

Dusty prospect

Mill — Main — then No. 7

A dusty picture of continuing construction was given to the 30 people at the meeting of Acton Business Association by town engineer Bob Austin Wednesday.

Mill reconstruction will be followed by Main reconstruction, and then by the rebuilding of Highway 7 between Acton and Rockwood.

He thought Mill repaving and sidewalks should be done by the end of May.

Main next Then, after a few weeks of respite, the work on Main should begin ideally in June, to be completed by deadline date November 18. The top asphalt coating on Main may not go down this year.

After the end of May there should be through traffic at Mill and Main till July and then "all hell will break loose again" Mr. Austin predicted. Merchants groaned softly at the prospect.

Mr. Austin commented that although he knew people weren't happy with the situation, "with all due respect I give King Paving a lot of credit." He said a smaller contractor could have caused more inconvenience.

He said the sanitary sewer work on Main was completed that day (Wednesday). Since the region had done additional work from Mill to Church, it was reasonable to add that paving to the job now, too. Additional approvals are required.

Because of legal reasons, he would not give an opinion on the reason the new curbs are crumbling. However King Paving is responsible and "they will have to come up with a product that is good for the town." Repairs should be started next week, he said.

Parts of Willow, Frederick and Elgin will also be replaced.

By the end of May 99 per cent of the work should be

done, including the top course of asphalt.

Sidewalks
The interlocking sidewalks are "something new" and "we'll have to see what happens." He did not know which method the contractor would take to provide walks for pedestrians and entry to stores during sidewalk installation.

Main will be rebuilt up over the tracks to Wallace St. There is a federal approval holdup because of the railway tracks, but tenders will be called shortly and work would ideally start in June.

Brainstorm
The problem of rerouting traffic in the locality of the school creek bridge brought a brainstorming session from the merchants, who submitted several ideas. Water and sanitary sewers must be laid under the bridge, as well as paving above. The bridge itself will not be replaced.

"There are major problems!" the engineer foresees.

Detour considerations included a Bailey bridge at the site, single lane traffic, rerouting through the school grounds which require trees (No reaction but shoulders,) or the use of the recently built Wallace extension through the industrial park north of town. An idea to send traffic through to Elizabeth Dr. from beside the arena brought the answer too much road construction would be required for the heavy highway traffic there.

Mr. Austin thought the contractor would also consider working 24 hours a day in the worst areas.

North of the railroad track, the grade will be almost level with the track, he said.

"It's a big costly project. I hope it's not going to be as bad as it sounds," Mr. Austin concluded.



DOOMED for destruction? Former Esqueving township hall, where Halton Hills council meets now, has crumbling brickwork. People protesting council's decision to demolish Acton town hall walked into the building under the faulty bricks Monday.

Business Association sets up committees

An important future began to take shape when committee reports were given Wednesday at the first general meeting of Acton Business Association since its formation. About 30 attended the meeting in the fire hall chaired by president Marilyn Ottaway.

New committees and their chairmen are parking traffic Don Lindsay, finance, ways and means John Burnstead, social John Coniglio advertising and promotion Wayne Ruse, town cleanup and security Alma Sweetman, business standards Art Cooper, membership and constitution Grace Robertson. Ms. Ottaway is chairman of the executive committee.

Each committee chairman asked for volunteers to fill out the numbers in the group.

Brief
Don Lindsay of the parking and traffic committee reported Bill Yundt and Mike Kinal are working with him

and they would be presenting a brief to the works committee Monday night. He read the letter which would come to council, concerning parking restrictions and enforcement.

He also referred to the need for off-street parking on the former Hotchen Bakery site.

(The letter is covered in the account of council elsewhere in the paper.)

Ms. Ottaway reported personal phone calls had been made by members of the town cleanup and security committee and some improvement had been noted.

Customers annoyed
Don Lindsay reported customers in A-B Supermarket complaining of youths outside the store, annoying people in profanity and even drinking beer in

broad daylight. In one instance he called police, but the officer did not arrive for three-quarters of an hour and by then the offenders were gone.

It was reported by another merchant that the police officer had said officers had started to walk their patrol on the main streets that Monday, rather than travel by cruiser.

One person in the group suggested the annoyed customers and police should

see what goes on at 3 a.m. It was pointed out that these loiterers are not all teenagers, and that loitering cases are dismissed in court, causing some of the offenders to mock the merchants in their efforts to have them leave.

Discussion revealed people with CB radios pass on the location of the police to their friends.

Paul Nielsen recalled that police superintendent Schwanitz said Acton needed two

more men if a regular schedule of patrols were to be maintained, at a cost of \$48,000.

Don Lindsay enquired about the use of auxiliary police again, as the O.P.P. had.

One businesswoman thought the reason the loiterers are there should be considered. She felt police surveillance could challenge them to a big dare.

It was agreed more police coverage was needed.

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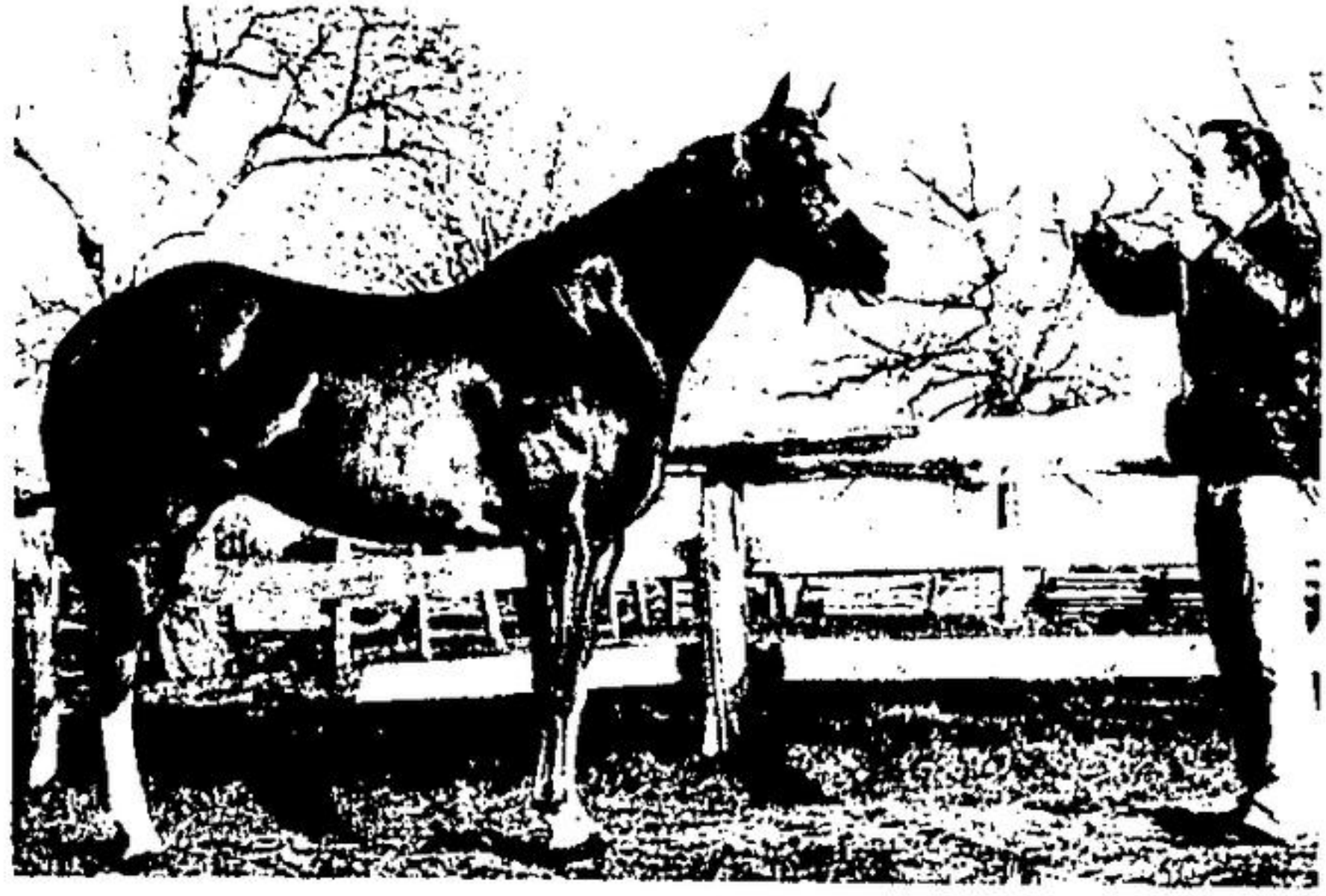
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BILL VAN DAM of Ospringe shows off Jackie's Fury after he won Grand Champion Gelding at the Southseaville New Jersey Paint Show recently. The Van Dams are particularly proud of the four-year-old horse having raised him from a yearling.

Seniors invited to draw
Plans are well underway for the May 26 Wintario draw to be held in Georgetown Memorial Arena, which was renovated partly by a Wintario grant.
In the afternoon, senior citizens will be invited to take part in the bonus draw and be eligible for special prizes for themselves. It is understood small prizes such as radios will be raffled. Master of ceremonies Fred Davis and Faye Dance will be there all afternoon.
Norm Smith, President of the Georgetown Senior Citizens Club has tickets available, and asks all senior citizens to call him if they wish to attend.
A buffet lunch will be served in the Lions hall, following the afternoon session.

NIAGARA ESCARPMENT COMMISSION Public Meeting
May 11 at 7.30 p.m.
in the **ERNEST C. DRURY SCHOOL**
Regional Centre for Hearing Handicapped
256 Ontario St. S., Milton
The Niagara Escarpment Commission is drafting a master plan designed to preserve the 465-mile Niagara Escarpment from Niagara Falls to Tobermory as a continuous natural environment while ensuring only development that is compatible.
The Commission wants your ideas, recommendations and proposals.
It also wants to tell you what it has been doing and to show you a 20-minute film on the escarpment area.
The film, called "Giant's Rib" describes some of the problems which must be solved in drafting and land-use plan for the 2,000 square mile area.
If you wish to make a formal presentation, please, contact the Commission two days prior to session.
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Ebenezer Baptism Sunday
By Mrs. R. McLean
Two lovely little girls were baptized on Sunday morning: Jennifer EllasRuth, daughter of Dan and Susan Jensen, and Tara Louise, daughter of Russell and Carol Powadiuk.
Rev. R. Finley based his Mother's Day remarks on "The Household of God." Psalm 133 has just three verses. How good it is when households dwell together in unity. The essence of all religions is gratitude to God. The third verse shows blossoming takes place in you through Jesus Christ. When we seem to make mistakes, things happen better than we hoped. God brings His chief blessing, which is love forever.
Five-speed bike swiped
Thieves swiped a boy's five-speed green racing bike from the side of a Church Street apartment building last week.
The bike belongs to a Kingham Road resident. The bike has a short chrome fender on front, and no fender on the back.