

# Ballinafad estate bid fails before the OMB

A land developer eager to construct a subdivision in Ballinafad struck out during an Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing. However, he intends to come back to the plate again.

Developer Jack Martin, RR 5 Georgetown, used the wrong bid according to the OMB in a meeting at Hillsburgh May 19. The entire action took only 35 minutes.

The OMB dismissed Martin's appeal of a decision by Erin township council because the provincial body has no authority over such matters.

"We just don't have the jurisdiction," said meeting chairman Armour McCrae of

Toronto. McCrae is also vice-chairman of the OMB. With him from Toronto was board member Willis Blair.

Martin has said at a previous meeting the township has designated Ballinafad as hamlet infill. However, he is required to get an amendment to a township bylaw to get the land zoned residential from its current zoning of agricultural.

From evidence presented, the township did not receive an application to change the zoning. Clerk Clive Beardwood told the meeting that to his knowledge there had been no such application.

On a fine distinction the OMB found that Martin was

refused a subdivision by the township—not an application for rezoning.

Chairman McCrae pointed out from letters that passed between Martin and the township that Martin agreed the municipality refused the subdivision.

The decision by the OMB was one of what McCrae said is just an example of unsuccessful applications. "There's been virtually hundreds of these applications set aside," McCrae said.

The planning Act requires certain procedures, under which the OMB can pass a bylaw over the wishes of a town, McCrae said. That procedure, however, must be

followed very, very carefully.

R. B. Hungerford, of Guelph, represented the township in the matter.

Following the brief proceedings, which OMB chairman McCrae termed a waste of time, Martin said he would soon try again to get the subdivision approved.

Reflecting on the failure of his bid, Martin said: "I guess it's my fault. I didn't ride the file 'close enough'."

Martin's proposal is for the creation of 17 lots for estate houses in Ballinafad. Eight of the lots front on Seventh Line. The rest would be further off the road.

Construction of the homes would mean about 65 more

people in the police village.

A public meeting concerning the proposal drew about 60 people into Ballinafad community centre in late April.

Several people voiced their concerns about the destruction of village atmosphere, while some folk thought the new population might lower taxes and encourage additional stores to service the village.

Hungerford, representing the township, asked the OMB to award costs to the Municipality.

The try for costs failed because the board felt Martin's attempt to develop the land was genuine.



JINGLES THE CLOWN (centre) visited M.Z. Bennett grade two students on Friday to prepare them for their circus this Thursday. Jingles (alias Leo Podetz of the Burlington School for Clowns) demonstrated to the youngsters how to apply the necessary make-up, and then made up Michael Vranic (left) and Ian Smith, (right.) Students enjoyed the demonstration, especially when their friends were painted.

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## Empty house razed

Flames and smoke could be seen in Lakeview subdivision Sunday evening, as Acton volunteer firefighters fought a blaze on the first line.

An abandoned house, owned by Revenue Properties, was completely destroyed as fire ripped through it. Halton Hills fire chief Mick Holmes suspected children set the fire. No damage amount was estimated, he explained, because the building was just a shell, with no windows or doors. It is located behind the Johnson farm.

Because there was no water nearby, the firefighters had to shuttle back and forth between town and the fire for water. The men stayed on the scene for a couple of hours, the fire chief said. No one was injured in the blaze.

Busy yesterday  
Three calls yesterday (Tuesday) involved two trees and a garbage can.

Lightning struck a tree on the Fifth Sideroad of Erin township, and another on Highway 25, north. Firefighters responded to both calls.

The Chicken and Pizza Spot was the scene of a fire in a garbage container in a wash-room. Damage was minimal.

## Paving done

Paving at the Mill and Main corner was done Friday, ending several weeks of awkward detours there. But by the next working day, Tuesday, there was another gaping hole on the corner. Workmen were digging in the sidewalk area to replace wiring for the stop lights. That work was soon done.



AN OLD ABANDONED house on the First Line behind the Johnson property burned to the ground Sunday evening in spite of Acton Volunteer firefighters' attempts to put the blaze

out. Water had to be shuttled from Acton as firefighters had no water accessible to them at the fire scene.

# Reed, Johnson critical of Gray's job forecast

Both the Liberal candidate Julian Reed and the NDP candidate Bill Johnson are critical of PC candidate George Gray's statements on the possible location of industry in town.

Julian Reed stated, "In connection with possibility of industry locating in Georgetown, I was under a commitment of confidentiality for more than two weeks, not to reveal negotiations were taking place on the Domtar building.

I am concerned about statements by Gray since I was told publicly could jeopardize the deal. I am very

worried about the possibility of the industry."

Reed said he had given his word to say nothing. He said Mayor Tom Hill had told of the possibility and he offered his services to secure any money from the Ontario Development Corporation to ensure a successful outcome.

"I know more than I'm prepared to reveal, but I'm not going to jeopardize the situation. Why would the Conservative candidate make a speculative statement of this nature, when he has not participated in the negotia-

tions? According to my information, the credit, if any, is due to the mayor and the committee set up by the municipality. He also made a statement about 700 jobs in Milton or Acton, I would like him to say what he had to play in that one."

Bill Johnson was even more sharply critical stating, "I'm very disturbed about the methods George Gray, P.C. candidate, is adopting in this campaign. I find his method of playing on the hopes of the unemployed despicable. If there is a chance of jobs for

Georgetown, Milton, or Acton, the public should have been informed by the Mayor of Halton Hills, the Mayor of Milton, or our elected representative Julian Reed. This method of making promises is another matter, they seldom materialize."

Johnson called upon Gray to resign as president of the Chamber of Commerce. He said the meeting on Domtar he attended, was also attended by Julian Reed, and Dr. Frank Philbrook, "and they said nothing about it."

## Gray's rebuttal

P.C. candidate George Gray, in rebuttal of the criticism levelled at him by the other two candidates, stated, "I have been directly involved in all the transactions I have discussed on behalf of industries involved."

He said, "A businessman can understand you don't break confidence on a deal or the result may be no deal at all. I'm referring to the fact I cannot reveal the names of the businesses involved. They don't want information released until they prepare their own P.R. work with their own employees. In all cases to the best of my knowledge, the plants are in an expansion situation where existing employees are not affected, but I'm in no position to know that 100 per cent."

Continuing, Gray stated, "As President of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, I'm concerned for the welfare of our business and the welfare of the Chamber members, who rely on local business. These negotiations

would be going on, whether or not there is an election. I didn't have anything to do with the timing of the election."

The Conservative candidate said he had three meetings scheduled this week between prospective industries and, or landlords or land owners, and was taking time from his campaign to try to finalize them.

"I'm disappointed my opponents are critical of my efforts to draw industry and jobs to the area. I can only suggest they spend some of their time trying to do something about the job situation in Halton-Burlington. I expect, very shortly, to release some of the names of the industries involved, but I can only do that with the express permission of the industries involved."

## Prepare report

Engineering consultant Alan Zeegen met Tuesday last week with firefighters and councillors at the fire hall, to look over the hall and the adjoining town hall. Mr. Zeegen will prepare a feasibility report on the construction of the second storey for the fire hall to present to council.

Although the works committee of council first approved tearing down the town

hall for the fire hall second storey and parking, a delegation of about 100 attended council meeting to protest the decision.

As a result, Mr. Zeegen was called to make a further report. He was in town again Tuesday taking measurements of the hall.

A committee will be named by council to consider the town hall renovation, funding and uses.

## Mediation meeting

A mediation meeting will be held this morning (Wednesday) at 10 a.m. at the Mohawk Inn for union and company representatives of Dlston. The meeting is called by the Department of Labour.

Union spokesman Brian McDonald said the union executive members will all attend the meeting.

He reports everything "very quiet" on the picket lines, with no problems.

The office staff is continuing to work at the Wallace Ave. plant.

## Blood donor clinic

A Red Cross blood donor clinic will be held Wednesday, June 8, at the high school auditorium. Organizer Henry Kroes says this is the second time the clinic has been held at the high school. They are more often in the Legion.

The clinic will be in the afternoon and evening, from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. and from 5.30 to 8.30 p.m.

In the fall, it is hoped that Acton will have its own Red Cross branch organized.

Anyone who is interested in helping in any way could contact Mr. Kroes at 853-1868. He is organizing the volunteers for the clinic but says more are needed to help that day.

## Sell bike licenses on special Saturday hours

For the second year, volunteers will donate their time to sell bicycle licenses on a Saturday afternoon.

The required bike licenses

are normally sold in the town office, but the young people with bikes are all in school during most of the hours when the town office is open.

Cons. Tom Roduck organized an afternoon in the police office last spring for several hours and sold 101 licenses. Again this year he plans to do the same thing, on Saturday, June 4. He will be in the police offices in the town hall from 1 to 5 p.m. Working with him again will be Pop Main and Mrs. Lorna Clarke of the town office. He expects another policeman will also be on hand.

They are all donating their time to the project, to encourage the kids to get licenses.

Bicycle owners must know the make, color and serial number of their bike. The licenses cost \$1 each.

A stolen bicycle can be easily traced if the serial number is registered for a license, Cons. Roduck points out.

## Pensioners

# Sept. deadline for tax break

Anyone receiving the guaranteed income supplement to the old age pension, who wants to apply for the \$100 reduction in property tax, must apply before September 1, of this year.

A bylaw was passed by Halton Hills council, April 18, giving the \$100 tax credit to residents living in the house, where the taxes are imposed, provided they qualify by being over 65, receive the

guaranteed supplement, and have been owners of property in town for a minimum of the previous five years.

Applications are now available in the treasury office on Main Street, Georgetown and at 40 Mill St. Acton.

The credit is available if the owner, or spouse of the owner or both are 65, and can be applied only against one home.

## Approve Chicago trip

# Jim James receives award for long service

Acton resident Jim James was one of the recipients of the Optimist Club Law Enforcement awards presented last week.

Mr. James received the award in recognition of his having served 13 years as a special constable on the Georgetown police department and then the Halton Regional Police. Mr. James said he had worked here longer than any of the regular officers.

Mr. James is the last of 27 special constables who graduated 13 years ago, and filled

in at the police department whenever the station was short handed, or there was a special event on. His regular job is that of an "insurance salesman."

An active member of Acton's minor hockey association, Mr. James was a coach for another local person who also received an award the same evening. Constable Brian Farrell received the award for saving the life of nine-year-old Jim McMullen last summer. The boy had been pronounced dead at the scene, but the Constable revived him. A picture and story ran in last week's paper about this specific award.

Two members of Halton Region's Public Works Committee and two members of the staff won permission to go to American Public Works Association annual convention in Chicago this fall, but not without a fight.

Oakville Councillor Carl Eriksen, a persistent opponent to sending councillors on trips out of the country at the taxpayers expense, attempted to reverse the recommendation of the committee.

"It is time for the age old fight. Just a couple of weeks ago we approved a budget with a 21 per cent increase. I don't believe this is absolutely necessary. Councillors who go share little or nothing with the rest of us and I doubt that anything that can be learned there can't be learned right here in this province."

The vote authorizing the expenditure was carried on a 13-9 vote. The two councillors named to go are Tom Sutherland of Burlington and Pat McKenzie of Acton.

## Speeding charge

A Limehouse area man was arrested and charged after leaving Acton at a high rate of speed on his motorcycle. He was travelling 90 m.p.h. in a 50 m.p.h. zone, according to police.

## Suspect children again in Crescent St. fire

Children are again suspected of having started a grass fire at the end of Crescent St., according to Fire Chief Mick Holmes.

The chief said Monday's

grass fire was the third in just a few weeks, all in the same area.

There was no damage other than to the grass, he said.

## John Glynn dies in glider accident

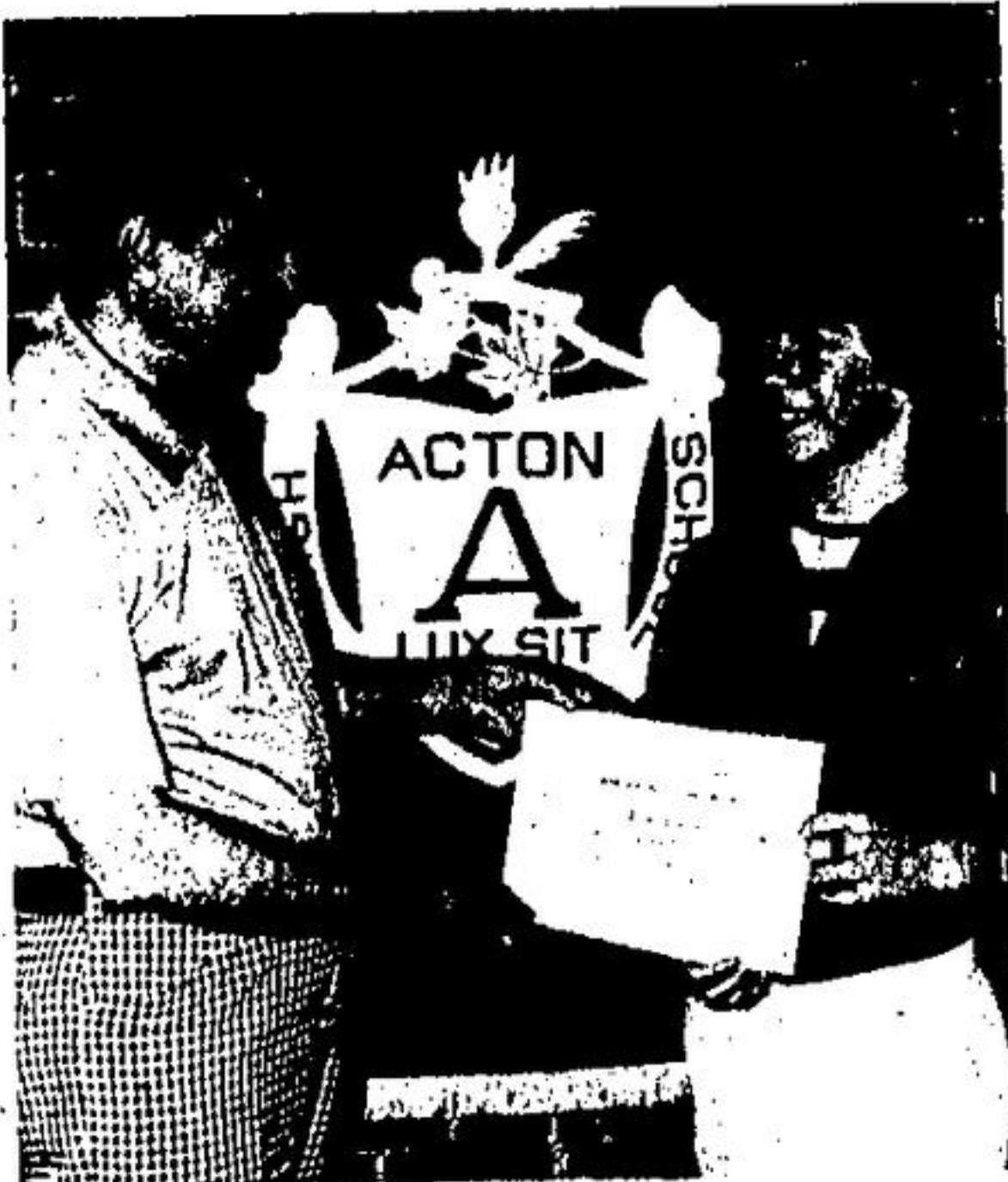
John R. Glynn, R. R. 1, Limehouse, was killed in a glider accident Sunday afternoon. An experienced glider, Mr. Glynn, 63, was flying out of Toronto Flying Club, when the tragedy occurred near Keldon, a small village close to Mount Forest.

Mr. Glynn was a technical editor with International Nickel Co. at Sheridan Park, Mississauga. He was employed with Smith and Stone Ltd. in Georgetown for 24 years from 1946 to 1970.

His wife Jessie Glynn taught languages at Georgetown District High School, until her retirement a few years ago.

He is survived by his wife Jessie, son Peter of Regina, Saskatchewan, daughter-in-law Arlene and two grandchildren Jennifer and Jeffrey.

Funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon (today) at 3 p.m. from McClure-Jones Funeral home, Georgetown.



HALTON BOARD of Education trustee Bert Hinton presents high school student Kevin Parker with an Award of Merit, on behalf of the board. Kevin is the first local high school student to receive the award, which he got in recognition of his skating accomplishments in the past few years.



FIVE GENERATIONS gathered together at the golden wedding anniversary celebration of Jay and Edna Stewart in Guelph - seated, Mrs. A. J. Murray, Mrs. Stewart's aunt; behind her at the right Mrs. J. J. Stewart, centre, Jack Stewart of Mississauga, left, his daughter Sharon (Stewart) Adshade, Mississauga, and in front Kim Adshade, who will be five in October.