

Supreme Court rules

(Continued from page 1) a split decision handed down March 3.

The Interested Citizens appealed the ruling and the case was heard last Tuesday, May 24. They handed down their decision the next morning, May 25. No date has been set yet for resumption of expropriation hearings in Acton legion hall. They were adjourned April 5 until the courts decided whether alternate routes for the corridor should be considered.

Ontario Hydro contended the route they mapped out should not be changed outside of minor adjustments for such obstacles as swimming pools and sugar bush.

The Appeal Court decision was also a victory for lawyers Dick Howitt, representing the Interested Citizens, and Leon Paroian, representing Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott of R.R. 3, Georgetown.

Georgetown lawyer Dick Howitt was jubilant over the result because it not only was a victory for his clients but also helped spell out the intentions of the Expropriation Act, which has never been clearly defined by precedents. He felt the decision set a precedent for others to follow.

The decision also, in his opinion, clearly showed that Dr. Solandt only dealt with the east-west line from Nanticoke to Pickering in his report. Although he touched on the north-south line which will cross Halton Hills, he did not conduct an extensive investigation into any part of it.

Howitt said the Minister of Energy beginning with Darcy McKeough, Dennis Timbrell and now James Taylor have all said Dr. Solandt dealt with the north-south corridor and it has become the Government line. "That's the kind of thing they fed to the local PCs and local people," he said. The Divisional court said the same thing and Hearing Officer Donald Meyrick also parroted the line.

Howitt noted that Mr. Justice Zuber noted in his judgment that even if Dr. Solandt had looked into the north-south corridor it doesn't

take away the statutory right to hear it.

"That's why I feel so happy about the decision," Howitt said. "Without having seen the transcript, the decision was based on points we emphasized." Ron Rolls, a Toronto lawyer assisted Howitt and Paroian with the appeal.

How will the decision affect other sections of the line? Howitt admitted he did not know. The hearing officer who heard evidence on the northern section of the corridor allowed all evidence but he could have ruled out alternatives in his decision, believing Dr. Solandt had already studied the corridor.

Howitt feels the issue of the corridor is right back where it was when the hearings adjourned at Acton Legion Hall.

Ontario Hydro insists it must have the transmission line in operation by October, 1978, so power generated at Bruce can be transmitted to the Golden Horseshoe.

Citizens opposed to the corridor claim Ontario Hydro could build the transmission line much cheaper, waste less good farm land and make it much shorter by going from Bruce to Essa, and from there to Toronto by existing corridors.

Call Milton

Acton volunteer firefighters remained at a grass fire for several hours on Friday, after calling Milton department onto the scene.

Fire Chief Mick Holmes said the fire broke out about three p.m. in a field on the Second Line of Nassagaweya. The blaze was two fields back from the road, and the trucks were unable to get right to the fire, reported Mr. Holmes. Firefighters were forced to use brooms and carry water back the two fields to extinguish the flames.

A call to the Milton department saw their jeep from Number Two station in Campbellville come to the scene. The jeep is equipped with water tanks.



BILL KNIGHT PRESENTS Harold Townsley, arena manager, with a lifetime membership in the OMHA. The presentation was made at the annual awards banquet for Acton minor hockey.

Waive rental fee for Acton Y's Men

A request from Acton Y's Men to have the rental fee waived for their auction sale at Acton Community Centre, was approved by Halton Hills finance-administration committee, but sparked another debate on rental policies for community groups.

The letter suggested they could pay the rental fee of \$75 and in return have the town donate the fee back to the club for their service work.

A similar request from Georgetown Rotary Club was approved recently, as was another from Norval Community Association.

"I'm glad we didn't set a precedent," commented Booth caustically. He had opposed donating the fee back in previous cases.

Councillor Walter Biehn advocated a set policy, and stated, "If we're not going to charge service clubs let's say so."

Booth said he would go

along with this one, because others had been approved, and pointed out this was the first request from Acton. He asked for a report and recommendation from the recreation director.

Biehn contended it was not the recreation director's responsibility to set policy, but council's.

Councillor Peter Marks said a report on the amount of money lost to the town, by not charging service clubs and other groups, would be beneficial.

Councillor Pat Patterson pointed out the recreation director has a budget to work to and then is told to give the money back.

The committee agreed to donate the \$75 back to Acton Y's Men but asked for a report from the recreation director on the loss of revenue if facilities are rented free to service clubs.

Recreation Director Glen Gray said this would cover only one occasion events.

Mother, son graduate same day — miles apart

Isabel (Mrs. A. H.) McKenzie graduated Wednesday, May 25, from the University of Guelph with an honor B.A. degree in English. Beginning her studies in the fall of 1970, and taking off only two semesters since that time, she obtained sufficient credits during ten part-time and seven full-time semesters. Mrs. McKenzie undertook her studies primarily to broaden her interests but found that, as she went along, she was also proving that it is never too late to learn something new. Presently, when not occupied with household or church activities, she is selling Amway cleaning products.

Alan McKenzie, the oldest son of Rev. and Mrs. McKenzie, graduated from the University of Guelph, in

absentia, on the same day as his mother, receiving a B.A. degree in Philosophy. For the past three months he has been in Vancouver, Edmonton, in the North West Terri-

ories, near Inuvik (for a short time), and is working now with an oil rig crew near Edson, Alberta. He hopes, eventually, to return to his university studies.



Isabel McKenzie



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A couple of draws have been arranged for the special Saturday bike license sales. Cons. Tom Roduck reports a tent, valued at \$19.95 has been donated by Mike Kinal of Home Hardware and T-shirt by John Coniglio of A-J's Place.

All the people who register their bikes at the police station this Saturday, June 4, will be eligible for the prizes.

This is the second year the police station has been used to sell bike licenses. They are normally sold from the town office on Mill St. but it is only open hours when the children are in school.

Cons. Roduck, Pop Main, Lorna Clarke and another police officer will be on hand in the police office this Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. to sell the licenses for \$1 each.

All of them are donating their time to the project, to encourage the young people to get their licenses.

Waterloo graduate

Carolyn Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thompson, 42 Young St., graduated from the University of Waterloo, with her Bachelor of Mathematics degree in the Honors Co-operative Program on Friday, May 27. She is a graduate of M.Z. Bennett and Acton High school.

Attending the convocation exercises were her parents and fiance David Sproule of Fenelon Falls.

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Three hour parking limit now a problem

Residents of Halton Condominium 29 want the town to reconsider the three hour parking limit between 12 a.m. and 7 a.m.

A letter and petition signed by over 40 people living in phase two and three of Kingham Hill was sent to Halton Hills works committee this week.

Councillor Pat McKenzie said he is still against the by-law but there was nothing he could do unless the committee changes its stance.

Councillor Les Duby said there is room on the road for parking on one side and thought something should be done to help the residents who don't have enough parking space but Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson cautioned against exceptions since there were complaints coming from all over the town.

Councillor George Maltby said it is up to residents to provide space for their cars on their own land. The only solution to the problem he could see would be to issue

permits renting the road on a monthly basis but he wasn't in favor of this remedy.

He and Serjeantson both voiced opposition to parking being permitted on town streets during the day too.

Lessons Duby said the town has learned some valuable lessons about condominiums and caution must be exercised in the future regarding such projects since "parking has reared its ugly head."

It was decided the item will be held over and the residents will be asked to present a site plan showing what lands they have available for parking. Maltby noted they could rent space at the glove factory up the road and have indicated in their letter they have room for 15 more spots on their land but need 19.

At engineer Robert Austin's suggestion the residents will also be asked to tell the town how many spots are taken by residents who own the cars they park there and how many commercial vehicles are parked overnight. The residents said they

Dump garbage

Acton volunteer firefighters put out a fire in a pile of garbage in the middle of a road last Thursday.

Rural garbage collector A. Leferink, R.R. 1, Georgetown, was on his route on 32

sideroad between the Fifth and Sixth line of Esquesing, when he noticed a smoke coming from the back of his truck. To avoid having the truck start on fire, according to fire chief Mick Holmes, Mr. Leferink dumped the garbage out on the road.

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