guides and Brownies were the groups which had to find other places, due to overcrowding in the hall.

But next fall there will be more groups than ever before. It is expected there will be another Beaver pack, cub pack and brownie group.

Just one problem - to obtain enough leaders. Scouting in Acton started in 1916 under Scoutmaster Fred Coles. Early scouts camped where Blue Springs scout reserve is now. The scout hall was built between 1948 and 1950 by volunteers.



ANDREW IS deaf, but he talks to his mother Lorene Barton through the medium of sign language. A course is being taught at the Barton home for other parents. Story on page 10.

Shed, grass fires firefighters busy

A fire on a farm occupied by Allan Robinson on the First Concession of Halton Hills completely destroyed a driving shed and all its contents on Wednesday May 14.

Acton volunteer firefighters watered down the surrounding area and nearby barn before the fire could spread but were too late to save the shed. A tractor, seed drill, some bikes and a swing set were some of the items destroyed.

Another fire the same day

at the home of Mrs. Wilma Ward on the Fourth Line, Esqueuing needed the attention of the firefighters. A combination grass fire and children's shed fire were the centre of attention. Fire chief Mick Holmes suspects children playing with matches was the cause of the fires.

A grass fire Sunday evening ended a busy week for the firefighters. The men swept a fire on the property of Ed Halliday, Fifth Line, Nassagaweya, south of the 25 Sideroad.

High speed chases two men charged

Following two high speed chases, Acton police laid charges of dangerous driving against two men this week.

First incident happened Sunday afternoon about 3.10 p.m. when a vehicle was observed at Queen and Churchill. It was chased north on Churchill and 11 miles out into the country. An out-of-

town man has been charged with dangerous driving.

At 12.50 a.m. on Monday, police began following a car at the school lane and Main N. It led the police through Lakeview, up Cobblehill and into Nassagaweya before going into the ditch. An out-of-town man is charged with dangerous driving. The car is a total wreck.

Building permits

\$3 million jump

The value of building permits issued in April jumped three million dollars over the previous month, and topped the value of permits issued in April 1974.

Permits issued in Halton Hills last month amounted to \$3,420,269, while in March they reached only \$331,547. Boosting the total was a sharp rise in house permits from five in March to 99 in April.

Permits for Marywood Meadows, off Princess Anne Drive, five houses on Mountainview Road South, all in Georgetown, five houses on Young Street, Stewarttown, and houses in Kingham Hill Estates, and Alteo Northdale development in Acton, totalled \$2,834,039.

Shoprife Store and warehouse at 318 Guelph St., Georgetown, is valued at

\$200,000, while an addition to Ferro Holdings, Armstrong Avenue, Georgetown, creating office space is valued at \$60,000.

Another \$100,000 in permits was added for a horse training barn on the First Line, Lots 9 and 10.

Repairs to Acton arena roof are valued at \$68,300.

Swimming pools continue to boom with 13 permits issued in April, bringing the total for the year to date to 16.

The pleasure and convenience of the backyard pool is evidenced by the 154 pools built in Halton Hills in 1974, 96 built in Georgetown alone in 1973, and 83 in 1972.

The jump in building permits added \$7,629 to the town coffers in permit fees, \$33,150 in lot levies in the Georgetown area and \$10,500 in lot levies in the Acton area.

Milton OPP report

Murder - suicide

The Milton OPP investigation into the shooting deaths Sunday of two Nassagaweya men now points towards murder-suicide as the cause of the tragedy, a spokesman said Tuesday.

However, he said police "have not ruled out" the possibility of a double murder and the investigation led by Const. Al Jordan is continuing.

Robert James Snelgrove, 27, a native of Peterborough and room-mate William Ste-

wart Dunsmore, 24, formerly of Toronto, were found slain in their rented farmhouse on the Second Line, north of 15 Sideroad in the Nassagaweya area of Milton.

Police said both men had been shot once in the head with a .22 calibre rifle. The weapon was recovered.

"Element of surprise" There was no sign of a struggle, police said at the scene, but "an element of surprise" existed because of the way things were arranged inside. The officers refused to elaborate.

The parents of Robert Snelgrove had motored from Peterborough to Nassagaweya Sunday to enjoy a holiday picnic on the farm, and made the grisly discovery of the bodies upon arrival at 2 p.m. Police said the men had been dead for 12 hours.

A post mortem was conducted on the bodies Monday morning at Milton District Hospital, but investigating officers have not yet released an exact description of the mortal wounds.

The parents of Dunsmore now reside in Victoria, B.C.

Farm rented

The two men had rented the farm for two years and the property is believed owned by a resident of Stoney Creek. They were breeding horses rather than farming, and neighbors were called in by police to feed and care for 27 American Saddlebred horses found in the large brown barn with a yellow metal roof.

Police said 22 of the horses belonged to Snelgrove and the other five were being boarded. The value of the horses was estimated by police at \$100,000.

As well, the two men left three motor vehicles parked neatly on the rolling property. Snelgrove owned a beige and white pickup with Snelgrove Stables painted on the doors and a black Cadillac Eldorado with a maroon vinyl roof. Dunsmore drove a blue Ford Courier pickup he bought in Milton.

The house and barn are located on the west side of Second Line, down a long driveway circling around a clump of trees which hides the white stucco house from the roadway.



TWO MEN DIED by rifle fire early Sunday morning in this secluded farmhouse on the Second Line in the Nassagaweya area of Milton. OPP experts combed the house for fingerprints and other clues, all day Monday. The black

Cadillac Eldorado with maroon vinyl roof belonged to Robert Snelgrove, while William Dunsmore drove a blue Ford Courier pickup he had purchased in Milton. They had rented the farm for two years prior to the tragedy.