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Council Stages Walk-Out Stalemate Regional Jail

The contentious regional jail issue erupted at county council on Tuesday afternoon as opponents staged a mass walk-out, making it impossible to continue county business without the required quorum.

The walk-out developed as members' approval of a committee report that dealt with the regional jail proposal to be shared with Hamilton and Wentworth. Despite repeated pleas from Warden Herb Merry to members to leave the controversial issue to the end of the agenda and deal with payment of a county and other reports, the two sides were unable to reach an agreement.

Tempers flared on procedural points and charges were exchanged as the responsibilities of members to conduct county business. Warden Merry ruled repeatedly on various technicalities in procedure and sought to restrict members to discussion on specific motions.

Milton Reeve, C. A. Martin initiated the walk-out, evidently pre-announced, while Deputy Reeve Rogers of Burlington charged members were shirking their responsibilities as county councillors.

Discussion continued as the Warden sought to retain orderly procedure, and a general walk-out developed when there were no motions on the floor. Participating in the walk-out were

Reeve H. Hinton, Acton; Deputy Reeve B. D. Young, Nassagaweya; Deputy Reeve W. Leslie, Esquimaux; Deputy Reeve William Hunter and Reeve John Elliott of Georgetown; Deputy Reeve Austin Ledwith and Reeve Martin of Milton; Esquimaux's Reeve G. Leslie left only after he submitted his final shots on his reason for withdrawing.

Before the walk-out Halton M.P.P. George Kerr outlined his support for the establishment of the regional detention centre in cooperation with Hamilton and Wentworth. He emphasized that Hamilton required an answer on the project from the meeting immediately.

Outlining the origin of the project, he noted most county jails were antiquated and replacement was required. Rather than build county jails the province felt it more economical to build regional jails. Hamilton and Wentworth supported this action and the only holdup was Halton.

The type of unit planned would provide the necessary workshops and rehabilitation facilities, as well as minimum and maximum security areas. He cited recommendations of recent grand juries on Halton's jail, suggesting it be replaced to permit segregation of pre-trial and committed prisoners.

A further objection he cited was the need to await the local government review underway by T. Plunkett. He emphasized Hamilton could not await this. A regional jail with Peel County, supported by some of the opponents of the plan with Hamilton and Wentworth, would cost Halton more, he suggested.

"To delay the decision another year would do great harm. As (Continued on Page Three)

Meet Friday

A special meeting of county council has been called for Friday morning by Warden Herb Merry. At 10 o'clock county councillors are scheduled to deal with regular business, left unfinished Tuesday. The controversial regional jail is on the agenda for 11 o'clock. County clerk Carlfield Brown informed the Free Press of the special meeting Wednesday afternoon. Our regular reporter will be there to write a full report for next week's paper.

Quarry Blasting Not Controlled By Legislation, Committee Told

Federal and provincial government legislation doesn't include control over quarry blasting. The only concern of government is for the safety of employees working at quarries, according to a committee report.

This information was learned last week at council when clerk administrator Jack McGeechie told council of a telephone conversation with a Department of Mines official.

Sparked by an earlier delegation of ratepayers objecting to damage assumed caused by blasting at Acton Limestone Quarries, council agreed to seek legal advice and hold a meeting with quarry officials.

A special committee of council including Mayor Les Duby, Reeve H. Hinton and councillors F. G. Oakes, Albert Irwin and Ray Arbie was set up to investigate the complaints and meet with quarry officials.

The complaints received from the delegation of ratepayers, plus complaints from councillors Robert Drinkwater, William Williams and Ray Arbie who also witnessed cracks in ceilings and walls at their homes were relay-



AWARD WINNERS in the Industrial Accident Prevention Association safety poster contest received their cash prizes Tuesday afternoon at the Robert Little public school. Front row left to right are Judy Lang, second prize winner, David Manes, third prize winner and Olive Marshall, first prize winner. Back row left to right are judges Mayor Les Duby, Allan Lauder, chairman of the district I.A.P.A., and high school board chairman Rev. Dwight Engel.

The mayor also stated the company was quite aware of the \$4,000 plant equipment within quarry confines and were not setting off blasts which would be detrimental to these buildings. He also stated the committee had been told the most severe portion of the blast was confined to the immediate area and by the time it reached the town of Acton, had been greatly reduced.

Same Schedule

Council also learned that since the blasting first began at the quarry the same schedule had been maintained and in most cases blasting was only once a week. "We were told the amount of powder used was only sufficient to move the necessary rock required," the mayor stressed.

Party at Y

Although Halloween is Sunday, October 31, the costumed children will be out the night before, Saturday.

The Y's Men's Club is sponsoring the annual UNICEF drive and participating children will call door-to-door to collect pennies for unfortunate children overseas.

Boxes for the collection will be handed out at the schools the previous Friday and returns will be handed in at the Y to Y's Men on duty. Volunteers will be assisting in counting cash.

P.C. Candidate Allan Masson Meets Public Tuesday Evening

Progressive Conservative campaign headquarters in Acton was buzzing with activity Tuesday night as candidate Allan M. Masson was on hand to greet Acton and area residents and discuss party politics.

Also present to assist was M.P.P. George Kerr who is keenly following the P.C. campaign throughout Halton. Earlier in the evening Mr. Masson was guest of Acton Rotary Club for dinner at the Dominion Hotel.

Staunch Tory all his life, nonagenarian Charles Kelly Browne was one of the visitors who greeted Mr. Masson and enjoyed a cup of coffee and sandwich. Other supporters and well-wishers included Percy Woods and Robert N. Allan who arrived early and stayed late to talk politics.

Two sisters, Carolyn and Susan Fricker, each equipped with pad and pencil, cornered the Conservative candidate and fired questions after questions in search of answers as part of a high school study on various party platforms.

Switch Back

Residents of this area will be able to get an extra hour of sleep on Saturday night if they remember to turn their clocks and watches back an hour.

After nearly six months of Daylight Saving Time, this part of Ontario will switch back to Eastern Standard Time at 2 a.m. Sunday morning.

Ready in 1966 New Medical Centre Started Equipped for Three Doctors

Work began Tuesday on "Acton's Medical Centre" being erected between the former Bell Telephone building and laundromat on Mill Street.

When completed the two-story building will be equipped to house three doctors' offices on the main floor and two apartments on the top story. W. J. McLeod, real estate broker, is owner of the property and building and general contractor for the work is A. L. Riener.

The square building will measure 42 by 42 feet, be of brick veneer and face on Mill St. West. The downstairs area will be divided into a large waiting room, three consultation rooms, three examining rooms, a dispensary, four washrooms and a surgery room and will be completely occupied by medical doctors.

One apartment upstairs will

List Winners C. of C. Contest

Winners in the jointly sponsored Chamber of Commerce-Acton Firefighters' "Home Beautification" contest were announced last night (Wednesday) during the Chamber dinner at the Station Hotel.

Present to receive their prizes were G. Milne, R.R. 1, who won \$100; Murray Scovine, 111 Elizabeth St., second, winning \$50; and William Thompson, 12 Wilbur St., third, winning \$25.

A total of six entries were received and committee members were disappointed at the lack of interest.

Excision of homes were judged by Bruce Pargeter and Wes Masaley and interiors by Firefighters. A total of 75 per cent was given for exterior appearance and 25 per cent for interior fire safety measures.

Committee members included Orval Chapman, Edward Pratt, William Dennis, Roy Goodwin and Telford Reid. All Chamber members and Harry Otterbein representing the Fire Department.

28 Recruits for Citizens' Band Register for Beginners' Lessons

It is expected that out of the 28 who register Monday there will probably be some dropouts but it is hoped that at least 16 will continue to practice and become senior members within two years.

State Preference

During registration most of the youngsters stated a preference for the cornet with some leaning toward the clarinet. At present there are sufficient drums but a shortage of drummers and it is hoped some of these boys will decide to wield drum sticks in place of tooting a horn.

Work will continue on the apartments after the downstairs has been completed.

The owner expects a third doctor to be associated with Dr. Brian Moore and Dr. Craig Hutchison in the new centre. The latter presently occupies the front section of the former Bell building which is owned by Mr. McLeod.

Henry Timmins Joins Race

A thirty-six-year-old Conservative Independent from R.R. 2 Georgetown, Henry Timmins announced this week that he will be a candidate in the November 8 federal election.

The Georgetown area farmer, a candidate in the last federal election, made up his mind this week to seek a seat in the House of Commons as a representative of Halton Riding. In the last election Mr. Timmins polled only 900 votes but he believes his chances are much better this time.

A father of three and a resident of the area for the past four years, the newest candidate believes the big issue in the coming election will be "getting rid of the Liberal Party." He commented, "There are certain things in their foreign policy which I don't like and they drummed up

Three Accidents

Three Acton and district residents were involved in accidents in the North Halton area during the last week, Milton OPP report.

On Thursday last week a car driven by Lou Hills of Rockwood struck and killed a deer that crossed the Five Sideroad in front of the car. The accident happened west of Campbellville and caused \$250 to Mr. Hills' car.

Damage totalled \$600 Sunday when cars driven by David Leslie of 264 Mill St., Acton, and Walter L. Hickey, R.R. 1, Erno collided on Highway 7 just west of the Fourth Line, Esquimaux, and \$50 damage was done to a car driven by Jack Varcoe, R.R. 1 Acton, when it collided with a Milton man's car Wednesday of last week on Highway 25 at 25 Sideroad.

Band members hope to be located in the new bandhall on Wallace Avenue before the new beginners start practice sessions sometime in November. Although Mr. Elliott is organizing the beginners, he will be assisted by other senior band members in continuing practices with the one-year pupils and starting the new even held practice sessions during

the summer holidays outdoors at Rockwood Conservation park.

Monday night, the one-year students played several selections for the new arrivals after which registration began. Some of the senior members were on hand to help Mr. Elliott with this.

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Linda Reiners Cadet of Year

Linda Reiners was named St. John Cadet of the Year during a program last night (Wednesday) in the United Church. It was a surprise, announced Mrs. C. D. Ashley of Foxboro supervised testing of the girls. She tests members of all Cadet corps in this area and then announces the winner. Acton placed third last year.

The girls were tested in various aspects of their training. As well as Mrs. Ashley, Fred Cooley of Foxboro tested them in first aid and artificial respiration, and Mrs. Roughley of Limehouse tested them in home nursing and temperance.

Mrs. Foxboro goes on to Fergus today to test the cadets there. There is another Corps in Guelph too.

Lunch was served to the dozen cadets, parents and guests after the ceremony and testing.



UNDER FIRE from both sides, Allan M. Masson, Progressive Conservative candidate for Halton, enjoyed an interview with sisters Carolyn and Susan Fricker Tuesday evening when he visited the Acton campaign rooms to greet the public. Interested spectators in the rear are vice-president Bruce Cargill and president Tom Watson of the local Conservative Association.



MUSIC HALL CHARMS and Monday evening 25 boys and three adults were attracted to the Town Hall to register in the beginners' band. Left to right are Donald Cunningham, Henry Van Stralen, Frank Bushmeyer, John Kingmill and Ron Loutitt. Seated is senior bandsman George Elliott.