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**Battle for Area Gas Rights**

**United Suburban Case Bids Strong to Win**

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"You can't hold up progress," vice-chairman Simpson observed.  
"Honestly," the chairman injected, "if you could have got an agreement with Consumers' you would have it here today, wouldn't you?" He later added that attention should be paid to the "Exploration" part of the Acton company's name. It is established, the chairman said, that there is a market for Anthony Gas potential. United Suburban had offered to make an agreement to purchase the Anthony Gas production.  
"There are hundreds of companies in Ontario producing gas," the chairman went on, "and exploring for more gas. But there are very few companies distributing gas and most of these producers are selling to the big distributors."  
"These companies shouldn't be pushed out of the distribution picture," Mr. Charron replied and again asked for more time.  
Board secretary Howard asked when negotiations with Consumers' began. Mr. Charron replied at the time Anthony Gas sought by-law approval.  
Again the Consumers' Gas agreement with United Suburban was stressed by the chairman. In the latter company's contract, the Niagara Gas Transmission Co. (a subsidiary of Consumers' Gas) cannot enter into an agreement with any other company to supply North Halton without United Suburban's consent.  
There is little likelihood United Suburban would ever consent to a rival company getting Consumers' gas while the contract is in force.  
Here United Suburban solicitor J. Evans rose to state that Consumers' officials had confirmed to his company there were no gas supplies available to Anthony Gas.  
Proceedings at an impasse, there followed a long session in camera. The board called in officials of the two companies separately, then together.  
When Chairman Crozier resumed his seat, he announced the request by Anthony Gas for adjournment was denied.  
"I have no other choice," Mr. Charron said, "but to withdraw the application of Anthony Gas and Oil Explorations."  
The chairman added that the two companies are to make arrangements to meet and discuss negotiation of gas purchase contracts. (This, apparently, was in camera. Presumably Anthony Gas would now take a course to sell its supplies to United Suburban.)  
The chairman concluded that the board is committed to pass a decision on the United Suburban application by Monday, February 27 at noon.  
Earlier in the day, the United

Suburban's strong case took four hours to hear. After solicitor Evans' preamble, he called four mayors, the municipal heads of Oakville, Acton, Georgetown and Milton.  
Oakville Mayor William Anderson told of the good public and municipal relations of United Suburban in Oakville, where the company has been supplying gas since 1929.  
Georgetown's clerk J. Kelly testified briefly. He said the Georgetown voters had given a 1007 to 336 mandate in favor of bringing natural gas into the community. He opined the need for gas seemed "immediate."  
Acton's Mayor E. Tyler, who also testified of the need in Acton for gas, was asked if his town would wait for two years for Tony Seznuck to supply gas. The answer, in effect, was no. The chairman asked Mayor Tyler if Acton area residents would view favorably Anthony Gas selling supplies to another distribution company. The Mayor said this was likely.  
"Would the local shareholders be protected if a market for Tony's gas was found," chairman Crozier rephrased Mayor Tyler replied the North Halton Urban Board was concerned that local gas should be used and not go to waste.  
The chairman stressed the necessity of a company having "an unlimited supply for a number of years" in order to set up distribution.  
Georgetown Mayor J. Armstrong endorsed the need of gas immediately in his town. He was asked by the board if council knew of the extent of Anthony Gas reserves. Mayor Armstrong replied no more than by information given council by Tony Seznuck.  
Chairman Crozier, referring to a resolution passed by Acton and Georgetown, said the board would be partial to Tony's company "if all things were equal" but the matter of volume and reserve had to be well considered.  
Milton Mayor R. Pearen also spoke of the real need for natural gas in that town. He said one industry had been lost because the town did not have natural gas. There has been, he added, no local opposition noted toward natural gas coming in. He concluded that Milton did not endorse the "all things being equal" resolution of Acton's and Georgetown's "because entirely to the board."  
The secretary - treasurer and comptroller for the United Suburban Gas Co. Ltd., F. Palin, was called and delivered a lengthy testimony. His information dealt with the company's constitution, its ability to obtain a supply gas, its financial responsibility, its past record of service, its plans for expansion in the area now being served at Oakville-Trafalgar-Bronte.  
Some of the salient points of Mr. Palin's testimony:  
From the present transmission lines south of No. 5 highway, an eight-inch main would go to Milton, a six inch main to Georgetown and from there a four inch main to Acton.  
Financing would be done by the United Suburban's associated companies, not through a public offering.  
Pipe was available with a delivery date implying laying would have to start by May 1, proof of availability of pipe to the company was exhibited.  
A prepared schedule of rates was submitted, a total working capital of \$3,362.72 existed in the consolidated companies under the parent

firm of United Fuel Investments Ltd.  
A credit of \$1,500,000 cash was held in the company's bank for the extension from Oakville-Trafalgar-Bronte to Acton-Georgetown-Milton.  
Under the suggested schedule, there should be no increase in rates in immediate years.  
Mr. Palin spoke also of a market survey made in this area. Comparison of need and situation had been made to similar market areas. He said, and considered that an estimated peak demand of 9,335,000 cubic feet of gas was determined to serve North Halton, Four industries, two from Milton and one each from Acton and Georgetown, were named as interested immediately in natural gas.  
A point was stressed that United Suburban had provision to switch from Niagara Gas Transmission to Anthony Gas if the trans-Canada pipeline should be completed before the contract with Consumers' terminates. Mr. Palin also stated it would be no problem to utilize Anthony Gas supplies under 20 percent allowance terms held with Niagara Gas Transmission.  
Next to testify were W. L. Dutton, technical advisor and consultant, and Dr. C. F. Evans, chief geologist for the Union Gas Co. of Canada Ltd.  
Mr. Dutton answered questions dealing with method and planning of line installations to and in the three towns. He was questioned by the chairman if line pressure to Georgetown would permit entry of Anthony Gas supplies from that company's field.  
Dr. Evans dealt minutely with methods of testing capacity and reserve. He did not speak optimistically of the present capacity at the three producing wells of Anthony Gas but considered further drilling was justified. When he commented that there was apparently water in the wells at the Anthony Gas field, the secretary - treasurer of that company, James Ruddieck, demanded how this was known.  
Dr. Evans explained a drop in pressure at one well from 700 pounds to 200 pounds, as well as reaction in open flow, left water as the only likely cause.  
United Suburban general manager T. P. Pinckard was called to testify. He was speaking of his company's willingness to buy gas from Anthony Gas when Mr. Ruddieck rose again to charge Mr. Pinckard with saying the only interest United Suburban had in the area was "to protect Tony's company and kick out the Halton Natural Gas Co."  
Mr. Pinckard denied having said this. Tony Seznuck repeated the charge and added he had four witnesses to prove Mr. Pinckard expressed United Suburban's only interest was to protect Tony and fight the Halton Natural Gas Co. Chairman Crozier remarked the Halton Natural Gas group was not here today. "They must have been frightened away," he added.  
Mr. Seznuck shot in: "It looks as if they're all working against me."  
Mr. Evans rose to conclude his evidence with a general summary of evidence and testimony placed before the board.  
Georgetown developer Rex Heslop spoke briefly. He endorsed testimony given earlier on the immediate need for natural gas in the area.  
As the morning hearing concluded at 2 p.m. both Mr. Charron and Mr. Ruddieck rose to comment. The chairman suggested their remarks would be fully considered after lunch.

Gayteens Show Work To Eden Crest W.I.  
Eden Crest Women's Institute held the February meeting at the home of Mrs. Gordon Stevenson in Eden Mills. The roll call was naming the "sunny side of rural life." The motto for the month was "Life is a good gift to be used every day."  
It was decided to buy a car rug and sell tickets on it, the money to be added to the scholarship fund, if it is needed.  
Each member is to bring a dollar at the March meeting to also aid in wiping out the money owing on the scholarship debt.  
The Gayteens, the Eden Crest's Junior group, also attended the meeting and displayed their work in the recent project. "Being well dressed and well groomed." Each girl made a pretty slip. The posters made for the recent Achievement Day were also shown.  
The March meeting of Eden Crest will be held at the home of Mrs. Garnet MacDougall and will be in charge of Mrs. W. Dunbar, convenor for home economics and health.

Brampton Forms Industrial Board  
The town of Brampton has formed an Industrial Commission, consisting of nine members, and the by-law for its establishment was given the final reading at last week's council meeting there. It not only establishes the commission for so long as the town may need one, it also names the nine members who will compose the commission. It is outside of this broad framework it is flexible, leaving the commission to suggest constitution and its officers.  
The by-law in part reads: "to bring to the notice of manufacturers and others the advantage of the municipality of the Town of Brampton as an industrial, business, educational and residential centre... the constitution and regulations of the commission and amendments thereto shall be submitted to the council from time to time for consideration and approval... full or part-time employees of the commission shall be appointed by-law of the council... the commission shall submit their annual budget to the council for consideration and approval."  
Mayor Nance Horwood expressed the caution with which council has approached the establishment of the commission. He noted before council that "many municipalities" are not approving or are discontinuing industrial commissions. Mrs. Horwood was corresponding with other communities and finding out the success, the cost and other details experienced by towns which have or have had commissions. Mr. Horwood stated "anticipate wholeheartedly and unitedly a real effort on the part of the commission for increased industrial development."

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**Rising Hydro Bills Get Attention from P. U. C.**  
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sidered that since he was found responsible enough to direct the town's subdivision services installation, he was of more value to the P.U.C.  
The Commission later reviewed his request for more wages, finally agreed to maintain the present level but voted to assume the service charge on Mr. Dub's monthly telephone bill, as is the practice with other town employees on regular call.  
A letter from the H.E.P.C. answered there was no ruling on rates when a water heater is used by more than one family. A water heater in town which had been giving trouble and precipitated the inquiry to the H.E.P.C. was discussed and a motion passed offering to repossess it and test the tank.  
**Big Surplus in 1955**  
The secretary noted from the auditor's report that the Commission enjoyed a surplus of \$18,353.57 in 1955. This does not include some \$42,000 out of current revenue used in capital expenditure. Revenue in 1955 was increased \$17,000 over 1954, while wholesale cost of power in 1955 was up only \$1,200 over 1954, the report showed.  
A letter from the Halton County Health Unit dealt with a complaint on a water situation where reportedly the landlord is supplying water to a tenant contrary to by-law. This was briefly discussed.  
Hydro superintendent D. Mason reported 12 more services up in Glenlea, also discussed rebuilding of the Main St. N. power lines. A complaint from Beardmore Co. regarding low voltage was discussed. The superintendent said not all the trouble was due to the P.U.C.'s transmission. A metering problem at the tannery was also talked over.  
The commission ruled a leaking water heater at a local barber shop, reported by Superintendent Mason, was out of guarantee. J. Lambert discussed juggling of part time help between the town and waterworks departments, also informed members he was overhauling pumps and motors.  
**Break in Transit Pipe**  
A break in transit pipe at the Lakeview subdivision, in addition to a previous freeze-up, was reported.  
It was pointed out that keeping snow clear of fire hydrants in town was the responsibility of the waterworks department.  
At the close of the meeting members reviewed tenders on the proposed garage addition to the pump house. The bid of J. B. Mackenzie and Sons Ltd. was accepted at a price of \$1,275. A second tender was submitted by Jones and Van Gils at \$1,737.  
**Waterworks Accounts**  
Bell Telephone services 37.10  
Acton P.U.C. hydro acct. 210.91  
O. Brown seat covers 7.29  
Thompson Fuel Serv. - mshw 15.00  
Acton P.U.C. hydro re - thawing pipes 20.00  
Warrantis Supply Co. repairs 4.90  
Acton P.U.C. hydro Jan operations 783.87  
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Petty cash, exp. trans 10.70  
Toth Motors acct 5.4  
L. Garner Motors acct 1.95  
Burdy Can Ltd. mshw 50.87  
Patney-Bowes of Can Ltd. - mshw 4.00  
Whitham's Garage gas 3.29  
Ellis & Howard Ltd. mshw 30.20  
Can Line Materials, mshw 76.00  
Northern Electric, mshw 268.01  
Snap-on-Tools, mshw 12.15  
Acton Free Press, sheets 28.49  
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Solex Co., lamps 14.43  
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Bell Telephone services 19.55  
E. Van Norman, labor 12.50  
HEPC of Ont., power consumption, lamps 1190.38  
Sangamo Ltd. mshw 52.75  
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Submit All Permits To Bronte Council  
In future all applications for building permits in Bronte must be taken to council for approval, the village council directed at its meeting last week. The permits must be signed by the village clerk, Richard Hunt, and Russell Overland, building inspector, to ensure that council's instructions will be carried out.