

# Citizen mad over cemetery garbage



Storey Dr. resident Brian Cargill searches through some garbage in Fairview Cemetery Monday for any clue as to the owner's identity. Cargill is upset that so much garbage is allowed to be dumped in the grounds.

At least one Storey Drive homeowner is upset about the lack of action concerning the clean up of trash behind Fairview Cemetery.

Brian Cargill, 12 Storey Dr., said it's time something was done. For three years he's been after the town to cut down some old dead trees which he and other residents look out on from their backyards. Other area homeowners raised this issue at a recent councillors' drop-in.

"Who runs this town? The mayor and elected officials or some Yahoo who says he doesn't want garbage receptacles in the cemetery," said Cargill.

The resident is after some garbage receptacle for the cemetery so that people, after cleaning up graves, no not just chuck their refuse onto private property.

Cargill is also upset that garbage is allowed to be dumped, apparently as fill, in the pond and at a spot farther back in the cemetery.

"Is this top soil for

graves?" said the Storey Dr. resident as he picked up refuse near tombstones. He said he had been told only topsoil is dumped in the cemetery.

The soil would be used to build up older graves which have caved in.

"This is what gets me. They say it's just from in

the graveyard," said Cargill while pointing out chunks of concrete, road tar and egg cartons.

"It's time. When someone stands there and tells you they'll do something, you tend to believe them," said Cargill. He's tired of waiting for something to be done.

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Many parents attended the third annual May Crowning at St. Joseph's School Friday. Father Leo Speagle, right, conducted the service. Chris O'Neill and Angela Bailey, both in Grade 2, had major roles in the annual event. The entire school, under principal Sean Briggs left also attends.

## Seven retiring firefighters to be honored at dinner

Seven of Acton's Volunteer Firefighters will officially retire this Saturday at a special dinner held at the Fire Hall.

For a short while the firefighting force was down from 35 men to 28 but with new recruits, the force is up to 33 with a couple more likely prospects on the horizon.

In January of this year four firefighters retired. Sam Tennant, Harry Otterbein, Don Van Fleet and Doug Mason hung up their hoses and buried their hatchets. Between them they represented

110 years of fighting fires.

More recent retirees include Norm Price and son Bob Price who had 40 years' firefighting work between them, and Dobbie Frizzell who retired after 21 years experience.

Twenty-nine year veteran Norm Price remembers when the only vehicle for fighting fires in Acton was a GMC truck. The first fire he went to was at the creamery.

Since those early days he's seen a lot of changes. The department has

grown from 10 to 35 men using three trucks, a panel truck, and the antique Studebaker. The fire department now has a fire hall instead of the area underneath the auditorium where the one truck used to be kept.

He says the fire department is much faster now with more equipment, but fire calls have changed from a large amount of grass fires to more chimney fires.

Fires that stick out in his memory are the Dominion Hotel fire and two house blazes on Main Street.

When called by this newspaper, Price heard the fire bell go and commented, "I may be retired but my feet are still stamping."

His son Bob has been a fulltime firefighter with the Mississauga fire department for the past five years. His recent move to Mississauga from Acton has ended a 10 year career with Acton Firefighters.

Following his father

into the fire force at the age of 20, he's also seen many changes in the department. Manpower has increased from 25 to 35 but calls have also increased, since the town grew, he says. He feels more hazardous building materials are the impetus to the increased number of fires. Chimney fires, caused by improper installation and infrequent cleaning, are also on the rise, he comments.

Dobbie Frizzell found his 21 years as a volunteer firefighter "intriguing." His new work responsibilities with Halton Hills Hydro make it necessary for him to leave the fire force that has lost seven of its men within as many months.

During his tenure he remembers some of the bad fires Acton has suffered in recent years as the worst he's attended. The Dominion Hotel and the Jones farm fire stand out in his memory.

Dobbie (called Dorsen on his birth certificate) tells lots of funny firefighter stories including the one about the volunteer who answered the page at night, staggered to the firehall, only to learn the fire was in his own home and he's left his wife and child. A neighbor had called in the alarm seeing fire coming from his chimney.

Saturday's dinner honoring the seven is the department's way of saying they'll be sorely missed.

### Board thanks Police

Halton Separate school board is thanking the Halton Regional Police for their quick and successful efforts in the apprehension of two vandals at the Assumption school site.

The new Burlington Catholic high school was damaged by vandals

### St. Alban's

## 108th anniversary

Five new members were welcomed into the family of St. Alban's in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism recently. They are Julie Anne Hewitt, daughter of Douglas and Susan Hewitt, godparents Diana and William Preston; Mary Elizabeth Ruth Ferguson, daughter of Brian and Gayle Ferguson, godparents David and Karen Wilson; Adam Mark Telford, son of Richard and Janie Telford, godparents Terry and Alice Bridge and Thomas Harman; John Robert Runham, son of Robert and Catherine Runham, godparents John and Diane Hinton;

and Wesley John Almand, son of Robert and Wanda Almand, godparents David and Beverley Owen.

Sunday, June 8 will be Awards Day for the Church School and also Youth Sunday.

June 22 will be St. Alban's 108th anniversary and the Rev. Phillip Sawyer, former rector, will be present at the service together with his daughter, the Rev. Betty Kilbourn, who will be the guest preacher. This will be followed by a parish pot luck luncheon, including the annual gathering of pioneers of the church.



The Color Party of the Acton Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion leads the Citizens' Band, the Acton Firefighters and the Salvation Army down Main Street Sunday afternoon in the Decoration Day parade. The parade started late, at the Post Office and ended at Fairview Cemetery where a service was held to commemorate those who fought in the second World War.

### Knox Ladies' Aid

## Tour local garden

by L. Dennis

A tour of the beautiful well-kept lawns and flower gardens at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Berry, 160 Elmore Drive, was an added bonus to 20 members of Knox Ladies' Aid when they met last Tuesday at this home for their monthly meeting.

A timely poem "Sign of the Season" was read by Mrs. H. Murray, president as she opened the meeting.

A work meeting on June 4, to complete the Banner, will be held in the church hall.

Final plans were made for the dinner the next evening. (Wednesday, 135 men and women enjoyed a good meal.)

The devotions were taken by Mrs. R. Murray, and Mrs. S. Chalson.

Reminiscing a few years back, two delightful poems, entitled "My Kitchen Window" and "My Garden", from the pen of the hostess, Mrs. Berry, were read. Mrs. S. Chalson read a poem "Sunshine and Rain."

A delicious lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. S. Chalson and

Mrs. R. Murray, and Mrs. J.B. Macpherson expressed courtesies.

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Acton Firefighters were called out three times to battle flames at the control tower on the grounds of the old drag strip last week. Firefighters say the fires were set.

## Dragway fire set

Acton firefighters were called out three times in two days to extinguish flames which gutted the tower at the old Toronto International Dragway on the Fifth Line.

Deputy chief Bob Hyde said the blaze was "set", however since the building was awaiting demolition anyway, there is no real property damage so this arson case isn't being investigated by police.

Firefighters were called out to the old drag strip for the first time around 11:30 p.m. Thursday and then returned Friday morning and that afternoon because flames broke out again.

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