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1979 - a year end review

January 3
A private planning consultant hired by Ontario Hydro told the Ontario Municipal Board the best route for a proposed 500 kV through Halton Hills is the one suggested by Hydro.

More than \$8,000 has been pledged so far to town hall restoration committee's fund raising drive.

Acton resident Denny Andrews who works in Georgetown is being awarded the Star of Courage for rescuing two cousins from icy waters in Newfoundland.

January 17
Rev. Andrew McKenzie will be preaching his final sermon in Acton January 21 and all members and adherents of Knox Presbyterian are invited.

The depths of the Ontario Municipal examination of government policy proved to be a major point agreed by Ontario Hydro lawyers and opponents of a high power transmission corridor through Halton Hills at hearings in Georgetown.

Ontario Hydro lawyer John Parkinson told the OMB it must accept Ontario government policy without a question while an opposing lawyer, the Interested Citizens' Group's Patrick Devine urged board members to probe the reasons for government decisions.

Figure skater Kevin Parker, 17, is off to the Canadian Figure Skating championships from January 29 to February 4 to win, he hopes.

January 21
Hazen Allen, 132 Rexway Drive, Georgetown, principal of Robert Little school, Acton, and Speyside school, died in Peel Memorial Hospital Brampton Saturday following a four day illness. He was 51 years old.

Murray Memorial YMCA board of directors is thinking of adding squash courts as part of a major expansion to the 45-year-old Mill St. building.

January 31
Victoria Lenizky is off to Paris France to commence her European modelling career. Victoria, 17, of R.R. 2, Rockwood left Sunday and has a six months contract. She was crowned Miss Acton Fall Fair in September.

Larry Ciglen has been named acting principal of Robert Little and Speyside schools following the death of principal Hazen Allen.

February 7
Threats of ejection from the council chamber and an actual order to the clerk administrator to escort Henry Joseph, consultant for Landawn Shopping Centre from the meeting, created a shortlived but heated scene at Monday night's meeting of Halton Hills council.

February 21
A forest of exposed palms indicated favor with the proposed Zeirs store and plaza on the east end of town at last week's public meeting of Halton Hills planning board. Most of the approximately 300 people opposed with raised arms in favor of the plaza proposal. About 30 people opposed the plaza.

A determined effort to keep any tax increase for town purposes this year a maximum of five per cent is being made by Halton Hills council.

February 28
Plaza developer Jerry Sprackman says he will launch an appeal to the OMB to force Halton Hills' hand in favor of a shopping centre along Acton's eastern border. Halton Hills planning board last night voted 8-0 in favor of keeping the rural land plaza-proof. The decision comes in the wake of a public meeting in which most of about 300 people voted in favor of Mr. Sprackman's proposal.

March 7
The cost of tearing down the old Acton town hall, which would have to be paid by the town if no renovations are done, might as well be contributed by the town to the Restoration Fund, councillor Ed Wood suggested Wednesday night.

March 14
Halton Regional Police are linking a recent theft of an estimated \$200 value of prescription drugs with a drug overdose involving 18 North Halton students.

March 21
The town's share of taxes is up \$13.31 in Georgetown, \$13.36 in Acton and \$16.51 in Esquesing on an average home.

Halton Hills residents can expect to pay about \$23 more in school taxes this year, according to town treasurer Kay King.

Rev. Andrew McKenzie was named 1979 Citizen of the Year last night by the Acton Chamber of Commerce.

A mixture of surprise and relief was expressed by the three candidates for federal office in Halton now that the election has been called.

After 40 years of climbing the Boardmore ladder, secretary treasurer Lorne Youngblut has retired.

Decisions to lay off some employees from Superior Glove Works Ltd., early this year were not linked to workers efforts to form a union, a company official testified during an Ontario Labor Relations Board hearing in Toronto yesterday.

April 11
Schools were closed and many businesses short staffed Friday as winter had what many hoped was its last hurrah when 60 mile an hour winds coupled with a heavy snowfall made driving impossible.

Acton taxpayers will be forking over an additional \$74 of approximately 12.5 per cent for 1979 if the regional budget is approved today.

Peter Marks has failed in his bid to get the Acton Community Services the full grant they requested from the town of Halton Hills.

May 23
There was a shower of confetti as exuberant Tory workers and fans celebrated the landslide victory of Otto Jelinek at party headquarters in Oakville Tuesday night.

A 34-year-old drill blaster John Duffield, of Eden Mills, was honored with a civilian citation award from Halton Regional Police Tuesday evening in Milton for his role in the recovery of 17 stolen sticks of dynamite buried behind a Limehouse church last August.

May 30
The Glenlea medical centre is closing its doors permanently June 22. The decision came yesterday after attempts by the three doctors involved, Joseph Vukovich, Brendan Smith, and Hans Grundmann to get someone to take over the business failed.

The two existing hydro commissions, one in Georgetown and another in Acton, will disappear and one commission will serve Georgetown, Acton and Esquesing beginning January 1980 if a draft Halton Hills Hydro Electric Act is passed by the provincial government.

June 6
The Ontario Labor Relations board hearing concerning Superior GloveWorks Ltd., ended last week with the board appearing to be puzzled by lawyers' arguments.

Perrin Realty, Member of Parliament for Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe has been named Minister of State to the Treasury Board, making him the youngest cabinet minister in the history of confederation. He is 29.

June 13
Rumors of a permanent plant shut down at Disston Canada Ltd. throwing over 110 people out of work have been denied by the plant's union president Ken Swan.

Acton Community Services Centre will receive an additional \$1980 if Halton Hills council goes along with a recommendation made by general committee.

By the end of July, the last candy will be sold at C.K. Browne's Confectionery store on Main St.

June 20
The Glenlea medical centre has been saved. Two Toronto doctors will be taking over the practice of Drs. Joseph Vukovich and Hans Grundmann as of July 1. Dr. Brendan Smith will remain in Acton.

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.

June 27
Upset over the recently announced 30 per cent arena ice rental rates increase, a group of Acton businessmen have asked permission to take over the operation of the Acton arena.

July 4
It was the "Acton celebration of confederation" and even heavy rain did not dampen the spirits of hundreds of enthusiastic people on the holiday weekend during the third annual Back to Acton Days festivities.

July 11
Acton residents will go to the polls probably at the end of September to elect a municipal councillor to serve the unexpired term of the late Les Duby in Ward One. Dave Whiting and Terry Grubbe have both confirmed the candidacy for the seat.

The bid by private businessmen to take over operation of Acton arena was rejected by Halton Hills council claiming any report by the clerk administrator would be a waste of time.

July 18
Some 125 employees at Disston Canada Inc., Acton will be out of a job by September 24.

The Ontario Labor Relations Board cleared Superior Glove Works Ltd., of unjustified layoffs in a split decision handed down this week.

Acton's first Queen's council, Charles Leatherland died in Guelph General Hospital Thursday as the result of a heart attack.

July 25
McKenzie-Smith Middle School principal Gary

Dawkins is dead at the age of 40. Mr. Dawkins died suddenly at his home on Elmore Drive Monday morning.

Acton's power lines are about 16,000 volts richer thanks to a near flawless conversion to heavier equipment.

August 1
There is a definite need for an Acton Salvation Army says Mrs. Lieutenant Barb Pritchett and she and her husband have been transferred here from Newfoundland to fill that need.

August 8
An Acton woman facing two charges of murder will be tried in the Supreme Court of Ontario next month.

Construction of the senior citizens' apartments on Elizabeth Dr. is right on schedule according to project superintendent Ken Pollock and is expected to be completed in March.

August 15
A new assessment equalization factor established by the provincial government covering grants to municipalities and school boards could add a whopping \$908,792 to the amount to be raised by Halton Hills taxpayers next year or at the latest in 1981.

It was a close shave but Miss Acton Fall Fair Victoria Lenizky is appearing in today's Miss Sweetheart of the Fairs competition at the CNE. Victoria, 18, was crowned Miss Acton last September during the fall fair. In January she left for a six month modelling stint in Paris, France which ended a few weeks ago. However, individual assignments kept her tied down to Europe, making it impossible to get back to Canada. She arrived home Monday.

August 22
Fire and police officials are continuing to investigate the cause of Sunday's fire which killed one man and gutted the century old Dominion Hotel on Main St. N.

August 29
Disston Canada Inc. is looking for another purchaser for the industrial woodworking products division of its plant destined to go out of production at the end of September. It was announced last Friday that R. Hoe and Company will not be taking over the woodworking division as previously announced.

Halton Board of Education named John Simpson to be the new principal of McKenzie Smith Middle School.

September 5
In a surprise announcement to Mayor Pete Pomeroy just minutes before last night's council meeting, recreation director Glen Gray revealed his resignation effective October 12. Just one week before, in an in camera session at general committee, recreation coordinator Anne Pickering announced her resignation also.

September 12
Doris Jones has been found not guilty by reason of insanity in the fiery deaths of her son and mother-in-law April 13. She will be detained at the Clark Institute of Psychiatry in Toronto for an undetermined period of time.

An Acton woman has given birth to what could be the town's first set of triplets. The babies, all boys, were born at McMaster Medical Centre, Saturday afternoon to Ely McIntyre, nee Toebes. Father Dave says he is just now recuperating.

Will McEachern has been named to represent Acton on the new Halton Hills Electric Commission effective March 1.

September 19
Over 12,000 people took advantage of the near perfect weather on the weekend and attended the Acton Fall Fair.

Details of the wage agreement between Halton's Board of Education and elementary teachers reveal a 6.6 per cent increase in salaries on top of the last settlement.

September 26
With unusual speed, Halton Hills planning board Tuesday night gave its stamp of approval to 50 single family homes to be built in the Churchill Rd. N. area of

Acton.

There will not be a union at Superior Glove in Acton.

October 3
The Supreme Court of Ontario has declined to issue a decision on the appeal made by the town of Halton Hills and the ICG after the OMB directed the town to include a zoning amendment allowing the building of the long battled Hydro corridor. The town and ICG must pay the costs.

Employees at Disston Canada in Acton have received a five week unemployment line.

October 10
Terry Grubbe is the new Acton representative on Halton Hills council beating out opponent Dave Whiting by 88 votes.

Halton regional council has agreed to recommend equalized water and sewer billing January 1, 1980.

October 17
After much haggling, Halton Board of Education shuffled its administration and came up with a new structure. The board is cutting down the number of administrators at the area superintendent level from eight to seven.

In spite of the recent sale of the industrial woodworking line of Disston to a Dundas firm, the employment situation still looks bleak.

October 21
So moved by appeals to save the old Acton town hall was one senior citizen she transferred all her September pension cheque of \$300 to the restoration fund.

October 31
With growing enthusiasm, plans are being made to raise money for Acton's share of the cost of the renovation of the town hall.

Catherine Rich is the 1979-80 Halton Dairy Princess.

November 7
The ICG is preparing another appeal to the Ontario Cabinet to stop Ontario Hydro corridor from being completed in Halton.

Red tape is holding up the arrival of Acton's Vietnamese refugee family.

November 14
After years of debate and legal wrangling, Halton Hills planning board Tuesday night voted to prepare the by law permitting hydro towers to go through Halton Hills.

Acton's Vietnamese refugee family will soon be arriving.

November 21
"We'll fight on." Despite the order from the Ontario Municipal Board directing council to pass an amendment to the official plan and zoning by law to permit construction of a high voltage hydro corridor through Halton Hills, the ICG will still fight the corridor.

November 28
Acton's first family of Vietnamese refugees arrived last week and are in the process of settling in their new surroundings.

December 5
Thirty years of faithful service was recognized recently when Guy Cartage presented Don Van Fleet with a plaque in appreciation of his work.

Martha Jackson of Maple View Lodge celebrated her 90th birthday.

December 12
Two men, both living on the same street were killed and three others sent to hospital following a head-on collision at Silvercreek corner, Highway 7 early Saturday morning.

One person is dead and five others in Guelph General Hospital following a two car crash near Eden Mills Wednesday evening.

The first step in the revitalization of downtown Acton is how Larry Greaves speaking for the Acton BIA described the proposal to build a large Foodland Supermarket and tear down the old Force Electric Building.

December 19
The ICG is attempting to pull the plug on Ontario Hydro export sales by appealing to the National Energy Board concerning the 500 kv line through Halton Hills.