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## Council Reaches Tie Vote Discusses Two-Year Term

A resolution to inaugurate a two year term for Acton council met with a tie vote Tuesday evening when only eight members were present to vote. Deputy Reeve Roy Goodwin served notice of motion he would re-open the subject at next council meeting. If it is council's wish to adopt a two-year term of office, a decision must be reached before November 1.

**Two Methods**  
Council has two alternatives in approving the two-year term. Either members can pass a by-law, or call for a plebiscite. In the event a plebiscite is called and voters approve a two-year term, the only way this can be rescinded is to call another vote. If council decide to approve a by-law for a two-year term, it can be rescinded at any council session.

Deputy-Reeve Goodwin claimed a two-year term for councillors was working out in many other communities and was of the opinion the system would benefit council members. Reeve H. H. Hinton stated he was definitely opposed to a two-year system and believed the public should have the opportunity to choose council members each year. Mayor Les Duby stated he could only support the move providing a plebiscite was called.

Councillor Ray Arbie said there could be an economy measure in having a two-year term but it was also possible to have a viable person who might consider running for office on a one-year basis but not two years.

## Soon Open

Armstrong Bros. Construction Company employees are working at a rapid pace in order to complete the Mill St. W. construction project before snow falls. The pavement between the corner of Mill and Main Streets has been turned up, a new road base completed, hydro poles have been moved back and forms completed for curbing.

As soon as new sidewalks are laid, the road pavement will be the final stage before the project is completed. To date motor traffic has been held up only slightly while construction is going on.

The Reeve claimed the public should decide if they want a member of council returned to office for another term. Mr. Goodwin was of the opinion council were better qualified to decide on a two-year term.

Mayor Duby claimed it was up to the public to decide. Councillor Mrs. Doris Fryer believed a councillor would be better qualified with two years experience. Councillor F. G. Oakes said he was inclined to lean toward a two-year system. Deputy-Reeve Goodwin said he was in favor of the two year system but not in favor of a plebiscite.

When the vote was called to hold a two year term office by calling a plebiscite Mayor Les Duby and councillors Mrs. Doris Fryer, F. G. Oakes and Robert Drinkwater voted in the affirmative with Reeve H. H. Hinton, deputy-reeve Roy Goodwin and councillors Ray Arbie and Albert Irwin voting in the negative. Councillor William Williams who was present for the meeting until 10:40 p.m. had left for work.

**Garbage Bags Out**  
An experiment with several householders trying out plastic bags for garbage disposal met with a negative attitude as a result council has decided to postpone the idea for the present.

Tuesday night it was learned that 125 residents had been given plastic bags on an experimental basis as well as questionnaires to fill out and return to the town office. Of these only 38 answers had been received indicating 16 favored the idea and 22 opposed. Council learned the main complaint appeared to be the bags weren't strong enough. Councillor Albert Irwin stated one citizen told him "the bags are a damned nuisance".

**Buy Tractor**  
Council agreed to purchase a tractor, complete with loader and backhoe from Thompson Motors at a total cost including tax amounting to \$7,055.50. The old piece of equipment will be traded in.

It was also learned the Ontario Municipal Board had rejected a by-law applying for permission to issue debentures for the high school addition and requested a new by-law be submitted correcting several legal points. Council (Continued on Page Eight)



ACTON FIRE FIGHTERS are ready for action within seconds after the siren sounds. Although next week marks the beginning of Fire Prevention Week across Canada the Acton Volunteer Department are hopeful every Acton area resident remains fire safety conscious all year round. During a practice session at the hall Monday some of the Fire Fighters posed a "Ready for Action" photo. (Left to right are Doug Mason, Don Van Fleet and Will McLachern. Up on top of the truck are Wayne Kelly and Harold Manes.

## Set to Go

### Y Program Begins October 4th Engage Directors, Helpers

A full-scale program has been mapped out for the 1965-66 season at the Y.M.C.A. with Y board members engaging four Guelph University students as well as local help to conduct classes. The Y opens officially October 4.

**Directors**  
Guelph students who will direct the program include Howard

Peirce, who was here last year; Miss Sharon Thuston, Jim Armstrong and Carl Chabourne. All have had previous Y experience.

Local assistance will be given by Miss Vivian South, Acton district high school grade 13 student and Stewart Cowan, public school teacher. Both will have other assistants to help them.

The Guelph University students will conduct classes on Mondays and Wednesdays for both boys and girls, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Mr. Cowan will be in charge, assisted by members of both public school staffs on Tuesday, teaching basketball and volleyball from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. to boys in grades 6-7-8.

Miss Smith and helpers will be busy Saturday morning teaching basketball and volleyball to girls in senior grades from public school as well as junior grades in high school. It is hoped to develop a town league from the Tuesday and Saturday participants with an all-star team representing the Y in out-of-town games.

**Waste War of Work**  
The tall, salt-spoken gentleman stated, "I travel extensively and everyone expresses a loss of faith" (Continued on Page Seven)

All age groups will be looked after this year and Thursday nights will be reserved for adults with the Y's Men's Club, Golden Age Club and other interested groups participating in activities. The weight lifting room will also be open to members 15 years of age and over any evening of the week and Friday and Saturday nights will be held open for any special events. As well as the program directors voluntary help will be available from both the Y's Men's Club and Y board members.

## Play at School

A troupe from the Canadian Players' Foundation will be on stage at Acton District High school auditorium October 6 to present "Oscar Wilde's 'Importance of Being Earnest'." Last year they presented "Passion and Destiny" to an interested audience. The play is open to the public and the curtain goes up at 1:15 p.m. with many of the actors having experience on stage at Stratford Shakespearean Theatre.

## Guelph Youth Hit by Car After Recovering Helmet

Crash helmets are basically meant to prevent motorcyclists from accidents. Saturday afternoon, one figured in an accident on No. 7 highway west of town when 15-year-old Tom Morrison of Guelph was struck by a car and hospitalized with severe injuries.

The injured youth had just retrieved his lost helmet from a passing motorist when shortly after he was struck by the west-bound car coming over the knoll of the hill and driven by Brian Hammond, R.R. 2, Campbellville. He was treated at the scene by Dr. Brian Moore of Acton and sent by car to Guelph hospital for further treatment. He was reported to be in satisfactory condition although suffering from head injuries, broken plevia and leg.

Prior to the accident young Morrison and a companion Joe Foster also of Guelph had motorbike trouble opposite the driveway to the W. D. Elmer Smith home. After attempts to start the motor failed, they proceeded to wheel the motorbike toward Acton. After they left, Mr. Smith spotted the helmet lying on the road and drove down the road to return it to the owner.

Mr. Smith reported he handed the helmet to the youth, who thanked him and then Morrison appeared to back out of his way as though to allow the Smith car to proceed. Mr. Smith said the youth seemed to back all the way across the road as though in a dazed condition and then started forward as the Hammond vehicle came over the hill.

Constable Tom Peirce of the Milton O.P.P. Detachment investigated.

## Lions' Gong Stolen By Visiting Club

Deputy District Governor Jim Snow of Oakville paid his official visit to Acton Lions Club at their regular dinner meeting Monday at the Station Hotel. He was accompanied by five visitors from the Oakville club who used the occasion to swipe the Acton club's gong in a renewal of the gong-snatching competition which fostered many inter-club visits last year.

The D.D.G. addressed the Lions on some of the projects the region was sponsoring, urging them to participate, especially in the youth exchange and public speaking programs. He was introduced by Lion Murray Harrison and thanked by Lion Harry Hawkins.

Lions Vic Bristow and Murray Harrison gave reports on the four booths the Acton club sponsored at Acton Fair. Lion John Griefender reported on parking and helping at the fair gates Friday. Lion John also kept the Lions up to date on the safety program in Acton which the club ran last year.

Special guests at the meeting were Ray Evelyn, Bert Leather, John Lewis and Ron Dalton.

## Council Approves Plebiscite Band Budget or Half Mill?

Acton voters will be asked to mark an extra ballot at the municipal elections this year, Tuesday evening if a majority of council members approved a plebiscite requesting ratepayers' decision on whether Acton Citizens' Band will continue to receive the customary half mill grant or operate on the same basis as other boards by submitting an annual budget for council approval.

Prior to this decision, council members engaged in a lengthy discussion, with Mayor Les Duby and councillors Ray Arbie and Albert Irwin supporting the present system of allotting a half mill grant to the band.

**"All Timing"**  
The opposers to the move claimed "all timing" in view of the band project to erect a band hall on Wallace Ave. The plebiscite proposed by No. 1 Committee was queried by councillor Irwin, who asked what motive was behind the suggestion.

Councillor Bob Drinkwater claimed the present half mill should be "wiped out" and the band should submit an annual budget the same as other boards in town. "I am not saying the half mill is too much, but in reviewing the situation, I find the assessment and mill rate increased since the half mill was first adopted," he said. The councillor was of the opinion council should have some control

over the amount of money the band receives.

Reeve H. H. Hinton remarked, "The firemen, who perform a very essential service to the town, are restricted to a certain budget and I claim council should have control of the band budget the same as other budgets." He also said he was sympathetic toward the band building project this year, but felt council should control the band budget in future.

The Reeve noted that in 1955 when the assessment was around \$2,000,000, the band grant amounted to \$1,000, but in 1965 the assessment had increased to over \$7,000,000, resulting in the half mill bringing the band \$362,355.

Mr. Drinkwater said he was not the one to say whether the band was receiving too much, but it was up to the voters to say. He also noted that at one time, the half mill was split with the now defunct Pipe Band.

Clerk-administrator Jack McGeechie told council the band had stated the half mill was to be divided among band or bands.

Finance chairman Dr. F. G. Oakes wondered if the difference between a controlled band budget and a fixed budget might mean either survival or collapse for the band. Councillor Drinkwater claimed council should have control over all budgets submitted. Reeve Hinton told his colleagues that No. 1 Committee members agreed the band was a worthwhile organization but should submit an annual budget and be treated the same as other boards.

In conclusion, councillor Oakes remarked, "It has never been suggested by No. 1 Committee to cut the band budget but simply to have council exercise some control."

When the vote was called on the resolution, councillor Bill Williams, who acted as chairman of the Committee of the Whole, had left the council chambers for work, as he is working on the night shift and was already late. Voting in favor were Reeve Hinton, councillors Mrs. Geo. Fryer, Robert Drinkwater and F. G. Oakes. Opposing were Mayor Duby and councillors Arbie and Irwin.

## Rev. E. Currie Preacher At United Anniversary Services

Timothy United Church was packed for both Sunday services commemorating the 150th anniversary Sunday. Guest preacher was Rev. Eldridge Currie, former pastor, now of London, Ontario. He was preacher here 11 years ago.

Joining with the choir were former members Mrs. M. Wilhelm (formerly Nancy Lambert), Mary Beth Elliott, Kay Dennis, both of town and Frank Bean, Toronto.

Evening service at Acton Baptist church was cancelled to allow church members to attend the anniversary service. A reception was held following the evening service to allow the congregation to greet their former pastor and his wife in the Sunday school rooms.

Former church members from out-of-town who attended the Sunday services include Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burns, Alliston; Mr. and Mrs. D. Dwydale, Guelph; Mrs. R. Bean, Gwent and Frank, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. R. Sterritt and family, Georgetown; Mr. and Mrs. N. Fryer and family, Guelph; Mrs.

D. Pannabecker, Lucknow; Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilhelm, Rexdale; Mr. and Mrs. J. Dills, Milton; Mr. and Mrs. F. Scott, Guelph and Mrs. E. Nichol, Toronto.

Several members from other congregations also attended services.

## Acton Pooches Tops In U.S. Dog Show

Youthful dog breeder John Foley, Main St., N., copped top awards during the weekend at New York with two of his prize animals.

Competing against 96 entries "Foley's Big Tim" a six month old pup, won first and second prize in the best pup in show class. Two year-old Foley's Rangers took fourth, seventh and ninth in the field trials as well.

Another Canadian entry from Belleville won the award for the combination for show and field classes. The show was staged by the Western New York Fox Hunter's Association.

## Restraining Lines On Mill St. E.

Acton Hydro Commission during a brief meeting Thursday of last week agreed to have work men continue with a firebuilding program to extend from the corner of Young and Queen Streets along Mill East to Acton Boulevard. A portion of this area has already been completed. It was also learned that three poles on Mill St. W. had been relocated to comply with the road widening program. Superintendent Doug Mason reported one additional pole was to be relocated near the former Bell Telephone building. He also noted that both hydro and Bell Telephone lines had been restring on the three poles. Commission members agreed to invest \$60,000 in Bank of Montreal term deposit receipts. Accounts totalling \$10,085.13 were approved for payment.

## Out For Third Contest

### Liberals Pick H. Harley

Halton County Liberals unanimously decided to go with "proven winner" Tuesday night when they named Tuesday elected Dr. Harry Harley of Oakville as their standard bearer in the November 8 federal election.

First elected to the House of Commons as Halton's representative in 1962, the 39-year-old Medical Doctor was re-elected by a substantial majority in 1963. Close to 100 Grit supporters attended Tuesday's nomination convention in Nelson High School, Burlington, and heard the popular candidate proclaim, "no election campaign is ever won by sitting back and thinking and talking — everyone has to do something — I am prepared to work hard for re-election, but I need your help."

The nomination of Dr. Harley as Halton's Liberal candidate came as a surprise to practically no one and when no further nominations were made, the staunch Liberal supporters rose to their feet and clapped vigorously as the candidate marched to the stage.

**Want Clear Majority**  
"We want a clear majority from the people so that we can get on with maintaining our economic expansion, improving social security and providing equal opportunity for all Canadians," the candidate stated.

"As Liberals we can be proud of our record of achievement in just over two years, despite the minority position of the government. We could accomplish more with a majority in parliament — this is

the issue we bring to Canadians! We will accomplish more," he charged.

"A matter I am most concerned with," Dr. Harley contended, "is the right of every Canadian citizen to have the best possible education for which he is qualified. I received my medical education under D.V.A. and did thousands of hours of education provided education to those veterans who had the ability and these thousands of well educated and trained people contributed a great deal to the post war boom and are doing so even today."

Continuing on the topic of education he stated, "I believe the federal government should become more concerned with education — which at present is a provincial responsibility. I think there should be free post secondary school education for those who have ability, financial aid for education to relieve municipalities and the highest possible level of education standards across Canada.

In concluding his address Dr. Harley said, "we have ahead of us a hard election battle. Let's fight together in strength and unity and in the knowledge that a majority Liberal government will do more for people because it cares about people."

Guest speaker for the evening was the Solicitor General of Canada the Honorable Lawrence Fennell of the Brant-Haldimand Riding. According to Mr. Fennell the main issue in the election will be, "can Canada realize its full economic potential?" The speaker suggested that only through a majority Liberal government could the trend toward a more stable economy be continued.

He charged that the Conservatives have already started to make promises of "slant giveaways" but they fail, he said, to explain where the money is going to come from.

## Miltonian M. S. Kernighan Halton New Party Choice

Murray S. Kernighan, a prominent 36-year-old Milton engineer was the unanimous choice of 70 Halton County New Democratic Party supporters on Monday evening, when they gathered in Milton to select their standard bearer for Halton Riding in the November 8 federal election.

"There is a wonderful opportunity for us in this election," the newly named candidate told the enthusiastic gathering, "30-40 per cent of the country's electorate is dissatisfied with the old line parties — but these people will not automatically vote for us, we must convince them."

**Active in Milton**  
A graduate of the University of Toronto in 1931, Mr. Kernighan is the father of three children and he and his wife just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary recently. A resident of Milton for the past eight years, he is well known for his work as chairman of the Milton Planning Board, Clerk of Session, Knox Presbyterian Church, Sunday school teacher and former president of the Milton Chamber of Commerce.

His wife is also active in community work, having served several terms on the Milton Public School Board.

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N.D.P. ENTHUSIASTS FROM ACTON greeted their candidate Murray S. Kernighan from Milton following his nomination as N.D.P. candidate for the November 8 election. Seventy party supporters throughout the county travelled to Milton District high school for the nomination convention. Proudly displaying a party placard are Brendan Aherne, John Barr, Mr. Kernighan and Bob Drinkwater.