

Developers offer to pay for Acton East study

Owners of large tracts of land in Acton East, McNamara Construction Ltd., a member of the Bovis Group Goldfan Holdings Ltd. and Rinarin Ltd. are prepared to underwrite the cost of a study of the impact of development on the area, E.J. Latimer,

General Manager Property Division of McNamara told Halton Hills planning board this week. He explained efforts to develop the land had been made for the past several years. He said a population of 15,000 for Acton had been sup-

ported by the town and the region but the Ministry of Environment had set a limit of 10,000 until the expansion of the Acton sewage plant had been functioning for some time. He said a study by the MOE will show whether the Acton plant can again be ex-

panded. Latimer said he saw a study similar to the one being carried out in Georgetown. He said the companies would prefer the town to select the consultant so it would be an unbiased view. He said other landowners in the area had offered to

share the cost of the study. The McNamara representative said the MOE had started taking water samples and would do so until the fall, and submit a final report in March next year. Councillor Ross Knechtel foresaw

problems in drawing up terms of reference for a study when the MOE might say there can be no expansion. "Are you willing to put the money up front", asked the mayor. Latimer replied the companies agreed to that.

Councillor Russ Miller contended any studies should be done by the town and charged back to the developers. The request for the study was turned over the planning department for a report.

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Students of Joyce Carpenter's Dance School are readying for their annual dance recital this Saturday at Acton High School. Guest artist Mike Mulhern from London Phono-Disc records will be on hand, as well as other guest artists. Clowning around during one of their re-

hearsals are: lying down, Julie Mellor; behind her is Charlene Couture; back row, left to right, Heather Ribble, Amanda Deforest, (peeking through), Judy Shadbolt, Vicki Eristow, Lynda Shadbolt, Christine Couture (peeking through), and Janita Andrews. Photo by HELEN MURRAY.

Calithumpian parade for Acton Days

The old-fashioned calithumpian parade, slated for 9.30 a.m. on the Saturday morning of Back to Acton Days weekend, needs some more merrymaking musicians, says organizer Pat Wood. This do-it-yourself parade depends almost entirely on people coming out from their houses and joining it along its routes. There is just a bare bones organization, with the bulk of the paraders joining in spontaneously and perhaps, in costume. The zanier the better.

Again this year there will be three parade routes, starting at Kingham subdivision, Lakeview centre and Becker's milk store. So far Acton Citizens Band and a piper are promised. More music would create more fun.

There'll be three vehicles for the parade marshals, Mrs. C.K. Browne, Fred Wright and Pop Main. They'll ride in a fire truck, convertible or hay wagon, depending on the assigning of the routes.

It's expected that children will decorate bikes and doll buggies, and there'll be prizes for the best.

The parade routes will be indicated in a special section which will be inserted in the Acton Free Press and the Georgetown Independent, next week. It will also outline some of the program and times or special events.

Committees are meeting again this week

The downtown mall will be thronging with activity Friday and Saturday, June 29 and

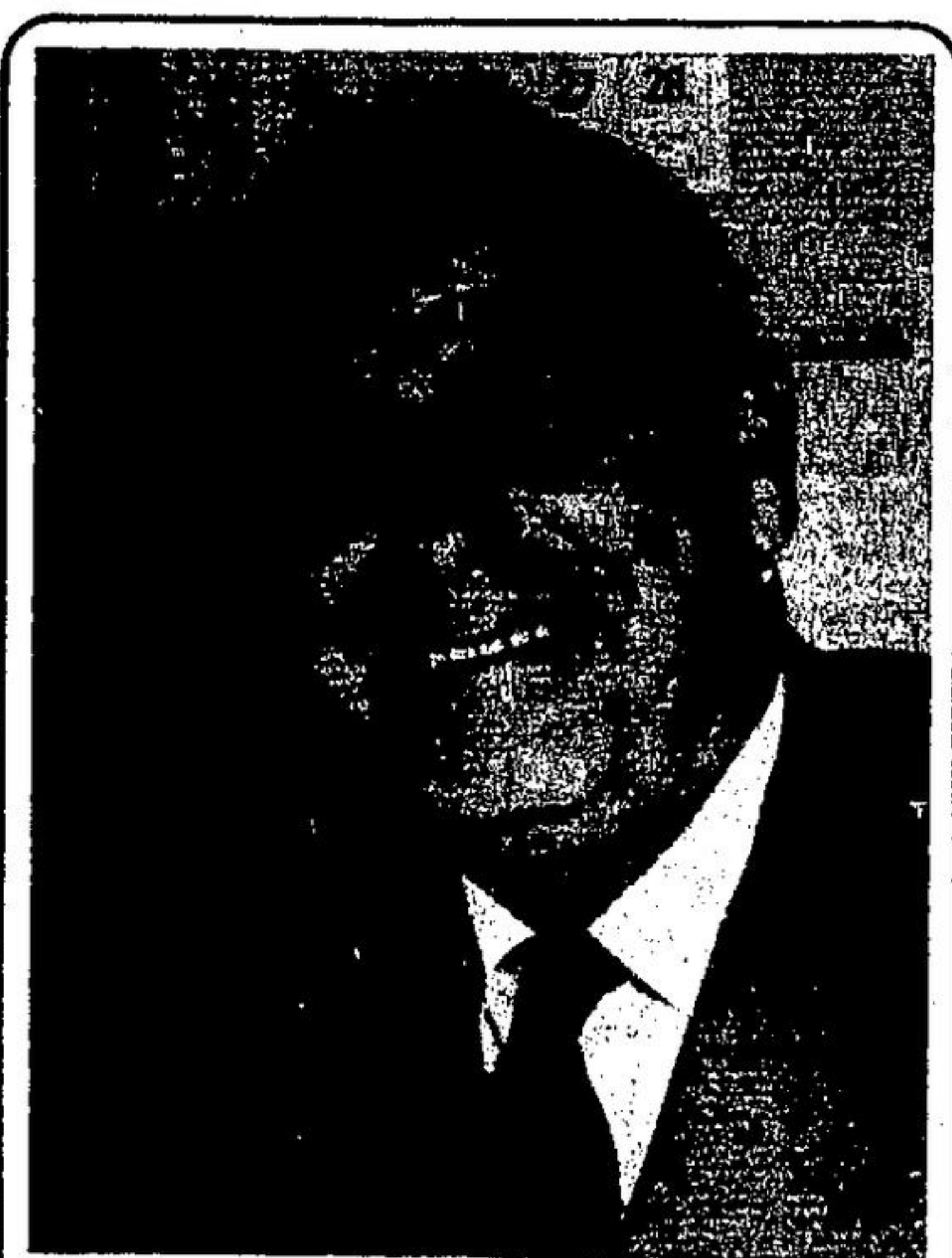
June 30. Then on the Sunday, June 31, all the events will be in the park. Opening ceremonies will be downtown on Friday June 29 at about 7.30 p.m., with Mayor Pete Pomeroy and MPP Julian Reed attending. Lined up to perform so far are Joyce Carpenter's dancers, square dancers and Acton Citizens' Band.

Saturday will feature a disco dance demonstration, bingo, games of chance, amateur show, pony rides and the comical pet show. Amusing contests planned for Saturday afternoon include watermelon seed spitting, long sawing, nail hammering, and "close shaves" as well as a new special drinking contest. There'll be booths and sidewalk sales.

In the evening there'll be a rock show and teen dance. The Station Hotel will host a beer garden each evening.

Sunday sees the fish derby, horse shoe pitching, baseball and soccer games. Outers club demonstrations, firefighters' waterball and more. And in the evening, the grand fireworks.

Anyone wishing to take part with a booth—or with any good ideas—should phone Terry Grubbe at the Community Services Centre in the Y at 853-3310.



LES DUBY (1918-1979)

Acton's last mayor, Les Duby dies

A former mayor and Citizen of the Year of Acton and present councillor for Halton Hills, Les Duby died Saturday in Guelph General Hospital in his 61st year.

Mr. Duby served Acton in many ways both on the political scene, with his church and by other means. He was one of the most well-liked politicians in town, and respected by all who knew him.

Leslie Albert Duby was born December 21, 1918, son of Joseph Duby and Winnifred Alice Porter. He attended Guelph public schools, Tytler, King Edward, and Torrance, and Rockwood Continuation school.

On September 30, 1939, he married Alice Anne Taylor, in St. Alban's church, Acton. He lived in Rockwood for eight years before moving to Acton 40 years ago.

For three and a half years, Mr. Duby was in active service with the Royal Canadian Air Force, at home and overseas. When he returned home in 1946, he built his home on Church Hill Rd. He later became assistant Cub leader, and was in a group of singers 'Four Straws.' This group later expanded and became known as the Acton Choralists. While with the Four Straws, Mr. Duby entertained locally, singing at socials and garden parties throughout southwestern Ontario. Joined by Rino Braida and Garnet Rose he travelled with Vince Mountford, a well known master of ceremonies and entertainer of the 1950's and 1960's. Mr. Duby was a vocalist and guitarist in the Western Band known as Rhythm Ramblers.

One of the proudest moments in his long career of singing was when, during Centennial year, he sang with the Rhythm Pals of Tommy Hunter fame at a community concert.

For the past 34 years, Mr. Duby was a choir member at St. Alban's Anglican Church. He is a past People's Warden, Rector and Warden, and a member of the Parish Hall building committee. Mr. Duby was a lay reader for many years and was recently made Lay reader Emeritus.

His political career was long and prosperous, starting in 1961, when he led the polls for a council seat. Two years later, when incumbent mayor George Barbeau resigned, he was asked by the other members of council to fill the vacancy. Once in the top seat, he stayed there until 1973, with the inception of regional government and the town of Halton Hills.

During his years as mayor, Mr. Duby sat on the Acton Hydro Commission, a position he held until his death, and the Acton library board. It was during his time on these groups the Acton Hydro building was erected, and the Act-

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Medical centre saved by Toronto doctors

The Glenlea Medical Centre has been saved!

Two Toronto doctors will be taking over the practices of Drs. Joseph Vukovich and Hans Grundmann as of July 1. Dr. Brendan Smith will also remain in Acton.

The medical centre was slated to close this Friday after the doctors' attempts to find physicians to take over the clinic failed. Dr. Vukovich is joining an emergency hospital in the United States while Dr. Grundmann is going back to school in Ottawa. Dr. Smith had planned to look for another practice after no doctors stepped forward to take over. However, he told this

newspaper a few weeks ago, if more doctors could be found, he would stay in town.

Drs. Sam Ng and Peter Wong, of Toronto's west end, approached the Glenlea doctors after reading about the local plight in a newspaper. A desire to be in a fairly rural setting prompted them to consider the practice. Final arrangements were made Monday.

Dr. Vukovich will remain in Acton assisting Dr. Smith until the new physicians arrive July 1.

Dr. Vukovich assures his patients there will be no change in the centre, except

maybe evening hours, which will be determined at a later date. The new doctors have agreed to remain in the OHIP system.

Dr. Vukovich feels the new doctors will be a boon to the town. He explained there are 2478 active family charts, with an average of three or four patients on each chart. With over 7,000 patients from Acton and the surrounding area, there was no way the Acton Medical Centre's four doctors could have absorbed all the people. He is pleased that now the patients will be able to remain with the Glenlea clinic.

Man's body found in van at Toronto

The body of a man discovered in a van in downtown Toronto last week has been identified as David William Jones of RR 4, Acton.

Halton Regional Police confirmed identification of the body Tuesday. It is believed the body was in the van for about a week.

The cause of death is under investigation, however, no foul play is suspected, according to Detective Bruce Richards. Mr. Jones was found in the Ford van he disappeared with about two months ago.

The time of death has yet to be determined. An autopsy was conducted at the Forensic Science Laboratory in Toronto.

Mr. Jones is the husband of Doris Jones, 37, who faces double murder

charges in connection with the April 13 fire deaths of 10-year old Brian Jones and 82-year-old Mary Jones on a farm south of town.

Police early in the fire investigation said Mr. Jones was not a suspect in the fire deaths, however, they were concerned about his whereabouts. He disappeared without a word after he visited his wife at Guelph's Homewood Sanitarium soon after the blaze.

Metro Toronto Police found the body in the city's east end Thursday. However, as of Monday they had not secured positive identification.

A plastic bag covered the man's head and a spray can of auto starter fluid was found nearby.

Mrs. Jones is undergoing tests at Toronto's Clarke Institute of Psychiatry.

Three auto thefts

Three cars were stolen in Acton last week: one was found gutted later in Guelph; another is thought to be headed for Alberta. The other was also found.

A Ransom St. woman's auto was stolen from the parking lot of her apartment building sometime Wednesday night or Thursday morning. The vehicle, a Thunderbird, was recovered by Guelph OPP, but fire had gutted it.

A Church St. W. woman reports to police that her 16-year-old brother took

her station wagon without permission. He is believed bound for Calgary. Two other juveniles are thought to be headed west with him.

Halton Regional Police caught and charged a 27-year-old McDonald Blvd. man with assaulting a Main St. S. woman last week. Police acted on a complaint by the woman who said the incident took place after a disagreement at her home.

Nothing appears to be disturbed at the community centre after someone tried to break into the building, according to police. The attempt took place mid-week.

One \$650 belt driven portable saw was stolen last week from a construction trailer on Elizabeth Dr.

Police have a suspect in mind in connection with damage to wall ashtrays and a fresh air vent in the Maria St. apartments. Total damage is said by police to be about \$320.

One red Bell Canada manhole tent was reported stolen by the telephone crew early last week. The tent is valued at \$85. It was taken from an Eastern Ave. work site.

An 18-year-old Acton youth was charged with the theft of a late-model auto from L & L Ford on Main St. The machine was recovered Sunday.

A 19-year-old Main St. man was caught by police. He had some dope in his possession. About \$7 was stolen from Lovell Meats on Mill St.

Tim Taylor dies while swimming by Everton mill

A young Acton man died Monday afternoon, the result of a swimming mishap in the Eramosa River at Everton.

Timothy John Taylor, 21, was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Guelph OPP. He had been swimming with friends beside the old Horlop Flour Mill in Everton, a rocky part of the river.

Rockwood Firefighters and Royal City Ambulance, Guelph, were also called to the scene. Mr. Taylor attended Acton Public and high school. He also played a season with Acton Rams Lacrosse team.

He was the son of William and Joan Taylor and brother of Beverley, Connie, Vicki, Bernie, Garth and Donna. He was the grandson of Amelia Taylor.

Funeral service will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery.

New union charges

Fresh allegations against an Acton glove manufacturer have been levelled by the union trying to gain certification.

The Canadian Union of Brewery, Flour, Cereal, Soft Drink and Distillery Workers is laying new charges under the Ontario Labor Relations Act against Superior Glove Works Ltd., according to union lawyer John McNamee Monday.

The allegations will be made to the board this week while results of a previous board hearing concerning the re-

instatement of laid off workers is awaited by both sides.

The board is expected by lawyers for both sides to decide soon if about 12 workers will get back their jobs.

Under the new allegations the labor board would have to decide if there are sufficient workers in the union for the purposes of acting as the collective bargaining agent. First, however, the board would need to determine if Superior Glove's management contravenes provincial

law "so that the true wishes of the employees... are not likely to be ascertained."

Much of the information in new allegations is the same as in the first complaint, however the issue is different, indicated the lawyer.

If Canadian Brewers succeeds in getting the laid off workers reinstated, it will pursue the certification bid, Mr. McNamee said.

Superior Glove and Canadian Brewers went through four days of (Continued on Page 2)



Using carders to prepare wool for spinning, Martha Hoey, an employee at the Ontario Agricultural Museum, spins and weaves in the small 1820 cabin

located on the grounds near Milton. The museum officially opened its doors June 8. Photo by PETER McCUSKER