The town should buy the Hotchen's property and Cavic property and lease the Y property to ease the parking problem in downtown Acton, councillor Peter Marks proposed Tuesday night in a three-page motion at Halton Hills planning board.

According to the motion which was tabled and never voted on, all Acton residents would pay 60 per cent of the estimated \$70,000 cost through their taxes and the commercial area would pay 40 per cent. The \$70,000 total would include purchase of the Hotchen property at a cost limit of \$45,000, the Cavic property at a limit of \$10,000, a lease with the Y at \$100 a year and construction of parking lot facilities at \$15,000.

The idea suggested by Mr. Marks would result in a parking lot with an entrance from Willow St. and exit on John.

Planning board members praised Mr. Marks' efforts but decided only to table the motion and turn it over as a basis for discussion to a special committee on Acton's downtown parking. A special committee of council is to be established for this purpose. The 40 per cent share ac-

cording to Marks would bepaid by businesses located in the six major benefitting blocks but owners already providing the number of spaces required by by-law would be exempt.

Mr. Marks contended money received from the sale of the old town works yard could go toward the 60 per cent paid by all the residents. Earlier planner Mario Venditti outlined a plan to assess only business owners in the downtown core and said costs to the individual owners would be fairly high since only realty tax can be used and the assessment total is only \$584,000.

Councillor Pete Pomeroy predicted there would be no agreement among the busi-

ness people and said it was a lot of money for each owner to pay. (Councillors had lists of amounts individual business owners would pay.)

Mr. Pomeroy insisted the town was under no obligation to buy the Hotchen land and commented "The people who bought it did it with their eyes open." He claimed it would be waste of time to draw up a bylaw since the figures were too high. He said the benefitting area might be enlarged to cover the whole of Acton so everybody would share the cost. "But if I had a business on the outskirts of Acton I wouldn't want to pay to atract people downtown.

Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson claimed all the shoppers in Acton would benefit and the cost would be minimal if spread over all the

The planners guessed it would up each tax bill by \$3. The need is there, said councillor Pat McKenzie, but "who pays?" He recalled in 1952 when the first planning report urged offstreet parking there were no funds available. He suggested some of the money could come from the sale of the old water tower and the remainder be paid by everyone in ward one. "Offstreet parking benefits every- . one. In addition when stores are fixed up the business assessment goes up. It's obvious if the whole cost is levied against the B.I.A. it won't be acceptable."

Councillor George Malthy compared the town opposing landowners and tenants while the other is signed by people saying all the people in Acton want their house taxes to go

agreed the petition favoring parking had signatures of people who, neither owned land in the area nor in some

Plans in works for

The Business Association association meeting last

Acton Days, during a regular ten months from now, on the

took the first steps towards a Wednesday.

second edition of Back to

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Sunday with the English and

Western horse shows and

heavy horse pull. The tractor

pull, jointly run by the fair

board and the Junior Far-

mers already has 15 entries,

Mr. Nelles said. This begins

Tyme Fiddlers Contest, with

\$600 in prize money, plus a

The Happy Land Midway will be running the three days of the show to delight the more adventurous souls. For

the less adventurous, there is

always the merry-go-round.

While the young and old alike are making plans to at-tend this year's fair, and

numerous last minute details

for organizers are being fin-

ished, plans are already in the offing for next year's fair,

Mr. Nelles said.

at 3 p.m.

Fair . . .

Back to Acton Days

... The association's target is

next July 1 long-weekend.

Advertising and Promotion

committee chairman Wayne

Ruse said the committee will

be thinking about what it

needs and ideas to present to

the next meeting. A steering

Sunday also sees the Old he said, the response was nil. Mr. Ruse said. He and

Denture Therapy

to handle July 1 alone.

committee may also be set up merce was also interested,

Mr. Ruse reminded the of Commerce contact bet-

association he proposed ween it and the association

getting started with plans didn't tell the chamber of

during the summer. However plans for Back to Acton Days,

Consensus was made on chamber head Louis Charle-

asking town clubs and groups - bois sorted out the matter, he to help, however Ed Wood said.

Gabriel Szocs D.T.

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cases even lived in Acton. Councillor Pat Patterson commented "I don't see how you can tax people to shop in Acton. The merchants have to

draw people." Looking back over the years councillor Les Duby admitted studies on parking had been done but said the town just couldn't afford to buy the land. "If regional government hadn't come we would be faced with it alone in Acton today." He praised council for good intentions when they became involved in the Hotchen property but said when the opposition arose council could not find a way to proceed. He stressed people on fixed incomes could not afford to have taxes increased to pay for parking. It would be most unfair and a cop out. He urged council to keep trying for a solution and put forward a motion saying council would keep trying to

find an acceptable solution Councillor Walter Biehn maintained too much council time and staff hours had already been wasted on the subject. He pointed out no Shoemaker's petition and they were the people who would pay.

Mr. Duby's motion was defeated and Mr. Marks' lengthy motion introduced. problem planning board

special committee. petitions pointing out the wary of legal ramifications should be turned over to the opposing one is signed by and Mr. Armstrong urged the idea not be lost but handled has been keeping everything by the committee.

"That's like motherhood memorial. and apple pie, when you say up to pay for off-street park- let's form another commit-Councillor Roy Booth He suggested wryly he didn't Fire rips want to see the wheel reinvented but just wanted to make sure his recommendation would be taken seriously.

said he was leary about

possible pressure to move the

site of celebrations away

from the downtown. Art

Cooper agreed on keeping the

During the first Back to

Acton Days, the Business

Improvement - Area was

heavily involved, Mr. Ruse

said. The Chamber of Com-

Mr. Ruse said. The Chamber

concept and expanding it.



MRS. MARGARET Buchanan of Maple View Lodge Rest Home celebrated her 97th birthday on September 7. Residents of the Lodge had a small party complete with birthday cake for her, and there was a family get together on Friday in her honor.

Who gets memorial merchants had opposed Mrs. maintenance money?

would like some money for Memorial.

Despite, praise of Mr. Hills works committee Mon-time the Legion used to get Marks' efforts to solve the day that back in 1922 the the interest but no coupons voted to table the motion and \$223.15 and the interest was to 'years. asked the mayor to set up the pay for maintenance of the War Memorial. He suggested Mr. Pomeroy said he was the accumulated interest church since their custodian neat and tidy at the

"It was before my time,"

Fire chief Mick Holmes

estimates \$1000 in damages to

a 1970 Volkswagen after fire

ripped through the interior on

Volunteer firefighters were

called to the car fire at 11:45 p.m. at the 17 Sideroad, west

of Hwy. 25. Mr. Holmes said

the fire was caused by a mat-

The car is owned by Fred

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function in the gas heater.

Cole, 17 Wallace Ave.

September 10.

Trinity United Church joked Councillor Les Duby. Councillor Pat McKenzie maintaining the Acton War said there is a bond and the interest hasn't been picked up Ralph Denny told Halton for some time. He said at one Village of Acton invested have been cashed in for

> He noted the War Memorial has been maintained just as if it belonged to the church and the land around the monument is well taken care of. The committee will ask deputy treasurer Grant Usher to report on the status of the maintenance fund.

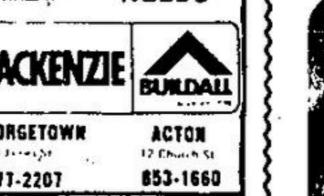
Police nab car thieves

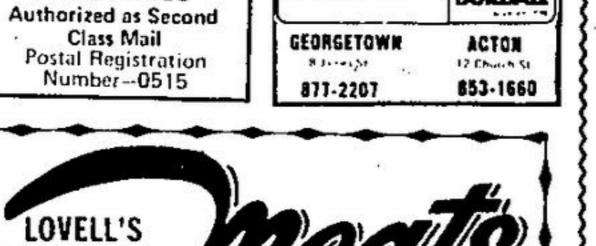
through car-Halton Regional Police Superintendent Floyd Schwantz confirmed Tuesday that police made arrests last week in connection with several summer car thefts in Acton and two local break and enters.

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Ruse said.

Mr. Coniglio.

Good words about Acton Henry Stachyra has heard the ference in how people shop-may ripple daily from a commercials, Mr. Ruse said. ped that weekend? Guelph radio station if a sug- He said he was sure the BIA gestion to the Business Association is followed through.

Radio station CJOY put together four 30-second rough plugs for the town, at the request of the association's advertising and promotion committee chairman Wayne Ruse. Tape recordings of the commercial were aired in Wednesday's meeting in the Firehall.

The proposal calls for a morning and dinner time airing to make people aware of downtown Acton, Mr. Ruse told the group. The morning broadcast would accompany the school bus report; the late afternoon one would include traffic conditions.

The package would be aired starting in December and ending in March. Total cost is \$2,410.60 which works out to a maximum of \$60 per person if 40 merchants go for the idea, Mr. Ruse said. Excerpts from the rough

copies include themes such as thanking residents for patience during reconstruction; there are great plans for Acton; these plans include the residents. Eighty percent of the shop-

ping population has children on school buses, Mr. Ruse Seven of the eight merchants sitting around the

table said they were willing to kick in the \$60 each. The head of the Business

VENDORS WELCOME Phone for Space Improvement Area (BIA)

would be involved with the hundred dollars more. So broadcasts somehow. "It fits what they're doing", Mr.

told the meeting he would blocks and report to Mr.

what!" Mr. Coniglio replied. He said it wasn't much return

for the effort only opposition to the idea. He agreed to canvass their

"So what! I made a few

The rest of the merchants

wagon gear? Town merchants may harness together to draw an antique flower decked wagon in the Fall Fair parade Satur-

Merchants

The idea of decorating the wagon in the theme of "Pulling together for a better Acton tomorrow" was discussed during the Business Association meeting Wednesday in the Firehall.







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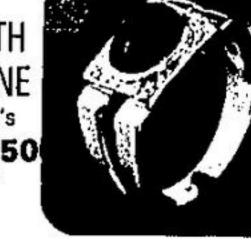
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