

Last five months of the 1977 year-end review

August 3
Reaction to the draft report on a Revitalization Plan for Acton Business Centre is very good, smiles Business Improvement Area board of directors chairman Henry Stachyra Tuesday. After receiving seven copies of the report last week, he is circulating them to all the 75 merchants and businessmen included in the area this week. He is also having extra copies made.

On Friday, Minnie Z. Bennett will observe her 97th birthday.

The estimate for the addition to Acton fire hall is \$200,000 according to Alan Zeegan, consulting engineer.

There are a few minor traffic problems created by construction on Mill St and Highway 25 in Acton and they are going to seem larger this week as the Halton Board of Education moved 11 portable classrooms from Acton to various points of Halton where they are now needed.

August 10
A 168 unit development housing an estimated 500 people on 12 acres bounded by Wallace St., Highway 25 and the CNR tracks was presented to Halton Hills planning board Tuesday night. Mick Pestili, planner for North Halton Real Estate owned by Paul Nielsen and Gino Civerio explained the plan called for 62 townhouses on five acres, 13 semi-detached homes or 26 units on 2.4 acres and 80 condominium apartments on two acres.

Engineer Robert Austin will look into what can be done to provide Acton volunteer firefighters with parking.

There are better locations in the Speyside area for a police communications tower than the selected site behind the school, resident Lloyd Sankey told a Niagara Escarpment Commission hearing Monday.

A Milton motorist of two died late Monday afternoon in an automobile accident on Highway 25 North at the corner of Campbellville.

Sideroad, Regina Nicholas, 29, of 625 Joyce Blvd., in Milton was traveling southbound on Highway 25 when the car she was in collided with a 1977 International tractor-trailer driven by Barry Sloughton of Wilberforce, Ontario.

Keith Andrews, of 219 Mason Blvd., was killed Saturday night in a single car accident on Highway 25 near Speyside. Mr. Andrews was northbound on the highway when the car he was driving left the road, clipped several guide posts, and landed in the ditch after striking a tree, Milton OPP say.

August 17
Acton firefighters dropped a bombshell at Halton Hills council meeting Monday night when they said they felt \$200,000 was too much to spend for an addition to the fire hall, when there would still be no parking.

Loss of identity emerged as the greatest issue that the Actonians for Action committee is concerned with when the committee presented a brief to the Halton Regions Bill 151 committee Thursday.

The business people of Acton seem to be split wide open on paying for parking in the downtown area. Monday night Mrs. Rhoda Shoemaker presented a petition signed by owners and tenants stating they do not want to pay for property for public parking. Another petition is in council's possession saying exactly the opposite and urging the acquisition of land for parking.

August 24
Five Halton Hills residents will be honored with the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal. Chosen Monday were Mrs. Connie Nieuwhof, Mrs. Edith Hillman, Dr. Frank Oakes, Garfield M. Gilvray and George Leslie.

A public information meeting will be called by the Chamber of Commerce likely for the week after the fall fair. Louis Charlebois said the organization hopes to have Mario Venditti of the planning department, Bob Austin of the engineering department and the three town councillors present at the special meeting to answer questions of current concern.

Any rezoning of the Baron farm at the Fifth Line and Highway 7 could eventually result in another form of recreation such as go-kart tracks, trail bike riding, or some other noisy pastime, on that land, Dennison Denny owner of adjacent property told Halton Hills council in a letter.

Acton Fall Fair days are only one month away and organizers are busy preparing for the show.

Main St. reconstruction
project is coming along well according to the town's engineer Bob Austin.

Acton's growth will be limited by the capacity of the water pollution control plant even more than had been expected.

August 31
A corn roast which apparently turned into a noisy and volatile disturbance near Acton late Saturday night resulted in the charging and arrests of 27 youths between 18 and 20 years old.

Kelly Hisaki received the highest mark of all pupils trying the initial grade of piano examinations at Trinity College of Music in May. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Hisaki of R.R. 2 Georgetown. Scull of Georgetown.

Hugh McPherson of Eden Mills brought home plenty of awards from both the C.N.E. and Barrie Exhibition the past couple of weeks.

Fred Kentner had another very successful year at the C.N.E. He entered about 50 birds and received all firsts in his divisions.

Two Halton Police cruisers racing to the scene of the raided corn roast near Acton late Saturday night were damaged when they collided on Highway 25 near 25 Sideroad.

Ray Thompson is retiring tomorrow (Thursday) while he is still young enough to enjoy his retirement.

September 7
Six young friends were taken to hospital following a single car accident on the Sixth Line of Nassagaweya Friday afternoon.

Speaking for the parking authority at council meeting Tuesday, Paul Nielsen looked hopefully toward an amicable solution to the off-street parking problem soon.

With the hands of the clock heading for 11:30 p.m., a sudden motion ended council's regular meeting Tuesday night. Councillors who had previously agreed to continue on with the business on the agenda split on a close vote which stated they would finish the agenda or quit. Left hanging was the discussion on the tenders for the construction of the second storey addition to the firehall.

September 14
A 13-year-old girl is in serious condition in Sick Children's Hospital today after a two-car collision on the Seventh Line of Erin, just east of Highway 24 yesterday. Christina Quackenbush of R.R. 2, Acton, was a passenger in a car driven by Mary Quackenbush, when it was in collision with a vehicle driven by Michael Weston, R.R. 2, Erin. She received head and internal injuries.

The draft copy of Acton Town Hall study was presented by Architect Patrick Cole to members of the Town Hall Restoration committee. Members are circulating the copies for comments, which will be incorporated in the final study.

The tender of A and M Ellis Ltd., of Thornhill, at \$84,000 was accepted for the construction of a second storey for the fire hall at a meeting of Halton Hills council Wednesday night. The meeting was a continuation of Tuesday nights when the agenda was not nearly completed by well after 11 p.m.

September 21
A major industry employing a large number of people could be moving to Acton. In an interview this week regional industrial development officer Bill Marshall confirmed reports to this paper from several other sources in Halton that negotiations are underway to bring a large firm to Acton. Marshall declined to name the firm involved.

The east-west hydro

corridor through Halton Hills does not conform with the Official Plan the Niagara Escarpment Commission will be told by Halton Hills planning board. They made the recommendation Tuesday night.

Saturday proved to be one day in many that didn't rain and thousands flocked to the park. The 94th annual fair staged by the Acton Agricultural Society added another success to its long list, and directors are proud to know that next year, Acton will have a Class B fair.

Vandalism throughout Acton was the subject of an informal meeting between police and town officials. Halton regional Police Chief Ken Skerrett, Mayor Tom Hill, a ranking police officer and about a dozen merchants talked for over an hour.

People all across Canada will be able to see Beardmore's tannery as it looked nearly a century ago, as well as watching six of Beardmore's present employees in period costumes, if they tune into the CBC, January 22.

Halton crops aren't in the bad shape those in other parts of Ontario, such as Holland Marsh are now. Halton Agricultural Representative Henry Stanley said heavy, virtually continual rains haven't damaged Halton crops much yet.

Trinity United Church and Acton Legion will be asked what the town should be doing with interest funds accumulated on bonds bought back in 1922 for War Memorial maintenance.

Architect Patrick Cole will make an appointment as soon as possible with Ontario Heritage Foundation to present the feasibility study he has prepared for the Acton Town Hall Restoration committee. The committee discussed the report at their meeting Monday and Mr. Cole will now proceed to present it.

A search involving over 20 people for eight missing Boy Scouts along the Bruce Trail ended happily Saturday night when the boys were found unharmed.

October 5
Four representatives of the Actonians for Action committee met for two hours Monday morning with George Ash, parliamentary assistant to provincial treasurer Darcy McKeough in Toronto. Committee chairman Peter Papillon, Norm Elliott, Aldo Bralida and Dave Swetman presented their petition with the signatures of over 2000 people who requested a review of regional government.

There will be no golf course on the Baron farm at the corner of Highway 7 and the Fifth Line. The application has been withdrawn.

A cottage at Eden Mills belonging to Mr. Walker of Toronto was badly damaged by fire Tuesday night. The fire broke out about 9:30, apparently in the furnace. Rockwood firefighters were on the scene until midnight.

The town will join residents in fighting Ontario Hydro's proposed power corridors through Halton Hills by objecting to Hydro's request for an official plan amendment before the Ontario Municipal Board.

Dogs ravaged a flock of about 160 sheep badly damaging 35 to 40 of the animals last Wednesday night at the Buckrell farm near Ballinfad.

Acton Sabres handed new coach Bruce Chapman his first win as they topped arch rivals Georgetown Geminis 4-3 in a thrilling game which saw Brian Walker net the winning goal unassisted with only 14 seconds left on the clock.

October 12
G.W. McKenzie and the late W.D. Smith, past principals (Continued on Page 13)

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