

Traffic blocked for three blocks

Traffic was re-routed around a three-block section of Acton's Main thoroughfare Wednesday evening as volunteer firefighters tackled a small but apparently damaging fire that has forced the closure of the Elissa Shoe Store.

Deputy Fire Chief Bob Hyde declined to give any details about the cause of the fire or the extent of damage, saying only that the matter is under investigation. A Halton Regional Police Constable was stationed outside the Mill Street shop to guard against unofficial entry of the premises.

Another fire department official said the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the blaze.

By-standers watching the blaze said the storeowners, who lived in the apartment

above, were not home when the fire started. The call to the Acton firehall was made by the owners upon their return shortly after 6 p.m. from a neighboring residence. There were no injuries reported.

Police promptly blocked off traffic access along Mill Street between Willow and Frederic Streets while volunteer firefighters brought the blaze under control. Smoke billowed out through a hole in the roof at the side of the building, above a private doorway, for more than two hours.

This morning, the shop windows blocked by smoke, revealed nothing of the extent of damage inside. Ironically, the store is located next door to the municipal office buildings where Fire Chief Mick Holmes currently on vacation, conducts much of his business.

CVCA seeks okay for flood repairs

The staff of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority has recommended that the authority and Halton Regional chairman Ric Morrow be authorized to take whatever action they deem necessary to help alleviate the problem of flooding in Glen Williams.

The staff has been monitoring the ice conditions in the Credit River in Glen Williams, and in light of the high risk of ice jams which may result in flooding, depending on the weather conditions, they have recommended that Mr. Morrow and the authority be authorized to do anything necessary, including blasting, to help alleviate the problem.

The water management advisory board has included \$4,000 in the budget to cover any work necessary to ease the problem.

The board also received a report on the paper mill dam, which said that removing the dam would reduce but not eliminate the problem of ice-

jaming. The report also said that removal of the dam would aggravate the problem further down-stream.

Critical meeting

Tonight's meeting between the Halton separate school board and its teachers may prove to be a key meeting, says the chairman of the board's negotiating committee.

Hartley Sherk says some progress was made at a 10-hour negotiating session last Saturday. This was mostly in the area of "operating clauses," he says. Neither side has changed its position about money matters.

Bob Boyle, chief negotiator for the 396 teachers, said last week that he would consider calling a strike vote if Saturday's meeting produced no progress. The teachers have been without a contract since September.



A LIFE SAVED

A chain of human volunteers hauled diver Dave Berry from the icy waters of Fairy Lake in Acton during a demonstration of the methods for "getting out of hot water after falling through thin ice." The demonstration was organized by the Halton Hills Recreation Department, using information provided by the Canadian Red Cross.

Dave Berry, Dave Francis and Walter Nobel of the Halton Scuba Trek were the divers who allowed themselves to be rescued from the icy water. Mr. Berry estimated that the water temperature wouldn't permit the divers to remain in the water any longer than 15 minutes, even wearing wet suits and rubber hand and feet covering.

Photo By Lori Taylor

Prayer Day March 3

"Community Spirit in Modern Living will be the theme of this year's World Day of Prayer service to be held on Friday, March 3rd, 1978 at 1:30 p.m. at St. John's United Church, Georgetown.

1978's service of worship, prayer and reflection marks the sixtieth (60th) such annual observance in Canada, as part of a Day of Prayer around the world, more than 3,500 communities in Canada alone are expected to observe this year's International Day of Prayer.

OBITUARY

James (Fred) Edwards

James Frederick (Fred) Edwards, 75, Perth MPP for 22 years, died Feb. 9 in Toronto Western Hospital after a lengthy illness. Mr. Edwards was a Georgetown resident in his youth.

Mr. Edwards, a graduate of the University of Toronto, was first elected to the provincial legislature as the Progressive Conservative member for Perth in 1945 and represented the riding until his defeat in 1967. He retired as a pharmacist in Palmerston four years ago.

He was a shrine and a member of the Masonic Lodge. Mr. Edwards is survived by his wife, the former Thora McCartney, and a daughter, Thora, of Toronto.

Funeral services were held Monday at Palmerston United Church.

This year's program is especially unique in that it has been prepared by Canadian women (for the first time since 1952) and because the service has been translated in French as well.

"Our life in Canada is becoming a fuller and richer one as people of many cultures, many races, many creeds and many tongues have come to make their home here. As Canadians we call our brothers and sisters around the world to share their lives with us, and with one another so that all of humanity may grow into unity and wholeness through fellowship with one another."

"Aude-nous a bathir un monde nouveau - une communauté fondée sur l'amour et la paix."

Representatives from the Christian Reformed, Holy Cross, Knox Presbyterian, Mountainview Baptist, St. Andrew's United, St. George's Anglican and St. John's United Churches will be participating in the service of worship.

Everyone is cordially invited to share in this ecumenical service.

NEC chairman explains plan

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This is an overview of the Niagara Escarpment Commission's Preliminary Proposals for a Niagara Escarpment Master Plan. These proposals have been prepared to provide for the maintenance of the Niagara Escarpment and land in its vicinity substantially as a continuous natural environment, and to ensure only such development occurs as is compatible with that natural environment.

These are proposals only, and will be the subject of discussion with municipal councils, advisory committees, provincial ministries and the public before a proposed Plan is drafted for formal hearings.

It will come as no surprise to note that the Commission is proposing a continuous scarp designation stretching from Niagara Falls to Tobermory at the tip of the Bruce Peninsula as a basic land-use designation. This identifies prominent surface slopes and buried portions of the geological escarpment. The

policies propose its preservation as a continuous natural environment.

Overlying this, and extending about 300 metres on either side, there is a scarp protection overlay designation. This is to provide a protective buffer on either side of the scarp, and development in this area will have to be carried out with a careful consideration of its effects on the scarp environment.

As over 90 per cent of the Planning Area is of a rural character, the Commission's task involves, principally, rural as opposed to urban planning. It is fair to say that, until recently, most planning in Ontario has been concentrated on the urban areas. Thus there remains much new ground to be broken.

There are four dominant designations that make up the bulk of the rural area in the Commission's Proposals. These are Special and Mixed Agriculture, General Rural, and Forest.

The Special and Mixed Agricultural areas combined make up 38 per cent of the total area. The Special Agricultural areas identify land with a high capacity for special crops such

as the tender fruits and apples. The Mixed Agricultural areas identify good quality (Class 1, 2 or 3 or equivalent) lands that are not Special Agricultural areas. The policies in these Proposals are directed to preserving these lands for agricultural use.

The forest areas make up 26 per cent of the total area. These lands are now forested or are reverting to forest and have been assessed as having a high medium capability for timber production. The policies in the Proposals aim to preserve the tree cover, not only for the future commercial value but also for the great environmental and scenic benefits of forested areas.

23 per cent of the Planning Area has been designated as General Rural. These lands are the lower quality agricultural lands, Classes 4 to 7. The policy Proposals are to permit a limited scale of rural development, including rural residential, at the discretion of municipalities.

The commission has been charged with designating areas for mineral extraction, and has done so. The Commission has proposed that the existing licensed areas largely

be continued, with the exception that the distance from the scarp for which extraction is now prohibited will be increased by applying the Scarp Protection policy. New areas have been designated for future mineral extraction, but these have been selected so as not to use forested lands, good agricultural lands or to disrupt important environmental or cultural areas, scenic areas and areas proposed for public acquisition. Strong controls are proposed as part of the licensing procedures. Some 39,000 acres, 12,200 acres of it already licensed, have been proposed for designation. The focal point for new mineral extraction areas yet to be opened up is shifted northward from its present position towards the northern portion of the Planning Area.

The Commission has carried out extensive studies to determine an optimum route for the Bruce Trail, and this route appears as a basic designation in the Preliminary Proposals. It has a length of 522 miles, 33 per cent of which is on lands now public. No agreement has been reached with landowners for a large

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Baetz agrees to study area hydro corridor

Energy minister Reuben Baetz agreed to study the Bruce-Milton 500kV hydro corridor after a meeting yesterday with members of the Interested Citizen's Group (ICG).

Mr. Baetz has stated that it is his desire to improve communications between Ontario Hydro, the ministry of energy and the people, John Minns, an ICG spokesman said. Mr. Baetz has previously stated that "if a hydro line is to be built in someone's back yard, he has to be told why."

The meeting with the ICG lasted approximately 3 1/2 hours and covered a number of the concerns expressed by opponents of the corridor.

The primary question asked of Mr. Baetz was why the people have been denied an independent study. As an answer in part, the minister replied, "We can't turn the clock back all the way, but we will examine what alternatives remain."

The alternatives include a discussion of the technical, economic, and political options that may remain available.

In the technical field, the minister will examine the possibility of setting up an examination forum to compare the independent consultant's report submitted by Slater Energy Consultants

with any additional information that systems planners from Ontario Hydro might offer. The ICG may be invited to take an active part in this study.

The Slater Report contended that serious deficiencies exist in the presently proposed Bruce-to-Milton corridor system and that better options are available. Arthur Hill of Ontario Hydro disagrees, saying that Slater "did not consider all the facts."

One of the purposes of this forum would be to examine all available information and consider pertinent facts of the Bruce-to-Milton line.

The minister has also offered to receive a list of the

specific areas of concern of a number of the citizen land owners and the questions that have remained unanswered over the past five years. These include hydro's property acquisition practices and field conduct, the possible hazards and safety aspects of the line, the environmental and social impact and the effect on agriculture.

Mr. Minns said Mr. Baetz has indicated a willingness to investigate "credible alternatives" which the ICG finds encouraging.

The minister has undertaken to reply to ICG co-chairman John Schneider within 48 hours as to the procedure the forum might take.

Lions aid tourney

The Georgetown Lions have taken on the part of the sponsorship for the International Bantam Hockey Tournament to be held during the school break in March. Tournament Chairman Harry Levy will be assisted by Lions Club Secretary Jack Fisher and five other committee members. The Lions will canvass the community for ads in the souvenir programs, which besides the gate receipts, is the main source of income in covering the cost and prizes for the tournament winners.

Fares increase

GO Transit will raise its fares as of April 1. The Toronto Area Transit Operating Authority says the increase is necessary because fare revenue has not kept pace with escalating costs even though patronage has grown.



GETTING IT READY

Rick Van Fleet and Paul Tyres are two of the volunteers working to get The Mug ready for opening night. The Mug is the name which has been chosen for the coffeehouse being built by students of Acton high school in the basement of the Murray Memorial 'Y' building in Acton. The students hope to have the coffeehouse open for business on March 4.

Riverbank buy OK'd

The water management advisory board of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) has recommended the authority accept the offer of S.B. McLaughlin Ltd. to purchase land lying between the Credit River and Armstrong Avenue, Georgetown.

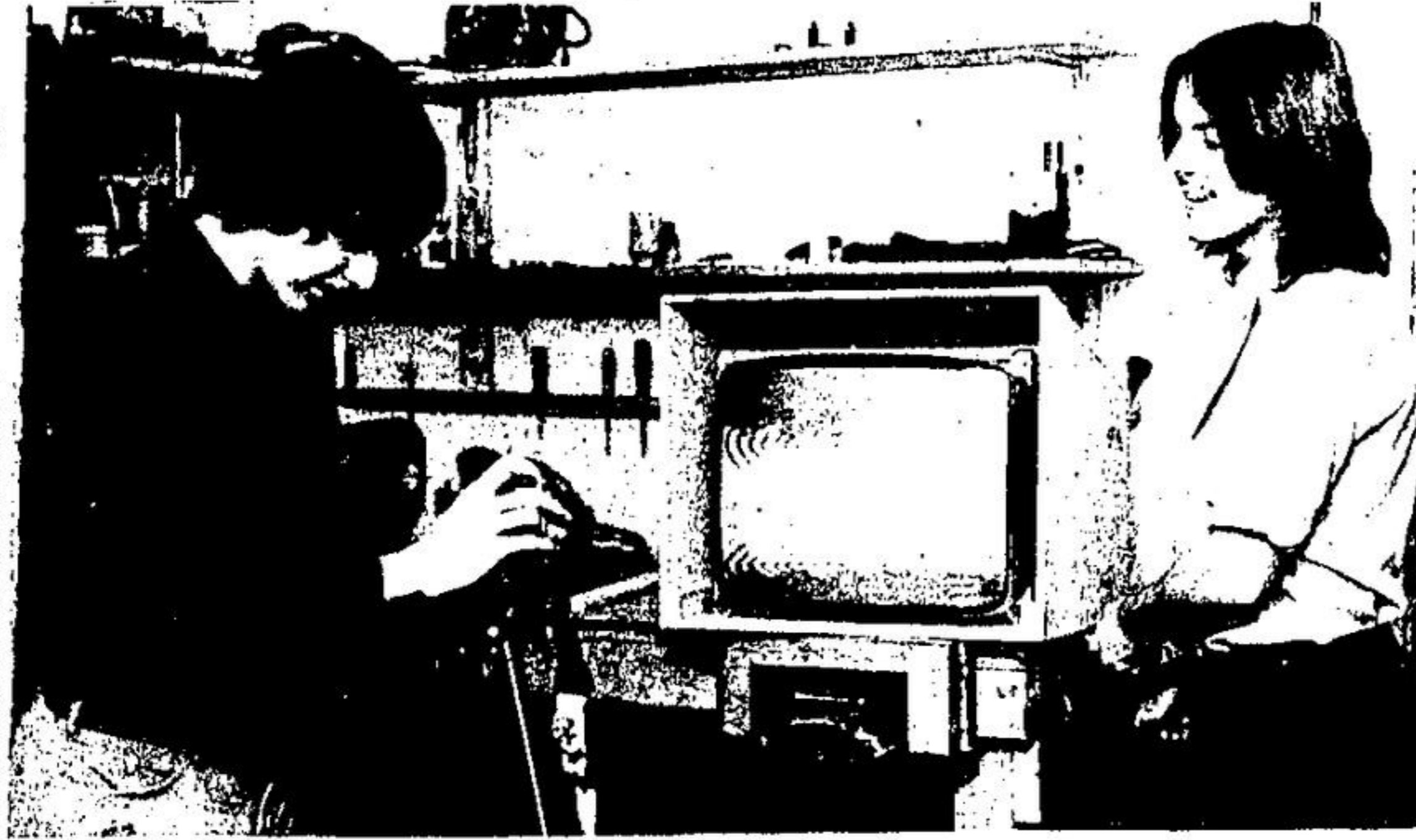
The board recommended the authority spend \$5,000 for appraisal of the land, a proper survey of the property and the legal fees involved in the transaction.

Basil Noels told the board that massive erosion is causing unnecessary siltation problems to the river, and is presenting a hazard to the street. He said the storm sewers at the top of the bank

are adding to the problem. The board has also recommended that a preliminary engineering project to study the problem of erosion along the river bank be undertaken, and that the cost should not exceed \$15,000.

S. B. McLaughlin is the owner of Focal Properties Ltd.

New art form discovered by high school students



Mark and Scott photograph the different effects produced by the video monitor, since it is virtually impossible to duplicate a pattern. They would like to hook up a color television monitor eventually. "But that's in the distant future," Mark said.

'Electronic Rembrandts'

By LORI TAYLOR
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Mark Robinson and Scott Morrison have discovered a new art form, which they call "Electronic Rembrandt". The discovery was purely accidental. Mark and Scott are electronics hobbyists, and are planning to enter the Hamilton and District Science Fair. They plan to build a micro-computer, and one of the required parts is a video monitor.

On a trip to Buffalo, Mark acquired a video monitor which had been in use as the screen for a tv tennis game. While he and Scott were trying to hook up the monitor, they discovered that they could create visual patterns on the screen by changing the hook-ups of the different wires.

Since the patterns are virtually impossible to duplicate, Mark has been photographing the images displayed on the screen. The images are strongly reminiscent of what was known in the late 1960's as "Op Art", with high-contrast lines and squares. Mark said he hopes eventually to be able to hook up a color television monitor and photograph color images.

The monitor will be disconnected in the near future when the boys build the micro-computer they plan to enter in the science fair. They hope to have the computer plot the course, velocity and rate of acceleration of a ball dropped from a specified height and receive a teletype print-out which will graph all the information shown on the screen. The science fair will be held in April in Hamilton.



Mark Robinson, left, and Scott Morrison study the "op art" design created by modifying the signal on the video screen. The monitor was originally a tv tennis game, which Mark bought from a store in Buffalo for a science fair project. The "artistic" aspects of the machine were discovered accidentally.