



Grade seven winners in the McKenzie-Smith science fair were David Boyle, first for his project on detergents; second was Mike Brouwer with his project on preserving eyeballs; and Julie Atherton was third with her project on the effects of smoke on plants.



Grade six McKenzie-Smith science fair winners were Bill Dawson with a first for his project on glues, Beverley Bridge was second with her project on paper plates; and Robbie Heagle was third with his project on tape tests.



The Morning Star troupe were at the Acton Baptist Church on Monday night performing songs and skits for the congregation.



Grade eight science fair winners at McKenzie-Smith were Andrea Gopsill, first with her project "a bean is a bean", Peter Bray, second with his project on Planaria; and third was Cheryle Genoe with her project on drying fabrics.

Obituary

Fred Day

Hamilton educator and churchman, C.R. Alfred Day, of Ancaster, died suddenly in California on March 28.

"Fred" was the son of the late Frank and Leola Day of Rockwood and grandson of the late Robert and Augusta Wansbrough of Acton. He attended school at S.S. 8 Eramosa, Acton Continuation, and Guelph C.V.I. before receiving his Master of Arts degree at Victoria College, University of Toronto.

For thirty-six years he was with the Hamilton Board of Education as a mathematics teacher, principal and assistant superintendent, all at the secondary school level, until retirement 11 years ago.

Mr. Day was active in teacher organizations and church boards. He was a member of Melrose United Church and choir, Hamilton, for nearly 40 years, and chairman of the church board for seven years.

He is survived by his wife Margaret Thomas, daughter Mary and her husband Kelly Hague of Regina, Saskatchewan, son Christopher and his wife Patti of London, Ontario, brother George and his wife Grace of Rockwood, sister Marion Greer of Burlington, brother Roy of Toronto, and brother-in-law Lloyd Thomas and his wife Floris of Guelph.

A Memorial Service was held in Melrose United Church, Hamilton, April 8, 1984, and committal service took place at Rockwood.



Rene Vankesteren won honorable mention in the Waterloo-Wellington science fair for his project on how music affects a person's heart rate. Rene, of RR2 Acton, is a student at Erin District High School.



Dawn Cook, RR 2 Acton, will be travelling to Halifax May 13 for the Canada wide science fair. Miss Cook was a top prize winner in the Waterloo-Wellington science fair with her project on temperature and the hymenoptera diminuta (tape worms and the effect of temperature on their development) and as a result she will display her project at the national competition.

Obituary

Earl Brown

Funeral service was held May 2 for Earl Melross Brown, 489 Main St. Rockwood, who died in his home on April 30.

Mr. Brown was born February 2, 1908 in Erin Township, the son of Arthur Melross Brown and Christina Watson.

On June 10, 1939, he married Jean Gordon in Rockwood. The couple lived in Orton before moving to Rockwood 32 years ago.

Mr. Brown was a farmer, and until 1973 also worked for the Ministry of Transportation and Communication where he was employed for 22 years. He was a trustee of the Mimosa Disciple Cemetery.

Rev. H. Garfield Rees officiated at the funeral at Shoemaker Funeral Home. Interment was at Rockwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were nephews Ernie Brown, Erin and Archie Brown, Georgetown, cousins, Gordon Nodwell, Orton and Stanley Harris, Belwood, friend Gordon Cos, Rockwood, and his son's friend John Rutherford, Guelph.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife, Jean, son Arthur Henry and his wife Dianna, of RR 2 Rockwood, and grandchildren Sarah, David and Heather, and a sister-in-law Elsie Sinclair, Guelph. He was predeceased by his parents, brothers Orem and Henry and sisters Olive, Caroline and Elsie.

Drop zoning change request

An application for a zoning change at Crewsons Corners has been withdrawn.

Peter Forbes had applied for the change from agricultural to industrial, which would fall under the Eramosa township official plan. However, he recently notified township council of his withdrawal of the application.

A second application for a zoning change in the same area by J. Scarola was approved subject to Site Plan Control.

Acton's new urban boundaries

Objection to OMB not withdrawn

The question of where Acton's future growth will take place could still wind up being settled by the Ontario Municipal Board.

Last year owners of land on the west side of Fairy Lake lodged an objection against Acton's newly approved urban boundaries. Expansion of the urban boundaries will permit growth to a population of 10,000 people and new housing will be allowed on Mill St. West and north and south of Highway 7 east of Churchill Rd.

However, the objecting land owners feel this is prime agricultural land which shouldn't be lost because of development

and contend new growth should be to the west of town.

Deputy Town planner Bruce McLean confirmed this week this objection still stands and hasn't been withdrawn.

He explained the case hasn't gone to the OMB yet because regional planners have been talking with the Ministry of Agriculture, which raised some concerns about planned growth east of town, though filed no objection. McLean predicted these concerns will be cleared up soon and then if the objectors still want to go ahead, there will be a hearing called.

Off-duty cops hired for Rockwood park

It should be quiet at Grand River Conservation Areas, including Rockwood, this May 24 holiday weekend. The Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) has hired off-duty police officers to patrol their parks to "keep the peace."

Noise, rowdiness, vandalism and drinking alcohol away from registered campsites are some of the offences the police will be laying charges for. If underage drinking is suspected, the police can also ask for age of majority identification.

Each of these offences will result in a ticket and a fine, and offenders will be evicted from the Conservation Area. The GRCA feels this is a better system for the holiday weekend, because park superintendents charge offenders under the Con-

servation Authorities Act, and issue tickets without fines. This means that anyone receiving a ticket from a superintendent must automatically appear in local court, and does not have the option of merely paying the fine. The hiring of off duty police officers is one of the steps recommended recently by the GRCA Conservation Areas Advisory Board.

The goal is to reduce the property damage and noise problems experienced in previous years, which often ruins the weekend for other campers. Vandalism to Conservation Area property has been expensive in the past, with problems ranging from trees being cut down, to defacing signs and damaging picnic tables and other park facilities.

What the nominators wrote about 27th Citizen of Year

Dr. David van der Bent's patients think the world of him.

While the well known local physician does many things in the community, it was his dedicated service above and beyond the call of duty in his chosen profession that won him the highest praise in the ballots and letters sent to the Chamber of Commerce nominating him for Citizen of the Year.

Following is a selection of quotes and comments about Dr. van der Bent taken from ballots and letters:

"He is a highly dedicated doctor and person who helps and does his best for everyone," wrote one woman.

"He always has time to see his patients, anytime. Truly dedicated," wrote another lady.

One resident said, "Dr. van der Bent should be citizen of the year for his 'long and steadfast service in all aspects of community life and involvement.'"

"Exceptional care and devotion to the care of the people in Acton, beyond the norm," a resident suggested.

His dedication was cited in another commendation, "As a doctor he is dedicated to his patients 24 hours a day."

"A dedicated and caring doctor," wrote another woman. "Dedicated citizen, excellent doctor," another person said simply.

"A superb human being who served Acton for over 17 years," someone said, while another person wrote "seventeen years of excellent service."

Dr. van der Bent was described this way by an Acton man: "Many years of service beyond the call of duty to the citizens of Acton."

"A very good doctor, one the community can be proud of. A first class citizen," another said.

"Dr. van der Bent has been a member of our fine community for over twenty years. He has actively participated in the needs of the community. For example, in the winter of '83-'84, he donated a pump to the lake which gave the wildlife a place to live for the winter. He introduced the first swans to Fairy Lake, which has added colour and beauty to our town. He has continued to care for these birds by clipping their wings and continuously caring for their general health."

"Dr. van der Bent's works, care, and devotion to our community may not be publicized, but those who know him, see his great value as a member of our community. I personally feel that it is about time this fine man's work be noticed, and that Dr. van der Bent receives the recognition he so rightly deserves as Citizen Of The Year," one Actonian stated.

Stevens' land

The Town will receive the first return on its investment on the Stevens property this week, when Georgetown Optimists Club will pay a dollar for its use as a parking area.

Visitors to Bang-O-Hama, Monday, may use the land on Maple Avenue, across from North Halton Golf Club for parking. A shuttle bus will then take them to Fairgrounds Park.

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