

# Air cadets bus to U.S. to see history of flight

by Eric Elstone  
The first powered aircraft flew 75 years ago and more recently an Acton air cadet joined many others in the area who journeyed to the United States to see where it all began.

Where it all began is claimed by Dayton, Ohio, where Wilbur and Orville Wright lived and experimented in their bicycle shop. Dayton's link to aviation strengthened since 1903—it boasts a Strategic Air Command base and the United States Air Force Museum.

Cadet Paul Carter, of Victoria Avenue, joined 35 other cadets and officers from the Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron 756 (Georgetown) visiting both American establishments during a December 15-17, 876-mile bus pilgrimage.

"Really interesting," "Really good," represent the fairly uniform responses from cadets and officers to the museum, the oldest and largest military aviation preserve in the world, and its display of more than 175 aircraft and missiles.

Lt. Peter Puchyr, a former Acton resident now living near Norval, said the museum's selection and variety of aircraft is good. He said he could not understand young people just walking by displays which have a bit of wood and fabric, they do not appreciate those early days, he said.

Very likely the lieutenant did not see Cadet Carter. Carter said he would like to have had more time to examine displays. Of particular interest to the cadet were the early piston engines and the Wright brothers' wooden wind tunnel.

Even the bus driver, Fred Lynn, of Burlington was impressed. It's amazing that the Globestar, at 128 tons, can stay in the air, he said. Lynn, a former air cadet in Toronto in the '50s, also noted a change in the cadet corps. "They didn't have girls in cadets then," he said.

Angela Tucker, who joined the squadron in September, was attracted to some of the museum's space exhibits. "I was surprised by the rough plastic feel of the spacecraft," she said. From its appearance she said she



Squadron 756 air cadet Paul Carter stands in front of a German rocket fighter on display at the United States Air Force Museum at Dayton, Ohio. Cadets from the Georgetown squadron visited the museum in mid December.

expected the surface to be smooth steel. The space vehicle was about six feet tall, taller than she said she thought it would be.

Size is a dimension which was brought home to many of the cadets. Carter, for instance, remarked from his reading, an engine can be described as being about the size of a Cadillac, but when you see one before you its size can really be put into perspective.

Although the museum contains most of the aircraft used by the USAF, it borrows from elsewhere, such as Ottawa, to fill in gaps in aviation history. Dayton and

# Over \$400,000 damages in fires . . .

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September 20: Acton Fall Fair was heading for the best year yet until the heavens opened on Sunday, drenching the area all day. Victoria Lenizky was crowned Miss Acton Fall Fair.  
September 27: Action was taken to counteract the iron content in Acton water. Sodium silicate has been added.

October 4: Regional council has decided to fluoridate the water in Acton. Milton residents were given a chance to vote on the matter.

## Board receives map of sensitive areas

Thirty-eight environmentally sensitive areas exist in Halton according to documents given to the Board of Education last week. Halton's Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee chairman Peter Rice presented the 281-page document to school board trustees during the board's Thursday meeting at Burlington.

Halton is fortunate to have "one of the most, if not the most diverse environment," Rice told trustees.

The document is mainly for planners, but it can be used to find such places as Hungry Hollow ravine in Georgetown, calcium pits near Milton and Acton's Fairy Lake marsh. Rice advised teachers to check with the region and conservation authorities before taking pupils on field trips. Much of the land designated in the survey is in private hands, said Rice.

"We are not here to ask the

October 11: Uniform sewer and water rates were passed by Halton Regional Council this week.

October 18: Inside workers at Acton post office were ordered off the job this week as part of a nation-wide strike. The workers were, however, back on the job the next day.

October 26: Halton Hills Planning Board has deemed a proposed shopping plaza at Churchill Rd. and Highway 7 as "immature" in light of the population of the town.

November 1: Halton Regional Police are seeking

assistance in identifying the body of a woman discovered near Chudleigh's apple orchard, on Hwy. 25.

November 8: It was announced that Inland Publishing Co. Limited has purchased Dills Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd., including the Acton plant, The Acton Free Press, the Independent, Georgetown and the Milton Canadian Champion.

November 15: Pete Pomeroy of Norval swept the polls by more than two to one to defeat incumbent mayor Tom Hill in the municipal election. Betty Fisher of Georgetown won a see-saw battle for school board, taking the seat from incumbent trustee Bert Hinton of Acton by 32 votes. Pam Sheldon of Esquimaux placed third 120 votes behind the winner. Ed Wood took the regional seat, defeating Roy Goodwin and Bill Coats. Les Duby and Russ Knechtel won the area seats. Knechtel was only six votes ahead of Pat McKenzie. Dave Whiting also

ran. November 22: Don McDonald has been named publisher of The Acton Free Press, succeeding David R. Dills. Hartley Coles has been named editor, replacing Kay Dills.

The Rev. Andrew McKenzie announced he would be leaving his post at Knox Presbyterian church after 22 years and going to Perth to serve.

Work has started on the senior citizens apartment on Elizabeth Drive. A summer completion is expected.

November 29: Santa Claus arrived in town amidst an array of Walt Disney characters.

December 6: New mayor Pete Pomeroy was sworn into office this week by his brother-in-law Leo Archdekin of Brampton, a justice of the peace.

December 13: Over 200 irate customers of Community Telephone in Erin township banded together at

a public hearing, looking into a rate increase to tell the Ontario Telephone Service Commission of their problems with the company.

December 20: Jerry Sprackman, of Landawn Shopping Centre Ltd. gave council an unexpected visit

and insisted on planning a board taking another look at a proposed shopping centre on Churchill Rd. and Highway 7. Council overturned a planning board recommendation that the plaza was premature and decided to give it another look.

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## Report from Queen's Park . . .

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were received. In addition to the engine plant, Ford is also thinking of building a casting plant in Windsor.  
Dr. Smith believes that the government must develop a basis for determining whether companies are eligible for cash incentives. He wants assurances that money will not automatically "be forked" over just because a company comes to the province for aid claiming it wants to locate here. What will prevent existing companies from going to the government and threatening to leave the province if similar assistance is not offered to them? he asked. He also wanted to know whether cash grants will be limited to

the auto industry.  
The Ontario government is to review its spending guidelines for royal commissions. This week members questioned the Premier about the latest provincial auditor's report which showed that one member of the Royal Commission on Electric Power Planning accounted for more than \$50,000 of \$81,000 in personal expenses spent by the commission members.  
The Premier told MPPs that royal commissions fall into two categories—those that study certain things and those that investigate allegations of wrongdoing. He said the government will review spending guidelines for the former category of broad-

issue royal commissions. These have included some of the highest spending bodies in Ontario, among them the LaMarsh Commission into Media Violence, which spent more than \$2.2 million.  
In the year ending last March 31st there had been 16 royal commissions in operation and the amount of money they had spent to that point was over \$11 million, about half of it in that year.

## 85,000 trees to be planted

Site inspections are almost completed for the planting of more than 100,000 shrubs and trees of various species in the Credit River watershed early in 1979.  
Under the Credit Valley Conservation Authority's private land reforestation program, 85,000 seedling trees will be planted for landowners in the valley. Approximately 20,000 trees will be planted on Authority lands and 1,000 shrubs and larger trees will provide

landscaping in the multiple-use conservation areas.  
Plans are now being formulated for erosion-control planting projects in 1979 from the Authority nursery in Meadowdale.  
The Authority reforestation, erosion control and nursery projects are under the direction of Forest Technician, Robert Baker. He reports that the program is completely booked for 1979 but will take orders for 1980 planting.

## CITY OF GUELPH NOTICE

To the owners of property within the Townships of Erin, Eramosa, Guelph and Puslinch, the Village of Erin and to the owners of land within 400 feet of the said municipalities.

The following appointment for hearing and explanatory note is drawn to your attention.



IN THE MATTER OF Section 44 of The Planning Act (R.S.O. 1970, c. 349), and

IN THE MATTER OF a reference to this Board by the Honourable Claude F. Bennett, Minister of Housing, on a request by W. Gordon Hall, clerk of the City of Guelph, for consideration of proposed Amendment Number 9 to the Official Plan of the Guelph and Suburban Planning Area, Minister's File OPW-3760-9

### APPOINTMENT FOR HEARING

THE ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD hereby appoints Tuesday, the 30th day of January, 1979 at the hour of ten o'clock (local time) in the forenoon at the City Hall, City of Guelph, for the hearing of all parties interested in supporting or opposing this application.  
If you do not attend and are not represented at this hearing, the Board may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings.  
In the event the decision is reserved, persons taking part in the hearing may request a copy of the decision from the presiding Board Member. Such decision will be mailed to you when available.  
DATED at Toronto this 1st day of December, 1978.

SECRETARY

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Guelph and Suburban Planning Board initiated an amendment to their official plan to remove the clause "demonstrated or unique hardship" (Section 5.2.1.1d) as a reason for consent to sever property in rural areas of the Plan. This reason is proposed to be removed from the rural consent policies section of the Plan, but the policy to allow severance where appropriation for public purposes is involved—such as new roads and conservation programs—is to be retained.

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