

Association hear case for Hotchen's parking

Members of the Acton Business Association were told the background of the purchase of Hotchen's Bakery at the regular meeting of the recently-formed group last Wednesday.

Four men bought the property directly from the Hotchen's, in the hope the land will be purchased by the town for parking. Deadline is October 31.

Don Lindsay, manager of A-B supermarket, reviewed the lengthy negotiations with council and said the Hotchen's were anxious to settle the matter. Another offer had also been put on the property, forcing them to do something quickly. He explained how traffic could flow right through the block, from the new parking lot on Willow behind stores and the Y to

John St. Indusmin would donate the gravel.

He stressed the fact the purchasers were paying the money from their own pockets and it involved no personal gain. He explained how merchants could oppose the plan.

Pitch for parking
Paul Nielsen commented that over the years he had seen a lot of projects fall apart and it has been "very disheartening." Mr. Nielsen made a pitch for parking which included facts and figures from a survey in Georgetown.

Unless we provide facilities the consumer will go elsewhere. We should keep supplying the kind of service the consumers need and want, he said.

He said the total cost of the Hotchen project would be about \$60,000 to be divided

among the merchants in the Business Improvement Area. He estimated the cost would be about 15 mills, or to someone with a business like his, about \$400 a year. He said this is less than a third of what he pays in fire insurance.

It is a facility for the people of Acton for years to come, he stressed forcefully. It may just mean that the downtown core will survive.

More information

Bill Yundt said more information was needed and asked about financing the purchase through the general levy.

John Coniglio objected and said the matter was being handled in the wrong way.

Mr. Nielsen stressed to the listeners that it is a time for solidarity and community spirit.



WALTER SAFETY, alias Charlie Kinal, and Dave Hannah quiz Robert Little student Karen Watson on her knowledge of water safety. The action was part of Water Safety Week and Karen won a free pass to the pool for her answer.

Acton man receives St. John citation

Milton Branch of St. John Ambulance has just received word that a Milton division member has been honored by Her Majesty the Queen by admittance or to promotion in the Order of St. John. These awards are given for valuable service to the organization.

George Hargrave of Acton has been made a serving brother. He has been a member of the brigade for 18 years, serving first with the now-defunct Acton group and later with Milton.

George will receive his award from the Governor-General in Ottawa at a special investiture.



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Hydro's trying to buy Fireworks fish July 3 corridor path in north

Ontario Hydro is offering farmers along the northern section of its proposed power corridor a deal many of them may not refuse.

Ontario Hydro is offering to buy entire farms along the path of the corridor, from the Bruce nuclear generating station to Colbeck, according to the wife of a member of the Gray County Hydro Committee.

If a farmer finds he can't live with the transmission lines on his land, Hydro's offering to buy the whole farm, Theresa Manion said in a telephone interview this morning. She is the wife of Leonard Manion, who is a member of the executive committee and a long time opponent to the corridor.

The Manions already have one power line across their R.R. 2 Conn. property.

Hydro officials met members of the executive committee Tuesday, Mrs. Manion said.

"Our people up here wanted that option (to buy)," Mrs. Manion said. "We were fighting for an independent

study," she said. However, a study won't change anything if a quarter of the line is built, she added.

Hydro, according to Mrs. Manion, has built several towers at the Bradley Junction end of the line, and many footings have been poured in East Luther township, she said.

The hydro corridor from the nuclear generating station is the one that recently suffered a setback in the Ontario Court of Appeals concerning the section that may pass through part of Halton Hills.

Lands in the northern section of the line have already been expropriated. Hydro was just interested in obtaining an easement on farmers' lands, Mrs. Manion said. Before then the provincial utility was willing to purchase the strip of land for its towers, or get an easement.

Mrs. Manion said her home received several phone calls from opponents to the line in the south. She said they (the south), weren't happy with Hydro's offer.

Acton Volunteer fire-fighters and the Rotary club plan to co-sponsor Dominion Day celebrations on July 3.

A fish derby will take place all day for the children, and at night youngsters of all ages can enjoy the gala fireworks display.

In case of rain, the celebrations will be held Monday evening.

Mill St. waiting

No official word has been received yet on the beginning of the paving on Mill St. The work still awaits the outcome of meetings between King Paving and the supplier of curb and gutter materials.

Approval has now been received for road work over the CNR property on Main St. N. at the tracks. This project is expected to begin soon now.

Permission from the Canadian Transport Commission was received by the town on Monday.

Small group decorates Fairview graves Sunday

A small group gathered Sunday afternoon at Fairview cemetery to continue the 20-year tradition of decorating graves on the first Sunday in June.

Decoration Day programming was greatly curtailed this year. However, Legionnaires and I.O.O.F. members determined to proceed with their usual planting of geraniums on the graves of deceased members.

About 30 Legion members and Legion Ladies' Auxiliary members lined up in uniform in the usual spot for a few remarks and the singing of O Canada—unaccompanied.

Then men and women fanned out into all corners of the cemetery in perfect spring weather to place the geraniums.

There were few spectators, just half a dozen cars. No

band, no clergymen, no councillors, nobody from the Scouting and Guiding groups, no firefighters.

The Legion participants hoisted their bright flags and

marched away, one of their number sporadically calling out the step.

And the beautiful cemetery was left again to the birds and occasional visitor.

Police get 8% hike

Halton Police Association representatives and Police Commissioners formally signed a new 1977 contract giving officers an eight per cent wage hike.

Agreement was reached a few weeks ago after several months of talks. At one point during negotiations it appeared the contract would be taken to arbitration.

Tentative agreement

Halton Board of Education and its teachers have reached a tentative agreement, it was announced Friday.

In a joint release chief negotiator David Judd and Trustee Bill Herd announced "the collective bargaining committee of Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation District Nine Halton and Halton Board of Education Salary Committee have reached tentative agreement on their 1977-78 collective agreement and will recommend acceptance of this agreement to their respective bodies."

Blood donor clinic is at the high school today (Wednesday)

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