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Sequel to Argument On Water Use Between Glenlea Subdivider, P.U.C.

A sequel to last month's P.U.C. argument with the Glenlea subdivider was added in the regular session last Thursday when members, confirming that at no time was water unavailable to the builders from town hydrants, rescinded the previous motion which would equalize two water consumption billings to householders involved in the dispute.

The Commission, contending that the differences would have to be resolved by the subdivider and the consumers, passed a resolution that the motion passed at the last meeting be rescinded in its entirety and Thomas and Thomas, and householders affected, be notified that the consumption will have to be paid for at the regular billing rates. This action, the motion added, is due to information received.

Reportedly six consumers involved complained of high consumption. Water was apparently being used for other than household use with the residents' knowledge.

Work Out an Agreement

On this point and with other information received, the commission ruled the consumer and the sub-

County Rescinds Motion to Set Up Fact-Finding Committee on North Halton High School Area

Acton and Twps. Lead Resolution To Crush Comm.

After a heated discussion, in which charges were hurled at various municipalities, Halton county by a 12 to 4 vote rescinded an October resolution to set up a fact finding committee to review the North Halton High School Area.

The discussion was sparked when resolutions were tabled from Acton, Nassagaweya and Esquesing opposing the establishment of such a committee. Reeve A. R. Service and Deputy Reeve Walter Linham sponsored the motion to rescind the resolution.

Warden R. H. Shannon explained various parts of the school act, emphasizing the matter rested with county council, and that whatever the findings of the committee would be, it was still up to the municipalities and county council to make the final decision.

Reeve Stanley Allen, Georgetown, pointed out that while his municipality had requested such a committee be established, it was not the intention to split the area, "but we are interested to know the facts."

Georgetown Reeve For

"If these councils who are opposed have a selfish motive in not wishing to know the facts, it should not be aired here at this council meeting," Reeve Allen exclaimed. "We should be happy to know all the facts, but there seems to be some doubt as to know whether this is the best way to learn of the facts. I don't want to see an area changed if it is going to create a hardship on any municipality, but I urge council to establish this board," he said.

Reeve A. R. Service said this all was started to establish three school areas in the northern part of the county, "I don't think any change should be made when the three opposing municipalities are paying well over 50 per cent. of the present cost," he said.

"I don't think this request came from the North Halton High School Board, but the Unionville Board, out of the request of the Milton Public School Board, who were anxious to purchase the Milton High School for public school purposes," Reeve Service charged.

Reeve Wilfred Bird, Esquesing, read an invitation received from the Milton Public School Board to attend a meeting, which Esquesing members declined to attend. It was called to discuss the sale of the school which Esquesing was opposed to.

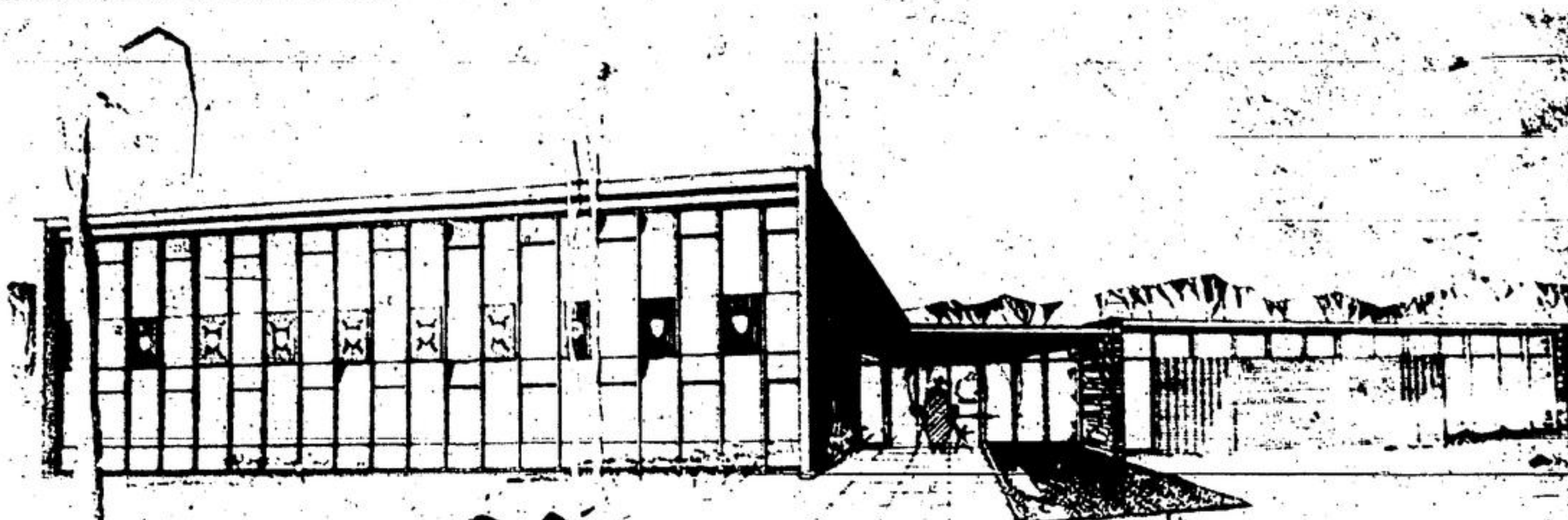
"We had no idea something else was to be discussed. They wanted to sell the school for \$65,000 and it is insured for \$250,000 and that is not good business," the reeve said.

Milton Reeve Speaks For

Reeve C. A. Martin, Milton, injected: "I cannot understand how the opposing municipalities know all the facts when it is working satisfactorily. This area was set up 10 or 12 years ago and was an experiment, with the thought of building a school at Speyside. Now it would appear reasonable to review the situation to see if there was a better way to economically serve the educational need in the northern area. The only way we will find this out is to form this committee."

During discussion, members from the southern area felt the board's jurisdiction should include the whole of the county. Others felt it should be held over until another meeting until all school boards and councils were informed of council's deliberations on the high school question.

Reeve Martin further explained



PROPOSED CIVIC CENTRE, shown here in an architect's sketch, will be put to the ratepayers election day, December 5, for a yes or no ballot mark. Estimate on the building is \$130,000, but the question will be asked on basis of \$200,000 to allow for contingencies and

purchase of new land. Fire hall is behind the administration building at left, while at right is the proposed library. Estimate and tentative plans were made by Deacon and Arnett of Toronto.

New Christian Education Room Dedicated at 99th Anniversary

Eden Mills United Church celebrated its 99th anniversary on Sunday, November 6, with services in the morning and evening. The new Christian Education Room was dedicated in the evening.

The speaker for the morning service was Mr. Bennett, Rev. Ernest E. Baskier of Dublin Street United Church, Guelph, and chairman of the Guelph Presbytery of the United Church of Canada, officiated at the dedication ceremony and delivered the sermon in the evening.

Regarding the history of this church, whose building is the oldest church in the village, Mr. Baskier stressed the need for people to remember our past and not forget or abuse it, by ignoring history.

"It is a great tragedy," he said, "to lose your past. I brought with me greetings from the Guelph Presbytery to the congregation in Eden Mills." He drew attention to the excellent work of the pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Elms. "The Presbytery were aware of their sincere efforts in the community," he said.

The Hillsburgh Quartet sang at the morning service and in the evening, Ebenezer United Church choir supplied the music with a special song by Mrs. John McIntosh and Mrs. William Slum. "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings."

The neat stone building that will soon be 100 years old has been redecorated in the interior in soft, pastel colors that are pleasing to the eye. The Christian Education Room is attractive and equipped with a kitchenette as well.

2000 Copies

This week the Free Press hit the largest circulation mark in history. Press run for this issue is 2,000. This includes regular circulation and special mailing list copies.

Deer Runs Into Car, Is Killed

Robert Blake, Guelph, got a surprise while driving south on No. 25 highway near Speyside Saturday. A 300 pound buck ran into the side of his car, causing \$150 damage to the car and killing the deer.

A car driven by Earl McCoy, Milton, crashed into the guardrails on No. 25 highway, one mile north of Milton Sunday morning, causing an estimated \$500 damage to his car. Mr. McCoy, who works in Acton, stated to police that the right front tire on the car went flat as he headed toward Milton. When he applied the brakes he was drawn into the guardrails, he said. Eight guardrails were knocked out by the impact.

Falling asleep at the wheel resulted in a careless driving charge for Meredith Craig, Toronto, when he reportedly fell asleep and crashed into a tyre pole on No. 7 highway, two miles east of Acton, last Saturday.

Population, Building Soar As Subdivisions Open Up

Acton's population was announced this week as 3,337.

The increase, more than 300 over the figure at this time last year, is due mainly to residence in new homes at the Glenlea subdivision where about 150 houses have been built. Even as this population figure is published, it is likely out of date as new residents are moving in almost daily at Glenlea.

Building in town during October shot skyward again after a slide to \$10,000 in September. Last month 20 permits were issued to the Lakeview subdivision contractors for house building valued at \$290,000.

To October 31, 1955's building in Acton totals \$1,703,150. By the end of the year construction may pass the two million mark, the greatest building growth year in Acton's history.

St. Alban's Guild Names Committee

The November meeting of St. Alban's Guild was held in the Parish Hall with 33 members present and Mrs. Lil Cook presiding. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and a short business meeting followed. Final arrangements for the bazaar were made.

It was decided to hold the election of officers at the December meeting and a nominating committee was chosen consisting of Millie Rowles, Alice Newton and Eileen Taylor.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction and lunch was served by the committee in charge.

Nucleus of Town Group Glenlea Residents Form Ratepayers' Assoc.

The Acton Ratepayers' Association, its nucleus composed of Glenlea subdivision householders, was formed last week at a meeting of citizens in the town hall where over 40 men and women gathered to adopt guiding rules, outline purpose and hear Mayor E. Tyler clarify questions on municipal works and expenditure.

The Association, to be subtitled "Glenlea Division Ratepayers' Association," has Walter Cook as its first president and A. Ives as vice-president. Ronald Hillier is secretary-treasurer. Street wardens are yet to be named.

Formed to primarily keep abreast of municipal affairs as they affect regional and consumer-side interests, the chairman emphasized the importance of organization among ratepayers for representation and protection. He expressed surprise that Acton has not already had a ratepayers' association.

Mr. Cook stressed that although the Association was born in Glenlea, where most residents are new-

comers to the town, it is hoped it will grow to embrace taxpayers in the older portion of the community. Future residents of the Lakeview subdivision and householders in the Cobble Hill development.

It should be made known, he said, that all taxpayers in Acton are welcome to join this association.

A set of regulations governing the Glenlea Division was drawn up and endorsed. These pertained to committee and street warden duties and responsibilities, fees, elections, general meetings, representation at council meetings, reports, et cetera.

The chairman further explained that the organization is strictly non-political and that it was proposed to have members regularly informed of matters within their interest.

Prior to the regulations resuming after officers had been elected and installed, Mayor-Tyler was invited to speak and answer questions

Expect Natural Gas In South By End of Year

Natural gas will be available for domestic and industrial users in Oakville, Bronte and southern Trafalgar township by the end of December, T. P. Pinckard, general manager of United Suburban Gas Co. Ltd., announced this week at a special meeting of industrialists, merchants and representatives of the three municipalities.

Mr. Pinckard said over the past few months negotiations had been carried on between Niagara Gas Transmission Ltd. and his company in an effort to obtain a supply of natural gas for this area. The contract has now been completed and United Gas Co. is preparing to begin construction of an eight-inch pipeline from Hamilton to Oakville immediately. Other high pressure lines will be laid to give a direct service to the industrial area of the town and provide a complete loop around the extremities of the residential area, he said. Oakville has been serviced with manufactured gas from Hamilton since 1929.

Council, Townships Fear N.H.H.S.D. Bd. May Break Up If Committee Formed

Three of the five member-municipalities of the North Halton High School District Board, Acton, Esquesing and Nassagaweya, united Monday evening in opposition to the proposed formation of a consultative committee which could, it was feared be the forerunner of the District Board's break-up.

Meeting with Acton Council, which has previously stated its opposition to a consultative committee, representatives of the two northern townships added their opposition to a county council-formed committee.

At the last session of county council Georgetown, endorsed by Milton, sponsored a motion to have the committee formed to prepare facts and figures which would reflect on the desirability of retaining the board. The motion carried but not without vocal opposition from Acton, Esquesing and Nassagaweya representatives.

All Three Opposed

Presumably, Milton and Georgetown want separate high school districts set up.

Monday night, prior to Tuesday's November county council session, the three northern municipalities agreed to present motions opposing the formation of the consultative committee. It was emphasized that county council members, all of whom vote on the matter despite only five being part of the NHHS.D.B. should be impressed with the fact that Acton, Nassagaweya and Esquesing pay more than 50 per cent of the high school assessment.

Should a motion to rescind the October decision fail, the three agreed to put forth a resolution that members of the committee be from outside the high school area entirely. In event this motion should fail too, it was planned for each municipality to have a name ready to propose for the committee.

Crush It or Go Ahead

Some discussion was held on the Act under which the High School District Board was set up and reference made to the time it would take to dissolve the board. The Department of Education it was offered, would not be in great favor of such a move.

Nassagaweya Reeve A. Service urged the consultative committee be either "crushed or gone ahead with, so it doesn't hang over the heads of our board members."

Mayor E. Tyler said it was disturbing to Acton council that Esquesing and Nassagaweya had not been informed from the first of the move to set up a consultative committee.

The township councilors agreed that the first they had known of the move was from press reports. They denied a claim made at county council by Milton Reeve C. A. Martin that the townships had been invited to a meeting to discuss this matter. That meeting, Esquesing Reeve W. Bird insisted, reading a letter to prove his point, had been called to discuss sale of the Milton high school building to the Milton Oil Co. Ltd.

UNICEF Total Rises Heavy With Coppers

The committee directing the project for the United Nations Children's Fund at Hallowe'en has announced a further increase in their total this week. With other donations coming in since Hallowe'en, the amount that will be forwarded to headquarters in Ottawa now stands at \$33,000. This includes 44 rolls of coppers—heavy giving!

Church Canvass Aim \$75,000

Acton United church has embarked upon an extensive "every family canvass" for a building fund. Mansell Nellis, as general chairman, expressed confidence that the total goal of \$75,000 would be exceeded early in the campaign.

H. R. Force, W. J. Beatty, G. W. McKenzie, W. Woodburn and G. W. Beatty are the executive committee helping to plan the canvass.

One of the highlights of the intensive campaign will be a Loyalty Dinner to which every member family has been invited. Mrs. A. Long, Mrs. R. Bean, Mrs. F. Cleave and Mrs. H. Burns are in charge of arrangements.

A canvass office has been opened on Mill St. and R. F. Bean is heading a committee responsible for distribution of information about the canvass plans.

Two Land Development Problems

Before council dealt with this matter, two deputations appeared, both regarding land development problems, but with two extreme tones of approach.

Tom Brankiewicz questioned the town unloading pipe on the property held by him (but under court procedure for expropriation) and also objected to the path of the proposed road into the Lakeview subdivision.

Mayor Tyler charged that "you've just reneged again, you agreed to that route once."

Mr. Brankiewicz exclaimed the roadway should go in straight, not by the present stakes.

The Mayor said the matter is before the courts and that Tom should take his objections to his lawyer. Mr. Brankiewicz declared he wouldn't go to his lawyer and shouted that the town would have to shoot him before he'd allow that road to go through. He left council shouting.

The other deputation included E. Brada with solicitor C. F. Leatherland and Mr. Coulter of the Sun Oil Co. Ltd. Mr. Leatherland explained that Mr. Brada, who has entered into an agreement to sell a large block of property to the oil company on the highway, wanted an agreement from the town that two triangular strips—"daylight entrances"—to a proposed road, beside this property would never be built up.

Town Planner P. A. Deacon, present on another matter, entered the involved discussions which followed regarding municipal and department requirements of a plan of subdivision, provisions for road acceptance and allowances.

Ultimately, it was replied that council would not object to the triangular areas near the proposed road entrance from the highway being paved. Council also pointed out the designated portions will be assumed as street area when the plan is registered. Assurance that the daylight entrances would never be built upon was deemed unnecessary, since the Department of Highways would not allow this anyway, it was said.

Henry Hosking Tells of Trip

Henry Hosking, Wellington member of parliament, showed pictures of his trip to Europe at the regular meeting of the Lakeside chapter I.O.D.E. in the Legin Hall on Tuesday evening. His shots of England, Scotland, Germany and France included some war damage. Mr. Hosking commented upon the pictures and on the people of the different countries. He was introduced by Mrs. Wallace and thanked by Mrs. E. Smith. Mrs. Hosking was presented with a bouquet of flowers and Mr. Hosking with a notebook.

Charles Landsborough, accompanied by his daughter, played cornet solos.

The presentation of a hostess table was made to Mrs. Pat Waldie on behalf of the chapter by Mrs. C. Leishman.

During the business session, reports from bazaar conveners were given and final plans were made for the annual event to be held later this month. Refreshments concluded the meeting.

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