

Committee to set its own agenda

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eral public.

Acton Counc. Norm Elliott said the idea for the committee is sound, but he has some concerns.

"We're going to create a body that may be one of the most difficult commenting agencies that we have to deal with in any development because of environmental

issues," Elliott told Council last Tuesday.

"I don't think anyone should go into this with a Pollyanna view that the environmental committee is going to look after everything."

Elliott warned Council that the committee would bring the whole environmental aspect of every development into focus.

"It sure isn't going to make every application easier and it sure isn't necessarily going to make our job any easier to deal with environmental issues that may come up," Elliott said.

Although Council supported formation of the committee, they balked at the suggestion that the

committee be told to consider the designation of the Silver Creek Valley in Georgetown as its first project.

"Telling the committee what we want them to do first would put pressure on them," Counc. Rick Bonnette said.

"We should leave it up to this committee to decide what needs action first. We will have four Councillors there, we will have influence, but it's more democratic to let the committee set its agenda."

The seven citizen positions will be advertised in the near future and applicants will be screened by the Town's nominating committee and confirmed by Council.

Council will vote on new smoking by-law Monday

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rettes? Why is it up to business

people to bear the brunt of all these decisions?"

In an earlier interview, Dave Manes, owner of Acton Bowl, said a smoking ban would hurt his business.

"It's time that Council started minding its own business. A ban on smoking in bowling alleys would be an infringement on my rights to do business as I please," Manes said.

Council will vote on the proposed bylaw Monday night and, if approved, it will take effect Thursday, July 1.

NEWS SHORTS

Timbers charged with murder

A former Acton man, 37-year-old James Brent Timbers, appears in a Toronto court on Wednesday, May 5, charged with the second degree murder of a Unionville man.

Timbers, now of Newmarket, was arrested Thursday, April 1 in connection with the death of the 49-year-old victim who died in hospital, two weeks after being found in the back of a pick-up truck in downtown Toronto.

Suspect denied bail

An Acton man remains behind bars in connection with the alleged sexual assault of a 15-year-old Acton girl.

Twenty-year-old Matthew Adlam was denied bail when he appeared in Milton Court last Monday, and he will be back in court on Monday, April 26.

Adlam is charged with sexual assault with a weapon, weapons dangerous, forcible confinement, uttering death threats and breach of probation.

The victim told police she was lured to a garage on the Beardmore property and sexually assaulted in an abandoned vehicle.

Pros hit pro shop

Thieves, who police describe as "professionals," stole over \$10,000 worth of golf clothes, clubs and accessories from the Blue Springs Golf Club during a robbery, just after midnight on Sunday.

Police answered an alarm at the pro shop and found that a rock had been thrown through the front window.

Police report that one suspect entered the shop through the broken window and unlocked the side door while another backed a vehicle up to the door and loaded boxes and cartons of stock into it.

Reportedly, most of the inventory was still in boxes, waiting to be displayed for the opening of the shop on Friday.

Police report the culprits, who were in the pro shop for five minutes, took off in a hurry, leaving some stock behind.

Police have photographed and made casts of tire tracks found at the scene.

According to police, there are no suspects or witnesses.

Rockwood man killed

A 30-year-old Rockwood man was killed in a "spectacular" single-car accident early Thursday morning in north Milton.

Police report David Douglas Reid, pronounced dead at the scene, was northbound on Tremaine Road, south of No. 3 Sideroad, when he lost control of his car.

The vehicle crashed into two hydro poles before coming to a stop, upside down on a driveway.

A neighbour heard the crash and called police, who found live wires hanging on a still-running car which was leaking gasoline.

About a dozen homes were without power for four hours after the accident.

Window smashed

Police have no suspects or witnesses in a rock throwing incident overnight last Tuesday at the Acton Fire Hall. Police report \$150 damage was done to a window.

Paint peeled

Police report that someone poured a liquid chemical on the door handle of an Acton woman's car when she left it parked on Guelph Street in Georgetown on Friday.

The chemical dripped down the car door, peeling the paint and doing \$200 damage. Police have no suspects or witnesses.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"(Butting out) really falls in the realm of common courtesy and I wonder if you can legislate common courtesy."

— Gerald Rennie, Councillor, Front Page

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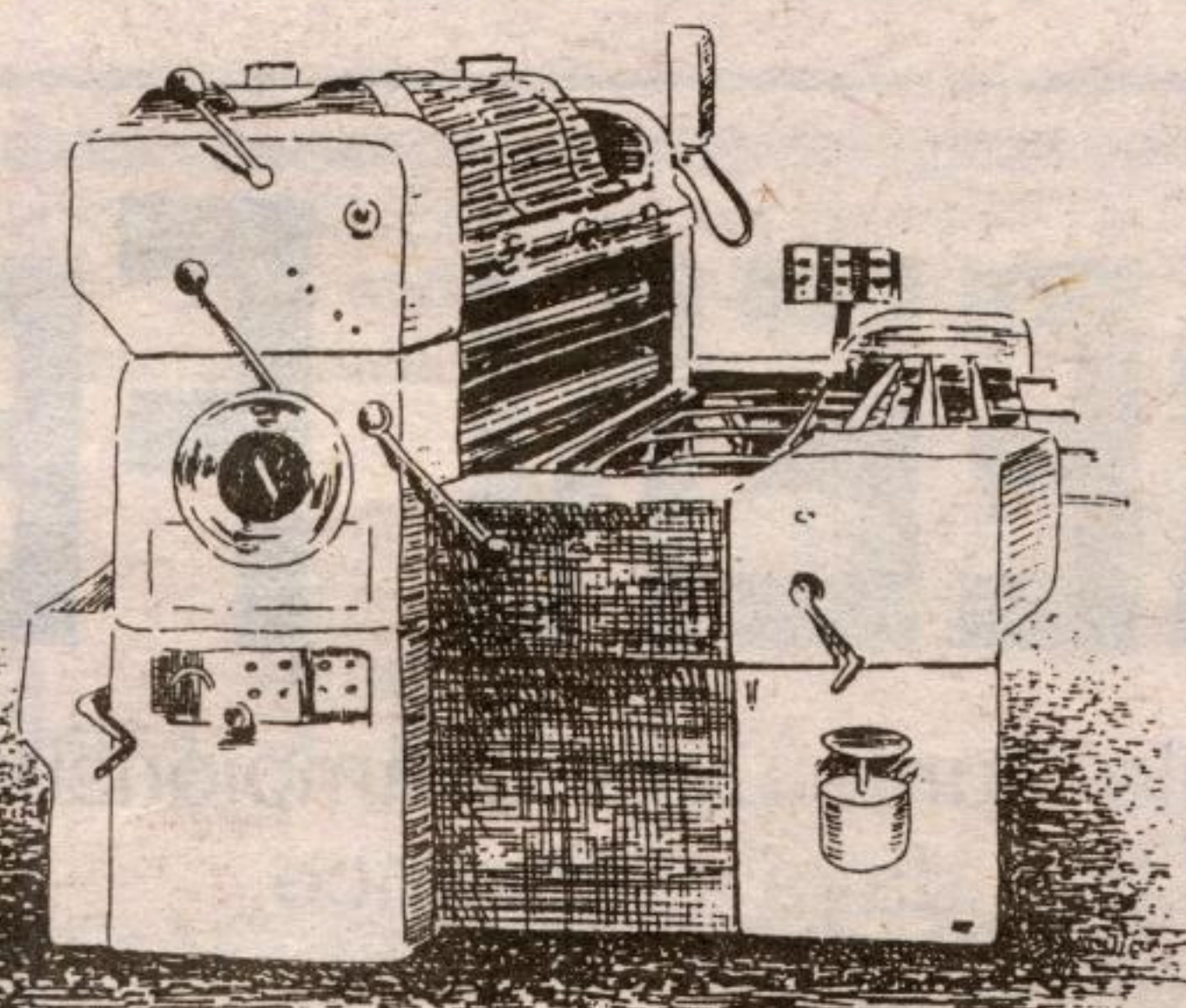
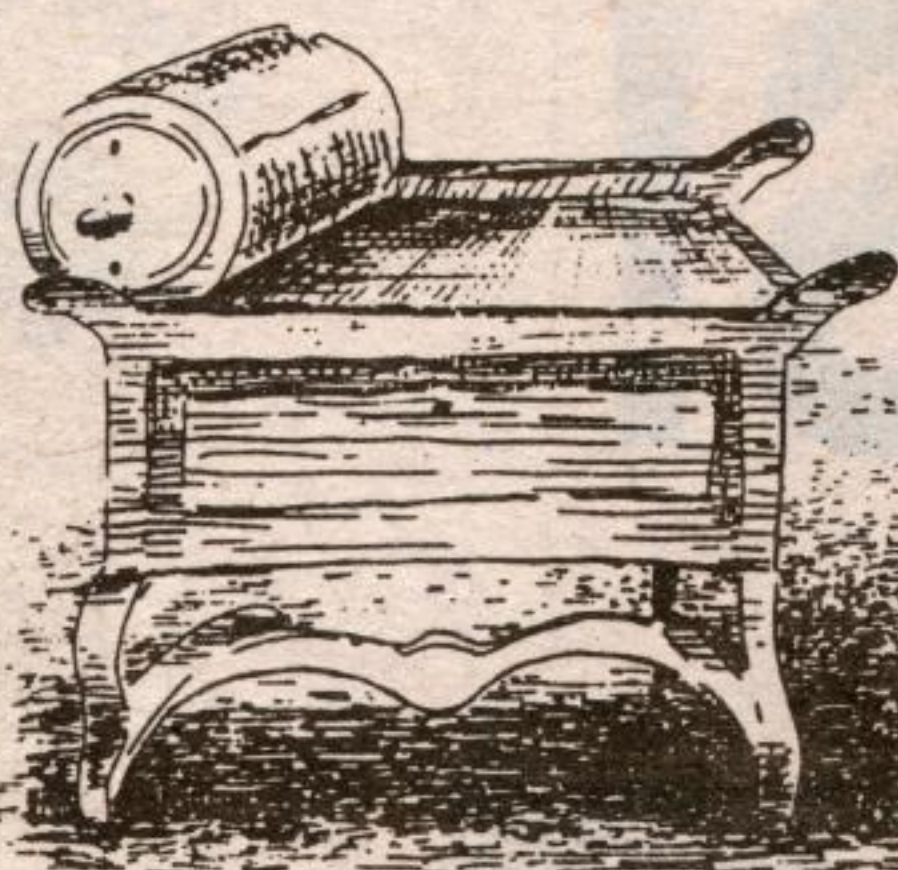
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