



LEGION BRANCH 66 Pipe Band from North York will take part in the fall fair parade and will play afterward at the Legion. They are the guests of Acton Legion. The band has won many awards, and its members wear the Gordon tartan.

Silvercreek master plan held up

The controversial Silvercreek Conservation Area master plan, although it is costing the Credit Valley Conservation Authority \$25,000 dollars has yet to be passed by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Authority chairman Grant Clarkson exploded when he heard at a recent meeting that the consulting firm pre-

paring the master plan was responsible for getting Ministry approval and had yet to do so.

"I recommend no further moneys be sent to the consultants until this plan is approved by the Ministry," Clarkson growled. "We've spent \$25,000 and there's no guarantee (the plan will be accepted). If we have to start

over again we ought to have our heads read."

Mississauga member Frank Leavers asked, "Surely these consultants should know they should check with the ministry?"

"This isn't new," agreed Clarkson. "We've been screaming about this for months."

Acton member Gail Maltby

added, "I feel the main problem is with the Ministry; there's no way they'll tell anyone beforehand what they're looking for."

A recommendation that William Coates and Associates, consultants, be informed of the Authority's feelings was recorded.

North York pipe band Legion guests for fair

Special attraction at the Legion over the fall fair weekend will be the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 66 pipe band. The pipers and drummers will take part in the Saturday parade and will be playing afterward at the park and at the Legion hall. It's expected they'll perform during the dance there that evening.

The band originated in 1946 as the 17th Hover Scout Pipe

Band and became associated with Branch 66 (North York) of the Legion in 1960.

The band's founder in 1960 was Pipe Major Stewart E. Lumsden. Angus Macrae has been the pipe major since 1968 and the present drum major is William MacKay C.D.

The Gordon tartan is worn. The band has won many awards for parades in which it has participated, including the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival, the CNE Warriors Day parade, the Western Fall

fair veterans' parade and the Scarborough Canada Day parade.

In addition to playing for veterans and other parades, they provide concerts for patients in hospitals and old folks' homes in and around metropolitan Toronto.

A couple of the bandsmen have been to town to make arrangements for their engagement here.

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Marijuana decriminalization dangerous move—Schwartz

Decriminalization of possession of marijuana would be a dangerous move Halton Police Superintendent Floyd Schwantz says.

In an interview this week the commander of Halton Region Police District One, Halton Hills and Milton, said it is wrong to make the drug market place safe while leaving the industry illegal.

Schwantz said he is becoming increasingly alarmed as more and more influential people, like church leaders, advocate decriminalization of cannabis drugs.

He explained as a police-

man he is convinced marijuana is dangerous.

One example of the drug's danger is the user driving a car. Unlike alcohol users who drive the police have no real way to detect if a driver is "high" on marijuana.

There are "safeguards" in the law for getting drunk drivers off the road but none for marijuana users.

Schwantz fears if marijuana is decriminalized people will no longer think of it as being as dangerous a drug as it is considered now under the Narcotics Control Act.

Decriminalization would move marijuana to the Food and Drug Act and while possession wouldn't be completely legal it would be viewed as no more serious an offence than operating a Citizen's Band radio without a licence.

Decriminalization would give the drug "an almost acceptable status," Schwantz explained.

He says decriminalization will give the "market place" where the simple user lives "quasi-respectable." This will only succeed in allowing further growth of the really criminal part of the mari-

juana industry.

"Decriminalization will allow the full criminal acts of growing, cultivation, harvesting, packaging and distributing to continue," Schwantz declared.

By making the market place safe those engaged in criminal acts of production will be that much harder to catch.

In addition with less risks there will likely be an increase in marijuana use leading to a better "return on investment" for criminals engaged in production.

Schwantz said there is ample evidence to show those involved in production and distribution of drugs are organized criminals, though maybe not mafia types. They

are certainly "sophisticated."

"The marijuana user may not be a criminal for using it but the problem is the trouble he gets into afterwards because of his altered awareness." Driving a car when high "is an example of the dangers of the altered awareness."

"The market place must be kept fraught with some amount of fear," Schwantz said the drug problem in North Halton is no different than would be found in another community of the same size. He said discouraging people from using marijuana is no easy chore when court penalties are so lenient and when prominent people support its use.

Lanes, store break-ins investigated

Entry was gained to Acton Bowling Lanes last week when someone kicked or pushed in a sheet of plywood which had been nailed over a broken window in the washroom of the bowling alley. Cigarettes and matches were stolen.

Entry was gained to Glenlea drug mart and drugs were stolen this week. Thieves also took about \$500 worth of Wintario and provincial lottery tickets.

Police are investigating.

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Work on bridge before OK

Although highway construction on Main North, Acton, between the library and Elizabeth Drive is almost complete, the Credit Valley Conservation has only recently received application to reconstruct the bridge culvert over the School Creek at River Street—work that was completed some weeks ago.

only the middle portion of the culvert was to be replaced. The end portions, of more recent vintage, were in good shape, the executive was told. The centre portion had eroded and was to be

replaced with similar concrete culvert.

With little discussion the motion was passed and School Creek finally had a completely legal culvert bridge.

Bikes stolen

Nevertheless the Authority executive passed the application and gave their permission for the reconstruction.

The application from Phillips Planning and Engineering Ltd. reached the CVCA on August 22. At a recent Authority executive meeting, staff engineers explained

A Kawasaki motorcycle was reported missing from an Elmore Dr. home August 31.

It was found at the rear of another Lakeview home. A Honda was taken from the driveway of a Wilbur St. home last week. A Main St. resident reported the headlight and clutch handle stolen from his Honda while it was

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