



Town Hall Tales

By Alice Duby
Perhaps the reason why some of us are loath to see the Acton Town Hall gone and forgotten is that it was the focal point for some of the finer happenings in our young lives.

For myself, one of the most exciting memories I recall from my early childhood, was playing the part of a gypsy maiden in a public school production of a musical called "Betty's Birthday Party." It was an extraordinary pooling of talents to produce all the scenery for the play which included a circus complete with lion cage, and a slim fairing master played by a young George Tyler.

I can not recall who played the part of Betty, but at the tender age of ten or eleven, decked out in a glamorous costume loaned by Mrs. A. Bishop, I was transported into a fairytale of make-believe on the stage of the Town Hall. For many school children in those days, the chance to perform on the Town Hall stage was a great occasion. To quote the Speedy Muffler Man—it made you feel like a "SOMEBODY!"

One of the most important events each year, however, was the great Empire Day concert. It was at this time when the winners in the Music Festival of Halton County (of the Acton Public School) performed their winning numbers for parents and friends who faithfully turned out to hear them. It was a great sight to see the contestants epic and span in their navy skirts and dark trousers and white middie march up on the stage and display their talents under the able direction of Miss Minnie Moore the music teacher.

The hall was always packed for these occasions and the great acoustic qualities in the building gave the young singers every chance to display their musical abilities. Whenever I hear the "March of the Wooden Soldiers" played, I

remember being marched up the divided flight of stairs from the foyer downstairs in the hall. We spent many hours being drilled in the art of marching up the stairs without undue creaking, and always to the tune of the March of the Wooden Soldiers played on the old piano on the Town Hall stage.

That piano, incidentally is now restored to its original beauty and safe in the band hall thanks to the efforts of Dr. George Elliott.

The Empire day concert was also the time, when between flag drills, and music selections, the Daughters of the Empire pre-

sented the winning student in each class with an award of excellence. That was in the days when students were encouraged to compete with each other for awards.

However, time marches on and the space occupied by the old Town Hall stage is now encompassed in the new assembly room in the Fire Hall. Many happy hours of entertainment for the people of Acton resulted from performances on the Town Hall Stage. For those who were fortunate enough to take part in a successful production it was a thrill never to be forgotten.

Legion news

By Harry Norton
Sixty to seventy members turned out for a very successful dinner meeting at the Branch on Monday, June 5.

The Ladies Auxiliary prepared and served a very delicious meal and then to put the icing on the cake they presented the Branch with a very sizeable cheque. Thanks again, Ladies.

The only business of general interest was to instruct Branch 197 delegates how the membership wanted them to vote at the Dominion Convention being held in Edmonton from June 10 to 15. After considerable discussion a motion was passed instructing our delegates to vote in favor of "Associate members (sons and daughters of veterans) being allowed to vote like Ordinary and Life members in all Royal Canadian Branches."

Following this business the meeting was turned over to Comrade Dave Capperault (immediate past president, Ontario Command), Comrade Bernie Greenfield (Zone Commander), and Comrade Frank Buntin (Deputy Zone Commander), to handle the election and installation of Officers for the

1978-79 term. After a number of nominations from the floor the 56 Ordinary and Life members present elected the following:

President John Goy Sr., 1st vice president Pat Waldie, 2nd Vice President Fred Allen, Secretary Len Stone, Treasurer Gord McCutcheon; Executive Bob Angell, Ed Footitt, Gord James, John McKnight and Harry Norton; Trustees: T. Aldwell, G. Fitzer and A. Wilson; Sgt. at arms: Ted Leblanc.

The new president elect has called a meeting of the new executive for June 19 so they can be assigned their responsibilities and get on with the running of your Branch during the summer recess. The Camilla Show Band will be playing in the Auditorium on Saturday night, June 10 followed by B.J. Wright on June 17.

Tickets for our annual Bar-B-Q on June 24 are now on sale at the bar \$10 a couple. Bob and Corey will be in the Auditorium this evening and there will be entertainment in the lounge. Entrance to the Branch this evening from 18:00 hrs will be by ticket only. Get a party together and let's fill the house.



RAISING OF THE Walter Safety Flag at the Acton Indoor Pool took place Monday to mark the beginning of Water Safety Week. On hand for the ceremony were, clockwise, Valerie Lane, councillor Pat McKenzie, Mary Lane, pool supervisor, Liz Binsfeld and McKenzie-Smith school principal Gary Dawkins.

Second year for training

After a successful premier showing last year the recreation department's leadership development program is back for the second time in Acton and Georgetown this summer.

The program is designed for students 13 to 15 years of age and involves two weeks of theoretical training in the area of leadership. The remaining six weeks are spent on various recreation summer activity sites for practical experience. Each volunteer must log 100 hours of practical experience during the six week period.

Interested students must fill out applications for the training program and attend an interview before approximately 30 students are chosen.

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the community for work all year round.

Another important objective of this year's leadership program is that it has been extended from six to eight weeks. Supervisors felt last year many students were deterred from the program because of summer holiday plans. With the new eight week program applicants can still get their minimum 100 hours logged and take time for a vacation during the program period.

The program is designed not only for learning but for having an enjoyable summer. Trips, camp-outs and other activities will provide both experience and fun.

Those who took the course last year and were not old enough to apply for a position for this year's summer activity program can take advantage this year of the advanced program. This program will deal with more advanced material and involve placements at the Teen program in both Acton and Georgetown.

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Southerly butterfly source of controversy

by Jeff Harvey

The West Virginia White Butterfly was once thought to be a subspecies of the common Mustard White Butterfly, but in recent years these claims have been disproved by science, and the West Virginia White was found to occupy much more southerly locales. In Canada, it exists only in the Transition and Upper Austral life zones (Pough) which combine to form the Carolinian forest zone, of which only the southernmost portions of Ontario are included. In the eastern United States, however, the Carolinian zone is much more diverse and widespread.

This butterfly has more 'smoky' wing markings than its close relative, lacking a distinct yellowish tint beneath. Habitat requirements are also far different from those of the Mustard White Butterfly. The W. Virginia White is almost entirely restricted to woods, and even here it tends to be very local. The species is rare and is almost never seen far from areas where the larval (caterpillar) food plant, toothwort, grows.

Since until very recently this species was confused with the Mustard White, old records of it tend to be very unreliable regarding range, frequent sightings and habitat. There seems to be no doubt that the widespread depletion of the deciduous forests of the northeast by the activities of man have helped

to decrease the numbers of this butterfly, but it is also susceptible from parasitic wasps which attack the larva. The larva contains a long dorsal stripe combined with a pair of lateral stripes, all yellowish green. The main colour is a dark yellowish green. Adult butterflies appear about mid-May on the average, but this year's cool weather could delay their appearance slightly.

Over recent months there have been arguments as to where the enormous electrical pylons should be routed. One alternative had them running through an area south of Speyside, through the breeding grounds of not only this rare and unique butterfly, but over woodlands inhabited by such species as Spicewood Swallowtail Butterfly, Great Spangled Fritillary Butterfly, and even perhaps the uncommon Imperial Moth.

Many southern species of shrubs and herbs, rare in this country, are scattered here. (Spicewood, Witch-hazel, Prickly Gooseberry etc.) And of course, the birdlife of the Niagara Escarpment Forest also forms an integral part of nature's scheme. Such rare species as the Blue-Winged Warbler, Golden-Winged Warbler, Cerulean Warbler, Yellow-Throated Vireo, Yellow-Billed Cuckoo, Red-Headed Woodpecker, and Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher are nesters in the less accessible areas.

I have noted over the past several years the alarming rate at which homes are being built in this fragile locale. Thus one question comes to mind: If the re-routed electrical route doesn't displace nature here, will it be the housing that does? Unless it is restricted, I am afraid that the conclusion is inevitable.

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Government wasteful Jelinek tells Commons

The federal government should cut out "disgraceful and wasteful expenditures" and make available funds for much needed commuter services in the Toronto region, according to Tory candidate in Halton Otto Jelinek.

Speaking in the House of Commons, Jelinek said, "Now that the Prime Minister has backed down calling the expected election and because an improved and expanded rapid transit system is all important to Toronto and surrounding communities like Oakville, Oshawa,

Milton, Burlington, Hamilton and many other places, I urge that the government change its priorities by curbing many of its disgraceful and wasteful expenditures.

"The government should at least fulfill the promises made during the last election campaign so that they will have a thread of credibility left once the election is called and so they can start making promises again," Jelinek

said. Jelinek noted the prime minister had promised substantial aid for commuter service during the 1974 election and then withdrew that promise of support after the election.

Halton MP Frank Philbrook broke ranks with his own party and started what amounted to a mini-rebellion within the Liberal caucus and brought pressure to bear on the government so that some funds were made available. But the amount the government made available fell substantially short of the earlier promises.

Jelinek recently won the Tory nomination in Halton. Jelinek was speaking in the House of Commons on a proposal to raise from \$10,000 to \$50,000 the level of sales by manufacturing firms which would make them exempt from paying the 12 per cent federal sales tax on production and sales.

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Report coyote

By Don Stevenson
The pasturing season is here and with it, the associated benefits and dangers. Especially for young animals in a sheep flock or even a cow herd, coyotes or wolves are an ever-present hazard in many areas.

Most livestock owners know that there is compensation available when losses due to coyotes occur. Did you also know that the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources operates a predator control program? When a complaint is made to an Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources office, an independent trapper is hired to catch problem animals. However, any success is dependent upon the trapper being on the scene as soon as possible.



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