

# PROFILES

with JENNIFER BARR



He's being called the "Dahlia King of Acton" and Roy Arnott is delighted with the seven dahlia ribbons he won at the Fall Fair this year.

One look at his garden on Peel Street and you know why. The entire surrounding flowerbeds are filled with 150 varieties of gorgeous dahlias of all sizes and colours.

Not content with dahlias, Roy also grows gladioli, 1500 of them! Next year he hopes to have 3,500 gladioli in the ground.

In smaller numbers he grows roses, mums, tomatoes and spanish onions.

### Muskkrat Trapper

Seriously gardening for 12 years, Roy says it's the garden that's kept him going the past seven years while he's been battling cancer. He's also been retired for five years from his job with the Town of Acton as cemetery caretaker.

"I liked being where nobody could talk back," he says.

For 25 years he was a muskrat trapper, part-time, in the surrounding four townships, selling his furs at the Ontario fur sales. He thinks he was "trying to bite off too much" and his health went out.

Now he has lots of time to putter in his garden and comments he nearly goes nuts in the winter when the garden is under snow.

As well as his home garden, Roy has the use of Lorne Fletcher's garden on the Fourth Line, growing his glads and vegetables there.

"I've got stuff coming out my ears," he grumbles cheerfully.

The gladioli are sold to regular customers. Roy travels around Acton with his bundles of seven or eight glads for a dollar (more blooms if they're small) supplying old friends with flowers all season long.

### Advice flows free

Being such a successful gardener, Roy is often asked for advice on plant problems. This tickles him and loves handing out unconventional tips.

Does he talk to his flowers?

"No—I say to hell with 'em."

A trip round Roy's garden with him is better than television. Plants have scribbled notes on their stakes. "No good," shouts one such notation.

"What the Sam Hill is this?" Roy puzzles trying to figure out which bloom he's caressing. He points out a pink bloom, solid on one side, mottled on the other.

"It's them damn bees—cross pollinating." He squashes a bug—"That'll fix him"—and offers a sure fire remedy for my snail problem.

"You take a little board and you set it flat in the garden. Next morning you take it up and there'll be five or six snails under it—and you STOMP 'em!"

Roy uses soft rain water from a barrel to water his plants because it's better for them and "Town water costs too damn much".

At this time of year he's busy putting his garden away for the year. His yard is festooned with drying onions as big as a baby's head. The picnic table is invisible under a blanket of ripening tomatoes rivaling the onions in size.

Dahlias must be lifted, dusted, and packed in peat moss for the fall.

He suggests the tubers be kept cool and moist, separating them into eyelets in the spring and rubbing sulphur in the cut.

Gladioli bulbs are lifted, bulbets separated and they're also packed in peat moss. Roy likes small bulbs for flowering.

Most of his glads come from McConnell's Nursery although he picks up different colours around town. He even has black and green glads.

Dahlia tubers come from Prince Edward Island but Roy doubts he'll be able to get more because his supplier is over 80 and planning on retiring.

Roy Arnott certainly is Dahlia King of Acton—Gladioli King, too. I left Roy's garden with a smile in my heart and my arms full of flowers.



Roy Arnott.



Bruce Wray of Etobicoke received major injuries when the car he was driving, a 1977 Camero, struck the rear end of a truck driven by Hans Geller of RR 2 Acton, on the Fifth Line at the Erin Town Line on Saturday afternoon. A passenger in the Wray car, Merv Doyle-Davidson, and Geller received minor injuries in the mishap. All were taken to Georgetown Hospital.

## Region opposes speeders

Halton has supported a resolution asking for changes to the Highway Traffic Acts to crack down on speeders.

In addition, a copy of the resolution will be sent to all municipalities with populations of more than 30,000, asking support and a letter to the Ontario Attorney General, Roy McMurtry.

The resolution states council "considers speeding, noise and frequency of motor vehicle accidents to be a matter of vital concern."

What is asked for in HTA changes would be "stiffer penalties for speeding, tail-gating and racing on residential streets."

The Halton Regional Police Force has also been asked to come up with suggestions of "improving co-operation and utilization of manpower in achieving council's goals."

## Town ups rents

The town will up the rental rates at community centres, January 1, if a recommendation passed by Halton Hills general committee, Monday night is implemented by council.

The Georgetown Red Cross, using Cedarvale Community Centre, will have their rent upped from \$100 to \$106 monthly. Maple Nursery School, also at Cedarvale will have their rent increased from \$200 to \$212 a month; The Montessori school at Norval Community Centre will go from \$220 a month to \$240 and the Norval Community Association, at the same location will pay \$63.60 a

## Board changes driving classes

Halton's driver education courses are being re-organized to eliminate inequities between certain areas of the region.

The Halton Board of Education has approved a recommendation that teachers handle the classroom portion of the training while commercial driving instructors handle on-road instruction.

## Grass fire

Acton firefighters were called to a grass fire off Kingham Rd. Sunday.

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# Fine 'em high Johnson urges

Councillor Bill Johnson of Milton wants anyone caught throwing garbage into a ditch fined \$1,000.

Mr. Johnson told Friday's solid waste management committee a recent court case in Milton had caused him to call for "stiffer fines and meaningful penalties."

He said Milton town councillor Rick Day had laid charges against a man the councillor spotted, throwing garbage along the sideroad near Milton.

Johnson complained the culprit was found guilty but fined "a mere \$50."

The reason for the low fine, Mr. Johnson said, was the guilty party had been found guilty on his first offence.

He said he wanted the committee to ask the public works committee to send a letter to Environment Minister Dr. Harry Parrot asking that a minimum fine of \$1,000 be levied and "the judges be made aware" of the seriousness of sideroad dumping is viewed in Halton.

When it was suggested his resolution should be put over to the next meeting of the committee for discussion, Mr. Johnson got angry.

"I don't want to put this thing off. We've got a problem now and we

have a hell of a problem," he said.

Mr. Johnson referred to Halton Hills Councillor Russ Miller's concern shown at the last region meeting that the Oct. 31 closing of the Georgetown dump would result in people "driving to the nearest sideroad to dump their garbage instead of them driving to Oakville or Burlington."

The committee then talked about moving the discussion to this Friday's meeting of the SWM committee and Mr. Johnson got angry again.

"I'm getting sick and tired of waiting. Hell, I'll write to the Minister myself if it will just get it done," he said.

As Mr. Johnson got visibly more irritated the discussion swung to writing a letter to Hon. Jim Snow, Minister of Transportation and Communication asking for the fine increase to be made part of the Highway Traffic Act.

But Mr. Johnson's idea of a \$1,000 minimum fine on the first offence ran into some problems when councillor Walter Mulkeewich said, no judge would want to level so severe a penalty on a first time occurrence.

Mr. Johnson finally agreed the wording should be "up to a maximum of \$1,000."

He agreed taking the idea to council so an official regional letter passed by council, could be sent to Mr. Snow at the earliest possible date.

**MAKE APPOINTMENT**

The region's administration and finance committee will consider Halton's appointment to the Sheridan College Board of Governors at its Oct. 24 meeting.

Halton's four municipalities have been asked to submit names of people for the four-year appointment.

It has been stressed that any person chosen should have no affiliation with the college to avoid conflicts of interest.

# Trees to provide break

Regional headquarters is to become the site of a 1,400-tree demonstration forest, courtesy of Ontario Hydro.

Hydro has offered to plant 43.3 acres of trees at its expense, to replace trees cut down for transmission lines.

To date, 42 acres have been selected in Milton and Halton Hills.

With 1,400 trees remaining, it was suggested they could be used to help provide a visual break for the regional headquarters. This is sited on a lightly-treed piece of land at the intersection of Highway 25 and the Queen Elizabeth Way.

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