(Continued from Page One) Exclusion of alternate routes from the expropriation hearings they argued hamstrung their clients and gave Ontario Hydro the advantage. The hearings were the only opportunity for citizens to

voice objections to Hydro's

plans, they told the court. The objectors are not saying build the corridor on someone else's property, Mr. Paroian told the court, but that there was insufficient information if cross-examination and evidence are restricted to Ontario Hydro's choice of route. There may be . a better alternative. It would be poor policy to decide before all the evidence is in, he said.

"The broader the hearing, the better the decision," he told Mr. Justice Reid, Mr. Justice Krevor and Mr. Justice Rutherford, who heard the arguments.

Mr. Parolan submitted it was the purpose of the expropriation hearings to get as much information to the Ministry of Energy as possible so the political body could do with it what they willed. He said the hearings were not a charade where people spoke out and were not heard. He said if the hearings were restricted to the actual route Ontario Hydro chose it would be a denial of citizens'

Paroian also claimed Ontario Hydro knowing the narrow parameters, could choose their own questions and answers because the normal rules of evidence have not been defined.

The nub of the case, Paroian told the tribunal, is whether alternative routes were proper to the investigation. He cited precedents to back his case where hearing officers had allowed evidence and cross-examination of alternale siles.

Ontario Hydro's lawyer, Tom Marshall argued that hearings expropriation should not recognize boundaries beyond the narrow 500 feet Hydro has set out for its 500kV transmission corridor. He claimed the Solandt Commission had made a detailed analysis and recommended the corridor go through Limehouse and the only area which should be dealt with at the expropriation hearings in Acton should be the 500 foot, 14-mile strip and those people

directly on the route. "Are neighbors not affected by the towers?" asked Mr. Justice Reid.

Not under the terms of the Act, Marshall said. He told the court they would be dealt with under the "Injurious Affection" procedures Hydro has laid down. He said allowing neighbors of the corridor to participate would compound an uncontrollable

process. Mr. Marshall pointed out the Inquiry Officer had no Louis Charlebois . . . powers, that the hearings did not have the trappings of judicial process and the officer's report expressed an opinion which the Minister of Energy could ignore if he chose. He said there was not even an obligation to publish the officer's report.

Mr. Justice Krevor asked Mr. Marshall what the purpose of the hearing was, then if that was so.

Marshall replied purpose was to deal with specific proposals from land owners along the route and move the transmission towers to avoid obstacles such as swimming pools or a sugar bush and other matters of that ilk within the knowledge of the owners.

Marshall said the Act restricted officers from hearing evidence that dealt with whether hydro needed the line or not or where it should go. That has all been predetermined by Ontario Hydro, he said. Hearings avoid contentious

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could not understand this interpretation because the adversary procedures had been spelled out as it allowed examination which meant

contentious issues. Mr. Justice Reid asked Mr. Marshall why the Act did not say just "land affected" if his narrow context was to be followed.

Marshall replied decision was made by the Government, which had already determined the need. He said there should be no enquiry into the need for a

Mr. Justice Reld said it would not be encumbent for an enquiry officer to put on blinders and still decide whether the proposal is sound. How could he carry out his function properly if blind himself to interest of owners in areas alongside the

Marshall said the plans for the corridor were approved by the Ministry and they determined the rules.

Mr. Justice Krevor noted the burden was on the individual to come forward and make his case but the historic concern of legislation was to put the burden on the Expropriation Authority to prove expropriation is fair, sound and necessary.

Mr. Justice Reid suggested owners also have rights and questioned Mr. Marshall why Hydro had put the Solandt Report and other evidence in the hearing exhibits if they didn't think the expropriation hearings were inquisitorial. Why all the background if they are irrelevant? he

What's so wrong about allowing the officer to contemplate effects outside the corridor boundaries if he has no power to decide on the case? Justice Reed asked.

Mr. Marshall said it would be just a waste of time. He told the court it was not really a matter of what was going on

Legion skating party.

started with Ab Irwin who,

reminiscing about his boy-

hood days, found himself

thinking about the good times

he had clearing a spot on

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and said his office is making

material available to its sub-

committees. "The thing we

can do is help to gather

facts. . . then the decision will

A community has a need to

be somebody - that means

community identity and

interaction with one another.

Charlebois reviewed the

Chamber's objectives and

accomplishments of the past

He hopes 1977 will be a year

of progress with an increase

in membership and in-

Mr. Pollock of the Depart-

ment of Industry and Tour-

ism was asked from the floor

why nothing is done to pro-

mote this part of Ontario. Mr.

Pollock admitted that the fact

this area is "well-endowed"

works against us. "Make

your concerns known," he ad-

12 - Lybra

26 - Wheels

19 - The Irish Rebels

(St. Pat's Dance)

novative projects.

The choice has got to be

president

be based on facts."

yours, he said.

Re-elected

Fairy Lake to skate, and them up made their way to

gathering with his friends the Legion lounge for a

This was the scene Satur- crew of four, Doug Mason,

day night behind the Legion. Cal McIntyre, John Krapek

around a huge bonfire after- friendly gettogether.

Mr. Justice Krevor said he the property for the expropriation hearings decide. The function of the hearings was only to expropriate the property, he told the court.

> He said it would be impossible to conduct hearings in an orderly and timely way if evidence for all alternatives for the route decided by Hydro were allowed in the hearings. There was an urgency to get the job done and if compulsory acquisition of land was necessary land owners would be even more

Lawyer Dick Howitt concluded the case by stating he felt the intention of the Expropriation Act was to correct abuses of the past when expropriations had been carried out without any rights to land owners, and the machinery had been set up to avoid narrow interpretations such as Mr. Marshall's.

He said claim of increased costs might better be reduced costs because their broader scope would cause better investigations. He felt increased costs were a frail excuse for exercise of arbitrary powers.

The court case was precipitated when Hearing Officer Donald Meyrick adjourned expropriation hearings in Acton November 25 when his ruling that evidence and cross-examination on alternate routes could not be accepted was challenged by lawyers Paroian, Howitt and Susan Tanner. He adjourned the hearings until the Divisional Court decides whether the hearings could allow evidence and cross-examination on alternatives.

Both Mr. Paroian and Mr. Howitt said the decision would be a precedent which could set the guidelines for expropriation hearings.

No date has been set for announcement of the

Legion skating party

brings back memories

laughter from the ice

drowned out the crackling of

the logs engulfed by flames.



cenotaph signalling the start of the Heart Fund campaign. Vic Bristow does the flag-raising

Heart fund drive underway in area

Monday marked the official beginning of National Heart Bristow said. Month in Acton.

He pointed out the new people will also be boxes in banks. Home.

donation is welcome, Mr.

Organizer Vic Bristow canvassers up last week, but of a garage at the home of raised the flag and told the once the temperatures James Brown, R. R. 4, Rock-Free Press of this year's warmed up a bit, they were wood on February 1 after the campaign. He explained out knocking on doors. Mr. vehicle caught fire and there are 85 canvassers this Bristow himself does the threatened to spread flames year, up ten from last year. businesses and industries.

Anyone who wishes to make house. in town accounted for the adonation but has not spoken canvasser increase. These to a canvasser, or anyone who dedicated volunteers will be wishes to make donations in knocking on doors in town memoriam may call Mr. asking for donations. There Bristow at his Elizabeth Dr.

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rates Monday night.

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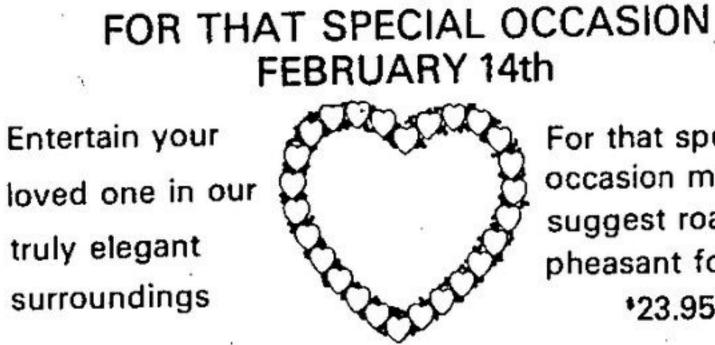
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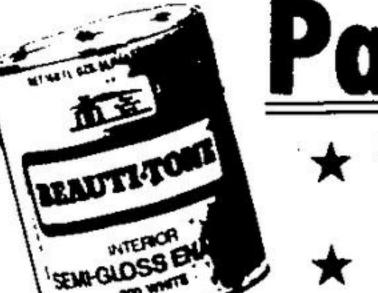
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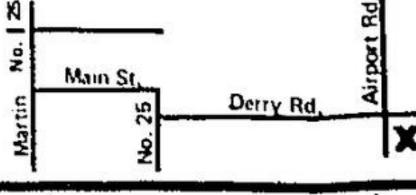
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Four fire trucks crowded in the hall

There are four fire trucks housed in the fire hall, not three as reported last week. No. 1 truck is known as the town truck: it's a 1969 Ford

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building for meetings which

sometimes attract large

groups of people. When this

happens washroom facilities

of storage space for sealed

ballot boxes and other written

Pritchard says there is

barely enough room for

everyone in the clerks

department now but if a

municipal solicitor or by-law

enforcement officer are ever

added to the staff there just

He added the council

chambers need to be ventil-

ated, wiring in the building

needs to be looked at, some

windows leak and the face

brick of the building needs

of municipal departments

increases efficiency and pro-

Pritchard says centralizing

materials and documents.

He reported there is a lack

are sadly deficient.

isn't the room.

repairs.

and the state of the state of the state of

No. 2 truck is a 1975 Ford and is used mainly for rural

No. 3 truck, a 1958 Ford, is also used mainly in the rural The recent addition is the

Town offices cramped...

LOVELL BROS.

Tender

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vides a convenience to the

Venditti reports his staff is

frequently shunted off into

the council chambers to work

since his department has only

400 square feet of space and

has four employees. In add-

ition in the summer when two

students have been employed

they have ended up being

moved all over the admin-

There is a need for 200 to 300

square feet of filing space

since drawings are stored in

the clerk's department right

now and project and closed

files are also stored outside

With town growth and staff

increases over the next five

years the planning depart-

ment will need 2,000 square

feet of office space and

Venditti suggests his depart-

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istration building to work.

public.

planning.

newly-renovated 1927 Studewhich is mainly used for baker. It is presently parked in behind the other trucks. Firefighters are working on its restoration in their spare

Fire Chief Mick Holmes

said the blaze, at 7:15 a.m.,

totally destroyed the 1968

Ford, but did not harm the

garage before it was taken

The chief explained he did

not know the cause of the fire

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from the structure.

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Acton Volunteer Fire-The cold weather held the fighters had to tow a car out throughout the garage and

A Halton Hills works department employee got more than he bargained for yesterday, when he went into

When Ernie Corbett got The casual rates will be back to the department's employed during those times truck, he discovered smoke when the rinks aren't booked. had filled the cab so he called In most cases figure skating the Acton Volunteer Fire instructors and their students Department. However, exwill be the ones who decide to plained fire chief Mick snap up the unreserved ice Holmes, when the fire trucks arrived at the scene, the fire The fee will be \$5 an hour had "died out itself." He

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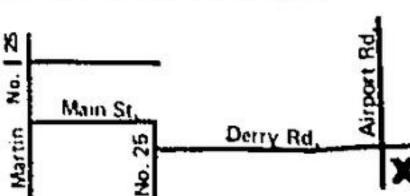
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Kevin Conroy introduced

ask long-time member Fred Wright to say Grace, he was this function again Monday.

Guests introduced were George Gray, president of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Mrs. Gray, Halton Hills planner Mario Vinditti, Chamber of Commerce charter member John Goy and past president Roy

vised. Be a squeaky wheel. the head table.

Farther into the building, a

It's become traditional to at the head table to perform

their tootsies around a huge for the hungry and cold The concept of the party outdoor fire. The sounds of skaters. The evening didn't end Those who prefered beverages rather than fire to warm

which was in the main hall. For the adults who took part in the skating, fond

memories were aroused. For the younger set, they had a three rinks. glimpse at what it was like before arenas, and perhaps youngsters had to make their men and are used regularly

Many Acton residents While many people skated and Ivan Kilby, busied slipped back to their youth and cross-country skied in the themselves in the kitchen Saturday evening at the darkness, others warmed making several pots of chili

there, however. After a hearty meal, the partiers were invited into the dance

for skating instructors who attributed the fire to faulty work for local clubs, \$2 per wiring under the dashboard. student per hour if they live in The truck is owned by Arm-

The outdoor skating rinks even before television, when are being maintained by town

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