

# Decoration Day service at Fairview Sunday

Fairview cemetery's evocative headstones backed geraniums, cut flowers, planted miniature gardens, shrubbery, artificial wreaths and blooms, along with the small Canadian flags and Legion crosses Sunday. Many had come to the cemetery during the previous week and weekend to tend to the graves of loved ones.

With the warm breeze ruffling through the giant evergreens, a crowd of about 400 gathered for the annual Decoration Day service Sunday afternoon.

Circling the sturdy monument of "Our Soldier Hero Gunner Moore", the band, members of the clergy association and the Legion Choralliers led the moving service.

**Paraders**  
Paraders totalling 200 included members of participating organizations with their flags, uniformed firefighters, Legion members, Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Browns with their leaders. Listeners brought lawn chairs or stood quietly among their parked cars along the winding paths. At the outer perimeter, youngsters on bicycles darted in semicircles and children frolicked.

**Why?**  
Speaker this year the Rev. Das Sydney, asked the crowd to consider whom Decoration Day is for—the dead or the living. It's for the dead, the Egyptians told us by far. And it's too late to decorate graves from a sense of guilt.

It is a most worthy thing to do, he went on. Here are the

people who self-sacrificed for us and who gave their lives for us.

**"Annual pause"**  
Joe Hurst, who is acting mayor of Halton Hills for June, recalled the brave young men who gave their lives before their time. He especially thanked the organizations which sponsor "this annual pause that is so refreshing."

Clergymen participating were the Rev. Eric Nelson, the Rev. Andrew McKenzie and Mr. Sydney. Ted Hansen led the Legion Choralliers who sang One World, with John McHugh taking a solo part.

The band played after the service while groups walked throughout the cemetery, chatting and planting geraniums.

**Trees**  
Two more trees were planted at the ceremony, given by the Duke of Devonshire chapter of the I.O.D.E. Geraniums were planted at the graves of former servicemen and former members by their associates in the Legion and other organizations. Flowers were also planted at Dublin cemetery and the pioneer cemetery.

**Tidy up**  
The streets and cemetery were specially cleaned up for Decoration Day, according to Halton Hills works department, and the flags were put up all along the parade route. New flags were purchased this year by the Decoration Day committee, both Union Jacks and Canadian maple

leaf flags. Town men did a quiet last-minute street cleaning job Sunday morning.

The cemetery archway was repaired and replaced in time for the service. It was badly damaged when struck by a truck a couple of years ago and had been taken down. At that time it was felt repair was prohibitively costly. However, the work has been done at an estimated cost of over \$300. The arch was originally donated by the Acton Women's Institute.

Grass had all been cut in the cemetery where the hills pose a special problem for the town men.

**Origin**  
Decoration Day originated a dozen or so years ago when faithful participants at the Remembrance Day service heartily agreed to set a date with better weather prospects. Lakeside I.O.D.E. found ready support and an inter-group committee has been formed each year since. One of the regular organizers over the years, Jessie Coles was president this year, backed by another regular, David Hunter as secretary-treasurer.

The committee arranged the purchase of new flags, geraniums, programs, the order of service and parade. Halton Hills council made a \$100 donation to cover costs.

Participating organizations are the Legion, Legion Auxiliary, I.O.D.E. chapters, W.I.s of Acton and Dublin, fire department, Citizens Band, L.O.L., Lions club, Rotary club, Clergy Association, Y's Men's club and Golden Age club. Bill Nicolak was parade marshal.



SAM TENNANT AND FIRE Chief Mick Holmes were recognized by the Fire Chief of Ontario Joseph Kendall for 30 years of fire service. The two men were presented with pins at the Fire College in Gravenhurst.

# Wants 31 more officers

Halton Regional Council will be asked today to add 31 officers to the regional police force. In reviewing the \$6,348,000 police budget, members of the Region's administration committee were told the crime rate in Halton was up almost 25 per cent this year over last.

Chief Ken Skerrett told the committee at its meeting Wednesday he would not assure anyone of a lower crime rate, even with the additional men.

The chief noted the commission had already made substantial cuts in the request for additional manpower. He rounded councillors that it took five men to put one officer on the street when days off and shifts were taken into

consideration. Of the 31 officers, 17 will be for the northern part of the region. Several of those will be used to help implement the takeover of the area in Halton Hills now policed by the Ontario Provincial Police.

The chief told the committee his department couldn't be compared to others within the region. "They close at 5 p.m., we don't. When we get a call, people expect an almost instant reply," he reminded them.

Chief Skerrett said many forces base their department on a ratio of one officer to every 800 or 900 people. He explained he did not use a ratio but preferred to base it on actual workload. He said the ratio, if applied, would work out to one officer for every 1,045 people in Halton.

The chief told the commit-

tee experiments in team policing were underway in Halton and if these experiments are successful, the costs of policing could be controlled.

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# Station damaged

Acton Hydro workers were busy repairing the number one sub-station yesterday, cutting off power to such places as the Beaudinore plant and the Y.M.C.A.

According to Doug Mason, hydro superintendent, it seemed as if someone had been throwing stones at the station. It is located at the corner of Willow and Ipper St. in front of the Free Press office.

# Car hit in lot

A parked car owned by Donald McAfee, 5 Mill E., has about \$100 damage after being struck by an unknown vehicle May 31. The collision occurred in the old Legion parking lot.

# Tree requests were few here

About 70 trees have been planted in Halton Hills this spring, but not many of them in Acton. The town advertised for people to request trees on town property.

Only requests from Acton were from Lakeview subdivision and so trees have been planted there. They are located along the boulevards and are reported by the works department to be doing well.

The majority of requests and the majority of trees are in Georgetown.

The works department was delighted to receive one letter of thanks—and that was from Acton.

# Kingham Hill parkland fee upped to \$12,600

Kingham Hill Estates will have to pay \$12,600 in lieu of five percent parkland, instead of their original offer of \$5,100. Halton Hills Planning board decided Tuesday night. Council has yet to ratify the amount.

Both Ward One councillors Les Duby and Joe Hurst opposed the amount which would be included in a subdivision agreement covering nine lots for semi-detached homes at the corner of Kingham Hill Road and Main Street, Acton.

Town Planner Mario Venditti had recommended the acceptance of the \$5,100 figure. Councillor Ric Morrow pointed out this was less than Acton Legion paid in lieu of parkland for their subdivision.

Councillor Pat McKenzie agreed saying it was considerably less, and called for at least a doubling of the \$5,100.

Councillor Roy Booth said the town settled for \$20,000 for the Acton Legion, for 30 lots, which would work out at \$690 a lot.

Councillor Ern Hyde reminded planning board there were nine semi-detached homes planned, "that means twice as many people as single lots."

Morrow claimed twice as many families would use recreational facilities, that the five percent cash was supposed to provide.

A vote to accept the planner's report accepting the \$5,100 was defeated with only Duby voting for it.

Morrow then suggested the amount should be \$14,000, but Booth claimed this was more than five percent of the total, if a serviced lot in Acton is worth \$13,000 to \$14,000 as the planner suggested.

Councillor Joe Hurst said

he understood the Planning Act states cash in lieu of parkland can be up five percent. He claimed also the Act is referring to raw land not serviced land.

Duby said lot levies are established to cover additional costs such as recreation, firehalls and police, demand-

ed by more people. "How many times do we charge?" he demanded. He said he had not agreed with the charge to the Legion and didn't "want to compound a felony."

Planner Mario Venditti explained that the town did not feel they needed parkland in that area, so asked for the five percent cash to provide parkland in some other part of the Acton area. He said the developer would pay a \$950 and a \$600 lot levy.

Councillor Len Coxie contended a lot for two families should be more valuable than a one family lot, since the municipality has more costs for two families.

The planner agreed there would be more costs, but claimed it should not be extracted from the five percent cash payment.

Councillor Dick Howitt said on the same basis as the charge to Acton Legion, which was \$20,000 for 29 lots the charge should be \$12,600.

Hurst disagreed saying the Legion land was not raw land but serviced land.

Planning board adopted the \$12,600 recommendation over the opposition of Duby and Hurst.

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**Engineer resigns**

Town engineer Peter Morris has resigned. In a letter of resignation read at council last night (Tuesday) Mr. Morris said he was moving to Wimpey Homes company. The resignation is effective June 30.

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# Toyota Community Calendar

What's doing in the North Halton Area!

**"50TH ANNIVERSARY"**  
Trinity United Church is having an Anniversary Service on Sunday, June 8th at 10 a.m. to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada.

**"SUPPER CONCERT"**  
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