

Remembrance Day services are Saturday

"C" Company of the Lorne Scots will be forming an honor guard at the cenotaph at 10.45 a.m. Saturday as part of the Remembrance Day services.

The events will begin at 10.30 when a parade forms at the post office to head to the cenotaph. The Acton Citizens' Band will lead the parade, of which Hugh O'Rourke will be marshal.

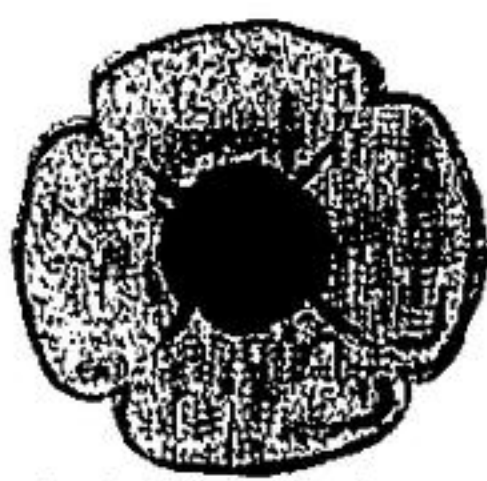
At the cenotaph, Legion

President John Goy will read the Legion Charge. Representatives of community organizations will place wreaths and John McHugh will read the names. George Elliott will play the Last Post, followed by reveille and a hymn. Legion Padre the Rev. A. H. McKenzie will give the benediction.

For the first time, a special service will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion hall

at 11.5 a.m. Piper Scott Malcolm will play the Lament as the Color Party enters and the flags are placed in the stand. The Rev. McKenzie will give the invocation and the Lord's Prayer, followed by a hymn. John Goy will read in Flanders Fields and the Legion Chorale will sing the anthem. The Rev. Brian Rennie will lead in the prayers of confession,

thanksgiving and intercession. Those present will then be asked to sing Onward Christian Soldiers. Father Leo Speagle will give the address. A minute of silence and a prayer of remembrance will follow. The closing hymn, O Canada, and the benediction will end the program and The Citizens' band will play the postlude.



Inland buys Free Press, Dills Printing

The sale of three Halton newspapers and the Halton Advertiser was agreed upon Thursday, Nov. 2, 1978, by Dills Printing and Publishing Co. Limited and Inland Publishing Co. Limited. The sale is effective Nov. 13.

Inland Publishing Co. Limited has purchased The Acton Free Press, The Milton Canadian Champion, and The Georgetown Independent, as well as the commercial printing and newspaper operations.

The sale by Dills also includes the plant property at 59 Willow St. Acton and the office at 191 Main St. Milton.

Inland publishes 11 newspapers including The Oakville Beaver, The Burlington Post, The Brampton Guardian and The Mississauga News. It is a consistent winner of Canada-wide

awards in newspaper competitions.

"It's always difficult to sell but we feel the growth and expansion required to serve our communities effectively, can be handled better by a firm with broader resources and market expertise. We're pleased that Inland, with its tremendous record of community journalism, interest and involvement, will be our successor," publisher Dave Dills said.

"The Dills' newspapers have always been a group that we've been interested in. When I came to Inland in 1968 I modelled our operation of seven newspapers at that time on Dave and Jim's. Now I'm privileged and very proud indeed that The Milton Canadian Champion, The Acton Free Press and The Georgetown Independent are

part of the Inland group of community newspapers," said Douglas Bassett, President of Inland Publishing Co. Limited.

"As a matter of fact", Bassett added, "I tried to make a deal with Jim and Dave about three years ago, and now a dream of mine has come true today."

The staff will remain unchanged, but the sale terminates the active involvement of Dave and Jim Dills in the printing and publishing operations. The Dills family involvement in printing and publishing in Halton spanned two generations. G.A. Dills was a partner in The Acton Free Press in 1919 and acquired control in 1927. He purchased The Canadian Champion in 1943. Dills Printing and Publishing Co. Limited was formed in 1954 to

include sons Dave and Jim. Five years ago The Independent, Georgetown was started.

For David Dills the sale terminates an involvement that began as a youngster and continued for 32 years after naval service. Jim Dills worked after school and weekends during the war years and full time for the past 28 years, following graduation from Ryerson Polytechnic Institute.

The years have seen expansion of staff from a dozen to nearly 100 today; from letterpress printing and handset type to today's computerized typesetting and from a four-page hand-fed press to today's high speed Goss offset.

It was in 1919 that G.A. Dills installed the first Linotype typesetting equipment in

Halton County and today the Dills plant has the only web offset newspaper press in Halton.

With this purchase Inland publications will have a total circulation of more than 360,000. The group presently includes Ajax/Whitby/Pickering News Advertiser, Brampton Guardian, Burlington Post, Etobicoke Gazette, Markham Economist & Sun, The Mississauga News, Newmarket/Aurora Era, Oakville Beaver, Oshawa This Week, Oshawa This Weekend, and the Stouffville Tribune. New members of the group will be The Milton Champion, The Georgetown Independent, The Acton Free Press and The Halton Advertiser.

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THREE HALTON NEWSPAPERS including The Acton Free Press and the printing plant owned by the Dills Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd., were sold this week, to Inland Publishing Co. Ltd. Inland's president Douglas Bassett (centre)

checks over a current copy of The Free Press during a tour of the printing plant in Acton Friday. With him are Jim (left) and Dave Dills (right), partners in the Dills firm.

Big turnout expected

A high turnout at the advance poll Saturday November 4, may forecast a heavy vote November 13.

A total of 269 voters cast their ballot Saturday, with 91 in Acton and 178 in Georgetown. This is more than double the advance poll in Georgetown last time, and more than two and a half times the poll in Acton.

Last year 44.1 per cent of eligible voters turned out. This year the number of eligible voters has risen from 22,227 last year to 23,252.

Upstairs at Gordon Alcott arena Georgetown and the arena auditorium, Acton, will be election headquarters, where returns will be posted as they are phoned in from the polling booths.

This year the poll by poll returns will not be shown, but running totals will be posted instead, said Clerk-administrator Ken Richardson.

The press will be treated royally with three special phone lines set aside for them.

A change in the Election Act makes it permissible for candidates to electioneer that day, but they must stay away from the polling areas, which will be open from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

If on election day, voters finds out they are not on the

Condition is satisfactory

Christopher Murray, Etobicoke, is in satisfactory condition at Toronto Western Hospital following a two-vehicle collision on Highway 7, October 27.

The collision occurred just south of the Silver Creek hill and involved a tanker-truck and a jeep, driven by Mr. Murray. The victim was taken by ambulance to Georgetown hospital but later

voters' list, the Deputy Returning Officer will provide an oath form to be completed.

Any who have moved into Halton Hills after October 27, they cannot vote here. A voter is entitled to only one vote, whether or not he or she owns property in more than one ward. The voter must vote in the ward where he or she lives.

Hit damage about \$700

A two vehicle collision on Mill Street East resulted in property damage amounting to \$700 last Wednesday afternoon.

Halton Regional Police estimate damage to the auto driven by Rebecca Stanley, R.R. 1 Acton, to be \$500. Damage on the pick-up truck driven by Lorne Fletcher, R.R. 2 Acton is about \$200 say police.

Brush fire

Acton volunteer fire fighters were called to a brush fire noon Sunday on the 17 Sideroad.

Fire chief Mick Holmes said the fire was already out by the time the crew arrived.

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Council takes second look at Acton shopping plaza

The 100,000 square foot shopping plaza at Highway 7 and Churchill Road Acton, deemed premature by planning board two weeks ago, was given another chance, Monday night, when council voted to refer the matter back for further staff

study and a report. Jerry Sprackman of Landown Shopping Centre Ltd., who told council he had a signed lease with Zehr's, said there had been a misinterpretation of a report on the shopping drawing

area, and wanted to clarify it. Planner Mario Venditti admitted there had been a misunderstanding and said he would favor having it deferred so the report could be reconsidered.

Sprackman claimed the 50 page report when interpreted properly showed the shopping centre in Acton East was feasible, even without the residential development of the land in the Acton East area.

Councillor Pete Pomeroy asked if the report refuted the figures given by Paul Nielsen, on behalf of the Acton merchants.

Sprackman replied, "Our figures stand up no matter who wants to look at them." Pomeroy asked if Zehrs

and Canadian Tire were actually signed up.

Sprackman emphasized Zehrs had a signed lease, but said he had always said Canadian Tire is a proposed store.

Pomeroy argued both local Canadian Tire stores knew nothing about it, and said they had called head office who said the same. We are a reputable company."

Mark's said he had no intention of being derogatory, but simply meant the figures were reworked.

The motion to refer the matter back for further study was passed over the opposition of Councillors Booth, Marks, Pomeroy and McKenzie.

Hotels behind 8-Ball pool, billiards banned

There will be no games of pool, billiards or bagatelle, in play at local hotels, Halton Hills council ruled, Monday night.

They rejected the application for a licence for these games, made by the McGibbon Hotel, Georgetown, and the Dominion Hotel and 747 Restaurant, in Acton. The discussion with Sgt. Jason Field of Halton Regional Police was held

behind closed doors, with the hotel representatives appearing, in turn, also in a closed session.

The council motion said the applications for a licence to operate pool, billiard and bagatelle tables was turned down on the advice of the police department.

On a recorded vote all members voted to refuse the licences.

Traffic victim is recovering

A rural Acton man is recuperating in Guelph General Hospital following a single car accident on Highway 25 north of town Friday around dinner time.

Kerwin McPhail, R.R. 3 Acton, is in satisfactory condition, according to hospital officials. Mr. McPhail suffered what Milton OPP describe as major injuries when he was struck by a northbound vehicle. Mr.

McPhail suffered injuries to his right arm and shoulder. Milton OPP state no charges have been laid.

The mishap occurred at 6.05 p.m. about a mile north of the townline.

Damage to the pick up truck driven by Clare Mathies, R.R. 3 Acton, amounts to \$200, say police. Police state the Mathies vehicle was passing another auto when the mishap occurred.

Post results at the arena

Elections results will be posted Monday night at the arena in Acton. Any anxious to know the latest results may go to the arena and watch the action there.

The Free Press is not having a phone-in election night service, so don't phone here for information!



SANTA CLAUS made his first appearance in town this season at the Anglican Church Women's bazaar Saturday. He was treated royally; here Madeleine Lee offers David Hargrave some of the delicious food at the tea tables.



TRADITIONAL VALEDICTORY ADDRESS at the 1978 Acton High School annual commencement exercises was given by Mark Beaton. For a list of grads and more pictures see page 6.

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Dragstrip land

Developer of homes to rebuild Fifth, Sixth Lines

Lynceam Investments Ltd. developers of the proposed 53 homes on two acre lots on the former dragstrip site will have to pave and reconstruct the Fifth and Sixth Lines, from Highway 7 north to the end of the development in order to have the final agreement signed, and the development proceed.

Halton Hills council, Monday night, stuck with \$100,000 requirement despite developer Murray Gruson's pleas that it is unfair since it is an external road, not within his development. He admitted he had agreed to pave the road, because of neighbors objections about possible dust, but said he never envisaged a full scale recon-

struction job costing \$100,000. Gruson pointed out there are no houses on the Fifth Line between the highway and his subdivision. He said he was willing to go with the paving which would cost \$50,000 but the ditching, culverts and seeding bring it up to \$100,000. He pointed out the road work would be a benefit to the town as a whole rather than just the estate home subdivision.

"Are you talking two inches of asphalt on a granular base," asked Mayor Tom Hill.

Gruson said that's what is being asked by the town. Councillor George Malby pointed out paving was agreed upon, but not

reconstruction. He said the ditching is inadequate and has been for years, and should be done whether or not the homes are built.

Councillor Russ Miller claimed he always thought the road was to be reconstructed, and said it would only have to be done later at taxpayers' expense if not done properly now. "I didn't ask Gruson to buy the land. I'm here to see the taxpayer gets a square deal. He said the subsidy money on the road if paid by the town should go elsewhere.

Councillor Mike Armstrong contended the standards for rural roads are the same now as they were in 1975. The mayor said the town

does not have a standard of two inches of asphalt on a granular base for rural roads. Armstrong countered that the same standard was used when residents wanted a private road taken over by the town.

Engineer Bob Austin said the standard for rural roads is two inches of asphalt, and insisted the word was "pave" in the original statement. He said 35 per cent of the cost would be on roads in front of the development.

The mayor asked if the development is not built what is planned for the Fifth and Sixth Lines, north of the Highway.

Austin replied there is a "v. year ditching program

for rural roads. Councillor Roy Booth reminded council the town had a two inch overlay of chips and gravel applied to some rural roads five years ago and said they are still in good shape.

He said he was concerned about the amount of money the town is asking developers to pay. "Gruson won't pay, the people who buy the houses will."

The town engineer stated the \$100,000 job is minimum reconstruction, and claimed a full reconstruction for up to 1,000 cars a day would cost \$400,000.

Councillor Peter Morris said the development would cost the town less than any

other since there are no water nor sewer lines, and it is surrounded on both sides by existing roads. He said the developer is providing his own internal roads at no cost to the municipality. He pointed out Gruson is prepared to pay his share of work on town roads.

Morris pointed out if someone obtains a separation, or separations, on an existing road they pay nothing toward the road. "Yet the people who move in there would pay for the reconstruction of two roads."

Councillor Peter Marks argued the existing taxpayers should not pay a dime for a development.

Gruson replied the develop-

ment has been changed a number of times at the town's request, costing money in engineering and consultants fees. He said he is already giving the town \$75,000 in cash because the town wanted the cash rather than parkland. He claimed work from Highway 7 north on both roads was against all rules. He pointed out at the time paving was mentioned in '75 the cost would have been \$30,000, and reminded council the delays have been continuous.

Armstrong retorted the land value has risen at the same rate during that time. Only Morris and Booth opposed the town staying with the \$100,000 reconstruction.