



Many friends and customers dropped by C.K. Browne's Confectionary Saturday to say goodbye to store owner Doris Browne who is retiring at the end of the month. Neighbors put the 'open store' on, complete with a retirement cake. Left to right, Betty Cheyne, Mrs. Browne and Diane Bowers.

On the Leavell

With Helen

Roy Goodwin did a little bit of wrist slapping last week when he pointed out a story we ran on Paula Stuckey of Acton recently receiving her Canadian citizenship omitted other Acton names. Apparently Roy had accompanied another Acton resident to the same citizenship court to also make the big step. While taking a picture of his friend Stan Bobrel, 21 Church St., saying his declaration, the judge asked him if he would mind taking a photograph of Walter Barlow, as he did not have a camera. It turned out Mr. Barlow is also from Acton, 35 Church St. The three were among 48 other people who had become citizens that day in Guelph.

Mrs. Stuckey and Mr. Barlow are from England and Mr. Bobrel is from Poland.

Gremlins popped into my typewriter again last week. Darn things got Bert Davidson mixed up with Bert Robertson in a outline under the picture of the decorated horse and buggy at Back to

Acton Days. Must be because both men are fine, well known members of the area. It is Bert Robertson who owns the horse and buggy, not Davidson.

Seems like every tourist in Canada was in Acton and Georgetown on the weekend. In town, and between town traffic was constant Saturday, and at times it seemed like heading north on the 400 on a Friday night.

To show how observant I am, a visitor from Alberta from last summer has returned. Last year, from about July to late September, a burgandy colored Rabbit with Alberta plates made almost daily trips between Acton and Georgetown. She's back. I first spotted her last week. Welcome back whoever you are.

Hydro Commissioners...

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instead, that by-law must be passed. If no local law is drawn up, elections across Halton Hills are called for.

Election by ward could see the two Georgetown commissioners—Smith and A. V. Tennant—on the new body. One of the three Acton commissioners—Bob McArthur, Orville Brown or McEachern—could also be seated on the town commission. For the first time a representative from Esqueping would be elected. The mayor is also a member.

The temporary commission, to be picked by Halton Hills council, will also seat two Georgetown members, one from Acton and one from Esqueping, plus the mayor.

New provincial legislation was signed into law by the Lieutenant-Governor June 22. The law describes the establishment of commissions in Milton, Burlington and Oakville, too.

Although Acton and Georgetown commissioners, with the help of MPP Julian Reed (L. Halton-Burlington), failed to gain the government's ear to remove ward elections from local hands, they succeeded in getting some working room.

Originally the provincial government's intent was to have the matter of hydro-electric commissions finished next January. A three month delay was gained.

All the other municipalities are expected to be uniform in nature by the new year. However, north Halton with its two commissions is different. MPP Reed told the House: "It stands to reason then there are certainly more difficulties in ensuring a smooth transition from the situation as it exists now into this new, expanded municipal concept."

Georgetown commissioner Smith said he learned, on the subject of ward elections, it is not government policy to include such a pro-

vision in hydro legislation. He said he wanted to remove the provision for appointments because "Any municipal body responsible for funds should be elected."

The main people to benefit from the Halton Hills Hydro-Electric Commission live in the former township of Esqueping. They have been served by Ontario Hydro. Under the new commission they stand to see a 12 per cent reduction in the cost of power. Georgetown users will pay 5.3 per cent more and Acton consumers face a 3.1 per cent increase.

Reed told the legislature he was disturbed by the haste of the government's legislating. The length of time between the local commissions being shown what was proposed and the passing of the finished Act was just longer than a month. He said he knew the hydro-electric matter was debated by a task force and given consideration but, he went on to say: "I think the commissions very rightly felt they were being herded in a direction they did not want to go without due, proper consideration and without the proper groundwork to provide for a smooth transition."

Government MPP George Ashe replied that it is true local commissioners "actually saw the bill per se" about May 25. "I wouldn't want to leave the impression that was really the first time they ever became aware that legislation was forthcoming."

MPP Reed also cautioned the legislature that he would oppose further matters if the Hydro-Electric Service for Halton Act is merely a step, thought by some he said, towards a region-wide hydro commission.

The new law is going to provide a substantial improvement over what they (Halton's four municipalities) have at the present time," MPP Ashe (Durham West) said.

Crash claims second victim

A three car crash on Highway 25 last month has claimed its second victim.

Audrey Facile, 55, of Milton died last week in Hamilton General Hospital as a result of head injuries received in the accident. Her husband, 63 year old Sam Facile died shortly after the June 21 crash.

The couple were passengers in a car driven by their son-in-law Thomas Strauss, 29, also of Milton. Also in the car were their daughter Kim Strauss and her two-year-old son Thomas.

According to Milton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, the accident occurred just before 10 p.m. just north of Speyside. Vehicles driven by William Stewart, 36, 191 Kingham Rd., Acton and Lindsay Leslie, 53, Burlington were also involved.

Town to pay \$3,000 to pave

The town of Halton Hills will pay up to \$3,000 toward the paving of the parking lot at Trinity United Church, Acton, which is used for public parking.

Councillor Mike Armstrong said he had talked with the church board of directors and had learned the total cost is \$12,000 but a private donor is willing to give \$6,000 and the church will pay \$3,000, leaving a balance of \$3,000.

Armstrong said there is a possibility the town will have nothing at all to pay, but did not elaborate. He claimed it was

the right time to do it when the cost was shared.

Town Engineer Bob Austin pointed out it has been costing the town approximately \$1,200 a year to maintain the parking lot.

Armstrong commented that in two and a half years they would recover the cost.

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Little debt in forecast

The town's capital forecast for the years 1980 to 1983 shows only two items to be debentured, \$83,400 for flood control at the paper mill dam, in Georgetown and \$400,000 for the proposed library-cultural centre, also in Georgetown.

The forecast follows the policy established some years ago of paying most capital items out of the operating budget to cut down on debt charges.

The forecast for 1980 again, includes \$190,000 for an aerial fire fighting unit. This has been on the capital budget for the past four years, pointing up the mayor's warning that items placed in a capital forecast are projections showing priorities, and may change.

"We all know how upsetting it is to people when they think a project is definite and find out it does not happen when they expected," commented Mayor Pete Pomeroy.

Scheduled for reconstruction in 1980 is Edward Street, from Guelph to Delrex, Lakeview storm sewers phase 3, in Acton, Stevens Crescent storm sewers, Norton Crescent storm sewers, Division Street, Acton, Young Street, Stewarttown, Armstrong Avenue storm sewers, Maple Avenue storm sewers, Main Street

South, Acton and the widening of Guelph Street to four lanes from Alcott arena to the Norval Hill. The latter costs \$600,000, but since it is a provincial highway the town's share is \$60,000.

The second phase of work at Metcalfe ravine is slated for 1980 at a total cost of \$100,000, with the town's cost \$42,750.

Total for roads and equipment in 1980 is estimated at \$2,239,000. With Ministry of Transportation and Communication subsidy and small amounts from reserve fund, the town's share from the 1980 operating budget would be \$819,750.

The recreation and parks forecast including the library-cultural centre for 1980 totals \$3,146,500, but the town's share from the operating budget would be \$833,250.

Included in the projected recreation budget is a lighted hardball diamond beside Georgetown's Alcott arena, development of a soccer pitch at Pineview, reconstruction of the playground at Emmerson Park, a site plan and creative playground at Cook Street Park, Acton, new soccer pitch at Stewarttown, reconstruction of Yoder field, a play area at Centennial school, play area at Bovis park, Acton, renovations to the lighting system at Acton arena, and renovations to Norval community centre.

In 1981, plans call for

work on the Fourth Line near 17 Sideroad, on Lakeview subdivision roads, Acton, Stevens Crescent, Mill Street, Park Street, Norton Crescent, Durham Street area, Tenth Line and 27 Sideroad, and traffic lights at Guelph and Delrex, for a total of \$85,900. The town's share would be \$392,000.

Erosion control on the Credit River by the papermill dam, slated for 1981 is estimated at \$150,000, with the town's share at \$64,200.

Tentatively two lighted tennis courts are planned for Glen Williams community park in 1981, at a cost of \$30,000, taken from reserve funds, and subsidy.

In 1982, according to the forecast the Fourth Line and Fifth Line, near Limehouse will be rebuilt and storm sewers installed on Dayfoot Drive, Morris and Mill Streets, Georgetown.

Councillor Roy Booth said he was dismayed that Elgin, Byron, Shelley and numerous other streets in Ward Three (Georgetown) were not in the forecast. He put forward a motion that the engineer report on the feasibility of a two inch overlay for Elgin, McNabb, Shelley, Keats, Byron, Kennedy, Cherry, Arletta, Dufferin, and Temple Road.

The per capita debenture debt in town was \$36.82 at the end of 1978, and will drop to \$33.25 by the end of this year. The library cultural centre and papermill dam work will up it to \$44 by the end of 1980, then if plans are implemented will drop continuously until the end of 1983, when the per capita debt is estimated at \$34.03.

The addition to the municipal building, which sparked controversy three years ago, and became an election issue, is still in the works, with \$291,000 in lot levies allocated for this year, and \$315,000 from lot levies allocated for next year.

The total expected from lot levies this year is \$589,000, in 1980 the total anticipated if \$900,000, in 1981 \$372,000, in 1982 \$604,500 and in 1983 \$236,500.

Acton projects draw criticism

Dipping into the contingency fund to pay for Acton's reconstruction has been criticized.

Oakville Councillor Laurie Munnell said the work underway in Acton for the installation of sewers, water mains and road resurfacing, is costing more than budgeted.

He said he is critical of the region dipping into the contingency fund to pay the difference between what was budgeted and the tender accepted. If an emergency hap-

pens, Halton is not going to have any money to meet it, he said.

Speaking at regional council's meeting July 4, he said the estimates of installing services.

He said they failed to take into consideration the fact that the road dips and that it runs through a swamp.

The roads under construction are the connecting link of Highway 25, Main St., Mill St., and Agnes St.

The total contract for the work is \$1,072,984.41.

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