

Firefighters were called to the Silvercreek Service Station on Highway 7 last Tuesday to hose gasoline away from a motorcycle and car that collided shortly after 8 p.m., sending four people to

hospital. The driver and a passenger on the vintage 1947 Indian motorcycle suffered serious injuries.

Photo by Bob Lovegrove

Four injured in crash

Two Glen Williams men suffered serious injuries last Tuesday evening when the vintage motorcycle they were riding slammed into a turning car.

Clifford Zimmerman, 34, of Glen Crescent Dr. in Glen Williams, driving a 1947 Indian motorcycle, is in satisfactory condition with unspecified injuries at Peel Memorial Hospital, where he was transferred after receiving preliminary treatment at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital.

His passenger, Glen Crescent Dr. neighbor Keith Perkins, 37, is in satisfactory condition at Georgetown hospital with a fractured left leg.

Treated and released from Peel Memorial were Waine Jung, 35, who was driving a 1978 Dodge, and his passenger Dwayne Jung, 13. The two RR 1 Georgetown residents, who lived next to the Silvercreek station, received minimal injuries.

With Halton regional police on hand, Milton OPP officers investigated the

accident, summoning Halton Hills firefighters to take care of a gasoline spill. Damage was set at \$4,000 to the Dodge and \$5,000 to the motorcycle.

Conscience money?

The federal government would like to acknowledge receipt of \$2,000 in cash from an unknown person probably from Acton or area, who may have felt they were indebted to the government.

The envelope with the cash in it was postmarked "Acton March 12, 1984", and Supply and Services Canada has acknowledged receipt of the money, "from an unknown person whose conscience suggests he or she is indebted to the federal government."

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Double amputee fighting for independence

Stone quarry could be new landfill site

A Burlington limestone quarry could become Halton's new landfill site if concern over the welfare of elderly patients at a rural nursing home can be alleviated.

Pushing regional consultants to reconsider the Nelson Crushed Stone quarry on the Sideroad 2 near the Guelph Line as a candidate for landfilling, Milton Councillor Bill Johnson believes selection of the site could save Halton between \$2 million and \$5 million.

In a progress report accepted by regionalcouncil recently, consultants Walker Wright Young Associates Ltd. recommended rejecting the quarry as a candidate site because of its close proximity to the Mount Nemo Lodge Nursing Home.

"Research indicates that the elderly would be at risk of deteriorating physically and psychologically if it should be decided that they be relocated," council was advis-

In virtually every other area of consideration, however, the consultants acknowledged that the Nelson quarry is at first glance a prime candidate for landfilling. A letter to regional council from the quarry company suggested last week that elimination of the quarry as a candidate site is premature and urged council to have consultants take a closer look.

The case for reconsidering the quarry site is strong enough, according to Oakville Councillor Ann Mulvale, chairman of Halton's planning and public works committee, that Johnson is likely to find plenty of allies on council in his support of the quarry choice.

Not convinced that relocating the Mount Nemo Lodge is a viable possibility, lodge administrator Maria Aull told this newspaper that landfilling in the Nelson quarry would have substantial impact on more than 500 residents of the immediate area. Some form of protest is likely if the region shows interest in the quarry, she warned.

would hope in that time we could find some solution."

Mulvale stressed that the region is "only at the midway point" in its current round of deliberations over landfill candidates. A thorough environmental assessment of the Nelson quarry could turn up problems not yet apparent, she noted.

Pointing out that it has not yet been

established whether lodge residents would be affected by a combined quarrying-landfilling operation, Johnson said relocating the lodge would cost Halton "a pittance" compared to the cost of carrying on the dump search.

"As a good public relations gesture, I'm sure the region could well afford to relocate the home in another rural area," he said, citing the old Campbellville school as one location which, with foresight, Halton could have purchased for such a use.

As he indicated in a submission to the regional consultants March 7, Johnson said the Nelson quarry already features an upgraded access road, ideal hydrogeology, weigh scales, a premix plant, site security and an offer by the company to supply equipment as a well as a recycling shed for the region's use.

No land would have to be bought, as is the case with most other candidate sites still under consideration, Johnson said, and technology is available to overcome the problem of garbage residue leaking into groundwater supplies through cracks in the

Apart from the question of the lodge's proximity, he added, the only real problem involves the company's commitment to rehabilitating the site once quarrying is completed. That can be renegotiated, he

Business topic

Acton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a business development luncheon at the Acton Meadows Golf Club on Wednesday, June 13, to exchange information on business development in Acton.

Guest speaker at the noon affair will be Brent Kerse, the region's development officer.



Archie Harkins spends much of his time playing an organ and watching TV since he lost his

Parkette by Fall

The parkette scheduled to be built where the former Canadian Style Donuts building stands should be completed by September of this year Town engineer Bob Austin says. . Steve Larsen of Limehouse was awarded the demolition tender with a bid of \$6,000. Work should begin within 30 days said Town

purchasing agent Hugh Patterson. There is some concern over the storm sewers in the area Patterson noted because the sidewalks on the north side of Mill St. are

being moved back to allow more room for traffic at the intersection.

With new sidewalks and gutters installed on the corner some of the sewers will have to be moved or new ones built to allow for proper drainage of the area, he continued.

However, concluded Patterson, the site should be cleared within 60 days of the start of demolition. Final touches will be completed by the end of September at the latest.

40 teachers to lose jobs

Forty teachers in Halton will lose their jobs this summer.

Declining enrolment has made these teachers "redundant".

Both elementary and secondary school

teachers are affected, with 20 in each level. Seven teachers in Halton Hills and four in Milton are caught in the squeeze.

In Georgetown one teacher will be cut at each of Glen Williams, Centennial,

Don't watch the eclipse! That warning

A partial eclipse of the sun occurring here

from 11:30 a.m. to 2:15 May 30 (today) is the

most dangerous to the eyes because the sun,

not completely covered, emits invisible

The only safe way is to watch it on tele-

infra-red rays.

vision.

comes from the National Research Council.

Wrigglesworth and Joseph Gibbons schools, while three will lose their jobs at Georgetown high school.

In the Milton and Acton areas two teachers will be cut from E.C. Drury in Milton and two from Percy Merry and Brookville staffs.

Some teachers may be rehired in the fall when retirements and resignations are

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Tickets for the 1984 Citizen of the Year

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Citizen of Year tickets available

dinner honoring Dr. David van der Bent are avallable from the following places in Acton: Acton I.G.A., Neilsen's Clothing, Bank of Nova Scotia, Halton Hills Furniture, J and T Sports, or by calling Jennie Kulken at 853-1175.

Acton Chamber of Commerce sponsors the annual dinner which will take place this year on Saturday, June 23, at the Acton Curling Club.

Acton Firefighters Dan Dempsey, Peter Luty and Jim Davies did their part for the local department at a Firelighters Fun Day at Prospect Park on Saturday. Four area fire stations were in attendance for Waterball and Bucket Race fun. For more photos see This Week Thru the Lens on Page 1.

Parks and Recreation Department disabled children into their summer activities. See Page 3.

Eramesa tewaship has increased the tax rate by \$36 and \$45 in Rockwood. See Page 7. Actor Junior A fastball team split a pair of games this

week with Guelph and Cambridge, Page 3, The tenels season spened and Vic Marris reports on Page 11.

The battle for the Penderson? See the story on Newsmakers.



job of stopping circula-

by Mark Holmes

For most people retirement is a time to sit back and enjoy life but for a Rockwood man and his wife, life after 65 is turning into a nightmare.

Archibald Harkins, 67, has lost both legs in the last four years and instead of finding help from the numerous government and social agencies for the disabled he is getting nothing but refusals and disinterest.

Mr. Harkins was a healthy robust 63-yearold man in 1980 when tragedy struck. He was polishing floors at the Meadowcroft Senior Citizens' Home in Guelph when he suddenly fell to the floor writhing in agony.

An ambulance was soon there and within minutes he was in the hospital where it was diagnosed he was suffering from arteriosclerosis thardening and thickening of the arteries) in his legs. The doctors told Archie the blood flow to his lower right leg and foot had been almost completely cut off and he would need several operations to correct the

problem. For the next few months Archie was in and out of the hospital as he went through three arterial by-passes that were to prove to be of no help at all. Five months after his last operation gangrene set in and his right

leg had to be amoutated below the knee. For months afterward Archie was confined to bed and a wheel chair and he had to

quit his managerial job at Meadowcroft. It was at this point that Archie's problems

began to mount. Although OHIP paid most of the medical bills and Blue Cross covered 70 per cent of the cost of the prosthesis there were still several hundreds of dollars in costs that came out of Archie's pocket. On a fixed income with no hope of senior citizen benefits for two years, Archie and Katle Harkins watched their life savings go down

They left Guelph and rented a second floor apartment in Acton until Archie turned 65 and was able to collect senior citizen's benefits and a pension.

Three years after the amputation Archie

had a permanent prosthesis and was fully recovered but he began having trouble negotiating the stairs in his home so the couple took an apartment in the Squires Lodge seniors apartments in Rockwood.

It was after only a short time in his new abode that tragedy struck a second time. He was hanging curtains with his wife when his left leg gave out.

The word from the doctors was another amputation. In February of this year Archie lost his second leg. As a result Archie's right prosthesis had to

be replaced and and a new one made for his left leg. Somehow he has to come up with \$2500, or one quarter of his yearly income to pay for it. Archie said Blue Cross will cover about

\$3,000 of the \$5,000 required for the legs and the rest of the money has to come from somewhere else. On top of that he has to pay almost \$2,000 a year for socks and additional equipment for the legs.

"It's ridiculous how much stores charge for these sockss." said Archie, "Most people pay \$1 or \$2 for a pair of socks. Mine cost \$12 or more."

Archie has tried several organizations and government offices in hope of finding someone who will help him get funding for his artificial limbs. So far there has been little or no response.

Welfare said they couldn't help Archie because he had an income over \$700 a month. He says local M.P. gave him such a run around that Archie finally gave up. Worst of all says Archie, was the March of Dimes Foundation. "I couldn't believe it when they told me they only sponsored disabled people up to 19 years old."

Archie who served in France and Egypt during World War II, sald the Disabled Veterans' Association couldn't help him either.

"I've been an active man all my life," said Archie, "and I know I'd still be working today if I had my legs.

Archie also described himself as an independent person and the fact he can't go far without his wheelchair is demoralizing. He is still waiting for the stump of his left leg to heal and spends his time watching T.V.

and playing a small organ. "What bothers me the most about the whole situation is that there are likely many more people with the same problem as mine and there doesn't seem to be much anyone can do about it," said Archie ruefully.