

Memorial chapel dedication Sunday

The Buchanan Memorial chapel became a public building Sunday afternoon, for use by everyone. Dr. Allan J. Buchanan presented the keys of the building to Mayor Tom Hill during the service which was attended by many friends.

The group stood in the chapel and outside the door for the short program, arranged by former councillor Joe Hurst.

Councillor Les Doby accepted on behalf of the town two gifts to the chapel. He explained that as a councillor years ago, Billy McLeod saw the need for such a building. Now his wife and their daughter Isobel gave a lecture for use there.

Bruce and Rhoda Shoemaker donated a casket carriage which will facilitate the functioning of the building. "This building will symbolize the good we may do for others," said the Rev. A.H. McKenzie as he led the group in prayer.

Welcoming everyone, Mr. Hurst said the chapel will be

one we may be proud of. It complements the beautiful cemetery outside.

It will be used for committal services in inclement weather. People gathering from out-of-town for funeral services will be able to wait there in warmth and comfort. It could also be used for the arranging of the sale of plots during bad weather, he explained.

"Today it becomes a public building and it will be available for all," he concluded.

Councillor G.W. McKenzie spoke touchingly of the lives of Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan and paid tributes to them both.

Dr. Buchanan was a school board member when they first became associated in 1939.

Bertha was born in Kincaidville and in 1904 won a scholarship for having the highest mark in grade 13. She attended normal school and the University of Toronto and came to Acton to teach in 1925. She was an excellent teacher, loved sports, and was then the Baptist church

organist. Allan came from Grand Valley. He served during World War I with the 164th Battalion and was wounded in France. He graduated in dentistry in 1923 and practised at Peterborough and Hillsburgh before coming to Acton in 1927. They were married on June 27, 1931.

Bertha was deeply involved in the community. As a Knox church member she founded the Daughters of Knox group. She was a busy supply teacher, a member of the Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E., directed plays, tutored, and continued her interest in music.

They left Acton during World War II when Dr. Buchanan served in the Dental Corps in various cities. Major Buchanan and his wife returned after the war and again became involved in their community.

Dr. Buchanan has been active in Freemasonry since 1921 and was Master of Walker Lodge in 1951. He has been District Deputy Grand

Master, is a member of the Scottish Rite and Shriners and is now a 33rd Degree Mason, a lifetime appointment.

They travelled throughout the world and shared their experiences with many groups.

Dr. Buchanan is a senior elder in Knox, and retains his keen interest in the Legion. Mrs. Buchanan died in 1975.

In conclusion Mr. McKenzie said "We wish to say 'Thanks' for their various contributions and their sincere interest. In the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them."

Fourteen members of the Legion Chorales, led by Ted Hansen, sang Abide With Me.

Dr. Buchanan explained how he and Bertha first conceived the idea of a chapel for Acton and he said how much he appreciated the attendance of so many friends. He had special thanks for Joe Hurst and Bruce Shoemaker for their assistance during

the course of the realization of the project.

The sun shone brightly for the service, and the group chatted outside before dispersing.

Among those attending were Bertha Buchanan's sister, Mrs. Ruth Steele of Mississauga; her son Sandy Steele of Mississauga with his wife Mary Carol, daughter Jayne-Ann and son Scott; and nephew Allan Buchanan of Agincourt with his wife Velma.

Dunc Kingsbury built the architect-designed chapel for Dr. Buchanan. Jon Hurst looked after installing the effective people heaters and the attractive stained glass lights. Bob Frank was the painter.

Fred Kentner searched for matching stones and constructed the corners of the building to match the pillars at the entrance of the cemetery.

The town engineer and staff were commended by Mr. Hurst for their co-operation.



BUCHANAN MEMORIAL chapel was officially opened and dedicated Sunday afternoon at Fairview cemetery. Dr. Allan J. Buchanan, who had the building erected in memory of his wife

Bertha, is pictured after the service. It is now a public building, available for all. It will be used for committal services in bad weather, and by people waiting for funeral services.

Mystery firm is still interested in Acton

Prospects of bringing a large mystery firm to Acton and Scott Paper to Georgetown have not improved in the last month, Region Industrial Development Officer Bill Marshall said in an interview this week.

He said he knows no definite decision has been made yet regarding the possibility of locating in Acton by a large manufacturing firm. Marshall said Acton is still very much in the running with two other communities to land the company.

He said this was just another example of a firm taking a long careful look at the economy before expanding. "Unfortunately companies aren't moving quickly these days."

In September this paper reported a firm which would employ 200 to 300 people to start and maybe someday as many as 800 was looking at land north-east of Acton.

He said Scott, which has been eyeing the closed Domtar factory since last spring, is still poring over the town's proposal.

Marshall said there really wasn't much new to report since the firm has not come to a decision regarding Georgetown.

With a sluggish economy everyone is taking a long hard look at all expansion plans and Scott isn't an exception, he said.

"The site potential is well understood by Scott and others," Marshall said. He confirmed in an interview in late September the town and region were not concentrating all efforts on landing Scott but were also approaching other companies.

Marshall said this week there have been enquiries from some companies regarding Domtar.

He said Scott's cautious examination of the town's

proposal is quite understandable. Any industry which uses a lot of water must look at long term availability."

The town's proposal gave Scott an allocation of 400,000 gallons of sewage daily.

Since a decision has not been reached yet it may give the town more time to solve technical problems associated with bringing Scott here. A regional long time servicing report for Halton Hills is eagerly awaited and should answer some questions.

Another source reported Scott told the town it is still a 50-50 chance the firm will come here and no other locations are currently being considered.

Marshall said all efforts to bring Scott here will continue since it would be an excellent industry considering the paper making tradition in Georgetown.

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Sewage capacity is key to growth

The three urban centres in north Halton want comprehensive studies undertaken to show how more growth can take place without running gigantic water pipelines to Lake Ontario or constructing expensive new sewage plants.

According to Councillor Pat McKenzie from Acton, technical information that will defeat arguments put forward by the Ministry of the Environment are essential if the northern part of the region is going to survive.

"If the north is going to survive we have to have this kind of technical information. Let's not kid ourselves."

"We don't want to lock the door in Acton at 10,000 if we can grow to 15,000. All we get from the Ministry of the Environment is statements, but they won't produce figures or documentation to support the statements," he said.

Sewage plant expansions in Milton, Acton and Georgetown that have just been completed or are about to be completed in 1978 will be the last expansions to each of the three plants the Ministry of the Environment will allow.

In each of the three communities treatment of sewage is the key to future growth.

Couple hurt in accident

An Acton girl received minor injuries as a passenger in a car which collided with a hydro pole on Line Nine Saturday.

According to Halton Regional Police Kathy Thomson, RR 4, was a passenger in a car driven by Brian Lovell of Agincourt. The driver was also hurt in the mishap.

Police estimate damage to the Lovell vehicle at \$1,200. There was no damage to the pole.

Councillor McKenzie said he had a letter from R.V. Anderson and Associates saying the Acton plant could be expanded to accommodate 15,000 people without affecting the receiving stream one iota. "What we want to know is, how this can be done."

Milton Councillor Jim Kerr said regional council had deferred Milton's application for rezoning of 1,400 acres of industrial land to the works committee because committee members felt there wasn't enough information to endorse the application. He said the terms of reference for any study of the plant should be broad enough to satisfy concerns about the expansion in Milton.

When the staff called for proposals from consultants interested in taking on the job, there were two replies.

Proctor and Redfern said they could handle the studies on the three plants for \$9,900

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DRIVER ESCAPED injury after this small car left the road and struck a tree north of the curling club last night. The driver, a juvenile, will appear in court next week in connection with auto theft, according to police.

Speeding stolen car lands in ditch

A stolen auto which reached speeds of about 80 m.p.h. (128 k.p.h.) ended up in a ditch-north of the curling club on Churchill Road North last night.

The driver, a 15-year-old male, escaped injury, according to police. The car landed against a tree. Some of the tree's branches rubbed against overhead hydro wires.

The driver, classed as a juvenile because of his age, will appear in court next week in connection with the theft of the small car from the Chalet Gas Bar.

Police did not identify the driver because he is a juvenile.

The car had been left at the station for service.

Two police cruisers were alerted to the theft, and followed the car north on Churchill Road.

Acton Firefighters were called at about 10.30 p.m. An Acton Hydro truck was also brought to the scene because some of the overhead wires were sparking against the tree branches.

The accused was taken to District One police headquarters in Georgetown.

Man injured in mishap

An RR4 man received some slight injuries in a single car mishap on Esquesing's First Line Saturday.

Joseph McCarron was at the wheel of his vehicle when it left the road and came to rest against a hydro pole.

Halton Regional Police estimate damage to the McCarron vehicle at \$1,500.

Also, according to police, there was approximately 68 metres of tire marks in the ditch to the rear wheels of the vehicle.

Crawlers short of goal

Two Acton high school students failed in their bid to break the Guinness World Book of Records crawling record.

Glen Van Rijk and Mike Ashley left Acton 7 a.m. Saturday morning to crawl to Georgetown and part-way back to break the current record of 10.1 miles, set only a few weeks ago. A third student, Dave Medland, had to bow out due to health problems.

The two grade nine students crawled on all fours for six miles, falling over four miles short of their goal. Ten hours and several huge knee blisters later, the boys decided to call it a day. They were just west of Georgetown when they collapsed, and

made the unanimous decision to quit.

Glen and Mike were accompanied by someone walking with them at all times. Kim Break and Rob Wakelin each walked over four hours, followed by Kathy Barber and Nicky Fields. Also accompanying them were their parents.

As they made their six mile trek, passing motorists would honk their horns and wave to them, or stop their cars altogether and visit with them. As they were nearing Georgetown, one woman came from her home and gave them each a bottle of pop.

In spite of their sore knees and shoulders, the two returned to school Monday morning, where they were

greeted with congratulations from friends and strangers alike.

They had sought out sponsors for the crawl and raised a total of \$35. for the school.

They had made the crawl as part of an English project called "Walkabout" in which they were to "do something they had never done before. The boys' project was to experience the breaking of a world record.

Although they are still stiff and sore several days later, in spite of knee pads donated by Acton Home Hardware, the boys hope to try again in the spring. Mike says maybe by then they will have recuperated from Saturday's crawl.

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PRINCIPAL SEAN BRIGGS talks informally with the Most Rev. Paul F. Reding, Bishop of Hamilton, and Rev. James Smye, pastor of St. Joseph's parish, at the official opening and blessing of St. Joseph's school Sunday afternoon. Story and more pictures on pages 10 and 11.



MAKING THEIR WAY towards Georgetown by knee and palm power are Glen Van Rijk (right) and Mike Ashley. Mike's mother, Elizabeth, with other people, tended the pair during the Crawl-A-Thon Saturday.