



RECIPIENT OF Queen's Silver Jubilee medal Capt. Gordon Bennett (left) shows his medal to son Daryl at the Legion Monday. Daryl was joining the Legion and his father was there to watch. Capt. Bennett already wears the Jubilee medal ribbon on his uniform, in its properly-ranked position. He was presented with the medal Friday.

Jubilee medal for serviceman

Capt. Gordon Bennett, Churchill Rd., was presented with a Silver Jubilee Medal Friday evening in a ceremony at Fort York Armouries in Toronto.

The medal signifies the fact that he has been with the Canadian Armed Forces for 25 years, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth. He joined the army in 1951 and saw overseas service in Korea. He was with the Royal Regiment of Canada, most recently in the militia, in Toronto. Since moving to Acton he is being transferred to the Lorne Scots at Brampton where he will be taking over as Quarter-

master. This entails two nights a week.

The Bennett family moved recently to Acton from Mississauga, and they enjoy living here.

Mrs. Bennett was also in the army, which is where they met. They have a couple of sons at home. Daryl joined the Acton Legion Monday night, in a ceremony attended by his father.

Capt. Bennett thinks there would only be about 2,000 people in all of Canada who would be recommended for the Jubilee medal on the basis of 25 years' service in the forces.

Storm sewers stop homes

According to town engineer Bob Austin, it is unlikely there will be 16 houses built in the Adams Court subdivision soon. The lot is located between the cemetery and Main St. S., beside Ransom St. He said the engineering problems could be solved but at a cost of \$60,000. No developer can afford it, he felt. There won't be an agreement until the developer has the money. No agreement, no houses, no matter what the Ontario Municipal Board does with the town's bylaw, he said.

Correspondence from Beardmore and Co. had opposed the building of houses at this location and the matter had been referred to the works committee of council for discussion Monday.

Councillor Duby said that after all the problems with development, drainage and erosion in Georgetown at the Metcalfe ravine, the town should step "gingerly" on things like this development, and others like it.

Mr. Austin and Mayor Tom Hill agreed the third reading of the zoning bylaw should be held up due to the objection. It was discovered later in the meeting that the bylaw had already been given three readings and sent to the O.M.B. for approval. The Beardmore objection should have gone with the bylaw to the O.M.B.

Mr. Austin said the engineering problems had been under study for three years and were not totally solved yet. He didn't know the town's legal position on the bylaw but the engineering agreement was not entered into because the developer can't afford it.

Councillor Peter Pomeroy said the Beardmore objection should also be sent to the planning department.

Councillor George Maltby asked, is it wise to send a bylaw to the O.M.B. when the town will stop development anyway because there is no agreement on storm sewers?

The application is for rezoning from open space to second density residential.

Mr. Austin said the tannery does not favor development so close to them and there are some drainage problems. \$60,000 worth of storm sewer work would be required. The developer hasn't the money yet and the town hasn't entered into agreement with him on engineering problems.

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Parks plan

\$27,000 consultant out - town staff to do job

There will be no consultants hired to complete the parks master plan, and a scaled down version will be done by town staff, if council agrees with a finance committee recommendation.

The vote came after a heated debate with members of the Recreation Advisory Committee, who strongly urged the completion of the master plan by the consultant.

Clare Riepma, Advisory Board chairman, said the board felt the need of a strategy or policy to work from. He said the board did push for the master plan, and they support it.

Councillor Roy Booth contended the town spent \$8,000 on consultant fees to find where the parks the town already has are located, and to be told to use cemeteries as recreation areas. "We were a little disappointed to see that's as far as we got for the money," he termed the plan "ineffective, and inadequate," and said he would favor a master parks plan only if the town staff did it, and claimed the recreation and planning departments combined could do an in-house study.

Councillor Walter Biehn agreed with this stand. "I've lived here 10 years and been disgusted with the condition of the parks and election promises where candidates repeatedly claim they will upgrade the parks," stated Barry Gambles, recreation advisory board member.

Gambles claimed the town found they owned land they didn't know they had and dis-

covered they did not own land they thought they did, when the plan was presented. He claimed sports facilities had been built in the wrong locations, and drainage problems had occurred shortly after they were completed, resulting in thousands of dollars being spent, which could have been saved if done properly by qualified people. He cited Cedarvale soccer pitch, Moore Park tennis courts, and Gordon Alcott sports

area. He said the recreation department is not qualified as planners or landscape architects.

Booth maintained there were glaring errors in the plan presented by the consultant. He emphasized he was not opposed to having a master plan, but felt the staff should do it. "We must tighten our belts and not come up with a Taj Mahal plan".

Stu Robbins, of the advisory committee, said they did not feel staff has the expertise to do a master parks plan.

Robbins claimed the recreation director is supposed to plan facilities, "to say our staff cannot do it is saying our staff is not competent."

Robbins claimed the consultant's fee is not exorbitant.

Colin Wilde claimed the area around Alcott arena had not been planned properly resulting in an arena in the

middle of 15.5 acres, with room left for a soccer field or a baseball diamond.

Biehn said he felt the staff including the engineering staff are well qualified and well paid, and should be able to develop a master plan. He said it shouldn't be a tremendous job to say where parks should be before the land is used for homes, industry or commercial development.

Claudette Smith claimed the committee was overlooking the amount of time the staff would have to spend on the master plan, and asked how many hours they would have left after doing their everyday work. She claimed the parks maintenance is fragmented now, with the works department looking after it, after calls have gone to the recreation director. She claimed a master plan would pay for itself in preventing repairs to facilities after they have been built only two or three years. She felt a plan could advise the amount to be paid by developers for parks. "How long are we going to kick parks around?"

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Gambles' retorted there was little sense in having a maintenance crew when most of the parks are dumps with green weeds on them.

Wilde contended the Cedarvale soccer field is only half finished, and claimed 27 inches of sand and topsoil called for in the specifications was not there. He said the facility was not installed the way it was supposed to be.

The recreation director would not corroborate this statement.

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Councillor Mike Armstrong said he couldn't understand why the church was asking \$50 a year, when it has been getting \$1 a year. Offer them \$5 a year and the town will try to pave it in 1979, he said. We can't afford it this year. Maybe we could have done the job cheaply while the paving equipment was in Acton for Mill St. He thought council should try to have it done in 1979 when the Main St. reconstruction is continued. He said this construction is no longer planned for 1978.

"We are making every effort on this and I think the church understands." He also felt the town should pay the \$1 fee for any year that wasn't paid. Nobody knows what years the \$1 was paid. Some think it may have been paid in 1974 or 1976 but they don't know for sure.

The engineer said what is done with this parking lot will likely have to be done with all three church lots in town, at St. Alban's and Knox as well as the United church.

Parking lot rental debated by committee

Rental for the parking lot at Trinity United church was discussed Monday by the Halton Hills works committee.

Engineer Robert Austin

said the church wants an increase from \$1 to \$50 a year rental from the town, or \$2 a year if the town paves the lot. Mr. Austin said the church thought the snow was not

plowed away as it should have been. However Mr. Austin reported that the snow had been plowed in December and again in January.

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\$215,000 OHIP increase hits taxpayers

Increases in the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) fees announced recently will cost Halton taxpayers \$215,000 to cover increased costs for benefit packages for employees of the region and the four area municipalities.

The benefit package for Halton regional employees alone will jump by \$95,000 a year. The increase in Burlington will be \$60,000 a year, in Oakville \$41,000 per year, in Halton Hills \$10,000 and in Milton about \$9,000.

All of these employees are covered for semi-private rooms. The region and four area councils all pay 100 per cent of the cost for the package.

The Halton Board of Education will not feel the impact of the 37 per cent OHIP increase immediately. The collective agreement with the teachers and other unionized employees sets out

a dollar figure, not percentage the board will pick up.

The employees will have to absorb the increase unless something different is negotiated in new contracts.

Leaves scene of accident

Halton Regional Police are looking for the driver of a car which left the scene of an accident March 12 at 1:45 a.m.

Police say the accident took place at Greenore Cres., when Bruce Purcell, of 20 Greenore, was driving a car which was in collision with another vehicle. Police say the other driver left the scene of the accident before police arrived. They say they have his name. The Purcell vehicle received an estimated \$200 in damages.

Dean's list

Rick Roher of Acton was one of 34 students honored on the Dean's list at the University of Guelph winter semester in the area of social science.

Rick attended Robert Little and Acton High, where he was an Ontario Scholar in 1975. He will be graduating from the University in the spring. Rick is majoring in mathematics and psychology and is planning to attend teacher's college in the fall.

The necessary requirements to make the list are an 80 per cent average over a full course load (five or more subjects) and to be among the top 10 per cent of the class.

Rick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roher of Acton.

At course

Town works staff members Doug Swackhammer and Gerry Fendley will attend the C. S. Anderson Road School beginning May 7. Expenses totalling \$220 will be paid by the town.

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Saturday, April 1, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Boys' Basketball: for boys ages 9-13 years
Mondays 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Starting April 3
25¢ per evening
Golf: get ready for summer
Mondays 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Starting April 10 for 8 weeks
\$18.00 per "Y" member
\$22.00 per non-member
Boxing: for exercise & fun
Mondays & Fridays 7:30 p.m. - Continuous
\$5.00 per month plus membership

Creative Dance: movement exploration for boys & girls, 3 years & up
Tuesdays 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Starting April 4 for 8 weeks
\$7.00 per "Y" member
\$9.00 per non-member

Disco Exercising: shape up & improve your dancing
Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Starting April 4 for 8 weeks
\$10.00 for "Y" member
\$13.00 for non-member

Ladies' Take-a-Break: exercise, coffee & speaker
Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Starting April 5 for 8 weeks
\$10.00 for "Y" member
\$13.00 for non-member

Ladies' Keep Fit: shape up for summer
Thursdays 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Starting April 13 for 8 weeks
\$7.00 per "Y" member
\$10.00 per non-member

Human Awareness: getting in touch with yourself
Thursdays 8 p.m. -
Starting April 6 for 8 weeks
\$10.00 per "Y" member
\$13.00 per non-member
Yoga: relaxation & exercise
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Starting April 5 for 8 weeks
\$10.00 per "Y" member
\$13.00 per non-member

Pre-school Gym:
Fridays 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Starting April 7 for 8 weeks
\$7.00 per "Y" member
\$9.00 per non-member

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