

LONG-TIME MEMBERS

These Legionnaires are all long-time members who received service pins for 25, 35 and even 50 years of service to the Legion at the Legion's Honors and Awards Night Saturday. Those receiving the pins were, left to right, Ernle Peasey, 35 years, Bill

Collier, 35 years, James Dickenson, 50 years, Herb Arnold, 35 years, Joe Martin, 35 years and John (J.J.) McCarthy, 35 years.

Acton moving phones to Halton-Peel directory

Town council appears ready to ask Bell Canada to transfer Acton telephone listings from the Waterloo to the Halton-Peel directory in light of recent survey results showing 57.5 per cent of Acton subscribers in favor of the change.

The Bell Canada survey indicated that 33.8 per cent of those polled would prefer no change in the existing system which, in effect, splits Halton Hills between the two phonebooks. Approximately nine per cent stated that they are indifferent to the proposed

Town may trade

Bell public affairs manager Bill Barnes told council Monday night that the survey results contrast substantially "th those of a 1974 poll which saw only 50 to 51 per cent of Actonians endorse the switch,

the question again in late 1978. "The labor situation within Bell Canada delayed the survey a bit, but the report and statistics are finally available," Mr. Barnes sald. "This time, we sent a copy of the survey to every customer of Bell in Acton. Roughly 72 per cent of the people responded, with 57.5 per cent stating they would prefer to have the Acton listings in the Halton-Peel directory.

The proposal was shelved until

Mayor Pete Pomeroy raised

"With results of this nature we would be prepared to transfer the listings, provided that Halton Hills council passes a resolution to that effect."

Mr. Barnes assured ward 1 Coun. Ed Wood that Actonians would still be able to call Guelph toll-free. "For those wishing to have

their names in both phonebooks, there will be a nominal fee, and the 519 listing for Acton will not change," Mr. Barnes stated.

Coun. Malthy asked why the Acton exchange couldn't become a 416 area.

Mr. Barnes replied that the 519 listing is a geographical boundary and would be almost impossible to change, being established in phone directories as 519 all over North

Mayor Pomeroy told Mr. Barnes that council would have a resolution for Bell next

Acton residential land

The town's general committee has asked that land in Acton bordering on Mill Street and Acton Boulevard known as Leishman Park be appraised at the expense of the Rugby Construction Company.

The firm is interested in acquiring the land from the town for development purposes and is prepared to offer as an exchange land it owns south of Elizabeth Drive.

Town councillors were wondering, however, whether the company is getting the better

"The land they want is obviously good for development, and what they are prepared to offer in return is essentially conservation-type land," Coun. Roy Booth said.

"What we want to find out is if it's an even-up deal or one that involves money exchanging hands as well," clerk administrator Ken Richardson said. "We need to get an accurate appraisal of the land

with this exchange." It was noted that Rugby Construction would be interested in an even trade.

before we can go any further

Committee voted to ask the construction company to pick up the tab for appraising the Mill Street property, but Coun. Ross Knechtel wondered if this was a good idea.

"Perhaps we should pay for the appraisal; that way, we choose who does it and have control over the final results." Coun. Knechtel sald. "Later we can ask them to pay for the

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appraisal if and when we trade."

Mayor Pete Pomeroy stated that it was a "hell of a good deal for Rugby Construction," which he said stands to profit

"I think, however, that we can effectively control the appraisal by appointing an appraisor of our choice," Mayor Pomerov said.

Leishman Park comprises approximately one acre and could conceivably be developed for seven single family lots. The land owned by the construction company, 3.4 acres, borders on Prospect Park with much of it in the flood plain, Development opportunity would be limited by the Credit Valley Conservation Author-

MPP opposes drive-in, 'need agricultural land'

A special meeting was scheduled for last night (Tuesday) at which public concern over two separate applications for the construction of drive-in theatres on Mississauga Road near Highway 7 was to have been heard.

Although results of last night's meeting at the Brampton civic centre were unknown at press time, the Brampton Citizen's Advisory

Committee, which opposes both applications, had mustered substantial support among residents of the area in question. Some 769 landowners were urged in notices circulated by the Committee to attend the

Also expressing concern last week was Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed, a Norval resident, who called the proposed drive-in sites - one north and one

south of Highway 7 on Mississauga Road - the worst possible locations for such

Mr. Reed pointed out the need to preserve agricultural land and noted that the cost of importing food will rise dramatically during the next lew years because of increasing energy costs.

Brampton city council deferred decisions on the two applications by Premier Operating Corporation and

Gordon Guiry, a Brampton resident, when they came up in March, about three weeks apart. The applicants indicated that, should council veto their proposed sites near Highway 7, sites further south may be considered.

Closer to home. Ashgrove residents successfully blocked a similar proposal several years ago for a massive drive in theatre to be built near their community, off Trafalgar Road.

Former resident's trial begins

The trial of Gall Vukovich. charged with murder and attempted murder in the stabbing death of her eldest son and the injury of two other sons, begins Monday in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

The former Acton resident, who moved with her husband and family to lowa just two months before the stabbings. was charged October 1 when police discovered her at home with the body of son Michael, seven, dead from a fatal stab wound.

Four-year old Matthew and four-month old Jonathon were taken to hospital, as was their 36-year old mother, who was treated for selfinflicted wounds and transferred to the hospital's psychiatric unit.

Husband Joseph, a doctor, accepted a position at a Cedar Falls hospital last August, ending his practice at Acton's Glenica Medical Cli-

The subject of psychiatric evaluation tests since October, Mrs. Vukovich has pleaded not guilty to the charges against her. Her lawyer, Quinn Martin, said he intends to rely on the defences of insanity or diminished responsibility.





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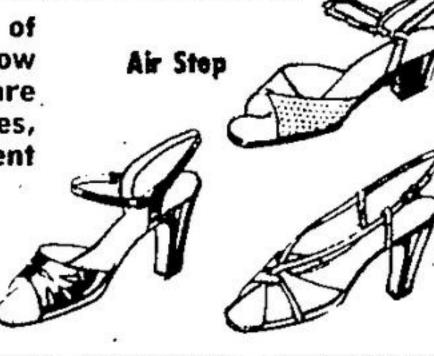
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