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At Kelso

Will Preserve Halton's Last One-Room School

Halton's last operating one-room school, the 79-year-old Kelso School located at the west entrance to the Kelso Conservation Area, will be preserved as a historical building, it was decided Tuesday evening at a special meeting of the Public School Board of the School Area of Nassagaweya.

The building is to be turned over to Nassagaweya Council for "a nominal sum" and the council plan to sell or lease it to the Halton County Museum Board for preservation. The school, known also as Richmond, Christie or S.S. 6 school, has a history dating back 102 years and the present solid stone building was erected in 1866.

The school closed on Tuesday June 29 and pupils who attended Kelso school will be transferred to classes at Campbellville and Brookville consolidated schools. All the one-room schools in Burlington, Oakville, Nassagaweya and Esquewville have been rapidly closing over the past 10 years and the larger consolidated schools have been springing up in their

places. Kelso was the last to fall by the wayside in the name of progress.

Nassagaweya Reeve William Giffner reported he had been working on the preservation of the school for about a month.

Halton Region Conservation Authority, whose public relations committee is presently cataloging old buildings in Halton, also expressed an interest in the school at their last meeting, and at Tuesday's meeting of Halton County Council all councillors agreed it would be a worthwhile project to preserve the school in its present state to signify the end of an era.

At Tuesday's school board meeting, Reeve Coullter, Warden Herb Merry of Oakville Museum Board chairman, Deputy Reeve Lester Whiting of Oakville, HRCA chairman Ralph Sherwood of Puslinch and HRCA public relations chairman George S. Atkins of Brantle appeared as a delegation to see what could be done.

The school board members were unanimous in their approval to sell the school to the coun-



LAST ONE-ROOM SCHOOL IN HALTON TO BE PRESERVED

ty and chairman Dr. C. E. Young noted the old stone building was still in excellent shape. The board also agreed to let an ancient tea chest's desk, a few old pupils' books and some texts, songbooks

and readers go with the school. A meeting of the Nassagaweya Council, to be held next Monday evening, will iron out the details of turning the school over to the Museum. It was not known whether an outright sale for a nominal fee, or a lease could be arranged.

The school is located less than half a mile from the Halton Museum.

Agree to Water, Sewer Services For Lakeview Housing Proposal

Acton may soon have a number of new homes erected Tuesday evening, council approved installation of sewer and water services to one section of the subdivision plan in Lakeview to service 20 building lots.

The remaining area of Lakeview subdivision, now owned by Long Term Investment Group, has been opened up for building by council in two phases. The first phase includes servicing a portion of the plan of subdivision bordering the extension of Elmore Drive in the area of the north end of Jeffrey and Tully Avenues. In the second phase, there are about 20 lots already serviced but these will not be built on at present.

Purchased in 1955
The land in Lakeview was originally purchased in 1955 by the Hudson Construction Co. of Hamilton which erected the original homes there. After several subsidiary companies took over the property, Grimsouth Properties Ltd. purchased the remaining land but didn't develop any homes.

In 1960, Cesta Construction bought 22 lots and to date have built and sold 14 homes. They are presently constructing three more. In 1964, Grimsouth Properties Ltd. authorized G. A. Johnson Real Estate to sell the balance of the land.

Negotiate for Services
Mr. Johnson negotiated a deal for the property with Long Term Investment in October, 1964, and the company have negotiated with town council since then for services. Tuesday night, approval came to install the services.

After services are completed, it is the intention of the Company to begin a building program with the creation of five model homes for display. Brochures are being prepared on the model homes and will be available soon from Johnson Real Estate.

Approve New Cemetery Development Plan

Acton Council spent almost two hours Tuesday evening taking a visual tour of the new cemetery land recently developed. Due to complaints registered by Reeve H. Hinton, members got into a heated debate before approving a plan of subdivision outlining plots in the area for submission to the Department of Health.

After scanning sketch plans of the area, Reeve Hinton argued two of the sections should be eliminated from the plan and used as a 20 foot planter strip. Other members were of the opinion two and a half years' work by committee members in finalizing the plan was sufficient and the plan should be approved. The reeve cast the only dissenting vote in approving the plan.

The overall plan of subdivision allows for close to 3000 burial plots with appropriate roads and divisions to allow one and two burial plots. A 10 foot planter strip was considered in the overall plan.

The reeve claimed that residents bordering the cemetery land should be protected with a 20 foot planter strip. Mayor Les Doby pointed out by doing this, the town would lose the sale of 140 burial plots Mr. Doby agreed to consider reserving this area from sale at present, but making it available for sale when necessary by allowing the proposed 10 foot planter strip.

"Choice" Property
Clerk administrator Jack McGeechie told council he had been informed by a proposed builder that land adjoining the cemetery was considered "choice" property for residential building purposes.

He said that a 10 foot planter strip appeared to be adequate. Reeve Hinton stated the cemetery operation had been one of his main interests and he had joined in this committee since first joining council Mr. Arbie (Continued on Page Three)

Oldest Member, J.O.L. Banner Winners at Orange Walk

The Junior Orange Lodge No. 457 of Acton was awarded a prize for the best banner at the traditional Orange Walk, this year held in Elora. There were 83 lodges from five counties in the parade there in perfect weather — a change from last year's drenching storm which washed out the well-planned celebration in Acton.

Taking part were Acton L.O.L. 467, Friendship J.O.L., and the lodge drum corps in red and blue uniforms.

Hornby L.O.L. and Campbellville L.O.L. also paraded at Elora. It was estimated there were 5,000 in Elora for the day, many of them from this district.

Speakers
Among the speakers were Right Worshipful Brother John Munro of Hamilton, Grand Chaplain of Ontario West, Mrs. Vera Buckland, Grand Chaplain and director of ceremonies of the L.O.B.A.

Parade 91 Years
Acton's C. K. Browne was cited as being a member of the Order for the past 75 years. The Past Grand Master of Ontario West is 95 years of age, and first took part in an Orange parade at the age of four.

As usual, a parade and cenotaph service were held here in the morning of the day of the five counties parade.

Heading the parade from the scout hall was a convertible with Acton's oldest Orangeman, C. K. Browne, 95. Allan Leshman, 88 and Charles Allen, 80, Charles Perry drove the car. Another passenger was Mrs. Myles Estabrook.



PRIMARY CLASS at the Christian Reformed Summer Vacation Bible School check some of their work with teachers. Left to right are Mrs. J. Krul, Janice Drinkwater, Eddie Ensing, Betty DeVries, and Rita Duijker. The children take crafts, art work, religious study and enjoy songs.

Regional "Needs Study" Set Up for Halton, Peel

A combined needs study for Halton and Peel Counties received the unanimous approval of Halton County Councillors following a two-hour discussion with Dr. I. R. Cumming, Special Advisor to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, at the regular monthly council meeting yesterday (Tuesday).

The needs study is to be conducted by Thomas J. Plunkett, an experienced municipal consultant from Montreal. The complete study, which will take approximately one year, will cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000 and will have to be almost every conceivable aspect of government and administration.

Dr. Cumming told councillors that Peel County had decided to go ahead with a needs survey and since almost the same conditions exist within Peel County as do within Halton, the Department of Municipal Affairs was anxious that Halton also be included in the study.

Third Such Study
The Municipal Affairs expert explained, "these surveys need to be taken so it can be learned if the present government systems are suitable to meet the rapidly developing problems of this day and age." He pointed out that this will be the third such regional survey in Ontario, and he

referred to the "pilot survey of Carleton County and Ottawa," and also to the survey conducted for the Welland and Lincoln Counties and the cities of St. Catharines, Niagara and Welland.

The speaker insisted, "I have no feeling the County system will disappear, it has always persisted in democratic countries, but this type of survey will reveal if a county is suitable in its present form. The pressure for this type of survey is coming from the grass roots, so that it can be learned how the county system might be improved."

He noted, "every county is now a region in itself." Peel County he suggested, is only the eastern part of a region which includes Halton and which is centred between the Hamilton complex on the west and the Metro complex on the east. He stressed that these surveys are conducted with no pre-conceived ideas.

Cost of the survey would be shared by the two counties involved and by the Provincial government. Fifty per cent of the total cost will be paid by the province and the other 50 per cent will be shared by the counties. The division of the final 50 per cent would have to be agreed on by the counties.

Milton's Reeve Dr. C. A. Martin started a lengthy question and answer period by stating he was in favour of the study, but he was particularly interested in one of the terms of reference that had been in effect during another survey. He referred to a point which indicated that no annexation or major boundary changes should be enacted after the survey had started. Since the survey could be started immediately and since Milton's annexation hearing is slated for September 20, he

Carried On
Both L.O.L. and J.O.L. had banners mounted on mobile carts. Matching with the J.O.L. Banner were Allan McDonald, Mark Bowen, Steve Gordon and Sharon Gordon. Jeanette Yateman carried the Bible.

With the Lodge's Union Jack was a new Canadian flag for the first time this year.

New Specials, Parade Scheduled For Fair

Mrs. Morgan Madill, Sixth Line Esquewville, was hostess for the meeting of the Lady Directors of Acton Fall Fair Board last Thursday evening. Mrs. Don Matthews, the president, was in the chair, and Mrs. George Wallace was acting secretary, and read the minutes of the previous meeting.

The convener of the parade committee, Mrs. W. Waldie, reported that there should be a good parade of floats at the Fair from present indications. Mrs. J. McCulloch will look after the organization's own float.

The president was pleased to announce that there were several specials in the Domestic Science Department being provided by three firms. These include entries for chocolate cake and bread and buns. Further particulars will be given nearer entry date.

Prices will be obtained for cases for the baking classes at the fair by Mrs. W. Waldie, Mrs. E. Archibald and Mrs. D. Matthews.

The lunch for this meeting was provided by Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Mrs. W. Linham and Mrs. R. Denny.

Mrs. W. Waldie expressed thanks to the hostess, Mrs. M. Madill, and the lunch committee.

Dentists' Convention, Tour for Buchanans

Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan enjoyed a 21-day trip to Europe recently which included attending the International Association of Oral Surgery convention for dentists at Copenhagen.

The couple left June 10 by plane from Milton and arrived at Moscow. While there, they toured a large medical hospital. At Leipzig he toured a dental clinic and dined with and surgical staff to witness an operation. Odd to Dr. Buchanan was the fact that out of 60 dentists only six were men.

From Leipzig they visited Stockholm, then flew to West Berlin and were in East Berlin for about three hours. While there they were allowed to take all the pictures they wanted from Berlin the couple went to Paris and then flew home on July 1.

The Acton couple joined six other Canadian dentists for the trip, five from Ontario and one from Quebec. They have numerous colored photos of their trip.

Mayor Queries Labor Charge New Policy Set for Commission

Labor charges from Acton Hydro Commission to the town council for work on Queen and Young Streets came under fire Thursday last week at the regular commission meeting when Mayor Les Doby queried an account for \$66.

The mayor was of the opinion the charges should have been less but was told by chairman E. G. Tyler Sr. that Ontario Hydro dictated the terms to the local commission regarding public works services on highways.

"Charging Ourselves"
After exchanging opinions on the account, the chairman said the charges had to be paid by someone and Ontario Hydro had down a 28 per cent charge for such work. "Although it's not coming out of the same pocket, it comes out of the same pair of pants and we're not kidding ourselves if we charge the town any more than the actual cost. We are only charging ourselves," stressed the chairman.

Members discussed the possibility of calling tenders again for the construction of a new building on Alice Street in the fall. First call for tenders brought excessive bids and the architect was instructed to review the situation for further consideration. Accounts totalling \$18,571.23 were approved for payment.

Discuss Tenders
The mayor also pondered why cross-arms holding new mercury vapor lights hadn't been installed at the corner of Mill and Young Streets. He was told by superintendent Doug Mason the arms hadn't been shipped to date, although they had been ordered some time ago. The equipment is not a standard size and has to be specially manufactured.

Following a mix-up in moving three poles on Mill Street West near Fairy Lake, the commission instructed the superintendent that in future all requests must be submitted in writing, designating the specifications. The three poles had been moved the second time due to a misunderstanding between the hydro and the town.

The mayor noted that some of the hydro services extending

—The rains in the past week have brought joy to farmers and market gardeners. Just when it seemed the strawberry crop might be affected, along came the rain. Although the Acton district wasn't hit as hard with drought as some other places, it was beginning to reach the serious stage.

Paving Done

Highway paving along Queen, Young and a portion of Mill Streets was finished Wednesday. All that remains now is landscaping along boulevards which includes sodding and leveling.



GO FLY A KITE! is a saying which could be taken seriously by senior students at Trinity United Church summer Vacation Bible school. Rev. Dwight Engel shows Melvin Jensen and Nancy McCutcheon the fine points of making a kite. About 70 boys and girls are taking part in the arts, crafts and lessons.