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Councillors Take Stand For Municipal Election

While Halton political party candidates are campaigning for the coming federal election, Acton council set gears in motion for the municipal nomination and election if required.

In past years, sitting council members normally decline to state their intentions of running for office again or not until nomination night. However, Reeve H. Hinton, who has a knack of getting information, hit a peak political performance when he managed to get commitments out of two members who do not intend to toss the hat into the political campaign again, one who is set to run, one who is considering the possibilities and two who decline to comment at present.

Reeve Hinton suggested council members should indicate their intentions early in order to allow the public to consider possible candidates for nomination night. He himself stated he would run for the position of Reeve again. Councillors Albert Irwin and Ray Arbie said they wouldn't be running this year and Mrs. Doris Fryer said she intended to toss her hat in the political ring again.

Advance Vote Sat. or Mon.

Councillor William Williams stated he was considering running for office again and councillors Dr. Frank Oakes and Robert Drunkwater wouldn't commit themselves at present. Deputy Reeve Roy Goodwin wasn't at the council meeting and his intentions are not known at present.

Haltion voters who will be absent from home and unable to vote on the Monday, Nov. 8 federal election have the opportunity to cast their ballot at a two-day advance poll—but please make careful note of the hours the advance polls will be open.

Advance polls are to be held this weekend, all day Saturday and Monday, but the district reverts to Standard Time early Sunday morning. Both polls have been called for 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Standard time, but on Saturday that means 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Daylight Saving Time.

Haltion returning officer Richard West, Burlington, points out the advance polls are an ideal place for college and university students to vote. Many students were living at home when the election was called, and must vote in their home town, but will be away at school on Nov. 8.

In Acton, an advance poll will be held Saturday and Monday for all Acton voters plus Polls 4 to 6 in Nassagaweya and Polls 7, 8, 13 and 14 in Esqueving. It is located at 20 Willow St. N., Acton.

Last night (Wednesday) men of the United Church and Anglican Church met together in the Parish hall to discuss some implications of the proposed union between the two churches.

Sunday morning at St. Alban's Church, some of the local Guide and Brownie packs will be present to have their new flag dedicated.



JOHN W. HUGHES of Willowdale, who is Governor of District 707 of Rotary International, was guest at the Acton Club meeting Tuesday evening. He outlined aims and objectives of the organization and reviewed the inception of the club. Left to right are Mr. Hughes, secretary Jim McCulloch and Rotary president Max Sprawl.

Girl Escapes With Injuries Two Youths Die in Accident

An Acton girl, Susan Elizabeth Cohen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Cohen, Peel St., escaped with a cracked rib and minor cuts and bruises from an accident near Fergus Saturday in which her fiancé and another youth were killed.

Miss Cohen was a passenger in a car driven by her fiancé, David Amos Dursoe of Guilph, which had been involved in a minor accident with a truck prior to being struck by another vehicle driven by Edward Charles Nicklasson, of Fergus, which came over a hill onto the parked vehicles.

The Dursoe youth was killed instantly as a result of the second crash and the Nicklasson youth died in hospital afterwards as a result of injuries. Miss Cohen, who was trapped in her fiancé's car as a result of damage from the first accident, escaped with minor injuries.

Funeral service for the Dursoe youth was held in Guilph Monday and funeral for the Nicklasson youth was held at Fergus the same day.

Council Approves Curlers' Alterations For Community Centre Liquor Permit

Acton council Tuesday evening approved a request from Acton Curling Club to install necessary facilities in the dining room at the Community Centre so the club can qualify for a liquor permit under the Liquor License Act.

A request from the club to the Recreation Committee was referred to No. 1 Committee of council and delegations from both organizations attended a previous committee meeting Tuesday night. The committee's recommendation to approve the request was accepted by council with only councillor Mrs. Doris Fryer voting in the negative. Deputy Reeve Roy Goodwin was not at the meeting.

The resolution approved in its entirety follows: "We approve the request of the Acton Curling Club to install the necessary facilities in the dining room of the Community Centre so that they would qualify for a liquor permit under the Liquor License Act and further, that any application for a liquor permit must be made through the Recreation Committee with council having the final approval of the application for the permit to the Liquor License Board and be it further resolved that a rental agreement for use of these facilities be negotiated between the Curling Club and Recreation Committee so that facilities are available for other persons or organizations who may qualify for an application for a liquor permit."

Prior to the vote being taken, Mayor Les Dubsy said he had been basically opposed to the possibility of the Community Centre having the stigma of being licensed, but this was not conveying the right for a club or clubs to qualify for a liquor permit.

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Geachie informed council members there were 15 assessment appeals to the County Court of Revision but noted that only one appeal was actually based on assessment, while others were based on drainage problems caused by road construction. It was agreed to engage a solicitor to represent the town at the hearings.

Proposed Watermain Following a road committee report outlining problems entailed in construction of a proposed 12 inch watermain along Mill St. E., it was agreed to purchase land from Anthony Semuck at a cost of \$2,000 which would include an easement over his property from Acton Boulevard to George Street to allow for installation of the service.

Councillor Albert Irwin noted that a survey of Mill St. revealed that four trees would have to be taken down and a portion of the present sidewalk would be lost in the event the watermain

had broken down and there wouldn't be further blasting for two weeks. "The first time blasting occurred since, was last Friday," he stated.

The mayor said the Friday last blast had been heard by him, but he noted that there were low overhanging clouds which after hearing evidence at the meeting with engineers, he was convinced had some bearing on this.

Councillor Ray Arbie added it would be quite expensive to properly investigate further and so (Continued on Page Five)

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Onus on Private Individuals To Press Charges on Blasting

Citizens who assume quarry blasting is causing damage to their homes are on their own.

Tuesday evening, a special committee of council appointed to investigate quarry blasting reported there was lack of evidence to warrant council going to the expense of hiring equipment and experts to attempt to find Acton Limestone Quarries guilty of damage to local homes.

Mayor Les Dubsy, spokesman for the committee, reported that Mr. Hughes from the Department of Mines had said quarry blasting conformed with regulations and only up-to-date methods are being used.

He also noted it had been revealed at a meeting with quarry officials that certain weather

conditions affected results of the blasting when more noise could be heard and additional vibration felt.

"We are most sympathetic with everyone's feelings," stated the mayor as he said the cost of further investigation would be prohibitive in view of information obtained.

"It appears that individuals can negotiate steps through the Attorney General's office and council is willing to stand by and bear any further evidence regarding the blasting," the mayor said.

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Meet Candidates On Monday Night

Haltion candidates for the coming federal election November 8 will be met and forecast on the stage at the Robert Little Public School Monday evening.

The Acton Chamber of Commerce who are sponsoring the evening have arranged for all four candidates to be on hand to meet voters and everyone is invited to attend starting at 8 p.m.

Chairman for the evening will be John Ruddy of the Youngmen's Club, Guilph, who will introduce the candidates and keep the program running smoothly.

Candidates who have indicated their intention of being present include Dr. Harry Harley, Liberal candidate; Allan Hunter, Conservative; Conservative candidate; Murray Kernighan, N.D.P. candidate and Henry Timmins, Conservative Independent.

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Hope to Settle Jail Issue on Thursday Eight Boycott Council Meeting

Eight Haltion County Councilors pulled a reverse walk-out from scheduled council meetings on Friday as they boycotted the meetings and thus stymied any change of having a recorded vote on the controversial Regional Jail project.

The boycott of the scheduled meetings for 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Friday was a continuation of the "rebels' action at the regular council meeting last Tuesday. At that time Reeve Dr. C. A. Martin of Milton, John Elliott of Georgetown, George Leslie of Esqueving and H. H. Hinton of Acton and Deputy-Reeve William Hunter of Georgetown, Austan Ledwith of Milton, Wilfred Leslie of Esqueving and Dr. B. D. Young of Nassagaweya, left the council meeting and thus prevented a vote on the question because the remaining five councillors and Warden Herb Merry failed to represent a quorum.

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Holdups Merry Claims

The stalemate at County Council which has prevented the holding of a regular meeting has held up county business considerably, but the situation is by no means desperate, Warden Herb Merry reported.

Because a quorum of county council has not been present to pass committee reports at the last three scheduled meetings, regular accounts have yet to be paid.

A recommendation from the Manor and Personnel Committee regarding the hiring of an Assistant to the Superintendent at Haltion Manor has also been delayed. Warden Merry said the recommendation couldn't be approved until the council meets again.

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"Warden of North" Hinton Says Peel Interested

Labelled as the "Warden of the North" H. H. Hinton, Reeve of Acton, made an unexpected appearance at county council on Friday morning and later met in a closed informal session with Warden Herb Merry and the other five "stay behinders."

Several county councillors were believed to have pinned the new title on the Acton Reeve during the informal session in Warden Merry's office, but Reeve Hinton described himself as "an individual councillor who indicates no authority, but is trying to get this whole business settled."

The "whole business" Reeve Hinton was describing was the contentious regional jail project proposed for Hamilton, Wentworth and Halton. In a successful effort to stall a vote on the project, eight county councillors including Reeve Hinton walked out of a regular council meeting last Tuesday.

Boycott Meet Special meetings were called Friday but once again the eight councillors boycotted the meetings, although Reeve Hinton made a brief appearance to invite the sitting members of council to attend an informal meeting on Saturday evening.

After leaving the council chambers Reeve Hinton met with Warden Merry and the five councillors in the Warden's office. Following that meeting Reeve Hinton spoke to press representatives and stated, "I've been in touch with Peel County Council and made them aware of the fact that if Halton and Peel couldn't get together, maybe Peel, Hamilton and Wentworth could. They have indicated they are completely in favor of investigating the possibility. I have discussed it with Mayor Coppins (Mayor Victor Coppins of Hamilton) and he indicated the desirability of having Peel in. I talked to Mr. Kerr (Halton M.P.P.) and he is going to speak to the Minister (Minister of Return Institutions Alan Grossman)."

"Seems some people are getting approval on generalities rather than facts," he said. He pointed out that Wentworth hasn't even definitely stated it will be in the project. He then explained that a plurality of three votes is needed on all recorded issues and suggested, "they didn't have enough votes to win."

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N.D.P. SUPPORTERS from room 11C at Acton District high school had a chance to chat with Haltion N.D.P. candidate Murray Kernighan Wednesday morning when he was invited by the girls to attend the school. Mr. Kernighan answered questions during the Economics class. Left to right are Susan Robinson, secretary; Betty Ramsay and Eleanor Kern, party members and Adele Dupuis, party leader for the class as they discuss politics with the candidate. The room has been divided into five parties. They are studying Canadian politics and will hold a mock election later. Other parties include Communist, Social Credit, Liberal and Conservative. Friday morning, Conservative candidate Allan Masson is expected to attend the school.