

For One Year

Hamilton Appeal Tabled By Board

Still not resolved is Lethbridge motel operator Ian Hamilton's long-drawn-out battle to have the northernmost section of his property approved for construction of a service station.

On city council's agenda for Monday night is a report from the Provincial Planning Advisory Board, giving the result of Mr. Hamilton's appeal to the board, made through his solicitor, B. W. Mahoney.

Briefly, the report orders that the appeal should be tabled for a period of one year, at which time the appellant may request a new hearing.

This, then, is the newest development in a series of events which had its beginning four years ago when a service station

and motel development was permitted Mayor Magrath Drive between 12th and 15th Avenues S. During 1956 the lot was partitioned by the separate sale of the motel development on the north portion of the lot.

In 1958 the motel site owners applied to the planning commission for residential subdivision of the land on the site facing 12th Ave. S. This application was approved and evolved into a replat scheme. However, an application made at the same time to transfer a portion of the motel site to the existing service station was refused.

Later in 1958, Mr. Hamilton purchased the motel site as well as four of the five lots facing 12th Ave.

Last year and this year, Mr. Hamilton made application to council and the Planning Development Board as well as the appeal board, for service station use of the residential property. Permission was given him for an addition to his motel buildings, but he was denied permission for the service station zoning.

The provincial board's decision was based on the following interpretation:

"An assessment must be made of existing uses along Mayor Magrath Drive which in the main are classified for use for residential purposes.

"It would appear however that future development along the Drive might tend to alter its character as more intensified uses are established.

"To properly equate the effects of the proposal on the area when the area itself is in a state of transition cannot at this time be satisfactorily done."

With meetings being held on alternate Mondays only, as a summer schedule, council faces a relatively heavy agenda. Two delegations are scheduled to appear; Harry Cohen and Ivan Robinson in regard to taxes on the Financial Building, and C. W. Chichester in regard to a building for use as a permanent Civil Defence headquarters.

Council also will be asked to approve the provincial highways department and the city, covering the province's participation in the cost of the southwest by-pass road around the city.

Report of the city police department for 1959 also will come up for review and adoption.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Lukacs is asked to call the nearest detachment of the RCMP or the Taber Town Police.

Manhunt Under Way In South

RCMP and Taber police conducted a manhunt through South Alberta Monday for a 21-year-old Hungarian immigrant wanted on a charge of assault causing bodily harm with intent.

Joseph Lukacs is described as being five feet, seven inches tall, weight, about 145, light build, fair complexion and hair, a circular scar on his left wrist.

When last seen the wanted man was wearing a blue shirt and blue jeans.

According to police, Lukacs is believed to have approached the home of an unidentified Taber woman Friday night and inquired about a boarder.

When the woman told the wanted man his friend wasn't home, he pulled a gun on her and pistol-whipped her across the head. The last thing she remembered, the woman told police, was the flash and report from the gun. Five stitches were required to close the head wound.

Lukacs was released from the Lethbridge Provincial Jail recently where he served a six-month sentence which had been handed down in city police court last winter. At that time he was convicted on charges of breaking, entry and theft, and possession of a sawed-off rifle.

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Walsh Sale Dates Given

Dates of the Walsh Cattle Marketing Association's six 1960 autumn sales have been announced by Bert Hargrave, association president.

During the 1959 season, 9,433 cattle were sold by the association for a gross total of \$1,231,311, Mr. Hargrave said.

This year, sales will specialize in different classes of stock. Sales are as follows: August 20 - Dry cows, fat heifers, dry fed cattle, bulls; Sept. 17 - Dry cows, two-year-old steers and heifers, bulls, feeder yearlings; Oct. 8 - Special quality yearlings only; Oct. 15 - First calf sale; Oct. 22 - Cows, bulls, yearlings; Nov. 5 - Second calf sale.

Daily Traffic Record in City

Major accidents (over \$100) 247 Days since last fatality... 87 Fatalities... 1 Accident-free days (1960)... 6 Persons injured... 74

Grain Quota

A seven-bushel grain delivery quota is immediately effective at Barons, Coaldale and Grand, according to officials of the Canadian Wheat Board.

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Little Relief

Little relief from sweltering heat is expected during the next five days in the Lethbridge area.

A warmer trend has been forecast beginning July 25 with a slight decrease in temperatures near the end of the week when a few showers may occur.

Temperatures will average near normal in the northern areas and three to six degrees below normal in the southern part. The maximum range will be 84 to 89 degrees and the minimum will be in the mid 50's.

The expected high for Monday is 85 and the low tomorrow 46.

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MISSIONARIES' SECOND HOME - Nettie Berg, left, is pointing out the approximate location of the Congo village of Kikwit on a map held by her nursing sister Katherine Wiens. Both are missionary nurses for the Mennonite Brethren Church. They left the Congo during the independence uprising and are visiting at their respective homes in Coaldale.

Opportunity For Service Is Great

They Want To Go Back to the Congo

A deep desire to return to the strife-torn Congo was expressed by two Coaldale missionaries Monday morning.

Katherine Wiens and Nettie Berg, both missionary nurses with the Mennonite Brethren Church, said during a Herald interview, "We want to go back as soon as we can."

"There will be a great opportunity for service there when things settle down," explained Miss Wiens. Neither were bitter towards the Congolese troops who forced their withdrawal.

"They were part of a party of 15 Canadians flown out of the Congo as a result of the independence uprising early this month. They arrived at their homes in Coaldale Saturday.

First word they received of the clash between the Congolese troops and whites in the Congo was July 3. The storm centre was then concentrated in Leopoldville, but the effects had not reached the town of Kikwit, 80 minutes flight from Leopoldville where Miss Berg was stationed.

"On Friday (July 8) the Congolese troops came to Kikwit and demanded the keys to the white people's arsenal," Miss Berg said. "This caused quite a stir among the white people because it meant the army had control of all the weapons."

"It wasn't really an uprising, but many white people left the village for the rest of the day. Saturday and Sunday were quiet, but Monday the Congolese troops surrounded the town."

When the troops surrounded the village, the majority of the white population moved out.

About 40 miles south of Kikwit, where Miss Wiens was working at a mission station, the white people had prepared to evacuate July 8, but since the situation remained calm, they didn't leave until Monday.

"We left in the hurry when the men decided we'd better leave," she said. "We left the kettle on the stove and our clothes in the closet."

They had planned to go to the Portuguese colony of Angola for a few weeks until the violence and turmoil in their adopted homeland waned.

"I only brought two suitcases," Miss Wiens said, "I was equipped for a camping trip." They travelled by car, in a caravan of 200 white people from the Mennonite mission stations and the inland Congo Mission stations. They made the 700 mile trip without any incident of violence. Other missionaries were reported to have had their vehicles pelted with stones and sticks as made their exodus into Portuguese territory.

One missionary family from Kikwit had to be airlifted by helicopter out of the village. The entire white population of 200 fled.

Miss Berg said there were reports of some white people being imprisoned but "we could get very little news from Kikwit."

Miss Wiens had been in the Congo for four years; Miss Berg for six. Throughout the interview, the two women made numerous references to the Congo as "home."

Asked if they really want to go back to the Congo, the women looked at each other and Miss Berg said wistfully, "so very much." Her nursing sister nodded in silent agreement.

Not Enough Bottles TOO MANY GUZZLERS

Lethbridge and district residents have been guzzling soft-drinks so fast during the past few weeks of sweltering heat that soft-drink concerns have been hard pressed to keep pace.

Representatives of bottling works in the city said Monday they have not only found it difficult to make enough pop, but there is a shortage of bottles to put it in.

They appealed to city and district residents to return their empties as soon as possible.

There is usually a rush on pop at this time of the year, bottlers said, but the heat this year has made customers even more thirsty than usual.

Most soft drink customers do not turn in the empty bottles until they have a large stock cluttering up their basements, officials said, and as a result the current demand has created a shortage.

To make matters worse, the glass company at Red Cliff shut down for a few days recently because of temperatures in the plant which rose to 140 degrees.

This put a crimp in the empty bottle supply of all local producers and they have found it necessary to make the plea for quicker returns.

Death Claims Warner Resident

A Warner resident for the past 46 years, Mrs. Lydia Johnson, 73, died on her way to hospital Monday following a brief illness.

Born in Chicago, she married Arvid G. Johnson there in 1914 and moved to Warner the same year. At Warner she was a member of the Royal Purple Lodge.

Survivors include her husband, Arvid G. Johnson; one sister, Mrs. Grace Demeritt of Michigan; and four brothers, Emanuel Erickson, Daniel Erickson and Phillip Erickson of Los Angeles and Abel of Chicago.

Funeral services will be announced when completed by Martin Bros. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Ives Rites

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. for Albert E. Ives who died in the city Friday at the age of 77.

Services will be conducted at Martin Brothers Chapel with Rev. A. T. King officiating.

Interment will be in the family plot at Mountain View Cemetery. Martin Brothers are in charge of arrangements.

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Barley Crops Threatened

South Alberta farmers have been warned to watch barley crops for an outbreak of corn leaf aphids.

Infestation, similar to the 1955 outbreak of the pest, has been reported from North Dakota, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, according to J. B. Gurba, supervisor of crop protection and pest control for Alberta.

"If conditions are ideal," said agriculturalist, "large populations of corn leaf aphid can develop rapidly in barley crops and could cause considerable damage, especially to late-seeded crops."

Recommended rates for application of insecticide can be obtained locally from officials of the Alberta crop protection service at the Lethbridge court-house.

Benefit Dance For Pipe Band

The Alberta Ranch Boys Dance Orchestra and Lou Gonzy of the Henderson Lake Dance Pavilion are coming to the aid of the Bonnie Doon Pipe band in its efforts to clear off the \$3,500 still outstanding on the cost of the band's trip to Scotland last month.

Mr. Gonzy is donating the dance pavilion while the Alberta Ranch Boys are donating their services for a dance to be held at the Lakeside Dance Pavilion Wednesday night at 9 p.m. All proceeds will go to aid the Bonnie Doon Band.

The famed Lethbridge pipe band championships held at Inverness. During the weekend the band travelled to Shelby to perform at the Marias Fair held in the Montana centre.

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Batty Says Permit Not Issued Without Authority

Little Likelihood Shoppers World Will Be Granted Gas Licence

There appears to be little likelihood the provincial government will grant Shopper's World a licence for a gasoline dispensing station.

C. J. Armstrong of Edmonton, chief licensing officer for the province, told The Herald today during a telephone conversation that the proposed station located near the middle of Shoppers' World main parking lot does not meet the usual standards for a city.

In a country point, Mr. Armstrong said, where facilities are not too elaborate, it may be necessary for an operator to run a gasoline pump in connection with his store in order "to make a go of things." We often grant a licence if everything else is in order.

In a city like Lethbridge, however, Mr. Armstrong said, the department has to watch things are in keeping with the usual standards. It would be rather unfair to make some service stations live up to one set of regulations, then let another get

through with very little or no facilities, he said.

Mr. Armstrong said that before a licence is granted for a gasoline dispensing station in a city like Lethbridge, provision is usually also made for at least "one bay" where cars can be greased, and minor services provided for the motorist.

The chief licensing officer said the application for the proposed gasoline station in Shoppers' World is being held up.

Henry Rollinson, who proposes to operate the Shoppers' World station, was in Edmonton today to discuss the application with Mr. Armstrong.

Meanwhile, Art Batty, president of Shoppers' World, in a letter to Mayor Shackelford said Monday that the permit for the gasoline station had not been issued by the city's building inspector without authorization.

At city council and interim development board meetings there had been some question earlier about who authorized a building permit for the station.

Mr. Batty's letter reviews the whole Shoppers' World building

program and points out the step by step proposals for expansion that have been approved.

"Mr. mayor," says Batty's letter, "you very well know that this permit was not taken out without authorization." Mr. Langmead (the building inspector for the city) and his staff are very capable in this respect.

The application for the gasoline dispensing station has been opposed by the Automotive Retailers' Association. The dealers for the most part fear that the gasoline dispensing station would be little more than a price cutting gasoline station aimed at attracting customers to Shoppers' World as a whole.

Mr. Batty's letter to Mayor Shackelford says: "May I go on to explain that at the time of the approval of the service station change in location I had four applications to lease the site — two from major oil companies and two from independents.

"I do not know, nor did I ask, what retail prices the firms were selling their gasoline for. I would imagine if I had, they would have probably told me to mind my own business."

"As far as I'm concerned, the selling price of a retail product, whether it be ladies clothing, groceries, houses or gasoline, is the sole concern of the firm that is selling the product.

"I hope you realize," Mr. Batty continues, "the situation Shoppers' World has been placed in. We have spent nearly \$80,000 up to the present time as part of an overall expansion plan.

"This would not have been invested had we not received complete approval for the entire expansion and changes beforehand."

Rodeo Queen



KAYE THIERMAN

A new title has been earned by Lethbridge's 1960 Rodeo Queen, pretty 19-year-old Kaye Thierman.

She was crowned Miss Canada Rodeo Queen at the Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede Saturday.

The young Lethbridge secretary is now eligible to compete in the Miss Canada pageant at Burlington, Ont., in August.

In contests at Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, Miss Thierman was judged on horseback riding, personality and appearance. She successfully competes against entrants from many places in Alberta and British Columbia.

Miss Thierman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Thierman of Lethbridge.

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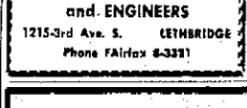
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