

Subject of recent TV news item

Area man doesn't fit image of jobless

There is a myth or stereotype of Canada's unemployed. They're too lazy to work. They don't try and find a job. They don't want to work. They just want to collect unemployment. They're unskilled. They're young drop-outs or too old to hire.

Well, an RR 3 Acton (living just west of Ospringe) man, George Zylawy, doesn't fit the mold. In fact a lot don't fit the image.

Zylawy wants to work. He isn't collecting pogy. He is skilled. He's not young or getting on in years, he's in his mid-30s. He's not a drunk or deadbeat but a responsible family man.

Last month his battle to find work in his field was the subject of Global News anchorman Peter Trueman's "That's not news, but that too is reality" closing feature.

He has had quite an experience during the last 16 months of job hunting.

Zylawy has sent out over 100 resumes, gone to several interviews and even started his own consulting firm to try and get work.

So far he hasn't been successful, but he's not giving up, despite the mounting frustration.

Trueman, one of the premier journalists and commentators in Canada suggested Zylawy is someone to be both admired and sympathized with. "I had a man in my office recently, who by all of society's standards is worthy of sympathy. I felt sympathy for him too, because I am a member of the human race. But because I too have had a taste of trouble in my time, what I felt chiefly was admiration."

While his career wasn't progressing like he would have liked being a real go-getter, Zylawy and his wife and two children enjoyed a nice life; they have a house on three acres and grow some corn, before his job of 10 years at the University of Guelph ended because of budget cuts.

His is a common story since then. For every job he's after there are usually a couple of hundred applicants. He's just another name in a big pile of resumes. And since his surname starts with the last letter of the alphabet he may even be at a disadvantage with swamped personnel managers who put the resumes in alphabetical order. They're pretty weary by the time they get to Zylawy.

"I'm intelligent and capable. I'm more than willing to work," he says. His file of resumes, and return letters, inches thick, bears this out.

He and his wife are graduates of the University of Western Ontario. Zylawy has a BA in social sciences, and after completing his education worked for three years at Western as administrative assistant to the director of physical plant and planning as well as determining how government grant funds could be used to improve facilities and establishing a formula for securing capital grants.

In 1970 Zylawy went to the University of Guelph as a space utilization officer where space problems were a big issue. It was his responsibility to resolve requests for both administration and academic space requests in some 150 buildings within the university. "It was very interesting and challenging work and I became quite good at it." He's done everything from allocating a janitor's broom closet to moving entire departments with a hundred or more employees.

He also tried to expand his area of expertise, looking for ways to save money and bring ideas from the people he dealt with at lower echelons to the people at the top. But his career wasn't really going anywhere because you become locked into your one area of responsibility in any large bureaucracy.

Budget cuts eventually made his position redundant.

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George Zylawy

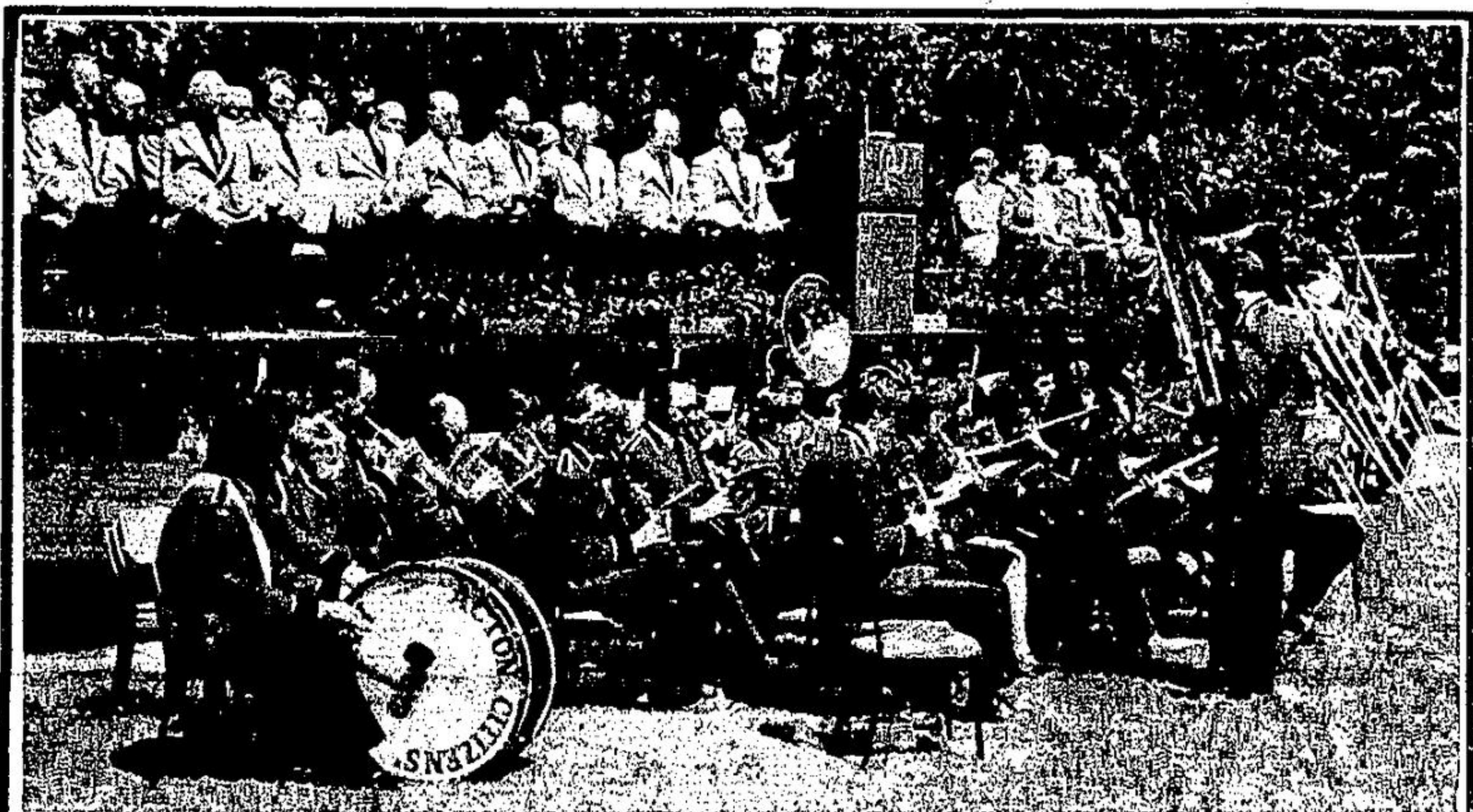
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Under sunny skies the Acton Citizens' Band and Acton Choralliers sang at Sunday's Decoration Day service at Fairview Cemetery. Platform guests Mayor Peter Pomeroy, chairperson Jessie Coles, Rev. John Robertson, Rev. John Cooper and Lieutenant Lorne Pritchett spoke to the large crowd on hand for the annual ceremony. Also on the platform were Acton Councillors Terry Grubbe, Dave Whiting and Ross Knechtel. More photos and a story on Decoration Day on page 5.

Photo by GORD MURRAY

Halton police are determined to be part of Acton's family

The Halton Regional Police are determined to become a part of the Acton family and appreciate the opportunity Chief James Harding told the congregation at Knox Presbyterian Church Sunday morning.

Harding and 14 of his officers and their families attended the police thank-you service.

The service was planned by Rev. John Robertson and Lorne Doberthien to be a continuation of the efforts to improve relations and communications between Acton and the force which began in February with the successful open house. It was an opportunity to show the blossoming friendship between citizens and the police.

The chief delivered a six page address entitled "We Are Shown The Way!" Inspector Jim Currie gave the Responsive Reading, Constable Maureen Griffith the Children's Story and Staff Sergeant Wayne Jessop and Constable Joe Prasad read from the scriptures.

Harding reviewed the nine principles of policing as set out by Sir Robert Peel and said they "show us the way to achieve an effective relationship between the police and public."

Sir Robert Peel saw the police as part of the community family "and it is in part his words that prompt the determination of the Halton Regional Police to make itself a part of the community family and not apart from it."

"The Acton experience has shown that the law of God, the law of man and the basic principles of policing continue to be the solid foundation upon which to build a God loving and law abiding society."

"On behalf of the officers, NCOs and men and members of the Halton Regional Police Force, thank you for giving us the opportunity to be a part of your community family."

As an aside Harding said thanks for his now having a good friend in Acton like Lorne Doberthien.

Harding has frequently praised Doberthien for his courage and caring for his community enough to speak out loudly last fall and early winter. He credits Doberthien with making the police aware of community concerns and complaints which prompted the force to stabilize its presence here, host an afternoon for local businessmen and politicians at regional police headquarters and then hold the open house at the Legion which drew a huge crowd.

Doberthien told the congregation that when he sent a letter out of frustration to the chief and this newspaper last fall he had no idea he and others in Acton would end up with so many great new friends. "The police are a lot of nice guys." He joked the Acton cops have been dubbed "the dirty dozen" but assured Harding this town will "clean them up."

Acton welcomes the police "with open arms" and appreciates the force's efforts to treat us a little differently because Acton is different than other areas the police patrol in Halton; we're a little smaller and probably will remain so, and a little isolated from the rest of Halton. "The chief's not a bad guy," he concluded.

Rev. Robertson had praise for both men, noting Harding and Doberthien have continued communicating regularly since the open house and their conversations have been filled with "grace."

He said the church and community wanted to thank the police for the "wonderful job" they have been doing under difficult circumstances. Pointing to the difficulty police face in handling tasks like family disputes and going to tragic accident scenes, Rev. Robertson said they are "human beings" who use compassion and kindness in doing their jobs.

Being a policeman isn't easy these days with the lack of respect for authority, their vulnerability to people who have no regard for human life and people's disrespect for God's and man's laws.

Sir Robert Peel's nine principles are guiding the work of the force, Harding said, and he outlined Peel's thoughts on police work.

- 1) To prevent crime and disorder, as an alternative to their repression by military force and severity of legal punishment.
- 2) To recognize always that the power of the police to fulfill their functions and duties is dependent on public approval of their existence, actions and behaviour, and on their ability to secure and maintain public respect.
- 3) To recognize always that to secure and maintain the respect and approval of the public means also the securing of the willing co-operation of the public in the task of securing observance of laws.
- 4) To recognize always that the extent to which the co-operation of the public can be secured diminishes, proportionately, the necessity of the use of force.

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Ontario Housing Minister Claude Bennett won't be coming to the official opening of the senior citizens' apartment on Elizabeth Dr. Details on page 2.

Works staff and Halton Hills are only two cents an hour apart in contract talks. More on page 2.

There will soon be a parkette on Elizabeth Dr. Turn to page 3.

Hear plan for complex in Georgetown

Committee studies municipal building

Halton Hills general committee has decided to set up a special committee to study future municipal building needs.

The decision Monday to look at the subject of a municipal complex came after councillors heard a proposal from Rex Heslop Associated Companies to build a municipal building beside a shopping-office complex on Highway 7 in Georgetown. The municipal building would be leased to the town with Halton Hills paying for water, heat, taxes etc. as well as contributing \$800,000 to interior finishing such as carpets, wallpaper, paneling, and other items.

Mayor Peter Pomeroy urged a special committee with a representative from each ward be struck to look at the municipal quarters question. He suggested the committee start by coming up with terms of reference for future municipal building needs and bring them back to council for approval. — The committee could go to work assembling the needed information such as square footage requirements and financial facts.

The committee will also look at "methods of implementation of a program to centralize" municipal offices and operations.

The committee will look at not just the Heslop

proposal but other municipal complex ideas and sites as well.

Heslop company spokesman Rud Whiting and Toronto architect Danieł Li outlined plans for a five storey, 40,000 square foot complex with a parking lot below. Li described the site as centrally located and accessible between Guelphview Square and Canadian Tire; adding it would create a good symbol and identity for the town.

Councillor Dave Whiting took issue with suggestions a building in Georgetown would be central. He said the site couldn't be viewed as central to

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Ron McKnight Citizen of Year



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Known as the "voice of Acton", McKnight has spent the last 13 of his 32 years helping Acton's sports programs as a scorekeeper, announcer, manager etc. As well he is an active member of the Acton Rotary Club and at age 20 was the youngest member of the organization. He was president in 1978-79.

The selection of McKnight was announced Tuesday by Acton Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year selection committee chairperson Pat Wood.

He will be honored at a dinner-dance at the Acton Curling Club on Saturday, June 27.

"I feel quite honored, I really do," McKnight said Tuesday after hearing he is Citizen of the Year, adding "I'm kind of shook up."

He said when he first started getting involved in the community he never thought he would be honored in this way. McKnight said he is involved in sports and other activities so he can do things for other people, not the personal recognition.

Besides his sports and Rotary involvement in the community McKnight served on the Chamber executive for four years and is an associate member of Branch 197.



Fourteen uniform and plain clothes officers of the Halton Regional Police joined Chief James Harding for the Thank You Police church service Sunday at Knox Presbyterian Church. Lorne Doberthien, left in the front row, and Rev. John Robertson praised the efforts of police in Acton, while Harding gave the address.

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Free Press Canada's best

The Acton Free Press has been selected the Best All 'Round Community Newspaper in its circulation class in Canada.

This newspaper topped a field of 24 entries in the Canadian Community Newspapers' Association annual Better Newspapers Competition for class three, circulation 3,500 to 4,499.

The Free Press also won a second place award for its front page.

Judging was based on evaluation of the front page; editorial page; news of the community on the inside pages; photographs; advertising;

typography, make-up, general impression; and local features and columns. The Free Press received top marks in all areas.

Judging was based on two mandatory issue submissions, March 26, 1980 and September 17, 1980, which weren't revealed to the papers competing until early this year.

Publisher Don McDonald and editor Gord Murray will receive the two awards at the annual Canadian Community Newspapers' Association convention next month in Halifax.