

Acton Cancer volunteers really have something to wave a flag about these days. Last night (Tuesday) the local Cancer Society organization became a unit on its own, not just a branch of the Georgetown body. Raising the flag signalling the start of an April campaign is first president of the new unit Arlie White along with Susan Sale and Yvonne Courtine.

Acton has independent Cancer Unit

The Acton Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society was born last night (Tuesday) at a special Charter Presentation meeting at the Trinity United Church.

Concerned citizens have been working hard for 25 years both as individuals and later as a branch of the Georgetown Unit. Becoming an independent unit reflects their strength and growth over the years and what the executive feels is a natural step forward.

Gloria Coats, past president of the branch decided now was a good time to recall the history of the organization, and give credit where credit is due.

Following is the club's history as remembered by Mrs. Coats, founding member Velma West, and through official records.

by Gloria Coats

There was a need in our town, 25 years ago, for dressings and transportation to treatment centers, for cancer patients, and

that need was met by a few volunteers who cared. That was the beginning of the Acton Branch of the Cancer Society.

Several years ago we asked a founding member, Mrs. Velma West, to write a history of our Branch. The following are some excerpts from her writings plus what I know of our own history.

It all began when Mrs. Kay Thompson, from Milton, a part-time secretary for Halton County Health Unit, was asked by the nurses of the Health Unit to help make some dressings in their building in the evenings, for the patients in need of dressings.

It soon became apparent that Acton, Georgetown, and surrounding areas also had patients needing such dressing. A room was secured in the Milton town hall and volunteers from Acton, Naasagawaya, Milton, Georgetown, and Esquesing gathered to make dressings.

Soon the demand was so great in our town that a room in the Acton Free Press build-

ing was granted to us free and Mrs. Kay Lidge recruited many volunteers from Acton and area and dressings started to be made for our own local cancer patients.

Over that summer 25 years ago, due to a shortage of Public Health nurses Velma West an RN on the unit staff, was asked by her director of nursing to visit patients in the Acton area. She found Acton's first transportation committee already in action. Ted Tyler Sr. of Tyler Transport Ltd. had been taking needy patients to Toronto for treatment, leaving them for the day and bringing them home on the return truck trip.

Velma then wrote to the Canadian Cancer Society, Toronto, for help and thus a very interested but informal group gathered at the YMCA, and our Acton Branch was born. There are no records to prove this, but we feel this happened in the fall of 1956. Many different activities were carried out, she states.

It is believed that Ray Arbic was our first

president, followed by Ray Kirkness and then for a few years there was a vacant chair. Jack Creighton held the position in the mid 60s for a short period. He was followed by Wes Beatty, after his retirement from the Beardmore Co., who contributed greatly to the Branch, in helping the executive become more structured and motivated. He was followed by Rena Arbic, Gloria Coats, and the present president Susan Sale.

Velma West automatically became services chairman, when the Branch first started. Records were kept on patients from the spring of 1957. Gloria Coats became the next chairman in 1963, and carried on into the early 70s. She was followed very capably by Cathy McGillivray, Susan Kuechler, and our present service to patient chairman, Jane Telford. This past year we added the transportation co-venturership under Linda Bowen. Many services have been added over the

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Town hall study costs \$11,000

The feasibility study and structural analysis for the Acton town hall will cost \$11,000 more than planned.

Monday Halton Hills council approved the selection of Kleinfeldt Consultants of Brampton to conduct the study at a cost of \$11,000.

Terms of reference for the study were sent to 12 consulting firms and the project was advertised.

Five firms submitted proposals but Kleinfeldt, while not being the lowest tender, was selected because its proposal best fit the terms of reference.

Councillor Terry Grubbe, chairman of the special town hall subcommittee of council, said the proposal from the lowest tenderer, Proctor and Redfern, Toronto, dealt more with the question of need for community centre facilities and less with the

merits of the town hall project. The Proctor and Redfern bid was \$10,000. The proposal from Keith Wagland Architect, Toronto, cost \$16,500 and the bid from Analytical Space Planning, Acton, was \$17,500. The highest tender, at \$19,000 to \$20,000, was from Horton and Ball, Kitchener.

Back in June council allocated \$5,000 from the \$40,000 it set aside several years ago for the town hall restoration for the study. With the study costing \$11,000 and the province picking up half the cost, Mayor Peter Pomeroy called for an additional \$500 to be allocated by the municipality. Now Halton

Hills will spend \$5,500 on the study.

Recreation director Tom Shepard said the terms of reference and timeline for the study are completely covered in the Kleinfeldt proposal.

The firm now has a little less than two months to complete its work. A preliminary report is due on November 6 and the final report must be turned into the town by November 20. The final report will go immediately to council and the municipality must make a decision on the fate of the town hall before the end of the year, the deadline for applying for a Wintario grant.

Designate Acton as tourist area

The province should designate Acton as a tourist area Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed says.

The "time is appropriate," Reed said, for he and Leathertown to "launch an effort" to have the Ontario Ministry of Industry and Tourism designate Acton as a tourist area. Being designated a tourist area permits shops to stay open more hours and frees up provincial tourism promotion funds for an area.

Acton isn't now recognized as a tourist area, but it should be, Reed said at Friday's councillors' drop in.

Reed said it is "disappointing" that the province hasn't already designated Acton and Halton as a tourist area, adding he tried to have it done a few years ago and failed. However, the growing recognition and support of the Leathertown concept means the time is "ripe" to try again.

Leathertown chairman Chip Petrillo attended the drop-in to bring Reed, Mayor Peter Pomeroy and councillors up to date on Leathertown activities. Councillors Dave Whiting and Terry Grubbe are already involved in the project.

He invited Reed to join with former Acton resident and now Peel region chairman Frank Bean in entertaining at a one hour show prior to the Wintario draw tentatively set for Acton High School gym on November 28. Both Bean and Reed are accomplished musicians. Petrillo noted the draw isn't firm yet pending some more technical requirements for the television show being met. He also advised admission will be charged for the evening and Acton has been asked to move its weekly draw

to the high school for Wintario night.

Reed, the mayor and councillors were invited to become involved with Leathertown. He said the new association, which will hold its inaugural meeting at M.Z. Bennett School on October 8, would welcome the politicians' involvement in advising Leathertown how government funds can be secured; attending meetings and helping with projects; and would welcome their personal financial support of the project. Petrillo was also asked to come to Halton Hills council and bring the entire municipality up to date on Leathertown.

Tourism is important to Halton Hills, Pomeroy said, and he predicted Leathertown will make Acton a tourist centre. Council has limited funds for grants to groups, but possibly the municipality can be of some help, he said. The mayor felt Acton could have developed a tourist image long before now if only a group had launched a project like Leathertown previously. He advised Leathertown seek the assistance of recreation director Tom Shepard because he has considerable knowledge about provincial grants. Reed said Provincial money should be available for Acton to promote tourism since tourism is Ontario's third largest industry.

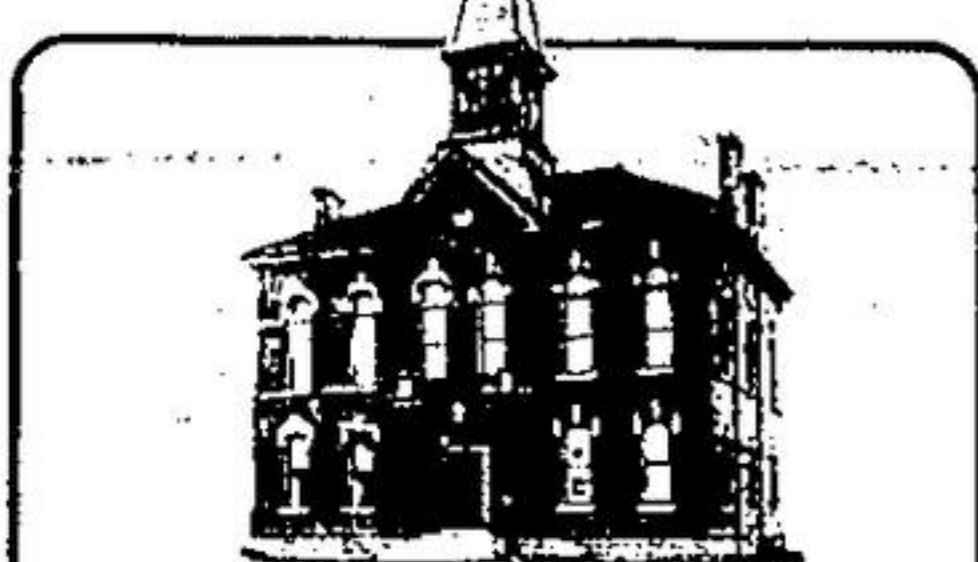
Both the municipality and region have been "most co-operative" with Leathertown thus far, Petrillo noted.

The Leathertown concept is becoming known not just in Acton, but right across Halton Hills and in the surrounding area too, Pomeroy declared, adding the project will "make us extremely well recognized."



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Paul Iredale doesn't have to talk about the fish that got away—he didn't let it. Paul caught this beauty in the Credit River, in the Highway 5 area last Wednesday morning. The Chinook Salmon weighed in at 29.56 pounds, and was 39 inches long, and 24 1/2 inches around. It took him about a half an hour to land it. Paul planned to make a few meals out of his prize catch.



Actario year 2 start delayed

Slow ticket sales have postponed the start of Actario's second year of weekly draws from this Saturday until Saturday, December 5.

Since the first year of draws ended on August 29 sales have been slow, though they picked up dramatically this week. However, the upsurge didn't come soon enough for Actario to reach its target of 400 sold tickets to cover all the trip and cash prizes for the year. Money for about 100 sold tickets has been turned in, but organizers know there are members of clubs still selling tickets and some haven't turned their money in yet.

Chairman Ted Tyler is confident that with an extra two months to sell tickets Actario will exceed its 400 sold tickets target and kick-off as planned in December.



MPP Julian Reed's visit to the councillors' drop-in Friday afternoon was a huge success with several residents coming in to ask Reed and councillors Dave Whiting, Terry Grubbe and Russ Miller questions.

Firefighters suggest Move hall to hydro building

If and when the Halton Hills Hydro building on Alice St. is closed the Acton Firefighters' Association has asked that they be considered as the new occupants of the facility.

Mayor Peter Pomeroy confirmed Halton Hills has received a letter from the Firefighters' Association dealing with the former Acton Hydro Commission building but declined to discuss the contents until it has gone to council.

The letter is slated to be part of council's agenda for next Monday's meeting.

It has been widely reported around town in recent

days that the firefighters have written they would like to take over the hydro building as a new fire hall. This version of the letter's contents has been confirmed by a number of sources which asked to remain anonymous.

In late June of this year, in a story in this newspaper, Acton's representative on the commission, Wilf McEachern, said the idea of closing the Acton office has been discussed but no firm decision has been made yet. All sources connected with the commission agree now that a final decision to close the Acton building hasn't been made.

Doberthien-Reed to push for special handicapped parking

Local businessman Lorne Doberthien and Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed are joining forces to push for special parking facilities for the handicapped at major attractions like the CNE and Ontario Place.

Friday Doberthien brought a letter to Reed at the councillors' drop-in calling for government to "establish a tag system that the handicapped can apply for through their doctor so they don't have to describe their problems in detail each time they need special consideration, a universal sign Canadians can be proud of," he asked why there can't be a few regulations to make life a little easier for the handicapped, why there can't be designated parking areas at major attractions and why police can't ticket people who aren't disabled when they park in handicapped parking areas?

After hearing Doberthien's letter Reed said "I'm impressed" and pledged his complete support. The MPP suggested the letter be sent formally to himself, Ontario Secretary for Social Development Margaret Birch, Premier William Davis, Halton MP Otto Jelinek, federal Minister of Health and Welfare Monique Begin and Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.

He said he will follow-up the letters with personal appeals at the provincial level and expected Jelinek would do the same in Ottawa.

In addition, Reed said, Doberthien's thoughts and concerns will reach the floor of the Ontario Legislature in the form of a private member's bill as soon as his turn comes around.

Doberthien noted there are laws helping the handicapped with parking in the United States and England, but a letter he received from Ottawa showed there aren't any in Canada. The word from

the federal government indicated parking is a provincial and municipal matter.

Reed said he wants to make parking for the disabled a federal-provincial project which will cross party lines by involving Conservatives, Liberals and New Democrats at both levels of government.

The idea of a tag or card to be displayed on cars belonging to the handicapped was "tremendous", and there was no "logical reason why it couldn't be done," Reed said. He noted he'll return to Acton shortly to meet with Doberthien and come up with a private member's bill wording so "they (other MPPs) can't block it without looking like rotten turnkeys."

Doberthien lost one leg to bone cancer a few years ago and noted he has "been coming to a slow boil" over the lack of consideration for the handicapped at places like shopping malls, the CNE, Ontario Place and other exhibits and displays in Ontario. He outlined the problems he has encountered trying to park closer to facilities and the degradation of having to explain one's handicap.

Councillors Dave Whiting and Terry Grubbe were enthusiastically behind Doberthien's appeal and said they'll raise the matter at council.

(Turn to page 4 for the full text of Doberthien's letter.)

Rain, cold hurts crops

A wet summer, especially in August, and a dull and chilly fall have hurt a number of crops at North Halton farms.

Doug Miller and Burke McNeill, both of the Halton Agricultural office in Milton, talked about diseases, poor field conditions, and chilly spring and fall conditions impacting on hay, corn, grains, fruits and vegetables in an interview this week.

The first hay crop was excellent, well above

average, Miller said, but the second and third cuttings were poor because of the wetness the past two months. Miller added quite a bit of the second and third hay crops was lost.

Grain and ensilage (silo) corn harvesting hasn't started yet, but Miller says, both look good. Wetness has effected field conditions, but he believes that won't prevent ensilage corn yields being above average and the grain corn "looks promising". Grain corn maturity is ahead of last year, a real plus.

About 10 per cent of the wheat, oats and barley crops have been lost because of the wet weather. The grains were hard to harvest and rain destroyed some of it. However, Miller added, on balance there was still a higher than normal yield.

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