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

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 fair ring 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 fairyland of makebelieve 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 spic and span in their navy skirts and dark trousers and white middles 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 hear the Wooden Soldiers" played,

The federal government

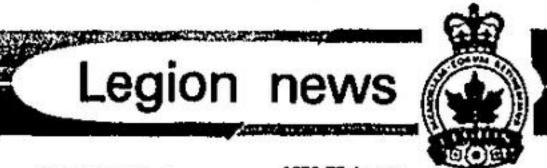
remember being marched up the divided flight of stairs from the foyer downstairs in the hall. We spent many hours being drilled in the art of marching up the stairs without undue creaking, and always to the tune of the March of the Wooden Soldiers played on the old plane on the Town Hall stage.

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, selections, 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



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 (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

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

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

The new president elect has called a meeting of the new executive for June 19 so they can be assigned their responsibilitles and get on with the running of your Branch during the summer recess.

arms: Ted Leblanc.

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

Jelinek noted the prime

service during the 1974 lelec-

Second year for Successful the community for work all plicants will take their

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

Gary Dawkins.

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 practical experience during the six week period.

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

training at the Scout hall under the direction of supervisor Ruth Aggiss. These applicants will rotate to various activities in town to get their practical training. Georgetown applicants will work with supervisor Jen-

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

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nifer Linton at Cedarvale community centre and do their practical experience on Georgetown sites. Supervisors Linton and

Agglas stress that the program is not only designed to train future leaders for summer positions with the department but is a service for the entire community. The supervisors are hoping the program will make the public aware that there are trained students leaders in

but make Canadian produced

goods competitive with their

imported counterparts on

which federal tax would

Jelinek says small busi-

nesses should be defined as

one that is owner operated

and not dominant in its field.

continue to be collected."

Cut sales tax Jelinek says

Consideration should be small business community, given to removing federal sales tax from all Canadian owned and operated small manufacturers according to High Park-Humber Valley MP Otto Jel-

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.

Jelinek said the measure promoted by the government didn't go far enough and would only effect less than one per cent of the small businesses in the country.

"I believe consideration should be given instead to removing the federal sales tax from all Canadian owned and operated small business manufacturers. This would not only help the overall

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has been extended from six to eight weeks. Supervisors felt last year many students were detered 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.

year round.

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 responsibilities and involve placements at the Teen program in both Acton and Georgetown.

Placements include playground, pools, day camp. adventure sites, pre-school playshop, gymnastics, the program, and the playmobile. Georgetown applicants will also get exposure to the Y day camp and kindercamp because the

Southerly butterfly source of controversy

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 southermost portions 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 Habitat requirebeneath. ments 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 (caterpiliar) food plant toothwart, grows.

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

> recreation department day programs are in Acton only. Supervisors Linton and Ruth Aggiss will be accepting applications for the program until this Friday, June 9.

> Both supervisors feel the program has a lot to offer students. They will work with many different leaders and be exposed to a variety of activities and children. A summer full of fun and experience awaits this year's leadership

by Jeff Harvey
The West Virginia White this butterfly, but it is also Butterfly was once though to susceptible from parasitic wasps which attach the larve.

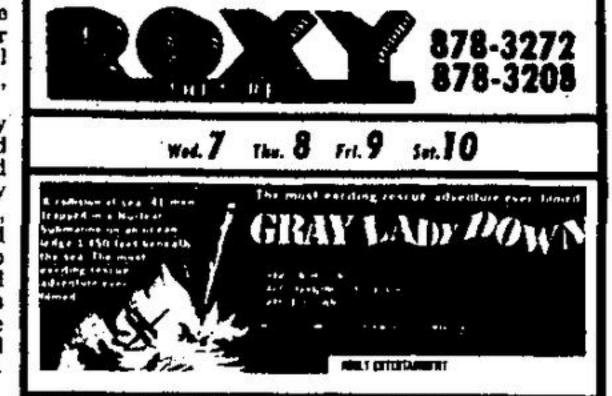
The larva contains a long dorsal stripe combined with a pair of lateral stripes, all yellowish green. The main colour is a dark yellowish green. Adult butterflies appear about mid-May on the average, but this years' cool weather could delay their appearance slightly.

Over recent months there 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 as Spicebush Swallowtail Butterfly, Great Spangled Frittalary Butterfly, and even perhaps the

uncommon Imperial Moth.

Many southern species of shrubs and herbs, rare in this country, are scattered here. (Spicebush, 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 Yellow-Billed Cuckoo, Red-Headed Woodpecker, and have been arguments as to. Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher are nesters in the less accessible

> I have noted over the past several years the alarming rate at wheili homes are being built in this fragile locale. Thus one question comes to mid: 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



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installation of Officers for the Government wasteful Jelinek tells Commons

should cut out "disgraceful and many other places, I urge and wasteful expenditures" that the government change minister had promised suband make available funds for its priorities by curbing many stantial aid for commuter much needed commuter ser- of its disgraceful and wastevices in the Toronto region, ful expenditures. 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 commun-ities like Oakville, Oshawa,

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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promises again," Jelinek

left once the election is called and so they can start making

"The government should at least fullfil the promises

Milton, Burlington, Hamilton said.

made during the last election campaign so that they will have a thread of credibility

brought pressure to bear on the government so that some funds were made available. But the amount the govern-ment made available fell substantially short of the earlier promises.

tion and then withdrew that promise of support after the Halton MP Frank Philbrook broke ranks with his own party and started what amounted to a mini-rebellion within the Liberal caucus and

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