

Plans for fall perking for Y

Great plans are in the offing for the Acton Y this fall and, although some classes have been established with dates tentative, others are being considered, dependent on public interest.

The Ladies' Take-a-Break program with leader Bonnie Bottomley is a sure thing for the October agenda. Marcia Wilkinson will head up the Yoga program as usual.

Pre-natal classes for moms and dads are also scheduled with the Y working in conjunction with the Public Health Unit.

Volunteers are being called for. Program director Art Finley has plans for teenagers. He hopes to see Y Folk Feasts held on a regular basis with local youngsters using their own talents. He asks that young people who like music in areas of singing, playing instruments or just watching, contact him at 853-0752 and let him know what they'd like to see.

Fitness program
"We'd also like some feedback on residents who might be interested in a men's fun fitness course," says Mr. Finley who is calling for leadership in that department. The part-time volunteer director is anxious to see the Y building packed

with activity with the Y the place to go for people of all ages, during any time of the week.

Chairman of the board, Helen Van Sicker, calls for two volunteers to assist in a baby-sitter instruction course. She explains it will be an eight-week session where young people are specially trained in the art of working with children. Regular speakers will be guests during the program to add to its interest. The volunteers will assist in registration and help with organization.

Craft programs, educational ones and a variety of other classes are all up for consideration by the executive board. A flyer is scheduled to be sent out sometime during late summer. It will tell of enrollment dates and when the courses will begin.

Right now, volunteers are actively engaged in renovating the building. The main foyer has been painted a soft yellow. The office, counsel room and gymnasium will be the next rooms up for revamping. Outdoor rugging is also to be laid and everything is pointed towards the fall Y board members are mentally and physically busy preparing.



ROYAL CANADIAN Legion Branch 197 of Acton has contracted for the development of 20 serviced lots on the land they own around their building off Mill St. The lots, once developed, will be up for sale to a developer to construct housing

units. The cost of development has been estimated in excess of \$150,000 and will include storm and sanitary sewers, roads and lighting. Funds in excess of cost will go towards payment on the mortgage.

Deny loophole in regulations

An "enormous loophole" in regulations of the Niagara Escarpment Commission which defeats the purpose of controls, cited by Halton Regional councillor Terry Mannell of Oakville, is not so, according to Walter Gowing of the Georgetown-based Commission.

Acton and district is completely covered in the escarpment control area. The commission must rule on any new development.

Mannell maintained that since the housing minister has the last say on disputed developments in the escarpment control area, chances are most projects will go ahead. He made this observation, noting the housing minister had gone on record as favoring more housing.

Mannell said the ministry was "losing sight of the long term goal for preservation of the escarpment to meet the short term housing goals. Good environment is being sacrificed for short term

housing goals." He said if the Niagara Escarpment Commission wants to control the escarpment they should control the whole planning process.

Mannell feels the situation holds a false promise to the developer who could get approval from the Ministry of Housing and be told he couldn't develop by the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

But according to Walter Gowing of the Niagara Escarpment Commission this cannot happen. Normal procedure for getting a building permit is to approach the municipal official or the Minister of Housing directly, Gowing says. From there the minister submits the plans to the NEC where they are reviewed and altered, refused or approved. The plans are then sent back to the ministry with recommendations, which Gowing says in nearly all cases are followed by the Minister.

In any major disagreement the plans are taken before the Cabinet, which intervenes to settle the matter.

Gowing said until recently the provincial ministries had been under no controls from outside but now they are subject to outside controls from groups such as the Niagara Escarpment Commission. The ministry now must submit plans for development in the control area of the Niagara Escarpment Commission to the NEC for approval.

He noted that on nearly all occasions the Minister of Housing takes the advice of the Niagara Escarpment Commission. Few applications have gone back to the minister without changes or with few changes while some have gone back with drastic changes. Such changes include things like further setbacks from the brow of the escarpment of green belt areas near the Bruce Trail.

Gowing said the commission has "fairly effective control in the areas of development control."

Gowing did say, because of the enormous amount of housing on the market, it was impossible to monitor every house on the market.

After applications are accepted by the commission

and the ministry there is a 14 day waiting period during which time everyone within a 400 foot area of the affected property is notified and can voice their objections if they desire.

The controls are temporary until a plan can be prepared on the 2,000 square mile Niagara Escarpment planning area.

In preparing the master plan, the commission will be guided by several objectives:

- Protecting unique ecologic and historic areas.
- Enhancing natural streams and water supplies.
- Providing outdoor recreation.
- Enhancing the escarpment's "open landscape character."
- Ensuring all new development is compatible.
- Providing public access to the escarpment.

Village opposes wrecking yard

A petition signed by almost every resident of the village of Limehouse asked Halton Hills Council to stop any expansion of the wrecking yard on the main street, and to refuse to grant a renewal of the permit to operate.

Ross Irwin in presenting the petition said the "mess" is getting worse. He claimed a large fence obstructed the vision of school bus drivers when they attempt to turn the corner.

"The wrecking yard is degrading the village. I'm in the real estate business and it's becoming known as junk town," Mr. Irwin stated.

The petition with 253 names said the yard is adjacent to the Bruce Trail, and defaces the Niagara Escarpment.

According to the petition, property values are lowered by the wrecking yard, and the quality of the environment of the village affected. It further stated there is a health hazard associated with the business, it obstructs safe traffic, and is a hazard to children attending school across the road.

Mayor Tom Hill said the town issues the licence for wrecking yard, but the fence is on a regional road. He said the height of the fence is controlled by the town.

Mr. Irwin said he didn't want to be unfair to the owner but said he felt it would be in the owner's best interests to relocate. He said the lime kilns are of historical value.

The mayor said he understood the Credit Valley Conservation Authority planned to restore a kiln and operate it

for visitors. Councillor Russell Miller disagreed with the mayor's views on the town's control of the fence on the road. He claimed the town's bylaw on wrecking yards should apply on any road.

Miller said the building inspector had inspected the yard, and said the fence was ten feet from the travelled portion of the road, but the owner Fred Tolton claims to own part of the road. He said the town was waiting for a legal opinion.

"It's his property and unless he fails to comply with the regulations we can't stop him," commented the mayor.

Miss Helen Mills said the owner had not been complying with the regulations.

The mayor said there was an eight foot fence as required.

Miss Mills said the fence only goes along the road, and the cars are piled so high they can be seen.

The mayor explained the bylaw requires the fence to extend 25 feet down the side-yards.

Councillor Harry Levy said council sympathises with the residents, but claimed any public discussion would prejudice the town's case. "We are seeking advice, and you can rest assured we are aware of the problem."

The mayor assured the delegation action was being taken.

Mr. Irwin said they were satisfied with that at present.

Supercycle, car collide last night

A car and a "Supercycle" were in collision last night (Tuesday) just north of 25 Sideroad on Highway 25.

Carson Lewis, of 27 Maln St., Acton was driving a form of bicycle called a Supercycle, when it was in collision with a car driven by Laura

Malcolm of R.R. 2, Gormley. The incident happened at 10:05.

Mr. Lewis was taken to Milton hospital with cuts. The Malcolm car windshield was shattered, and the Supercycle totalled, reports Milton O.P.P.

Lights stolen

Theft of three spotlights from the model homes in Bovis subdivision was reported to police. Value is estimated at \$25. They're the outside

lights in the lawn which illuminate the homes open for inspection.

The theft was at the corner of Division and George Sts.

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Sales planned by Oxfam

A couple of exciting new projects are being planned by the local Oxfam group, following decisions made at a recent executive meeting. Both schemes will raise money for Oxfam projects.

Quite soon, volunteers will be calling door-to-door asking people with gardens to donate some garden produce. This will be taken to high-rise apartments and sold there to city residents, president Daphne King explains.

Another plan is an auction in the autumn, which may be combined with a special program. The group will be asking artists, craftspeople and hobbyists to donate some of their work for the sale. This is not a rummage sale, Mrs. King says, so no old furniture or clothing will be collected.

The Oxfam group will also be taking part in the crafts sale at the Y in the fall again.

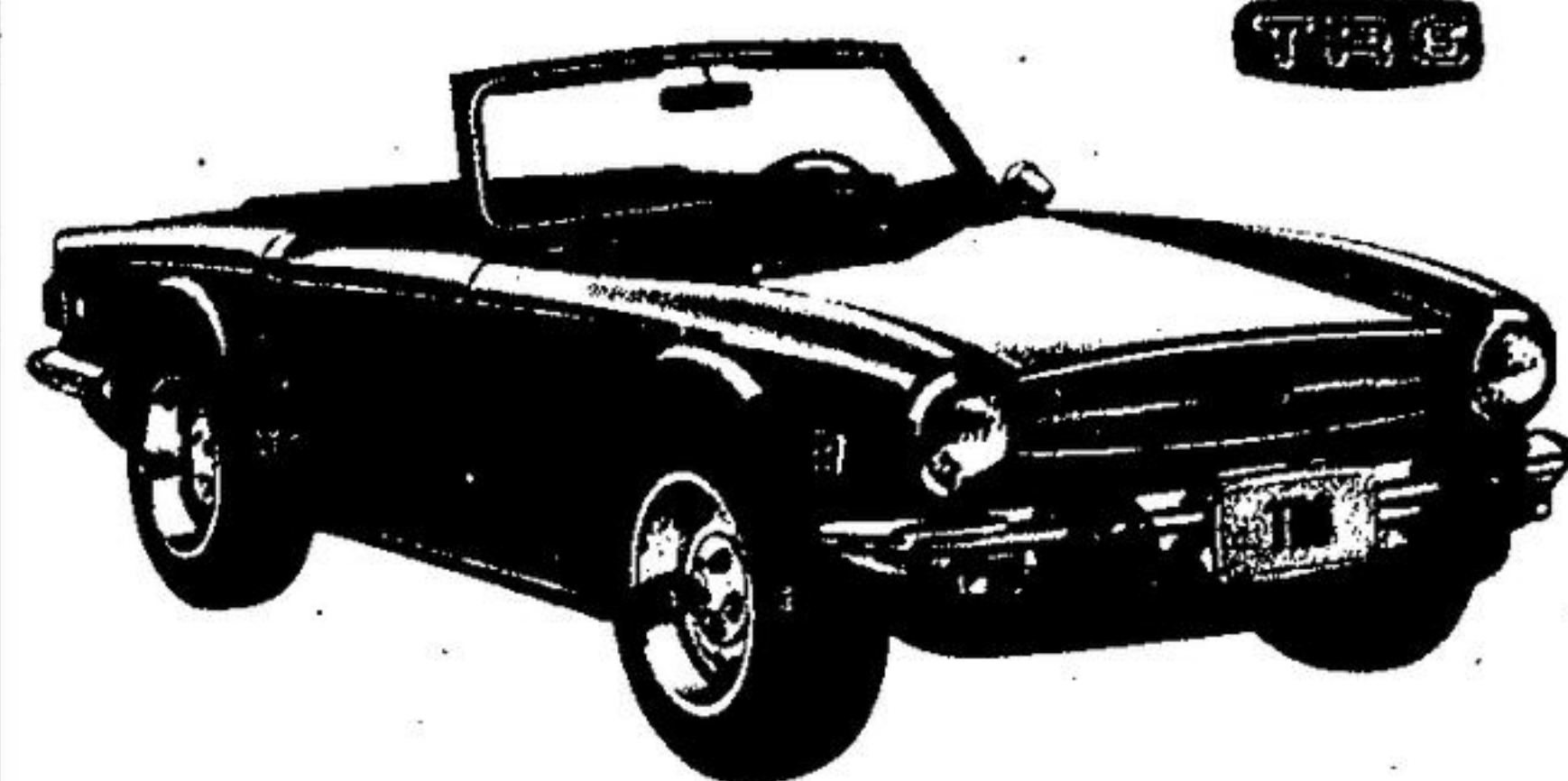
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Drowned at Norval

In a tragic accident Kevin Robbins, 11, Georgetown, drowned last week at Norval dam. He became caught in an obstruction in the dam sluice.

Bad cheques charge laid

A local man was charged with two counts of false pretenses as a result of police investigation. Two worthless cheques were issued. He will appear in court Aug. 6.

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