



PROSPECT PARK PLAYGROUND children worked hard on a scarecrow for their float for tonight's parade. Playgrounds close on Friday and tonight's parade and Penny carnival in the arena mark the end of another season. Five of the ten children who helped make the scarecrow proudly gathered around it. Left to right, Gillian Fryer, Kristin Spielvogel, Marlene Rocher, Peggy Ancker. On the floor is Keven Galloway.

Complex held up

Levy calls questioning of doctor "Inquisition"

An "inquisition" was the term used by Councillor Harry Levy to describe the questioning of Dr. Alex Furness, at Tuesday night's meeting of Halton Hills council, where the municipal complex was held up for the present.

Dr. Furness presented a petition signed by 1718 residents from all over Halton Hills, and another 500 signature petition was presented without comment by Alma Sweetman, Acton, before the meeting began, asking council to reconsider the \$900,000 municipal complex. The motion to build the addition to the present administration building was passed June 28, by one vote.

Dr. Furness said 1718 people signed the petition where each sheet had the wording asking them to back a move to have council reconsider the \$900,000 expenditure. He said the main reason people signed it, was the feeling taxes are rising too fast now, without adding more debt.

He admitted much of the increase is due to education costs, and advised voters to be careful whom they elect to Board of Education. He disputed the claim that the sale of town lands would reduce the financial burden, pointing out there are other more pressing areas, in his opinion where that money could be spent. He cited a

library, recreation complex, or bringing water to Norval. Dr. Furness downgraded the argument that bringing all departments under one roof would improve communication. He said the telephone provides communication at much less cost, and argued that communication depends on people rather than buildings. He said he was surprised at the three Acton councillors supporting the centralized concept, and claimed he thought they would have pushed for an office in Acton, so the people could communicate with the town without driving seven miles.

Mr. Hyde called the Acton Free Press "stupid, irres-

possible and parochial" when it expressed the hope Acton might once again become a town. "I think the newspaper was just reflecting the opinion of the town," replied Dr. Furness.

The doctor suggested one tier government might do away with municipal government, and make a one million dollar building obsolete.

He said Mr. Hyde's argument that the longer the delay the higher the cost, does not hold water. He said building costs are not rising faster than inflation, and pointed out a million dollar debt costs \$100,000 a year.

"Mr. Hyde suggested in comments to a newspaper that I was suckered in by a

Machiavellian Councillor Morrow to do his bidding—not so. I started this petition when two events occurred simultaneously, I read about the complex, and received my tax bill," stated Dr. Furness. He noted another 1717 people seemed to note the coincidence. "They were not misled, as Mr. Hyde suggests I was."

Dr. Furness commented, "Until Councillor Morrow's squash game improves considerably, he would be better described as Mr. Hyde's son's playmate rather than Dr. Hoddinnit or myself."

Councillor Ernie Hyde pointed out the committee and council had studied the need for a complex, consulted

with staff department heads, and had several meetings with the architect. "Did you and Dr. Hoddinnit make a study of the needs after consulting with department heads?"

Dr. Furness replied he had talked to many people around town, including some people who work for the town. He said talking to so many people when gathering the survey was a study of sorts.

"Was it explained to the signers that there was a need or no need?" insisted Hyde. Dr. Furness stated it was explained in the press, including Mr. Hyde's viewpoint.

Hyde said the sewage (Continued on page 2)

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Two-way traffic at Mill-Arthur?

Both the police and engineer Robert Austin have been asked to report to Halton Hills works committee on the advisability of a suggestion made by Acton resident Bill Middleton calling for two-way traffic on Mill and Arthur Streets in the vicinity of M.Z. Bennett School.

Monday Councillor Joe Hurst brought to the attention

of works committee Mr. Middleton's idea and requested reports.

He said the streets were made one way when there were no sidewalks for children going to M.Z. Bennett School.

Now there is a sidewalk on Mill Street but there isn't one on Arthur Street.

In addition Mr. Middleton

suggested a four way stop at Wellington Street.

Mr. Hurst said Wellington Street is a bad area for speeding and motorists zip up and down the street.

He said he was wary of making any changes to two way traffic on either Mill or Arthur Streets but thought the suggestion should be explored.



JIM SAXON, standing, Acton Venturer, was on wheelchair duty at the Olympiad for the Physically Disabled in Etobicoke when his parents, Celia and Peeter Saxon, Churchill Rd., visited the site last week. Three members of the East German team appreciated Jim's assistance, left to right: Doris Weber, swimming; Gunter Ritter, field events; and Manfred Dutsch, archery.

Cameron bump butt of jokes, complaints

The Cameron Street bump which is really on Mill Street may not be a joke or even around much longer.

The bump was installed so water run off would go down into Mill Street storm sewers instead of down Cameron Street and end up in residents' basements.

Since the bump was in-

stalled last month Halton Hills works committee has heard nothing but jokes and complaints about the bump on the wrong street.

Engineer Robert Austin told the committee Monday he will be meeting with the contractor for Fairy Lake Estates soon to see when Mill Street can receive some more

asphalt which will cut down the size of the bump but still keep water from rounding the corner down Cameron Street.

Committee chairman Mike Armstrong said residents in the area of the bump have been complaining about noise and dishes in their homes rattling when big trucks go over the bump.

Ducks' hunger spoils picnic

A very unhappy family group went back home to Guelph last Friday after a visit to Acton's park. Mrs. Susan Roulston and her two children began to share some of their picnic lunch with the ducks at the lake and their pleasure turned to dismay.

Mrs. Roulston says she has never seen such hungry birds or animals. She felt they were near-desperate for food. She saw a mother duck snatch food from her own baby, something she feels is only caused by serious deprivation.

She took her children up to Mrs. C. K. Browne's store, bought more bread for the birds and went back to feed them.

"I could've cried, she says.

She wants to know what can be done about it - who she can contact - and if other people agree with her.

Police are investigating.

Drainage O.K. by election?

Drainage problems on Cameron Street, Acton, will be cleared up in time, according to Halton Hills works committee minutes, but that wasn't good enough for Councillor Pat McKenzie.

He asked if he could read into the report "by September 15."

A chorus of councillors' voices in unison called out, "You mean before election."

Repaving date soon

A schedule for the reconstruction of Mill St. will be discussed at a special meeting between Ministry employees and Halton Hills engineering department Wednesday of next week. The approximate date for the start of the work will then be known, engineer Bob Austin says.

Theft

Entry was gained into a car parked at 2 Commerce Court on Tuesday. Police report a wire was inserted in a closed window. Taken were a rear window defogger, microphone and rounds of ammunition.

In Acton

Shifty sewer blows budget

Emergency work required on the Mill St. sewers in Acton is expected to send the Acton sewer budget into a deficit position, the Region's Administration Committee was advised Wednesday.

The work cost \$15,588. When the sewer malfunctioning started, regional forces attempted to repair the sewer and remove an obstruction in the line. When their efforts failed it became obvious that immediate action was required to prevent sewer backups in nearby homes. Engineer Don Morrier reported that costs were higher than ex-

pected, because of the complex nature of the repairs.

Suspicious According to Mr. Morrier, more work might still be needed on that line. "As a matter of interest, when we reached the sewer main we found boards placed at right angles under the pipes to give them support. The boards had started to rot, allowing the main to shift in various directions, which resulted in three lengths of pipes collapsing. The entire line along Mill St. is suspect and further investigation of the sewer should be made in 1977."

Move from home after kitchen fire

Extensive damage resulted when wiring in a dishwasher started a kitchen fire in the home of Harold McIntyre, R.R.3, Acton.

Volunteer firefighters were called out Friday evening at 7:45 p.m. after Angelo DeCorso, Guelph, put in the alarm. He was driving past the house and saw flames. There was no one home at the time, so Mr. DeCorso called

the fire department from a neighbor's home.

Extensive fire damage was sustained in the kitchen and the rest of the house received smoke damage. The family has been forced to move from their home and stay with relatives while repairs are being made.

Firefighters stayed at the scene for about an hour, fire chief Mick Holmes said.

Job placement just 'helped a few'—Judy

The summer job placement program for young students has proven a disappointment to Community Services Centre co-ordinator Judy McLin. She offered early in the summer to try to place students with odd jobs, but

few people with job openings contacted her.

She figures about 15 small jobs were arranged, which "helped a few."

"She thinks some changes in the system could benefit the program next summer."

Weekly visits on MP agenda

During the summer recess of parliament, Dr. Frank Philbrook expects to be in Acton and district about once a week. He began his visits Tuesday morning, lunching with president Peter Dunham and vice president Abbott Conway and then touring Beardmore and Co. It was the first time he has seen the operations of the largest industry in town.

Dr. Philbrook expects to be calling door to door some

days, making personal contacts with Acton people. Although it takes a lot of time, he thinks these contacts are important. "I have an idea it helps," he said.

He also plans to be here for Acton fall fair.

He expects to be in his riding office in Oakville most mornings looking after his work there.

Parliament convenes again on October 12.



HALTON Member of Parliament Dr. Frank Philbrook (left) visited Beardmore Tuesday and was given a tour by President Peter Dunham. The gentlemen stopped for a few minutes to watch Margaret Gunther at the measuring machine, while Mr. Dunham explained the process. The Liberal M.P. was impressed with the tannery and compared it to East German factories with the women working alongside the men.

Car swerves lads injured

When a car swerved to avoid a pothole, two of three boys walking along the road near Crewson's Corners were struck Monday afternoon.

Guelph in about 15 minutes and the boys were taken there. James was transferred to the Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto.

One of them, James McMullen, R. R. 1, Acton, Tuesday underwent a six hour operation to replace an aorta to the heart. The nine-year-old boy had been given mouth to mouth resuscitation at the scene of the accident by driver Ellen Barkman, R. R. 1, Acton, without success.

The other injured boy was Michael Reiner, also of R. R. 1, Acton. His injuries were less serious and he was released from hospital the same day.

Then Cons. Brian Farrell of the Acton detachment took over and felt the lad begin to breathe again. He had arrived on the scene within minutes.

Mrs. Barkman was driving east along the town line of Halton Hills just past Crewson Corners when she saw a black poodle on the grade of a hill. She swerved and lost control on the gravel road.

The ambulance came from

Police say they are not contemplating laying charges. The three boys all live in the area and were walking with the dog.

Beer tent at fall fair

The town doesn't have any objection to the Acton Agricultural Society having a beer tent at this year's fall fair.

Halton Hills council gave the go ahead for the beer tent at a meeting August 3. (Last year the Lion's club sponsored the tent.)

At the same meeting the town decided to loan Acton Agricultural Society 30 rolls of snow fence and 350 posts. In addition a garbage packer which will be loaned the day after the fair to workers cleaning up the park.

Acton resident and fair vice-president Brent Marshall has received permission to drive the packer at Prospect Park during the cleanup.

Parade, carnival end summer

Excitement will be at full tilt this evening (Wednesday) as young and old alike line the streets of Acton to see the annual summer playground grand finale parade.

The children have been busy this week and last preparing the floats for the parade and games for the penny carnival to be held in

the arena later in the evening. The Acton Citizens' Band, Mr. and Miss Playground and four floats with separate themes from various playgrounds will gather at seven p.m. on Fellow St. The parade will journey down Mill St. to the arena at Prospect Park where the penny carnival will take place. Each playground is responsible for operating two booths.

In the parade, Prospect Park will follow a farmer theme, and host a balloon toss and pop-can-knock-down booth.

Last year's winner A collaboration of Spéyside and Limehouse playgrounds, last year voted to have the best float in the parade, will this year centre around the planet Mars theme. They have been busy preparing four booths, consisting of: pegs in a bottle; penny on the quarter; fortune telling; and a hotdog booth.

Playground supervisor Dick Rocher said that a successful carnival would be the highlight of the summer for the children and he is looking forward to seeing everyone of all ages out to enjoy themselves.

A decision has yet to be made if the Acton musicians will attempt the competition's first section, the highest for a Canadian Band.

The band will enter two sections and may add another, Mr. Elliott said.

The Citizens' Band will enter the concert band class in both the national and international sections.

In each section two pieces of music are played by competitors. One selection is made by the exhibition organizers and the other by the competing band.

Acton detachment of Halton Regional police are seeking a suspect following the passing of a fraudulent cheque in a Mill St. store this week.

FOUNDATIONS of the new high school look like the start of a geometry classroom.

Quiet week Halton regional police investigated in the Acton area the past week.

Citizens' Band will compete at CNE

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