

MILL STREET, ACTON

Parkette use unknown

The town's planning staff are preparing a report on the possible use of a small parkette on the corner of Mill Street and Acton Boulevard for recreational purposes, despite objections from area residents.

Assistant town planner Ron Burnett told the subsidiary planning board last Tuesday night that the size of the park—approximately 450 feet long and 100 feet deep—limits the possible future use of the area as a recreational park. Suf-

ficient open space can be found a short distance away, near the Acton high school, to provide recreational space for area residents, Burnett added.

Ward One Councillor Joe Hurst explained to the committee that all three Acton councillors agreed with the residential use of the parkette even though the Ontario Municipal Board, a number of years ago, ruled in favour of the area residents when the suggestion was originally presented.

The OMB's objection to the

plan then, said Hurst, was based largely on the fact that five years had not passed since the land was handed over to the town as part of a subdivision agreement.

After hearing that the park did not have any present recreational use at all—"there's only one tree there"—pointed out Councillor Pat McKenzie—the planning board agreed to give the planning department the go ahead to study the number of lots that could be developed on the parkette and what type of development could take place.



Even the ducks have an interest in Cameron Street

Town studies water runoff problems

Cameron Street homeowners who are having problems with runoff water flooding their basements and garages want the town's engineer and councillors to put on raincoats and overshoes to see the problem at its worst—during a thunderstorm.

In an interview last week, three residents told the Herald the asphalt which was recently put down on their street has made the problem worse instead of better.

Charles Townsley, who has lived at 29 Cameron St. since 1941, said that before the asphalt was laid, he had no problem. But since the asphalt was laid he has had water flooding his garage.

The ditch, about three inches deep and eight inches wide at the side of the road, does not do much good, he said.

He said a catch basin at the top of the street, where the flooding is worse than at his home at the end of the street, would help resolve the situation. Even better, he added, would be storm sewers.

The two homeowners worst affected by the runoff during rainstorms are John (Tiny) Miller and Jim Bradshaw both of whom have had to dig their driveways to keep water out of their basements.

TRAIL OF SILT
A trail of gravel and clay extends from the storm sewer on Mill Street, around the corner, across Cameron Street, through his driveway and ends in the Bradshaw garden. The water eventually runs off into the pond behind Bradshaw's house.

For Miller who lives next door, the water runs down his driveway and enters his basement. He believes the problem originates on Mill Street which is not graded properly, he said. If Mill Street were properly graded—something he hopes happens when it is repaved—the problem would disappear.

Water carrying sand, gravel, and clay runs off from Cobblehill Road, bypasses the street the Legion Hall is on and where storm sewers are

located because Mill Street is not properly graded, he said. Then, when the water reaches Cameron Street, instead of running along Mill Street and into another storm sewer, it turns into Cameron Street.

Both neighbours felt that building up the roadway across the mouth of Cameron Street, much like a traffic bump in a shopping plaza, would solve the problem.

Neither felt that curbs and sidewalks on Cameron Street

would do anything to solve the situation as had been recommended by some members of the works committee which visited the street Tuesday last week.

NO COMMENT
Town engineer Robert Austin told the Herald that the problem would be solved by the engineering department but exactly how he was not prepared to say.

All the various solutions to the problem, and there are

many of them, Austin said, hinge on tlaks he must have with the developer of the Legion subdivision above Cameron Street.

As to whether the recent asphaltting of Cameron Street increased the flooding the homeowners experience, Austin said: "I have no intention of saying." He said at works committee last week that proving that paving had an effect on flooding would be difficult to prove.



Doug Johnson got right into the thick of things

24 inch pike takes top honors in annual Acton fishing derby

A 24-inch pike, caught in Fairy Lake by Maurice Jodoin, was the largest fish caught Sunday in Acton's annual fishing derby.

An Acton resident, Jodoin won a minnow bucket for his two and a half pound prize catch.

Chris Swetman of Acton, 14, received a tackle box for landing the largest bass in the adult competition, open to anglers age 13 and over. Two pounds, four ounces, the bass

measured 17 inches.

Wayne Porte took home a new landing net for the largest pike in the adult division.

In the children's class, Andrew Roach received a reel for catching the biggest bass while 11 year-old Bob Brouillard won a tackle box for the largest pike.

Acton resident Doug Johnson, 14, threw back the prize-winning catfish which earned him a weigh scale. The evening of derby day

featured a display by firefighters. They set a car on fire, then demonstrated how to extinguish it.

Community members gathered in Prospect Park for the grand finale: fireworks.

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Block Parent meeting

The Block Parent program in Acton meets tonight (Wednesday) at 8 p.m. at the M.Z. Bennett School.

The purpose of the meeting is to explain to prospective Block Parents the purpose of the organization. The program is to provide relief for distressed children going to and from school. The steps necessary for anyone to become a Block Parent will be

outlined at the meeting.

Speaking at the meeting will be Constable Keith Woods, who has addressed Block Parents meetings in Georgetown and Gail Rae of Milton who helped establish the Block Parent Program five years ago in Milton.

Application forms for those willing to become Block Parents will be available at tonight's meeting.

IODE trophy won by school choir

M.Z. Bennett public school choir, Acton, has been presented with the Sybil Bennett Memorial Trophy by the Strathmore chapter of the IODE.

The announcement was made at the last meeting of the Spring Session held at the home of Joan Meers. The trophy is presented annually in memory of the late Sybil Bennett, MP, a former honorary president of the chapter.

The chapter was told only Holy Cross separate school entered the annual essay contest on the life of a prominent Canadian. Winner of the contest is Elaine Lacurriere, who had "an exceptionally well written essay."

Evelyn Wingrove, Evelyn Charles, Juen Evans, Thelma Wilson, June Deans and Billy Greig have been appointed to the bridge committee for the coming season's round-robin.

CALCULATOR PURCHASE SOUGHT

General administration committee last week approved the purchase of an adding machine by the recreation department. Recreation director Glen Gray suggested a model featuring a display showing columns and figures. These machines are priced at about \$300.

Because no allowance was made in the budget for an adding machine, Gray suggested that monies saved during the three-month period Wards 3 and 4 are without a recreation co-ordinator be reallocated for the purchase.

Wool has been bought for members to knit into garments for northern Canadian hospitals, Hazel McMillan reported. She said donated toys are also being sent north.

The meeting concluded with the auction of items donated by members and a "bounteous pot-luck supper."

The chapter will meet again in September.

Correction

In a story in last week's Herald on the opening of the new addition to the North Halton Golf and Country Club it was incorrectly reported that social memberships at the club were \$60 per month. The fees are actually \$60 per year.

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BUSINESS WOMAN IN THE NEWS



There is a simple philosophy behind Touch of Class, a woman's clothing store on Main Street in Georgetown where ladies looking to add some elegance to their wardrobes can buy exclusive imports.

You notice it first when you enter the light and spacious shop. The garment racks are stocked with clothes bearing the labels of Ports International, Mr. Leonard and Highland Queen and throughout are tasteful displays of fine accessories that do much to set off good garments and distinguish them from run of the mill goods.

The philosophy is that of Barbara Shulheiser who opened the shop in August, 1975. Barbara lives in Georgetown with her husband of 15 years and their six-year old daughter. Barbara's parents and grandparents were in the business of outfitting people with clothes and the family tradition extends back over 50 years.

"A pleasant personality along with fashion knowledge is what you need most in selling to the public," Barbara says. "Be pleasant and happy with what you are doing. This in turn makes all your customers relaxed and pleasant to deal with."

Her shop has "fashions for individuals," Barbara says. She suggests, "rather than something trendy, buy a few garments and do a lot with them."

"It's not everybody's philosophy," she adds, "but it's time we saw something else besides jeans."
This tall Barbara will add even more European exclusive imports to the lines she carries now and among others she names Pierre Cardin, Marni Knits, Walks and Bernard Cowan. There is no need to travel to the shops in Toronto; whether for a gift or a longed addition to your own wardrobe, you can have it with a Touch of Class.

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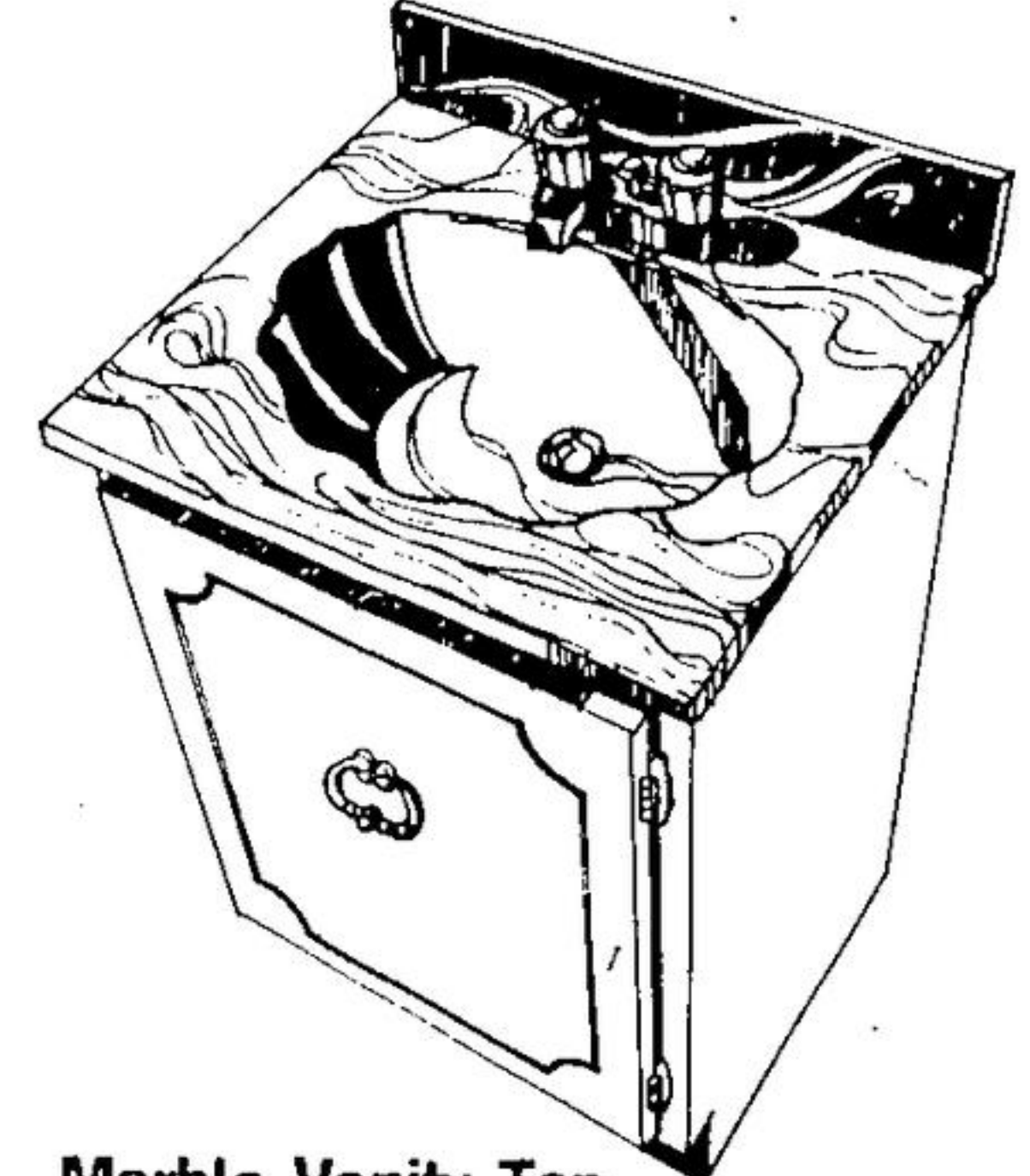
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