



AREA YOUNGSTERS found one way to beat the heat on the weekend. Fairy Lake is a cool place for a swim and for some like Wayne Porte not even a bad place to dive.

## Treasurer wants input into Line Fences Act

Darcy McKeough, Treasurer of Ontario, wants to hear from all residents of Ontario interested in the proposed 1978 Line Fences Act.

The Act was introduced by Mr. McKeough, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, in June.

"The Government looks forward to receiving and discussing comments and recommendations for changes to this Bill over the summer months, and to consideration by the Legislature in the Fall," said Mr. McKeough.

The major reason for the new act is the need to provide a simpler and quicker method for settling fencing disputes in both rural and urban areas. A line fence is a legal term which applies to a fence built on a boundary line between two properties.

The proposed act, if passed, will replace the current Line Fences Act which has been in existence since 1913. However, the whole issue of linefences and the resolution

of disputes dates back even further.

By an Act passed in 1793 in the second session of the first provincial parliament of Upper Canada which met at Niagara, provision was made for the appointment of not less than two or more than six persons to serve the office of Fence Viewers in each parish, township, reputed township or place. Acts were subsequently passed in 1834, 1845, 1859, 1868, and 1874 respecting line fences with the 1874 act really reenacting the 1874 legislation. Since then, there have been only minor amendments.

Under the proposed act, the distinction between occupied and unoccupied lands is being removed. Moreover a line fence will only be mandatory where one adjoining owner wants a fence. If the two owners cannot reach agreement, one owner may simply notify the clerk of the local municipality that he wants the fence-viewers to arbitrate the dispute. If, however, the municipal council has passed

a by-law providing that the clerk is not to be involved, the owner will have to arrange the arbitration himself as with the present act.

It is also proposed that the options of the fence-viewers in making the award be clarified and broadened, and that an appeal from the fence-viewers' award by either owner be heard in small claims court, rather than county or district court.

Another proposal is for a revision of the enforcement and cost recovery procedures. If one owner fails to obey the award and the other owner does the work and wants to recover the value of that work, the fence-viewers will reconvene to certify the amount owed him by the defaulting owner. This will remove the need for him to take action in the small claims court.

Also, in addition to the methods in the current act, it is proposed that if the municipal council passes a by-law, one owner may collect the funds owed, by the defaulting owner, from the municipal treasurer. The municipality will then collect the amount from the defaulting owner as taxes with interest.

Mr. McKeough said "the proposed revisions are necessary."

Anyone interested in receiving a copy of Mr. McKeough's statement may contact:

Local Government Organization Branch, Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs, 4th floor, Frost Bldg, North, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1Y7. (416) 965-6934.

A limited number of copies of the proposed bill are also available.

## Film festival this autumn

The sixth Festival of Canadian Film sponsored by the South Central Regional Library System will be held during September and the first week of October.

During this Festival, four Canadian made feature films (including one French language film with English subtitles) backed up by a selection of Canadian short films will be shown at programs being held in nine participating libraries. Most Canadian feature films are never publicly screened here and many French language Quebec feature films are never publicly screened in

this province. This Festival makes available films which cannot generally be seen elsewhere and also promotes the 16mm film services offered to the public by the libraries.

All Festival programmes are open to the general public and admission is free.

Acton's schedule films and dates are Why Rock the Boat on Friday, Sept. 15; The Only Thing You Know, on Friday, September 22; They Called Us Les Filles du Roy, on Friday, September 29; and Rejeanni Padovanni, on Friday, October 6.

## Milton quits fighting birds

Milton is giving up attempts to make its new town hall roof pigeon proof. The birds can look forward to living happily ever after, according to Milton Mayor Donald Gordon.

About 24 pigeons use the roof as a poop deck. "We will just have to live with the dirt," Gordon said.

It's the Mayor's view that pigeon droppings rotted the old town hall roof.

With a new roof in place the town has tried every method, from trapping to poisoning, to keep it clean.

Efforts to trap the birds last year failed because pigeon lovers would release the trapped birds before the town could get there.

Maintenance staff is kept busy cleaning droppings from eavestrough, said the mayor.

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## CVCA contributes N.F.B. water film

Despite objections from a number of members, Credit Valley Conservation Authority will help finance a National Film Board project about water.

Thursday, following considerable debate, CVCA approved an executive committee recommendation that the authority donate \$4,000 to the movie production.

The animated film about water will be both entertaining and informative, CVCA chairman Grant Clarkson said. He suggested the film may be distributed worldwide and certainly will be seen in Canadian theatres. Clarkson said he was very impressed with the ideas behind the film after hearing a presentation put on by the producers, adding it should help sell the idea of conservation.

Halton Hills member Gail Maltby objected to executive committee approving the \$4,000 film donation when two of CVCA's advisory com-

mittees had previously rejected the idea.

Clarkson noted he was very much against the CVCA supporting the movie financially until he heard the producer's presentation. He offered to arrange to have the producers out to give the entire authority membership a presentation but this wasn't needed when CVCA approved the donation.

The \$4,000 will either come out of what is left over in the 1978 information and education budgets, or from the 1979 budget.

Halton member Laurie Mannell lost out in a bid to have approval of the donation held up pending a presentation by the producers.

## Deliveries

The Meals on Wheels deliveries are going well despite holiday periods. Additional drivers and runners have been worked into the roster.



CONS. ROD DONALDSON demonstrates the new telephone outside the police office on Mill St. It is for use when there is nobody in the Acton office. As soon as the receiver is taken off the hook, he says, it rings at the Georgetown precinct, where there is someone on the desk 24 hours a day.

## Dr. Teskey dies in K-W hospital

Dr. Cyril G. (Ted) Teskey died at Kitchener-Waterloo hospital on Monday, after a brief illness.

Dr. Teskey of 11 Margaret Ave., Kitchener was 71 years old and was born in Sarnia. He was the son of the late George William Teskey and the former Anne Gough. He was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

A graduate of Queen's University medical school in 1935, Dr. Teskey served as a general practitioner in Kirkland Lake for ten years. In 1946 he moved to Kitchener and continued his practice until his retirement in 1974.

Dr. Teskey operated Random Acres, a conservation area near Rockwood, for many years. He was a member of the Kitchener-Waterloo Granite Club and an ardent curler. He was also a member of the

Kitchener-Waterloo Retired Business and Professional Men's club.

Surviving are his wife, the former Edna Cobham, daughter Carol (Mrs. Sandy McGregor) of Barrington Illinois, two sons Edward of Acton and Donald of Sydney Australia, and grandchildren Bonnie, Tracy and Lori Teskey of Acton and Mary, Katie and Tim McGregor of Illinois. Also surviving are brothers Charles of Sarnia and Dr. William Teskey of London. He was predeceased by three brothers and one sister.

Following cremation, there will be a public memorial service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kitchener, Thursday at 2 p.m.

## Holidays

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