



**DUTCH DIVERS** Margaret Kuyenhoven (left) and Josien Van Spronsen, both 17 and from Holland, demonstrate a hand-stand dive at the Lion's outdoor pool last Wednesday. The two young women are visiting from Holland and depart today (Wednesday) for their homes near Rotterdam.

## Metcalfe ravine finished this week, Ballinger says

Field work at the bottom of the ravine between Metcalfe Court and Delrex Boulevard will be completed at the end of this week, the town's deputy engineer, Ted Ballinger, told the works committee Monday.

The town is installing gabion baskets to check the flow of water out of the storm sewer exiting from under Delrex Boulevard into the ravine.

Coun. Ern Hyde said that the gabion baskets solve only one of two problems, that of checking the flow.

"We're not doing anything to lessen the slopes," he said.

This is where the problem is—they're sliding.

He suggested a pipe carrying the water and covered with fill to a depth of ten feet or more would stop the sliding.

Town engineer Robert Austin said that water rushing down the ravine causes erosion and that to stop that, "you'd have to fill it level."

It never was the intent of the town, even if a pipe had been installed, to put that much fill into the ravine, Austin added.

Even ten feet of fill, a figure adopted by the committee for the sake of discussion, would mean that trees would have to be cut down, Austin said.

Mike Armstrong, chairman of the committee, said gabion baskets are less costly than an enclosed pipe, does the job and makes the area look "reasonably wild."

The gabion baskets are constructed in a series of dams which allow the water a number of vertical drops rather than a straight flow which causes erosion.

The town engineer is to report to the committee Aug. 23 on the progress of the work.

### FIRE ISSUE

## New truck or tanker?

Controversy arose Monday between Wards 3 and 4 Fire Chief Ken Buikema and members of the volunteer firefighters association over the proposed purchase of a four-wheel-drive vehicle.

Buikema maintained the truck is badly needed for calls in rural areas, covering a 62 mile radius and to decrease the strain placed on the van presently used to transport manpower and firefighting equipment.

Bud Hyde spoke for the volunteer firefighters association opposing the purchase on the grounds that money could be better spent on a tanker.

"If we're going to put this on a priority basis, the tanker is a must," he told the general administration committee. "We've driven the van since 1967 and had good service from it."

He suggested the old van could be used solely for urban calls.

Buikema contradicted saying in the past that the van required numerous brake repairs, recently needed new springs, experienced other mechanical problems and was overloaded with equipment regardless of how it is redistributed.

"The first concern of firemen is to maintain their own lives," said Coun. George Maltby, "so if they feel strongly in favor of the tanker, okay."

He voiced support for more feedback between fire chiefs and volunteer firefighters concerning budgets and decisions.

"As a volunteer group, they need and deserve different attention than employees," Maltby believes.

The dispute concluded with a motion by Coun. Roy Booth to table the issue pending reports.

from fire chiefs Ken Buikema and Mick Holmes after consultation with the firefighters regarding the proposed purchase of either or both a four wheel drive vehicle and a tanker.

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# Legion park improvements delayed

The improvement of Remembrance Park, Branch 120's project for the 50th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion, has met with another delay which will postpone the project until next year.

Thursday members of the Legion viewed the partially drained lower pond along with Mike Armstrong, chairman of the works committee and Ted Ballinger deputy engineer.

The meeting at the park was called by Coun. Ern Hyde who had suggested that removing the boards from beneath the bridge over the lower pond would improve the water flow and thus eliminate weeds which are choking the bottom.

Hyde did not attend that meeting. He told the works committee Monday he went by the park earlier in the day and noticed that it had not yet been drained, "then I forgot about it."

What Coun. Hyde misapprehended was the ugly exposed bottom of the pond with water sluggishly moving through. Agreement among Legion president, Denny Wright, chairman of the improvement project, Norm Ward and Legionnaires Harold Bacham and Ted Harrison was unanimous that draining the lower pond was not what the legion wanted.

Wright said the Legion may reconsider the idea of piping water underground and having fountains. But whatever is decided, the legion is hesitant about putting out money for something that is not permanent, he added.

Ballinger suggested at that meeting that filling in the slopes of the pond, then adding a three foot wall of gabion baskets to make the pond 15 feet wide along with cleaning the bottom would be enough to tide the project over until next year.

Fill for the project would be available from storm sewers which are going in on Draper Street nearby the park on James Street. But at Monday's meeting of the works committee, Ballinger said he had second thoughts about the project.

Fill. He said the filling operation, shaping the slopes and laying sod would cost about \$2,600. As there has been a wet summer and trucks carrying the fill would drive over the grass, part of the park will need reseeded yet nothing concrete would be achieved, he said.

The park would not be presentable for the Remembrance Service in November, he said. "It's getting late in the year."

"Perhaps the best idea is to let it go until next year... thing about it more and get some new ideas," Ballinger said.

No real engineering has taken place at the park, he said.

Many Ballinafad residents are on vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Given returned from a month of touring the Western provinces. They visited Vancouver Island, Mel Addy's sister in Hainey, British Columbia, and former resident of Ballinafad Mel Addy, who works in a British Columbia lumber camp.

The Given's daughter and son-in-law June and Dirk Janson, their two children, met them in Calgary, and accompanied them to the Calgary Stampede.

They also visited Miss Nancy Snow, a nurse employed by a hospital in Red Deer, Alberta, took in the Saskatoon Fair and Winnipeg Zoo.

Recent visitors to our community include Mr. and Mrs. Griffen Jones of Garson and Mr. and Mrs. Aneurin Gould of South Wales. They spent a week at the Smith farm.

Helde and Claus Wotzel of West Germany were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eckert and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Jamieson and their little son moved to Deep River where Murray is taking a month-long training course. Upon its completion, he will be stationed at a hydro office in Douglas Point.

Recently, the Jamieson family was visited by Elsie Provin of Milton.

Sharon Kanusek is enjoying a holiday with her parents in Manitoba.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith spent the weekend with relatives in St. Charles.

side of the pond with fill from Draper Street and meeting once again with the Legion's improvement committee.

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### Traffic study

A traffic operation study to reconsider traffic lights at three Georgetown locations was requested by the works committee Monday.

The committee will ask Halton Region to reconsider traffic lights at Mountainview Road South and Sinclair Avenue; Mountainview Road South and Campbell Gate and Delrex Boulevard and Maple Avenue.

## Signs up in the air

The works committee delayed approval of a pylon sign outside the offices of Johnston Carney Ltd. at 232 Guelph St. Monday.

Although they were not opposed in principle to the construction of the sign, the councillors wanted assurance from the owner of the building that no more pylon signs would be erected as there are a number of tenants in the building besides Johnston Carney Ltd.

Town engineer Robert Austin suggested one large sign with all the tenants names on it.

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