



New officers of Walker Lodge No. 321 in Acton are, front row, l. to r., John Carney (senior warden), Elmer Grischow (immediate past master), Gary Dawkins (Worshipful master), Rick Coe (junior warden), second row, William Near (director of ceremonies), Herb Richle (secretary), Ray Thompson (treasurer), Larry Slingerland (junior deacon). Back row, Kenneth Hodgeson (inner guard), Alvin Moore (senior steward), Jack Talton (senior deacon), Doug Price (organist) and Mike Manuel (junior steward). Missing when the photo was taken were Jack Carpenter (chaplain) and Bryan Alder (tyler).

OMB approves hydro corridor . . .

(Continued from Page 1) tenure some of the decisions relating to the line through Halton Hills were made.

The committee settled for a watered down motion to appraise Premier William Davis of the issues raised by the ICG, before the premier meets with the citizens' group and local Halton politicians.

On the other hand ICG chairman Mann, of Ospringe, feels the select committee's hearings represent a hope. "It does not seem improbable, now, that the line could be stopped at Belwood," he said.

Belwood, just north of Halton Hills, is the point where the 500kV line from the Bruce nuclear generator is steered west to Kitchener and east to Orangeville. Ontario Hydro maintains Belwood is only a temporary connection.

Mann said he felt encouraged by the committee's hearings. The committee reports to the Ontario Legislature. "I do not see how the Legislature can ignore it (committee recommendations)."

Thirty-six of the recommendations from the select committee's first final report were ac-

cepted by the government as policy. Four recommendations were turned down. That was in June, 1978.

East Garafraxa Township meanwhile is waiting on written confirmation of a verbal OMB decision last September which backed the township's comprehensive bylaw. That piece of local legislation forces utilities to ask the municipality's permission before constructing a transmission corridor or gas pipe line.

East Gary clerk John Wood said Monday that for some unknown reason written notice of verbal approval by OMB member S. Spiegel has not arrived at the township office.

A section of the Bruce-Georgetown line, the same one that the OMB gave the green light for through Halton Hills, goes through East Garafraxa.

Wood said the township's hoping to secure a written copy of the four-month-old decision. The township is going through legal channels to get the decision in writing he said.

An unconfirmed report has the township suing Ontario Hydro for the lowers.

Man faces charges in assault incident

An R.R. 1, Acton man has been charged with assault after an incident at the Taxi Stand on Main St.

According to Halton Regional Police, the man entered the premises, knocked another man off the stool and pushed him through a window, breaking it in the process. The charged man then punched and kicked the victim, police say.

The same man, police report, is being processed for trespassing after being observed in

the upstairs of the Dominion Hotel. According to police, he has received a registered letter not to trespass on the hotel property. It was the second time he entered the property since receiving the letter.

An antique rocking chair, valued at \$100, was stolen from a Willow St. N. resident. Police say the investigation into the February 11 incident when unknown persons entered the front porch through an unlocked porch door and removed the chair.



Elmer Grischow (left) received his past master's pin at a meeting of Walker Lodge 321 of Acton Monday evening. Worshipful Master Gary Dawkins made the presentation.

Firefighters fear number not known

Halton Hills fire department is concerned that some residents do not know the emergency phone number to report fires, a situation which could result in a tragedy.

Fire information officer Larry Brassard said yesterday (Tuesday) that in a recent incident a party made four phone calls before the fire department was notified of the fire.

"Not only does this serve to confuse the person trying to report a fire, but more importantly it gives the fire a chance to get a strong foothold on the building," Brassard said.

"Time is crucial in any fire situation and a difference of 60 seconds could mean life or death for a small child trapped in a burning building."

He said prompt notification is also essential if the fire department is expected to do an efficient job in combatting a fire.

"It is very important to call the fire department as soon as a fire is discovered, no matter how small it may seem. Time delays experienced when occupants try to extinguish a fire before calling the fire department are only invitations to disaster."

In Georgetown the number to call to report a fire is 877-3221. In Acton it is 853-1212.

"Now is a good time to write the number in your new phone book," Brassard said.

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Unexpected signs of an early Spring!

Could you use some signs of spring? Silly question. We're up to our armpits in snow, the temperature is down around knee level and the wind never stops. Could we use a sign of spring? Well, believe it or not, I've got some.

Illegitimate or just unexpected?
Stumbled out to the barn this morning with a pail of hot water ready to thaw all those tiny water pots required by things like rabbits, pigeons, peacocks and pheasants. These days, even the great big horse pails are solid half way up (why is it that a pail of frozen water weighs twice as much as when it was liquid?).

In the midst of the feeding, with horses pawing impatiently and donkeys braying, I discovered new born baby bunnies tucked cozily in the back of a large French Lops pen.

They weren't expected—who'd plan to have bunnies in February? Either it was a virgin birth, I which case this paper had better run a banner headline, or the kids lost track of the buck on pen-cleaning day.

What ever, we're stuck with naked squirming bunnies, hoping they survive the cold. Can't even put a heat lamp in with them or mother rabbit won't feed them. It takes very little disturbance for a doe to go sulky and ignore her young.

Small tiggers, big string
Two more signs of spring—my hen laid an egg (I ate it) and the cats have come to life.

Up until now the house cats have been lying around on beds looking cozy and decorative, sleeping it out till spring. For some unknown reason, perhaps their inner clocks, they say it is spring this morning.

Both Michael and Cella have been acting like giddy garden goats for an hour. They have attacked and thoroughly chastened Pat's sock. Cella has twice leapt full tilt onto my desk, scattering carefully sorted papers. The second time, I thumped her and she slid onto the incubator-table taking two conch shells, a wooden donkey and a sick palm tree with her.

Michael lost his battle with the drawing of the bamboo blind and was forced to shred it into three pieces to extricate himself. All this happened while I was on the phone. During the business call I kept trying to keep a straight voice while the thumps, wriggles, muffled yowls and unmentionable noises coming from around the corner sounded like A.A. Milne's Tigger-on-the-tablecloth.

Must go now and pick up fluffy bits of Michael and drawing spread all over the rug. Be glad it's spring—at least at our house it is.

Disston, Steel Workers ink two-year 'break through' deal

A new two-year contract proposal from Disston (Canada) Ltd. was agreed to by 80 per cent of the plant staff which turned out for a special ratification meeting at the Legion Monday.

Spokesmen for the company and United Steel Workers of America Local 8603 praised the contract. "A change in philosophy", "remarkable break through" was how union representative Jim Pudge described the deal.

"A very attractive, but very realistic offer," said Disston plant supervisor Al Paulissen in an interview Tuesday.

Disston, on the west end of McDonald Boulevard, employs 113 people. About a third of the plant staff are women.

For the first year the pay increase is 55 cents per hour for all employees. In the second year, starting February 1, 1980, there is a 35 cent raise. The contract is retroactive to the beginning of this month and runs out February 28, 1981.

A Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) is included in each raise. In the first year the COLA amounts to 25 cents, said Mr. Paulissen.

Taking the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the year 1971 as a base equal to 100, the COLA is calculated on a formula of one cent for each .35 change in the CPI, Mr. Paulissen said.

Lowest hourly wage at the plant, part of the

Sandvik Group, is \$6.03 and the highest is \$7.33, according to figures released by union representative Pudge.

One new feature in the contract is the company's recognition of Remembrance Day as a paid holiday for veterans.

Mr. Paulissen also pointed out that though government does not recognize Heritage Day, Disston is doing so. All plant employees will enjoy a paid holiday next Monday, he said.

Also included in the contract is a vacation bonus which gives \$20 a week for vacation the first year, and the amount raised by \$10 in the second year of the contract, Mr. Paulissen disclosed.

Other terms of the contract sees a rise in the life insurance plus accidental death and dis-

memberment clause to \$9,000 this year from \$7,500. And in 1980 coverage goes to \$10,000.

Weekly sick pay amounts to two-thirds of normal wages, while retiree insurance rises from \$2,000 to \$2,250.

Company contribution to the purchase of safety shoes was another issue covered in the new contract. The old contribution was \$20 per year, but this year it is \$25 and next year \$30 for each replaced pair.

Afternoon shift premium rise by two cents to 25 cents while the new midnight premium is 28 cents. The old figure for the graveyard shift was 25 cents.

There are also improvements in the field of extended health care, according to Mr. Paulissen. Rider number two was added to the dental plan while there is a prescription eye glass plan for employees and dependents.

The lead hand rate increases to 23 cents from 20 cents.

The pension plan guarantees a \$500 per month minimum for the life of the agreement for someone retiring at age 65 with ten years service, Mr. Pudge said. That minimum figure includes the Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Pension and the company pension.

Steel Workers representatives and the company started talks on December 4. There followed six other negotiation days scattered throughout the end of the year and into January. On February 5 the company made its final offer.

The talks were characterized by Disston's Paulissen as having gone "reasonably well and peaceful."

A three week strike marked the path to the old contract.

Obituary

Leona Cannon

A former employee of Beardmore, Leona Merle Cannon, died January 23 in Guelph General Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Cannon, of 90 Longfield Road, was born December 4, 1914 in Huntsville, the daughter of Bertha and Douglas McFadyen. On September 2, 1940, she married Edward George Cannon in Huntsville. They moved to Acton 18 years ago, and for eight years she worked at Beardmore.

Mrs. Cannon was a member of the Huntsville Legion Ladies Auxiliary. She is survived by her husband, daughters Carol Ann Thomson, Guelph and Darlene Schincariol, Toronto, brothers Gordon McFadyen, Bev. McFad-

yen, Huntsville, and Darrel McFadyen, Sarnia, sister Mossie Higgs, Huntsville, her mother, and two grandchildren. She was predeceased by her father Douglas.

Funeral service was held for Mrs. Cannon in Acton January 27, with Rev. Len Ewing officiating. Interment will be in Hutesch Memorial Cemetery, Huntsville, in the spring.

Palbearers were Marvin McFadyen, Bruce McFadyen, Jack McFadyen, all nephews from Huntsville, John Russo, Alex Nacca, nephews from Niagara Falls, New York, and Peter Zanotti, of Huntsville.

Neighbors and former residents of Huntsville provided a luncheon following the funeral.

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