

MARK AND PETER Bray were tops in their age groups after just 10 months in the Guelph Marlins Aquatic Club. Story on Page 3.

Corridor "billion dollar bungle" too much power now-Reed

Evidence is mounting at meetings of the Select Committee of the Ontario Legislature on Ontario Hydro that the Bradley to Milton 500 kV transmission corridor is a "billion dollar bungle," Liberal energy critic Julian Reed said this week.

A member of the select committee, Reed says it is apparent Ontario Hydro is producing power which Ontario will not be able to use until the year 2000 AD.

He said it is becoming increasingly evident that bringing another generating unit on stream at the Bruce nuclear power plant is just adding to Ontario's enormous electricity load.

"We are the largest users of electricity in the world," Reed said, suggesting the proliferation of new plants either in the

works or planned will load Ontario with ex-

He told this newspaper the select committee is on the horns of a real dilemma with the Bruce to Milton line. The corridor is about 38 per cent completed, Hydro employs 3,000 men on the project. If the project is cancelled it throws 3,000 people out of work and cancels orders for equipment, and leaves an unfinished corridor, Reed said. If Hydro goes ahead it means we'll just be loading Ontario with power no one will be able to use.

Ontario Hydro spokesmen have repeatedly said that if the Bradley to Milton corridor is not finished soon that it will cost consumers a million dollars a day to furnish fossil fuels while power is bottled

up at Bruce.

Meanwhile, Ontario Hydro is going ahead with plans to bring the 500 kV corridor through Halton Hills to join the east-west corridor on the Reford Gardhouse farm near Milton. Halton Hills has opposed the corridor and an Ontario Municipal Board hearing has been called for July 31 to decide whether the town's bylaws restrict Ontario Hydro from erecting a steel curtain down the middle of the Fifth Concession.

At the end of April, legal possession of all properties in Halton Hills was completed by Hydro. Property settlements with about 22 per cent of owners were complete by the end of May.

The Interested Citizens' Group is still

fighting the hydro corridor, claiming they are being discriminated against because there has been no independent study of the need for the corridor and its route as was afforded residents along the route of the east-west corridor.

Energy Minister Reuben Baetz has rejected all pleas by the ICG and ordered Ontario Hydro to proceed .

But Julian Reed, Halton-Burlington MPP, feels the government has no control over Ontario Hydro and some workable system has to be initiated which would enable taxpayers to keep the corporation under control. He says Ontario would not have such a prollferation of power plants if the Government was able to exercise some form of control over Hydro.

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Petition calls for talks, truck limit on Wallace

A call to have public debate Lastly the petitioners Mr. Johnston said. A taste of on any further extension of stated they can accept the more than the usual amount Wallace Avenue by Halton Hills was one of the points made by neighborhood residents in two petitions presented to the town works committee Monday.

was instructed to study the petitions, which carry about 270 signatures.

Boulevard, presented the documents to the committee and asked for its comments.

The longest petition — 219 names - calls for, among other ... things, restrictions against vehicles of more than five tons on Wallace Avenue between Mill and Hufnagel Streets, and the same weight restriction on Churchill Road North from Highway 7 to

Acton's northern border. The only exceptions would be for trucks delivering or picking up, and then they would have to stick to the most direct routes.

The petition also asked for school zoning for sections of Acton Boulevard and Churchill Road North. Traffic would

be permitted at 15 m.p.h. The same speed limit was called for McDonald Boulevard, instead of the current 30

The petition ended its preamble with the call for public debate on changes to Wallace Avenue.

"We take great exception to the use of the original portion of Wallace Street as a permanent route for trucks," states the petition. The reasons are that such traffic is detrimental to residents on the thoroughfare, and also, when trucks pass Warren Grove, they are a menace to on McDonald

Boulevard. The petition recognized that Mill Street is narrow and that there is a traffic problem needing solution.

odd truck making delivery to the Industrial Park or

"However, the attached petition of al! residents in the area are strongly opposed for Town engineer Bob Austin, its (Wallace Avenue) permanent use as a by pass."

My concern, Mr. Johnston told works committee, is that Bob Johnston, of Acton a bypass can't go on the fringes of the subdivision. He said that within 11 houses of his home, there are

26 children.

Last year when Mill Street was being reconstructed some truck traffic used Wallace Avenue to get through town speedily. "I'm saying after the reconstruction of Mill Street last summer, that was a taste,"

more than the usual amount of truck traffic and that is what we're concerned about.

He added that he just could not understand why something such as posting the school zone could not be handled across the board.

I don't see the problem. What's the difference between 30 m.p.h. and 25 m.p.h., asked engineer Austin. More vehicle control.

replied Johnston. Are you saying there isn't an obvious reason with the two schools side-by-side, Johnston asked. I haven't looked at it like that, said Austin.

Then he added Churchill Road could not be posted at the lower speed limit because the schools do not front on it. My hope is to see through

Duby said. In the past the intention of talks was not to give problems to residential areas, but to bypass the town completely.

With the plans for Acton East in mind, said councillor George Maltby, I suggest the engineer study with the MTC taking the bypass north from somewhere between the 3rd and 4th Lines and emerging near Crewson's Corners.

Mayor Tom Hill asked Austin if there was any reaction from his talks with the Ministry of Transportation and Communication. I've got no positive reaction, replied Austin. There's no extra money available, he said. So nothing will be done. said the mayor.



"AT THE AGE of 96, Frederick Babbidge is happlly planning his 32nd trip across the Atlantic to England in August. He lives on Elmore Dr. with his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Morris, after living many years in Mount Hamilton. Story on Page 12.

Senior citizens apts. are still year away

agreement which will permit Acton's senior citizen housing units to proceed has yet to be signed by council, before going to Ontario Housing for official approval.

Last week Halton Hills council decided to make concessions to speed the project

It had been hoped at one time the project would be completed by this fail.

Roy Holmes, regional director for South West region of Community Housing Development of Ontario Housing Corporation sald Tuesday if all goes well, it will still probably be a year before the units can be oc-

As soon as O.H.C. received

the final agreement, it has to the agreement to Ontario be ratified by the board of Housing Tuesday (yesterdirectors. Then a tender call can go out in two or three

With approvals, the contract could be awarded in early August, he estimated. There could hardly be a start before October, and it would be a good eight months from start to finish, he figures. That would make it next summer before people could

move in. Halton Hills clerk administrator Ken Richardson agrees it will be next summer before the units will likely be occupied, not this fall as

administration. planning and engineering and He says council is aware of dispensed with the security the urgency of the situation. He is mailing a final draft of bond requirement. O.H.C. have agreed to pay lot levies.

Remove fences, gardens

Back to Acton Days in last minute planning

If all goes well, back to Acton Days on the Dominion sponsoring a bingo on Satur-Day weekend should be an day, It is hoped tables will be exciting and fun-filled

Organization chairman Ed Wood explained that a lot of events are still in the planning stages, but if organizers posals, the weekend should be busier and bigger than last year. Until a meeting tonight, it is not known exactly what time and where the various events will be taking place. Mill St. will be closed off from Fellow to Main St. and

a mall formed.

The Lions club will be set up in the Trinity United Church area.

The Town Hall restoration committee is currently attempting to acquire a license to hold games of chance. The can pull through on their pro- . Station Hotel will be having a Bavarian Garden and their roast port barbeque. The Dominion Hotel also hopes to get a temporary outdoor license for the weekend.

> newly Optimists club hope to have a blke rodeo Saturday, and a

put on by the Acton Sabres

Sunday.

pet contest is in the planning

stages. One possibility also is be on display. Mr. Wood said committee hopes to get the a skateboard demonstration. he hopes people will take various church choirs to take A dance Saturday evening Hockey club has also been mentioned, as well as horse shoe pitching contest and n garden party picnic on

A Calithumpian parade is being organized by Terry Grubbe, and pony rides will be offered. Throughout the weekend, arts and crafts will

advantage of this opportunity to show their wares. A flea market is encouraged, and individuals are invited to set up their own garage sale in the mail. The Music Stop hopes to get together enough groups to have a blue grass

The Acton Citizens' Band will be performing and one member of the weekend's

various church choirs to take

The Events start Friday and run to Saturday. Sun-

day's fun will be a spill over from Saturday, Mr. Wood This is the second annual

part in Sunday's picnic. Acton firefighters will be having a fireworks display Saturday evening.

Back to Acton Days, promising a wider variety of things to do than last year. If the organizers' hard work is equalled by fun, the weekend should be one to remember.

Channelling to solve **Duby Road debate**

water and lands south-west of Duby Road will grow silent by year's end if steps taken by Halton Hills works committee Monday are along the correct

The committee is recommending a two-pronged approach to solving the problem which has caused neighbors to take up opposite positions concerning

Acton Councillor Les Duby moved that all fences be removed and that gardens be moved back to resident's property lines by the end of the year. Tin cans and other refuse may be removed, said Mr. Duby, and the area should be open for residents to walk through.

The debate concerning The committee also passed se", states the report. Austin's recommendation which called for an existing, but silted channel, to be cleared as soon as permission

is received from owners, and

the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. Engineer Austin's report states there is a sizeable pond which resulted from sewer discharge. There is a substantial amount of stagnant

town and private property. "The original construction due to the subdivision required approximately 95 feet of channelling south from the outfall. This was constructed but subsequently has silted in and is presently overgrown and not functioning as a proper water cour-

water there. The pond covers

what should be done about on town engineer Bob I find the engineer's and Councillor Duby's recommendations satisfactory, said Mike Franklin of 24 Duby Rd. . The cost of the channel work will be about \$200, said

day). Council will also likely

approve it next Monday.

After it is signed, it will be

forwarded to O.H.C. "It's now

proceeding as quickly as it

can," Mr. Richardson says.

agreement has been the

stumbling block. Council did

not agree to certain require-

ments. Last week council

decided to waive the five per

cent cash in lieu of parkland,

will allow O.H.C. to build

sidewalk only in front of the

building, will waive fees for

development

the engineer. Duby Road neighbors voiced opposing views concerning what should be done with the lands at the rear of their lots, during a works committee meeting last

Mr. Franklin asked that the pond be cleaned up because it, in his opinion, was a hazard. About a dozen families shared that view. On the other side, some 13

families, with Sue Ubbink as spokesman, argues the area should be left in its natural



DISTINGUISHED VISITOR to Acton, Dr. Juraj Krnjevic (left) is president of the Croatian Peasant Party and a former vice prime minister of Yugoslavia. He chats with Mehmed Basic, (right) the editor of The Croatian Voice, the newspaper which is the organ of the party. The paper is published in Acton. See story on Page 2.

Outers reach goal after two years

reached their goal.

canoe was delivered to the school. The group has been collecting paper and glass as their main source of income for purchasing the canoe. A grant from Wintario completed the expenses.

The canoe was built by Greg Cowan of Huron Recreation, Mr. Cowan built the canoe as a replica of the type used by the North West trading company for the fur trade. These canoes require the yearly trading session. dream become a reality.

After more than two years The canoe will be used by of fund-raising, Acton high the Outers for long canoe school Outers club have trips. Outers teacher-advisor Wally Rowley anticipated the On Monday, a 26 foot North first use to be for the Thanksgiving cance trip in the fail.

> Fund-raising for the canoe was begun by the Outers' preceding executive many of whom have since graduated.

The Outers would like to express thanks to all members of the community who helped them by contributing to their collections of glass

Contributions by citizens 10 paddles and were used for and hard work on the part of transporting pelts and furs to the Outers have made a





MEMBERS OF THE OUTERS admire the club's new 26 foot North canoe. Members have been raising money for two years to earn the funds to

buy a canoe. Some of the expense was covered by a Wintario grant. Peter Zions, Bruce McPhail and Cliff Britton illustrate the size of the canoe.