

## Group small but zestful

Although only 15 children showed up Friday night at the Acton Library to see "The Princess and the Pea", the Spectrum Players, a Youth Grant Company, presented the tale with such zest and flair that the audience was held spell-bound to the end. Taking part were Joe Pendleton, Kim Gale, Bob Adams, and Angella Browers, as well as numerous trees played by the Acton children who also connived and advised.

Also present were stage manager David Playfair and Rena Rasberry.



JOE PENDLETON demonstrated how to relax before going on stage by doing exercises, including making a "big face," at Spectrum Players performance Friday. Fifteen children followed suit.

## Town taking second look

Halton Hills works committee will be taking another look at paying for fences for two Rosemary Road, Acton, residents. Halton Hills council decided Monday to send the item back to the committee for further study.

Last week the committee decided not to pay Dave Dawson and John Collins for fences they built on their property, which abuts town-owned land, until the end of the year. The councillors had decided they would pay half the cost of the fences only if there was money left in the budget at the end of the year.

In addition, the committee decided they wouldn't pay

half the cost of fences for people whose land abuts town owned property until they came to the town prior to building the fence.

Councillor Len Coxie informed council that he had talked to the Rosemary Road residents and they had said they talked to the town and were told to go ahead and build their fences. They had also been told the town would pay half the cost because it was established town policy.

Coxie noted the town is in a legal position to have to pay for the fences and suggested the committee take a second look at paying their half of the cost of building them.

## George McPhail receives 70-year pin

It was a heart-warming and impressive moment when 93-year-old George McPhail was presented with his 70-year pin for membership in the Independent Order of Oddfellows. Since Mr. McPhail joined the lodge in Toronto April, 1905, and has kept up his membership there over seven decades, his associates from United I.O.O.F. No. 415, Toronto, rented a bus to all come up to Acton and honor him here.

Last Tuesday evening, July 15, the busload arrived at Acton Legion to be greeted by almost all the members of the McPhail family. Several officials of the I.O.O.F. spoke informally and all the McPhails introduced themselves to their father's and grandfather's lodge brethren and Rebekahs.

McPhail, letting son Kerwin express the family's thanks for him.

Every one of the 40-odd visitors lined up to congratulate their 70-year member, while some of the ladies brought out the lunch they had along with them including two huge specially decorated cakes.

The members of United Lodge presented \$100 to the Legion in honor of Mr. McPhail during the evening.

Wintario lottery tickets were given out to lucky birthday winners and the McPhail family delightedly won a good share. Two granddaughters with birthdays on the same day plan to split the winnings on their ticket.

again so the special presentation could be arranged.

Mr. McPhail brought with him a picture of lodge members taken in 1908. He is the only member living now.

With him were daughter Peggy Harmer, Caledon; her daughter Judy Graham, Caledon; son and daughter Ted and Ruth Harmer, Georgetown; son Kerwin, wife Jean, son George, fiancée Val Mitchell, daughter Susan and son Bruce of Acton; daughter Donaldia, husband Howard Switzer, Hillsburgh; their two sons Craig and June of Hillsburgh and Keith of Hillsburgh.

The only members of the family missing were Peggy's son-in-law Rob Graham and Mr. McPhail's only great-grandchild Cara, the Gramams' 11-month-old daughter. Cam and Jean Leishman, who are also lodge members, were special guests.

Speakers paid tribute to Mr. McPhail and expressed their delight at being here to take part in the ceremony.

They included the District Deputy Grand Master of district 35 in Toronto W. E. Coppin; grand secretary of the grand lodge Bro. Ralph Yaeger from Toronto headquarters; past D.D.G.M. and chairman for the evening Bro. James Jackson, Toronto; past D.D.G.M. and financial secretary of the lodge Tom MacDonald, Toronto.

Although Mr. McPhail hadn't seen the lodge officials for several years he said "How are you, Tom?" when Mr. MacDonald walked into the hall. Mr. MacDonald was delighted.

As well as his excellent memory, Mr. McPhail has had good health. He hardly had a sick day until about a year ago, and only retired from farming at the age of 80. He was a moulder by trade, and worked at one time for Marley Canada. He worked in Toronto from 1903 until 1912. He went back to Toronto 20 years ago to accept another honor, his 50 year pin in the lodge.

He turned 93 on July 11, and there was a birthday party at the McPhail home on the following day, Sunday, July 12. All his family was present, as well as his sister Mrs. Roy Young and her husband, Guelph; Jean McPhail's parents Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Harris of Acton; grand-nephew Dennis Swan and wife Marjorie, London.

had his say

During the short sessions of amusing speeches, the guest of honor was asked if he would like to speak. "I've had my say!" smiled Mr.

Delayed The presentation could not be made at the actual date of the anniversary since Mr. McPhail, for almost the first time in his life, was unwell. Now, with a new pace for his heart, he's feeling better

## Large garages suspicious

Committee of Adjustment should cast a suspicious eye on minor variances to allow garages that are bigger than average, Councillor Roy Booth told Halton Hills council Monday night.

He claimed some large garages are being used for commercial and industrial purposes. He told council he had talked to the building department, who say they can do nothing if the committee of adjustment approves.

Booth suggested they let the committee of adjustment know of their concern.

Mayor Tom Hill said the committee of adjustment had no way of knowing what use a garage would be put to when it is built.

"One is a two storey garage, and another is a block building that is used for storage and junk. This one got a permit for an addition. If you are building a two storey garage you're not putting cars in it unless you've a

great big elevator," retorted Booth.

The mayor said it is the building inspector's responsibility to keep an eye on buildings.

## Skaters leave Wawa in first leg of journey

Acton's cross-Canada roller skaters, Ross Marsh and Joe Brideau, are well on their way to being the first people ever to skate across the dominion.

A post card, received by this newspaper last week, had been sent from Wawa in Northern Ontario on July 9. It was reported that the people along the way were helping them out in every way.

The two men set out for Vancouver on June 23. Before they left, they received pledges per mile, with monies raised to go toward UNICEF. Once the pair reach Vancouver, they will fly back to Toronto and leave again for Halifax. If they achieve their

final goal, they will be eligible to have their name in the Guinness Book of Records.

## Vultures

### attack bike?

What have we here - vultures?

A bike which was reported stolen Sunday night was found on Monday afternoon - picked clean. The 10-speed orange and gold bike was discovered as a ravaged basic triangle, missing its wheels, handle-bars, fenders and anything removable.

The owner lives in the Maria St. apartments.

## Need wrecking yards councillor Hyde says

Council Ern Hyde reminded Halton Hills council Monday night, that wrecking yards are providing a much needed service to the community, during discussion of the wrecking yard bylaw.

"We need them to keep the countryside cleaned up. What would we do with all the old cars without them?" he asked.

Hyde said he didn't want to see the bylaw become prohibitive, and suggested the wording stating a tight board or steel fence be changed. He contended he knew of one case where a fibre glass fence is used which he said was completely adequate.

Councillor Dick Howitt said these words had been in the Esquering bylaw to prevent shoddy fences, but had not been enforced as to material. At Hyde's suggestion the phrase, "or some other approved material" was added. He pointed out it was the eight foot height and the distance from the road that mattered.

The bylaw stated the fence must be 25 feet from the street line, but some councillors felt this could be misinterpreted, so the sentence was changed to read 25 feet from the abutting limit of the road allowance.

The bylaw also stipulates no vehicles will be piled higher than the fence, and no wrecking yard will be larger than ten acres in size. No salvage materials can be stored outside the fence.

Existing locations approved for wrecking yards in the former township of Esquering are west half lot

32, Con 1, east half lot 20, Con 4, west half Lot 32 Con. 5, east half Lot 6, Con. 6, west half Lot 23, Con. 6, and east half Lot 24, Con. 7. Other locations may be approved by council.

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## Injured in crash

In a two-car collision Sunday at Queen St., eight-year-old Gail Morgan suffered bruises. Drivers of the cars were Edgar Morgan, Churchill Rd., and Harold Andrews, Churchill Rd. Damage to the first car was about \$300 and to the second

about \$400.

In another two-vehicle accident this week, drivers involved were Mike Kinal, 8 Rosemary Rd. and John New, 175 Elmore Dr., driving Herb's delivery truck. The Kinal vehicle had about \$300 damage and Herb's Delivery truck about \$15.

## Thefts

On Saturday a Yamaha motorcycle valued at \$200 was stolen from the Toronto International dragstrip, R.R. 1, Limehouse. Entry was made by forcing open a window in the south side of the building.

There was another loss at the dragstrip July 11 when John Douglas Kelly, Brampton, left his car parked behind the concession booth and returned to find the car stripped. Missing were four tires, four five-spoke chrome mag wheels and a cassette player, amounting to about \$860. He had left his car, which was not working properly, at the track.

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