



Master Warrant Officer Don Laver reviews some promotion material about the Central Band of the Canadian Forces with Walker Lodge member Jack Carpenter.

Forces Band plays Bach to Broadway

The show residents will see and hear June 5 at the Acton Community Centre (the arena) when the Central Band of the Canadian Forces visits here will range from Bach to Broadway, it'll cover the entire musical spectrum.

Master Warrant Officer Don Laver, information officer for the band and one of its talented musicians, was in town Thursday afternoon meeting with local organizer Jack Carpenter and dropped by the Free Press to talk about the upcoming show.

Carpenter reported ticket sales are brisk, there aren't many reserved floor seats left for the evening performance, although there are seats still in the hockey stands.

Band members are looking forward to their visit to Acton to play an evening show for adults and an afternoon performance for students. They are also anticipating

with relish the banquet between shows being put on by Branch 197 and the Masons.

The reason the band is so excited about coming here is because it is very rare that they get to play for an audience of adults in the small community. Mostly the band plays for school students as part of their Canadian Forces recruiting work. But here they feel they will be entertaining "the taxpayers, adults, the heart and soul" of the community, Laver declared. And they figure the dinner will give them a chance to "get to know the folks here."

Laver applauded Carpenter's efforts to put together the band's tour for the Masons which includes stops in Hamilton, Kitchener, London and Guelph, as well as Acton.

He described the show as covering "Bach to Broadway."

The audience is likely to hear marches and overtures; Broadway themes; tunes familiar from television and movies including work by John Williams - the composer of the Empire Strikes Back, Star Wars and Raiders of the Lost Ark music; music by Canadian composer Howard Cable whose concert band music is performed by military bands worldwide, including in China; selections from the Stratford Suite; contemporary salutes to the big bands sound; instrumental and vocal solos by both male and female artists, etc.

The band was formed out of the unification of the Armed Forces in 1968 and is the largest of nine Canadian military bands. It is a unit of Air Command and is stationed in Ottawa.

With 60 members on the tour, Laver says Acton will discover the band is a predominantly young group, many were in

school just a few years ago. "They have chosen music as a way of life and the Canadian Armed Forces as a lifestyle. They are serving their country while doing something they like." The Central Band is a tremendous musical experience because a person's first "contract" is for five years.

And the band is very highly regarded. Just read what some reviewers have written:

"This Canadian Band offered only pure enjoyment." - Oct. 1970 Philadelphia Eve Bulletin; "Central Band in Centennial Concert Hall... Yes it was magnificent for its bravura, color and above all the superb talent of musicians and singers." - May 1970 Winnipeg Tribune; "The Central Band an imposing force... excellent interpretation shows, great discipline and pure intonation-April 1973 Badische (Continued on page 6)

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Possible water use restrictions

If this is a dry summer there could be restrictions on lawn watering, car washing and use of water cooled air conditioners in Acton.

Last week the region's planning and public works committee approved water use restrictions proposed by the Director of Public Works Bob Moore in the event "maximum day demand exceeds the combined pumping capacity at the wells and where the shortfall cannot be met by balancing the reservoir."

The committee also approved a number of public notice procedures should restrictions be needed.

Moore's report identified lawn watering, air conditioning, and car washing as the "usual causes of high summer water demand", noting lawn watering is the biggest single factor.

Should the region's "operational data" show that maximum day demand can't be met and action is required the first step would be to "restrict lawn watering to homes with odd and even numbers on alternate days."

If step one doesn't "curb demand then a total res-

triction on lawn watering would be imposed. If further restrictions are required even car washing and air conditioning cooling (for machines which use water) would be prohibited."

Moore reported staff is "optimistic" these measures won't be needed, but feels they should be in place in the event "reservoir balancing" doesn't contain the problem.

This month and next notices dealing with the potential water problem and advising restraint in use of water will be given in utility bills and newspaper ads. In addition Moore will be at the ward one councillors' drop-in on May 28 to answer the public's questions about the problem and explain matters fully. If restrictions are imposed notice will be given in the Free Press and over CFRB radio.

In this report Moore observes the Prospect Park well was shut down last October after a one week run because it was producing yellow-brown water which upset many residents. This well was to have produced "badly needed" extra pumping capacity

here to meet maximum demands.

Currently Acton's wells produce 3,136 cubic metres of water a day while peak demand, which normally lasts only a few days, is 4,327 cubic metres a day, leaving a shortfall of 1,191 cubic metres a day. The shortfall can be covered by the reservoir which has a capacity of 4,546 cubic metres, but if there is a prolonged dry period the reservoir may not be able to cover the shortfall without running dry. Also a third of the reservoir water must be kept for fire fighting.

By balancing the reservoir the shortfall has been covered in the past, and there should be no problem this year if the summer isn't unusually dry.

Regional Councillor Dave Whiting described Moore's plan as a "worst case situation" and nothing can be done about the problem except take every step possible to advise the public. He said he was pleased to see staff was giving people lots of warning and following the steps imposed after the yellow-brown water fiasco.



Snip go the scissors. Members of the Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society and Halton Hills Mayor Peter Foster took part in the opening ceremonies of the old Hide House Photo show. Five local photographers' works are featured in the show and are for sale. A percentage of the sales go towards the Cancer Society. Photographers are Iva Knechtel, Bruce Andrews, Ted Hilton, Bill Stuckey and Jim Jennings. Pictured are Cathy McGillivray, Hugh Patterson, Pomeroy, Arlie White and Shirley Duncan.

Hydro maintenance services moving to the Acton building

Halton Hills Hydro is moving all of its operations involved in maintaining electrical service to its Acton building.

Following a Commission meeting Friday morning, chairman Ab Tennant announced the financial operations will be handled in the Georgetown office and the line and engineering departments will be located in the Acton facility on Alice St. Acton residents will still be able to pay their bills at the Acton office.

The announcement represents a move back to Acton by Halton Hills Hydro which had only been keeping the office open and running a skeleton crew here.

Work on the move to Acton began immediately and should be completed by the start of next month. About a year ago it was revealed Halton Hills

Hydro was looking at selling the Acton building and other properties and building one central building for all utility operations.

This option remains for the future, however there are no "immediate plans" for closing the Acton facility or any other building.

Tennant noted there were a number of changes which had to be examined after the Acton and Georgetown utilities were merged and Halton Hills assumed control of the Esqueping service from Ontario Hydro.

The commissioners discussed changes with both retiring superintendent Graham Farnell and the new superintendent Jerry Trudell.

Neither the Acton nor Georgetown buildings is big enough for the entire Halton Hills Hydro operation so Trudell recommended the split between the two.

Every employee was interviewed, Tennant said, about this new split.

Trudell explained about 15 people will be working out of the Acton building and perform all duties relating to maintaining service.

Tennant admitted it would be more economical if everything was under one roof, but that would involve a lot of money and they just can't see spending \$4 or \$5 million and issuing debentures for such a project now. He noted the commission had to purchase new equipment to service Esqueping and must pay Ontario Hydro \$3 million for the rural system over a period of 30 years.

This move, which Trudell said isn't just a temporary measure, will give Halton Hills Hydro time to do some long term planning, look at growth potential and assess other needs for the future.

Barry Wilson is acquitted

Barry Alexander Wilson of Acton will not stand trial for the September 1979 accidental death of James Cowan, Guelph, who was run over on the side of County Rd. 27, north of Rockwood.

Judge J. Howett of Guelph Provincial Court decided at Wilson's preliminary hearing last Wednesday there was insufficient evidence to warrant a trial and acquitted the accused.

Wilson was charged with criminal negligence causing death, failing to remain at the scene of an accident and impaired driving last June after a two year investigation by Guelph OPP.

After hearing from many Crown witnesses in the two day hearing Judge Howett said there was no proof as to who was driving the truck which struck and killed Cowan. Wilson did not own the vehicle.

In giving his decision, Judge Howett referred to evidence given by the person with whom Cowan was with at the time of the accident. At the first day of the hearing, last fall, a witness said she told Cowan to get off the road because a truck was coming over the crest of the hill. Cowan said he was okay. The Judge said "Was he (whoever was driving the vehicle) really at fault when the deceased was on the road, it was night time and foggy."



McKenzie-Smith middle school team for the Quiz Kids contest April 28 and May 5 placed first at Stewarttown School, over several other middle schools in North Halton. The contest pitted school against school in academic contests. Local team members were, front row, left to right Shafral Chandra, Jason Rogers and Maria Kril. Back row Dave Ruse and Richard Crawford.

TD Bank closes for good June 11

The Acton branch of the Toronto Dominion Bank will be closing its doors for good June 11. Arrangements have been made for customers' accounts to be switched to the Bank of Nova Scotia, if so desired, or clients can transfer to another TD branch.

According to interim manager Freda Santonato, the local branch never made a profit and the present economic conditions of the country forced the closing.

David Livingston, manager, personal banking for Metro-West Division (of which Acton is a part) explained all banks are closing branches. "It is happening more and more," he said, "it is not a particularly negative thing."

He noted that at one time it was felt that all banks should be in all towns, but that is not the case anymore.

The six or seven employees will not be laid-off, Livingston told The Acton Free Press, but will be offered positions at other branches. However, some may not wish to be transferred, he said. The option of quitting is entirely on them.

He could not say how many customers are affected by the closure, as the number of accounts in the bank does not reflect the number of actual people doing business at the branch. Some people have more than one account.

Customers are not obligated to switch to the Bank of Nova Scotia. He noted in the case of loans being taken from one bank to the other, rewrites may be necessary.

Customers of the bank will receive a notice of closure this week.

"It is with regret we announce this branch will be closed on June 11, 1982. The decision to close was not an easy one, but the operation has not been viable and rising costs make our position untenable. It is our sincere desire to inconvenience you as little as possible and with this in mind, arrangements have been made for the Bank of Nova Scotia to give special attention to account transfers. Their officers will be present in this office to make the transition as convenient as possible. We are satisfied they are well equipped to service your account and we recommend them to you. Your loyalty and support over the years have been appreciated. We trust we have served you well and are only sorry we cannot continue to do so."

Freda Santonato, the first ever female bank manager in Acton, may also have been the shortest-term manager in Acton. Mrs. Santonato came to Acton last month on an interim basis to replace Jack Melen at the Toronto Dominion Bank. Now, with the bank closing June 11, she will be returning back to Toronto duties.

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Wish I had some of this sexual harassment to complain about...

Police open house June 8

One of the highlights of the Halton Regional Police Meet the Force Day open house in Acton next month will be a short demonstration by an officer of the defensive qualities of the madadnock stick (or night stick as it is more commonly known).

Police spokesman Sergeant Al McQueen announced this year's open house will be held Tuesday June 8 in the Acton YMCA gym from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 7 to 9 p.m.

This open house is a follow-up on the highly successful Meet the Force Day held in January of last year.

On hand to meet residents, answers questions and hear concerns about local police service and procedures will be Chief James Harding, Deputy-Chief Bob Middaugh and other force brass. Also there will be representatives from criminal investigations, the youth bureau, crime prevention, safety, the regional drug squad and the research and planning officer, the Tactical Rescue Unit, and the dozen officers who work in Acton in attendance.

There will of course be slide presentations and displays.

The demonstration of the madadnock stick and an officer modelling the new security or open holster are new wrinkles added for this year's open house to create some extra public interest.

Police allege skins stolen three times. Charge five men... see page 2.

Charter members of the Acton Y's Menettes gathered with current members and guests for a celebration of 25 years service here last Wednesday night. Pictured here are Marjorie McDonough, charter member; Mary McKenzie, charter member; Edna Nellis, charter member; Lyane Robertson, president, Dorothy Rogavaldson, charter member; Eddy Douglas, charter member; Jane Gibson, Kitchener-Waterloo Y's Menettes; Margaret Wilson, charter member; and Ruth Leatherland, charter member. Mrs. Douglas presented Mrs. Robertson with a gift for the Acton group. See story on page 2.