

AHS crew champion canoeists

A team of Acton High School teachers recently captured the Voyageur Cup at the Canadian Canoe Festival in Ottawa.

The local team shared the championship with a squad from Ottawa and two other teams made up of local people also performed admirably in the national competition.

In fact for several days around Canada's Birthday the Ottawa River and Rideau Canal were swarming with Acton and former Acton canoeing enthusiasts. They had been seen by residents numerous times practising on Fairy Lake leading up to the races.

Doc Tamblin, Tom Birss, Dave Boycott, Murray Kittner, Wayne Bridle and Peter Harris teamed to win the crown.

A squad of AHS students; Paul Moore, Gwyneth Gibb, Greg Silcock, Nick Wagner, Bill MacKenzie, Barb Hogenbirk, Caroline Gottschild, and Glen Van Rijk; placed fourth in races on June 30.

Acton and Rockwood area canoeists, as well as a

few former area residents, teamed together to compete in the same race as the AHS teachers won on July 1 and placed eighth. Team members were Malcolm MacMillan, Ron Waites, Brian Wilkinson, David Bird, Chuck Thibodeau, Wayne Hill and Gary Hurgett.

A number of canoeists from these three teams as well as some other residents and former residents of this area joined Rockwood area historian Hugh MacMillan for a two day canoe trip down the Rideau Canal on July 2 and 3. There were 21 paddlers in the two 36 foot canoes which covered 50 miles in the two days. The first day they paddled from Burritt's Rapids to Smith Falls and Saturday went from Rideau Ferry to Westport.

This trip is one of many events marking the 150th anniversary of the Rideau Canal.

The races were on the Ottawa River. Entrants were judged on a number of criteria, including costuming. The teachers, who all grew beards, were judged highly in this category, worth 30 points. The authenticity and originality of their costumes were

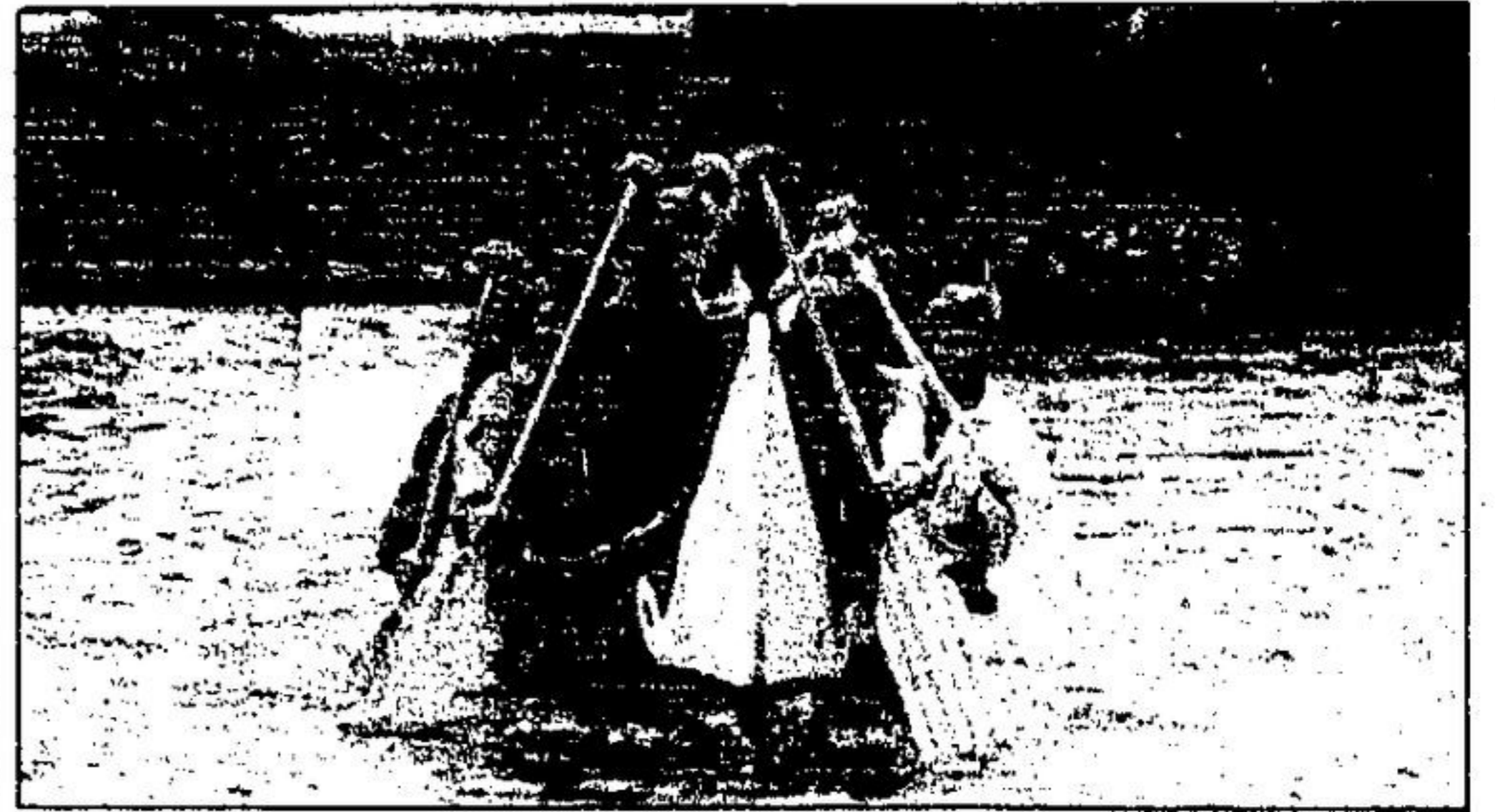
evaluated. Another category for evaluation, also worth 30 points, was Voyageur Skills. They had to present a four minute demonstration of their paddling skills.

The race was another category and local teachers came fifth while the Ottawa crew placed second. The fact Acton was tied for first overall despite finishing fifth in the race itself testifies to the fact they scored high in costuming, their demonstration of paddling skills and the fourth category, team spirit or co-operation.

The race was held on the Ottawa River over four km. long triangular course below Victoria Island. The aim of the canoeing event is to recreate some of Canada's history.

The Ottawa team will keep the Voyageur Cup until December when it will be sent to Acton. The local crew plans to return next year and defend their title. The Ottawa squad won the right to have the trophy first after winning a coin toss.

Joining the teachers in the costume contest were students Gibb and Gottschild.



Before going to Ottawa and winning a national canoeing championship a crew of Acton High School teachers practised their skills on Fairy Lake.

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The hot weather and Halton Hills recreation programs have been like a magnet drawing youngsters of all ages and some adults to Fairy Lake and Prospect Park. Turn inside for lots of photos of children enjoying our local recreational facilities.

Leather shoe import quotas are re-instated

Beardmore, its workers and the entire Acton business community received good news Friday when it was announced the federal government is re-instating shoe import quotas.

The announcement came after months of lobbying and flooding of Ottawa with petitions from merchants, workers and leather and shoe manufacturers.

The re-instatement of the quotas went in effect immediately and will last until late 1984.

Following is the full text of the release from the federal government received by The Free Press yesterday (Tuesday).

"Ed Lumley, Minister of International Trade, announced new temporary measures of protection for Canada's footwear industry. Effective today, (Friday) leather footwear has been added to the Import Control List. Simultaneously, notification of this action is being made to Canada's trade partners through the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Lumley noted that, with the addition of leather footwear to the Import Control List, all non-rubber footwear imports now require import permits.

"In making the announcement, Lumley underlined that imports of leather footwear in the early months of 1982 had exhibited a sudden and sharp increase and that an import surge of this magnitude had serious implications for the business climate within which the industry was being asked to undertake modernization and restructuring programs. More specifically, he noted that for the first four months of 1982, imports of leather footwear increased by 19 per cent, while overall footwear imports rose by two per cent.

"Increased leather footwear imports are coming from low-wage sources that had been designated as injurious sources by the Anti-dumping Tribunal, as well as developed country suppliers. Lumley noted that increases in leather footwear imports are coming at a time of particular softness in the footwear sector as the apparent Canadian market for footwear had declined by four per cent compared to the first four months of 1981. Further, with these increases, overall footwear imports now account for about 67 per cent of the Canadian market versus 63 per cent a year ago. These increased imports have contributed to declines in production and employment of 13 per cent.

"The new import quota applies to leather footwear imports from all sources, and was introduced under the provisions of Article XIX of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade which allows for special measures of protection to deal with problems of injury or threat of injury as a result of increased imports. The level of leather footwear imports has been set at 11.1 million pairs, representing import performance during a recent representative period. The quota will run concurrently with the present non-leather quota and will terminate on November 30, 1984. The quota provides for an increase in the base level of three per cent per annum. Lumley indicated that footwear importers would be asked to document their recent leather footwear imports in order that an

equitable and timely allocation of import quota among Canadian importers could be made. A Notice to Importers issued by the Office of Special Trade Relations provides further information on the administrative provisions which will apply, and copies are available through the regional offices of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce and of Regional Economic Expansion.

"While noting that the import surge has

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Councillors

Reject 10% pay boost

The mayor and councillors will receive a six per cent raise, not the 10 per cent originally proposed.

Four councillors, Russell Miller, Walter Biehn, and Mike Armstrong wanted no raise at all but the remainder voted for the six per cent.

The mayor's pay hike will be approximately \$1,000 and the councillors \$400, bringing the total to \$17,500 for the mayor and for councillors \$6,930.

Levy urged no increase this year since council faces extra expenses. He predicted a \$10,000 saving if salaries stay as they are.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy had already announced he would accept only a six per cent increase, since he felt elected officials should follow the guidelines laid down by the federal government.

Russ Miller made a strong plea for no increase at all pointing out it would be an incentive to others and would show elected members are responsible. He said many are unemployed at this time and contended the saving should be passed on to the taxpayer. "The reduction to six per cent from 10 saves only \$4,000 while no increase saves \$10,000."

Councillor Dave Whiting favored the six per cent, since it fell within the federal guidelines.

"Nobody had found out what a councillor is worth," commented Councillor Ross Knechtel, as he suggested the pay level should be investigated. He said councillors work hard and if anything are underpaid. He noted any councillor is free to donate the raise back to the Town or to a charity.

Councillor Mike Armstrong suggested the raise would be so small it was not worth taking.

Councillor Biehn made it clear he was not making political hay by urging no pay hike at all. He told council he had no intention of running for election. He contended councillors are paid adequately. He saw the rejection of a raise as small step toward sanely ending the spiral of ever-rising expectations.

The six per cent hike is retroactive to January 1.

The automatic pay raises, geared to a complicated system similar to cost of living was introduced last year in an attempt to avoid the embarrassment of councillors setting their own pay.

Parking enforcement outlined but no council decisions yet

After questioning Halton Regional Police district one commander Inspector Matt MacPherson about the enforcement of the overnight parking bylaw, Halton Hills councillors failed to take any action on the issue Monday night.

However, after the meeting Councillor Dave

Whiting, who raised the issue a couple of months ago for the first time, said he will bring a resolution dealing with overnight parking to the next council meeting.

MacPherson told councillors enforcing the three hour overnight parking bylaw 12 months of the year is a low priority with the police, although they try to be as consistent as possible.

In past years the police were receiving a lot of complaints from citizens about lack of enforcement of this bylaw, however MacPherson reported, he hasn't heard anything in the past nine months about the bylaw from the public.

He said it was a misconception that it was needed only for the winter. He recalled the original bylaw was for a two hour limit just during the winter, but council changed that to three hours overnight year round, indicating council wanted it enforced all year.

In answer to questions from Councillor Russ Miller, MacPherson said the bylaw isn't too restrictive and some communities ban parking all day. He said the bylaw isn't just for snowplowing but also to keep the streets from becoming parking lots. MacPherson said it is up to council and the citizens to decide what they want the bylaw to accomplish and then pass legislation to achieve it.

Councillor Mike Armstrong observed the bylaw was changed to obtain provincial support for it. He said he understood police are reluctant to give out a lot of tickets and was disturbed to hear about blitzes of over 100 tickets issued in one night. He suggested when police give out a lot of tickets the public thinks the police have nothing better to do.

MacPherson said the incident of 122 tickets occurred over a year ago and the officer was "counselled" on the matter. He noted police generally act just on complaints about overnight parking and while he did talk to the officer who gave out so many tickets there were still violations of the bylaw which the policeman saw.

Last month 26 officers gave out 150 tickets for overnight parking violations throughout Halton Hills.

Armstrong said if people visit the police station and explain they need to park on the street temporarily it won't be enforced and police relax enforcement in non-winter months.

MacPherson agreed there is a relaxation, unless there are complaints. He recalled one night, acting

on complaints, the police ticketed 12 cars on one street and the next night ticketed 10 of those cars again.

The police are doing their job properly with regards to the bylaw, Armstrong said, and if council wants a change it will have to change the bylaw.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy noted he raised the subject of the 12 ticket blitz and was aware it had been some time ago. He said he was glad to see the public was being informed that the officer was "admonished."

Councillor Ross Knechtel said there are areas where there are acute parking problems due to poor planning and wondered if the bylaw could be enforced in some areas of town and not others.

This would be possible, but MacPherson wondered what the public reaction would be.

Pomeroy said there would be legal questions involved in such an option since the bylaw would then be discriminatory.

MacPherson said there was no truth to the perception that officers must meet ticket quotas, which was raised by Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson.

Whiting noted there are many areas of town where parking is allowed on just one side of the street and asked if the overnight ban was dropped other than in winter would there be an impact on traffic flow.

MacPherson answered no since traffic is minimal from midnight to the morning.

Policeman saves Acton man's life

Quick action by Constable Gavin Hayes saved the life of Stephen Gordon, 29, of 37 Main St. North, Acton, June 10.

Responding to an ambulance call Constable Hayes found Gordon unconscious with no discernible pulse, at the rear of 20 Main Street South. The police officer removed a blockage from the unconscious man's airway and administered artificial respiration until the arrival of the ambulance.

Gordon started breathing unassisted and was taken to hospital, held overnight for observation and released.

Burglars steal \$2,425

Police are investigating a burglary at Ed's 'N' Out late last Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning.

Entry was through a rear door and Halton Regional Police report \$2,425 in cash was stolen.

Bill Cunningham new Fire Chief



Fire Chief Bill Cunningham

In the 1965 Georgetown high school yearbook, Bill Cunningham said his ambition was to be the town Fire Chief.

Tuesday his ambition was realized, when Bill Cunningham 35, was chosen Halton Hills Fire Chief, replacing Mick Holmes who retired a few weeks ago.

The salary category ranges from \$32,000 to \$37,000.

Firefighting runs in the family. Bill's father Jack was a long time member of Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department and was the last volunteer fire chief.

Bill Cunningham has been a member of Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department since 1968, when he joined at age 21.

In accepting the position of fire chief, Cunningham gave up 16 years in the police department and his rank of sergeant which he has held for the past 14 months.

He joined Georgetown police force in 1966 as a cadet and remained in the force when it became regional.

In his years with the fire departments, he has taken numerous courses sponsored by the Ontario Fire College and management and administration courses through the police force.

Bill, his wife Valerie and daughter Heather live on Shelley Street in Georgetown.

New deadlines for Free Press

As the result of production changes The Acton Free Press will be published on Wednesday mornings instead of Wednesday afternoons beginning next week, July 21.

Because of this change the deadline for contributed material such as community group reports, sports score sheets, letters to the editor, etc. is advanced from 12 noon Tuesdays to 5 p.m. Mondays.

The Free Press appreciates the co-operation of all its news contacts in this matter.

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There's a feature on a pretty Everton gal who is on her way to becoming a model. See page 2.

Sales tax on restaurant food is giving Acton heartburn. See story on page 3.

The limp Canadian buck isn't hurting tourism to the States too much according to local travel agents. More on page 3.

Meet Rockwood's new priest and his friend George. Story and photo on page 7.

There's lots of ball and soccer news on pages B1 and B2.

Bike riders can be hazardous according to the police safety officer. Details on page B6.

Irene Marchment celebrated her 80th birthday. See page 5.

There is more news about noise and the Yugoslav Centre in two stories on page 3.

