

Texas size pie goes great with sounds from Keates—Geissler organ



This is the 96-pound apple pie which was sent for the opening of First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. With it are two of the bakers: Jody DeVries, of Acton, left; and Cathy Lombardy, Milton.

When the new organ for the first Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, restored by Keates-Geissler Pipe Organ of Acton, was unveiled and played for the first time the huge congregation of over 30,000 souls enjoyed another north Halton produced treat—a 96 pound apple pie.

The pie made the ceremony "as American as apple pie", but of course all the ingredients came from Canada.

The monster organ was located by a "very influential Texan, a multi-millionaire, who bought the church the organ and had it restored in Acton and then shipped to Dallas.

This Texan used to come up here from time to time to see how the restoration job was coming along, and on those trips he'd stop at Chudleigh's for some apple pie.

When it came time to unveil the organ he decided some apple pie would suit the occasion nicely, but he insisted that Tom Chudleigh and his bakers make it.

He wanted a big one and sure got it. Measuring 24 inches across and weighing 96 pounds, it included 56 pounds of Chudleigh's apples and 32 pounds of pastry. It took six hours of very slow cooking to bake the pie and it was ready last Wednesday for shipping.

The pie went out on Eastern Airlines Thursday morning with Tom's son Dale strapped into one seat and it strapped into the seat beside him.

Work on restoring the organ began late last year and it was such a big job Keates-Geissler had to hire a few extra hands. Not

long after the work began in Acton, the firm's president Dieter Geissler went to Dallas to remove the old organ in the church. Later Acton workers started taking down the new organ in pieces and installing it.

Geissler, a church organist and music director, designed the restored \$1.1 million organ. It has 130 stops, 145 ranks and 7,986 pipes. It took several truckloads to move the entire organ to Dallas.

The devaluation of the Canadian dollar played a big part in the local firm winning the contract. Geissler said he heard about the tender through a Baptist Church contact who had seen the Acton firm's Frederick St. operation and encouraged them to bid.

Neighbors object to new lot

Plans to create a lot for a new house on Poplar Ave. has drawn opposition from neighbors.

At its meeting last month, Halton Hills Committee of Adjustment deferred making a decision on William and Anne Greer's application for a minor variance. The committee wants to hear from the Land Division Committee on its decision regarding a severance application effecting this property before making a final decision.

Gordon Dawe, agent for the Greers, told Committee of Adjustment that the existing property, 94 Poplar Ave., has a frontage of 80 feet and is 144 feet deep. On the northerly portion of the land there is half of a semi-detached residence. The Greers want to create a new lot, 45 by 144 feet, which would leave the remaining lot 35 by 144 feet—five feet short of the required frontage.

The Greers, who want to build a single family home on the new lot, need a minor variance. The new lot will have a greater square footage than required by bylaw.

Dawe said the application was a minor variance and under the zoning a single family, duplex or semi-detached home would be permitted.

Charles McGinn, 95 Crescent St., Taylor

Morey, 108 Poplar Ave., and H.T. Assadourian, 109 Poplar Ave., all attended the meeting and objected to the minor variance, committee minutes states.

Assadourian told the committee he bought on Poplar Ave. because it was an established neighborhood with large open spaces on either side of his house. He suggested building a new home so close to his would "undoubtedly" depreciate the value of his property "considerably" and he and his family would be deprived of privacy. Any new home on the new lot would have to be within about 10 feet of his kitchen and bedroom windows. If there was a driveway on the side his house is on, his privacy would be "further eroded" by noise and car exhaust fumes.

He contended the new lot wouldn't be big enough for a house and two or three big trees would have to be cut down. Assadourian noted all lots in the neighborhood are 80 feet wide. McGinn said he was opposed for the same reasons as Assadourian. He noted there was a laneway at the rear of the present lot, which abuts his property, that nobody uses now but he fears could be used in the future.

Taylor said he also backed Assadourian's concerns. He said that while a new house might "enhance" the value of Greer's land, it could have a "ripple effect" which would devalue all the properties in the neighborhood.

It was noted that in the past residents asked the Town to close the laneway, but it wasn't done because not all property owners in the area agreed. But, if there isn't sufficient frontage for the house to have a driveway, neighbors worried that the laneway abuts Ed Footitt's property and apparently the entrance would be from Footitt's land.

New lot on Poplar Ave.

Halton Land Division Committee granted a severance for William and Anne Greer of Poplar Ave. last Tuesday evening in Milton.

The proposed severance will initiate construction of a new residential building, according to the applicant. Greer plans to re-locate the existing garage to conform to regional bylaws.

A group of Poplar Ave. and area residents voiced their objections to the severance at the public meeting.

H. T. Assadourian explained that he "looked at the established area when I chose to move there." The Acton man went on to claim that his "privacy will be eroded, and it will undoubtedly depreciate the value of my property", with construction of another dwelling.

The complaints centered around the area becoming over-crowded. However, committee member Dolly Moulden commented that the land severance case was a classic one, and that "it's a way of life in the development of a community".

The applicant claimed that it was not a case of "severing and running", as the property has been in the Greer family for years.

But Charles McGinn of Crescent St. contended that things might be different "if Mr. Greer was staying in one lot and severing the other; he would have to put up with it like everyone else".

The committee, though, unanimously approved the application, pending normal regional conditions regarding bylaws.

Alternate water sources to be sought for Acton

After years of seeking ways to treat the water of Prospect Park well, Halton Region will have to seek alternate water sources to serve the town of Acton, Regional Public Works Director Bob Moore claims.

The quest for water in Acton has turned into a four-way battle involving Beardmore Tannery (Canada Packers Ltd.) with a legal claim to the Fairy Lake water resources, the Ministry of the Environment, local Conservation Authorities, and Halton Region. "It's been a frustrating process for all involved," Moore said yesterday in an interview.

The Prospect Park well, which taps a source of water under Fairy Lake, was drilled 10 years ago, in hopes of solving Acton's water shortage problems once and for all. Since then, numerous tests and consultations have finally isolated a method of treating the water which was at first found to be too high in iron and manganese content for use in the town's water system.

Now, Credit Valley Conservation Authority and the Ministry of the Environment have stepped in with concerns about the water levels of Fairy Lake and Black Creek, and Beardmore Tannery seems reluctant to allow anything which will affect their major water source.

Halton Hills Mayor Peter Pomeroy described the process which the region and the municipality have gone through in recent years as "chasing our tail".

"First they (Ministry of the Environment) make the capital grants available for us to go ahead with the project at Prospect Park; then they turn the whole thing down because of environmental concerns," he described in a Planning and Public Works Committee meeting last week.

Dialogues between environmental authorities, Beardmore and Halton Region have been going on for some months, but have failed to resolve anything, Moore explained. Now the region is prepared to spend \$1.3 million on a treatment plant to give Acton the water to serve existing and future development needs, and the resolution of the question becomes necessary.

Moore said there had been "some noises"

made prior to December 1982 about environmental concerns, but it was not until the region was close to solving the water treatability problem that the environmental and legal questions surrounding the use of the water suddenly became a major issue. Now, he said, it is up to the region to find a way to use the well so the environmental risks and the access to Fairy Lake water resources by Beardmore are minimal. "We don't want to go ahead and build a million-dollar treatment plant and find afterward that we cannot use it."

Planning and Development Director Rash Mohammed told the committee last week that the solution to Acton's water problem is about a year away. Reports from R. V. Anderson and Associates, consultants working on the water treatability problem, indicate that the treatment plant at Prospect Park would cost about \$1.3 million compared to the cost of drilling and pumping water from outside sources, anywhere from \$2.4 to \$2.75 million.

Public Works Committee, however, has approved a test-drilling operation on the Fourth Line, west of Acton, at a cost of \$20,000 and further studies on the effects of taking water from Prospect Park in a bid to solve the problem one way or another. "For years we've thought the water question was one of quality. Now, suddenly, we find it is a question of quantity, whether we can find the well as a main water resource without affecting the levels of Fairy Lake and Black Creek," Moore said.

Severed land mostly swamp

Halton Land Division Committee last Tuesday granted a land severance to Breisig Holdings Limited of the First Line.

The applicant plans to sell the .76 hectare parcel of land to a neighbor. The severed piece will be incorporated into the garden and lawns of the new owner.

Committee chairman Brian Fletcher saw no problem in granting the severance since the land was "mainly swamp anyway".

Millers need place to stay

Efforts to help the Miller family are now being concentrated on finding the family of four a place to live.

Fire swept through their Willow St. home earlier this month, claiming the life of husband and father Gene Miller, and a house guest, 14-year-old Kathy Wears.

Over \$3,800 has been raised so far, according to Rev. Gerald Pennie, and he feels this may be the peak of donations. Clothing and furniture have also been pouring in in the four weeks since the fire, and now he is desperately trying to find the family a minimum of a two bedroom apartment or house.

By-election or appointment to Hill's seat

The sudden death of Councillor Tom Hill, Saturday, leaves a vacancy for a Ward Two council seat.

Council may call a by-election or may appoint someone to fill out Hill's term of office. The present council will hold office until the end of 1985, the first three year term held by a local council. The three year term was enacted by the provincial government.

In the November 1982 election the results in Ward Two showed Pam Sheldon with 1735 votes, Tom Hill 1115, Jake Kuiken 958, and Peter Norton 797.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy said council will have to make the decision on an appointment or a by-election.

An offer of a pull-out couch will make it possible for someone to sleep in the living room if a three bedroom home isn't found. They are currently staying with relatives in Speyside.

Rev. Pennie expressed appreciation at the generosity of the people of Acton for their kind donations, and would further appreciate someone coming forward with a place for the Millers to stay.

At the request of Mrs. Miller, Rev. Pennie will handle all the money donated and the two of them will go shopping for furniture and odds and ends whenever a home can be found. They have already purchased a lot of kitchen items.

Donations are still being accepted.

Tribute to Tom

Fellow councillors paid tribute to the late Councillor Tom Hill Monday night, in a brief ceremony at Halton Hills council meeting.

Reverend Peter Barrow described Hill as an honest man and a character at a time when there is a shortage of characters.

Barrow said the Town will miss his brand of politics, his hard words and his heart of gold.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy spoke of Tom Hill's love for his native hamlet Glen Williams, and his pride in his family's role in the history of the village. He too, stressed his blunt honesty and admitted he and the late councillor had had their differences at the council table, but never was any malice held.

Council recessed to pay their respects at the funeral parlor.

Car flips over

A single car crash on Highway 7 near the Eden Mills Road (Wellington County Rd. 29) resulted in \$6,000 damage to the car and minor injuries to the driver.

Guelph OPP say Ronald McHattie, 52, of Guelph, was westbound on Highway 7 at 1.30 a.m. Thursday when he lost control of his vehicle, went off the road and flipped the car over.

He was treated for minor injuries at Guelph General Hospital.

Bill Ritchie won contest

Did you the wood chopping contest at the 1933 Acton Fair was won by William Ritchie? The Boys' race under 16 was won by Norman Anderson, George Riddell; while Robert Marshall and Stuart Lantz took the prize for over 16 years old.

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The following establishment has applied for a licence of the class indicated, and the applications will be entertained at the aforementioned location and time:

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AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that any person who is resident in the municipality and who wishes to make representation relative to the application, shall make their submission to the Board in writing prior to the date of the hearing, or in person at the time and place of the hearing. (Copies of written submissions will be forwarded to the applicant).

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