

Reprieve for ducks, swans?

Fairy Lake ducks and swans may yet be accepted into the Acton family, to be housed and fed. Esther Taylor explained the problem to council Monday night, and convinced councillors to have another look at the wildfowl who adopted the town. "No Feeding" signs had been recommended by the Conservation Authority.

The works committee will get "the foul problem" next. Miss Taylor was asked to inform the works committee how much grain would be needed to feed the birds.

In her presentation, she contended the birds which remain here over the winter are no longer wildfowl. They have lost their instinct to migrate. Councillors Pat McKenzie, Les Doby and Ern Hyde agreed with her.

Warned
"I tried to tell you this problem last year," Mr. Doby said. "This is part of a passive park." He said no-one is more familiar with the problem than Miss Taylor. Last year arrangements were made with the parks department to house the birds and

aerate the pond. He explained Beardmore is now having problems with the erosion of the banks near the dam.

Mr. McKenzie reported 50 to 100 geese on the pond that morning. They will leave, but the ducks and swans won't.

Instinct
"I agree they'll lose the instinct to migrate in the fall, but not to procreate in the spring," observed councillor Ric Morrow. "A hundred birds might not be a problem but 300 birds might be."

Miss Taylor said there are about the same number of

birds on the pond now as last year.

Councillor Roy Booth wondered if feeding the birds isn't simply perpetuating the problem. Miss Taylor replied the birds certainly got far less this summer.

Presentation
In her presentation Esther Taylor said:
"I am here on behalf of one hundred-odd mallard ducks and three swans living in Acton's Fairy Lake, which was named about 100 years ago, before the term 'fairy' was debased.

"Unhappily, I have to report that despite a reduction in handouts from the public, our ducks have not migrated this fall, and are not likely to leave, because most of them are now non-migratory. The birds are not to blame for this situation, which was considered by council last winter and spring. It is a man-created problem about which the so-called experts should have warned when the sanctuary that never was a sanctuary was launched five or six years ago. The problem is not unique or limited to Bella

Actona. Those of you who watch Wildlife Cinema will have heard references to semi-domesticated or non-migratory Mallards.

"What we now have in Acton are wildfowl, that are no longer wildfowl, through no fault of their own. Colder weather is making them very hungry, and their appetites will sharpen as the temperature drops. Anyone who sees the flock at feeding time, realizes without argument that these birds are hungry—

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BOBBING FOR APPLES was one way this trio of M. Z. Bennett school pupils practised for Hallowe'en. Julie Kurtz, left, Tracey Dunbar, centre and Jillian Brain dunked with other classmates in Mrs. Rea Loch's grade four class.

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79 students

Stone school to house first separate school

The use of the Stone School as a Separate School in Acton was approved Thursday by Halton Board of Education. The old Stone School is located on school lane, beside the Robert Little school. It is presently used by Robert Little students and was formerly the high school.

This will be the first separate school for Acton. Specialized facilities in the Robert Little public school—such as the resource centre—will also be used by the separate school students on a limited basis.

separate school board will pay 79 5/10 of the total upkeep of the resource centre. The separate school students will be able to use other facilities such as the gym only if it is not needed by the Robert Little students, and they will pay any percentage of the cost of what they are allowed to use.

The clauses of the agreement also provide for a three year lease and insurance.

Musical chairs
"In June, July and August we will be playing musical chairs," says board of education trustee Tom Watson.

"The high school moves to new quarters."

"The middle school moves to the old high school."
"The portables will go to Millon."
"The elementary school will vacate the old Stone School."
"The separate school will move into the old Stone School."



Gord Dawe

Dawe aims for region seat

Gord Dawe, real estate agent, announced his candidacy for the post of regional councillor for Ward 1 (Acton) Monday.

Mr. Dawe, member of the Ontario and Canadian Real Estate Boards, opened his office last year, after five years in the business.

Though born in Toronto, Mr. Dawe has spent most of his time in town. The exception was three years of post-secondary education at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. After then he set up behavior modification courses at the university.

At age 27, Mr. Dawe is the youngest candidate in the area. He lives at 34 Mill Street East.

Levy seeks mayor's seat

There will be a race for the mayor's chair after all. Harry Levy announced Monday he will seek the top spot, and run against incumbent Mayor Tom Hill, in the December 6 municipal elections.

Mr. Levy said, "After a great deal of thought and consideration, I have decided to seek the mayor's seat on Halton Hills council.

My reasons are two-fold. Firstly, I was opposed to the plan to regionalize Halton, prior to its inception and have been a constant opponent to the regional operation during the first three years of its life. Although it would be virtually impossible to change the philosophy, the next best thing is to ensure that Halton

Hills does not get a raw deal and that it receives its fair share of regional consideration. In order to do this, it is imperative that I be a member of regional council. Secondly, being, by profession and nature, an organizing administrator with financial background, I have the ability to provide the leadership so desperately needed in present day Halton Hills. Consequently I feel justified in seeking the position that will best enable the fulfillment of my desires and the needs of the town.

In the past three years, I have been chairman and a member of the Finance Committee and have played no small part in ensuring that Halton Hills has had the best

financial record and lowest per capita debt of all the area councils within, not only our region but other regions in this part of Ontario. This has been accomplished by wise financial planning but not at the expense of improving the number and quality of facilities we have been able to provide in those three years.

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Harry Levy

Mayor on mend

Mayor Tom Hill is on the mend, and walking around on crutches.

His daughter Eleanor told this newspaper he had one toe removed, but except for a loss of weight is feeling fine.

She said he is moving around the hospital room at Toronto Western Hospital, without crutches, but is using them for any greater distance.



Mayor Hill

Civiero plans ten stores

Giio Civiero hopes to construct 17,000 square feet of commercial space, on two acres of land, on Highway Seven, west of Acton.

He told Halton Hills Planning Board the present building would be torn down and the owner would have approximately 5,000 square feet of the new building for a dry goods store.

Mr. Civiero said he did not know at this time what the other stores would be, but said there would be approximately 10 stores. He said there would be 61 parking spaces and it would be serviced by septic tanks.

Since the land has to be rezoned, the planning board asked Planner Mario Venditti and the solicitor to prepare a report.

Quiet Hallowe'en police, schools

Although about \$300 was raised, the UNICEF Swimsathon on Saturday proved a disappointment for the organizing Y's Men. This year only 25 participated, compared to 70 last year.

Ed Leatherland thought perhaps the reason was the date. The Swimsathon fell on the same day as Hallowe'en was celebrated. The pool was

only available from 4 p.m., and he said perhaps this deterred some of the young people who wanted to be in their disguises and out on the streets in good time.

However the swimsathon was over by 5.15.

Swimmers were given 15 minutes or a maximum of 20 lengths in the pool. Most of them had over \$1 a length in totalled sponsorships.

Four adults swam for UNICEF with 21 young people. Those who participated were: Ann McDonald, Joek Garton, Kathy Wallis, Lisa Krzyzik, Michael Galbraith, Jim McVeigh, Andy Shone, Angela Reid, Susan Wilson, Theresa Conroy, Karen Hinkley, Julia Mullins, Clive Mullins, Liz Binstfeld, Elizabeth Wilson, Susan McDonald, Nancy Rand, Rick Coe, Bob McGregor, Lloyd Broustad, Frank McGrath, Karen Coats, Scott Alonby, Lisa Cadinhead and Jane Sewell.

On the whole, Hallowe'en in Acton was relatively quiet, reports Halton Regional Police and schools.

Police say they took eggs from prankster youths. There were a couple of incidents of vandalism.

M. Z. Bennett school spokesman said there was no damage done to the school's property over Hallowe'en and reported everything quiet.

Robert Little school received soaped windows and a few beer bottles were left lying around, but other than that, says principal Hazen Allen, there was no vandalism. "It was very quiet," he said.

Children went calling door-to-door on the Saturday night. A few who tried to add Sunday to their plans found slim pickings.

Poppy Week

November 5 to 11 was declared Poppy Week by Halton Hills Council, Monday night.

Acton Legion Branch 197 and Georgetown Legion Branch 120 were authorized to purchase the town wreaths. The town will pay the cost of printing Remembrance Day service programs.

Two are injured

An accident Oct. 27 at the town line and highway 25 resulted in injury to two passengers. The car driven by Randolph Walker, Cambridge, left the road and hit a fence. Injured were Brenda Miller, R.R. 1, Hillsburgh and Barbara Johnston, R.R. 3, Acton.

Damage to the car was estimated by police at \$1,500.

Saturday vandalism

There were several incidents of vandalism Saturday, according to police.

About \$3,250 damage resulted when unknown people damaged a school bus at R. R. 1, Limehouse, Saturday, Oct. 30.

A car parked in the driveway at the Maria St. apartments was damaged to the extent of \$1,000 the same day, and a bar of soap placed in the gas tank.

An ornamental flower pot outside a Bower Ave. home was damaged. The cost was set at \$50.

A window at the high school was broken—again, Saturday, Oct. 30. Estimate of damage is \$125.

On Oct. 28, bedroom walls were damaged in a vacant Acton home.

Miller seeks regional seat

Russ Miller, now area councillor for Ward Two (Esquesing) will try for the Ward Two seat on regional council, in the December 6 elections.

He originally planned to run at the local level to retain his present seat, but when the closing of Dormtar was announced, changed his mind.

Miller, a 27 year employee with the company, said he always wanted to run for regional council but felt it was unfair to his employer to take so much time off from work.

"Now I could devote my full time to the job," he added.

A longtime resident of Esquesing, he has lived here for 40 years, and has 12 years municipal experience.

He served on the former Esquesing School Board for five years, then on Esquesing council for two, before being elected deputy-reeve for another two years where he attended county council, as well as local council. For the past three years he has been a Ward Two councillor at the local level. He is now acting-mayor while Mayor Tom Hill is sick.

He said his experience qualifies him for the regional post.

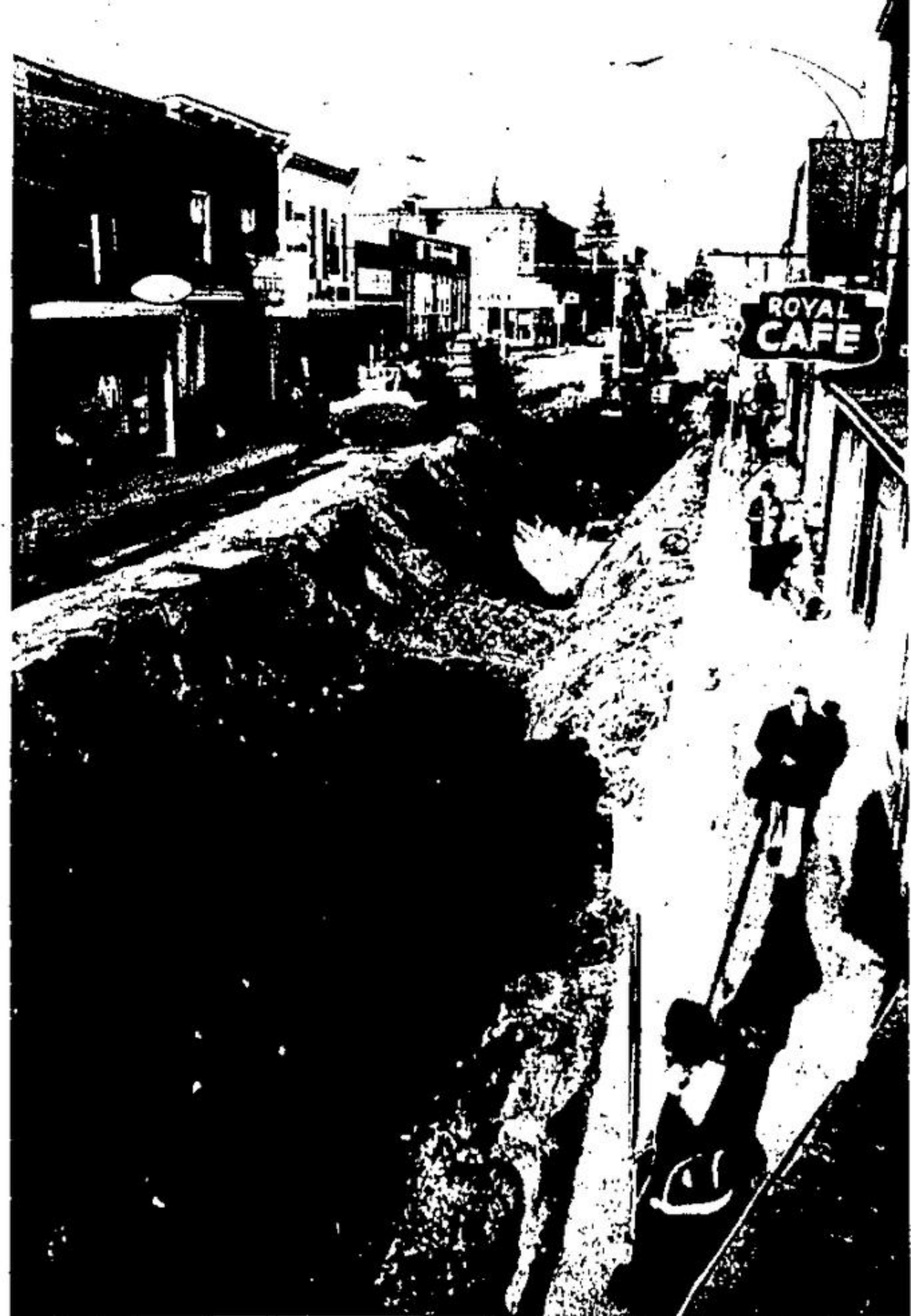


Russell Miller

Trucks use new bypass

Trucks are now using the Wallace St. bypass and avoiding the Mill St reconstruction area. In the last couple of weeks the Halton Hills workmen have put about 1500 tons of gravel on the new roadway to make it usable.

Trucks go north on Wallace, swinging around a corner by the Diston plant before heading north and then west through the industrial park. They come out on Highway 25 north.



MILL STREET HASN'T BEEN like this since sewers were installed several years ago. A large back-hoe rips up the centre of town while workmen install new and wider pipe. Last week's start on the sewer work was preceded by gas line work along the sidewalks.



ARTS AND CRAFTS group member Laura Dittrich participated in the annual exhibition and sale Saturday. Here she shows pen and ink sketches of the old railway station, post office, town hall and stone school. More pictures and story on page 7.