

# Quarry, Pit Licences Contentious Review Fee, By-Law Enforcement

Nassagaweya Council's method of dealing with gravel-pit and quarry licences received a blast from Councillor Mrs. Anne MacArthur on Monday night. The recurring problem of whether or not to issue gravel pit and quarry licences at the nominal fee of \$2 came up once again and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to "hold all gravel pit and quarry licences pending further investigation."

Since first taking her seat on council in January, councillor Mrs. Anne MacArthur has contended that a gravel pit licence or quarry licence for \$2 is absolutely ridiculous—it doesn't even cover the paper work. Mrs. MacArthur continued her campaign on Monday and suggested, "I'd like to see a meeting with council, the ratepayers and quarry and gravel pit operators. I think the people of the township should be asked to attend such a meeting so they will know what kind of protection they can expect."

**Re-Assess Properties**

"If it turns out we can't do anything to help them," she continued, "then I think the ratepayers affected by the blasts from quarries should have their properties re-assessed. They shouldn't have to replace windows and plaster when somebody else is making money. Something has to be done."

Councillor Ross Gordon interjected, "during my time on council no one has come to a meeting to protest blasting."

Mrs. MacArthur flashed back "it's fine for you to sit up there (in the north end of the Township) but it would be different if you were affected."

Speaking of the lack of complaints referred to by Mr. Gordon, Mrs. MacArthur suggested, "I know previous reeves — not you Reeve Coulter, and councillors have received complaints, maybe they weren't fulfilling their duty."

Councillor William Mahon explained several quarries in the Township were active before a by-law regarding quarries came into effect. He indicated, "there's only two quarries here that there's a chance of doing something about. The rest were here before the by-law."

Deputy-Reeve William Hoey agreed with Mrs. MacArthur stating, "we have by-laws and we should attempt to enforce them. We should try to get the people affected and the quarry operators together—maybe a public relations policy is all that is lacking. Maybe we can find out who is annoyed at who and try to get them together."

Although Mrs. MacArthur did not have any one set figure in her mind regarding the cost of a quarry licence, she did say, "maybe a graduated type of fee would be in order, where if a company quarried so much rock it would pay a certain fee and as it increased its production to another scale then it would pay more for a licence the next year. I don't know whether it would work but it would be better than what we have."

**Dual By-Law**

Reeve William Coulter pointed out that one of the problems

was caused by the fact that there is only one by-law to govern both quarry and gravel pits, while there should be a by-law for each operation.

Three requests for licences were before council. Councillor Ross Gordon said he was in favor of granting gravel pit licences to small operators on the same basis as always and favored the granting of a licence to the one gravel pit operator who requested it.

Mrs. MacArthur objected and noted, "you know, Ross, if you pass one then they'll all go through."

The motion was then passed holding up all licences.

## H.S. News

**By Gwen Lauder**

At Friday afternoon's assembly, the school's annual magazine campaign was launched. On display was the timer that we hope to purchase this year. Mr. Curtis of the Curtis Plan encouraged all students to participate in this campaign by showing the wide variety of prizes.

The winning class each day is entitled to carry around a giant sized stuffed tiger — this year's mascot. Our goal this year is \$2,000. This can be easily met with only one subscription from each student.

Friday night at the dance, the driving beat of the Toronto "Shays" rocked the entire gym. A highlight of the evening was the spot dances when the group presented the winners with the latest fad — Batman comics. The evening was a great success and was enjoyed by all.

Last week, the girls' basketball teams each played two games. The juniors were defeated by Milton and Erin. The seniors managed to defeat Erin but lost in the game at Milton. However, since Milton is an "A" school and is therefore not in competition with Acton, the seniors still remain undefeated.

## Beware of Con Men Corp. Mason Warns

Corporal Ray Mason of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment this week issued another warning to older residents throughout the Acton area to beware of confidence men posing as bank inspectors or plainclothes policemen.

The corporal warns against strangers preying on older residents by asking them to check bank accounts or withdraw money. Anyone being contacted by confidence men is asked to either call their bank manager or police and if possible obtain a car licence number and a full description of the offender.

Several people throughout the country have been victims of these confidence men and many have had their complete bank accounts depleted believing they are helping police or bank officials.

## Council Won't Darken Lights

A motion to darken the string of lights in front of Mohawk Raceway when the racing meets are not in progress, was defeated three to two at Nassagaweya Council on Monday night.

Councillor Anne MacArthur and Deputy-Reeve William Hoey made the motion but it was defeated when Reeve William Coulter and councillors Ross Gordon and William Mahon voted against it.

Mrs. MacArthur told councillors, "I can see no reason to keep them on. Nobody says 'There's the Township of Nassagaweya.' Why should the people of this township pay out money to advertise the racetrack. We could save money by having them turned out."

**Erected by Club**

Deputy-Reeve William Hoey agreed with Mrs. MacArthur but the other members of council differed with them. Councillor Gordon indicated the Jockey Club had erected the lights at their own expense and the Township agreed to pay the cost of hydro.

Councillor Mahon said, "You're something out of thin air as far as I know. Bring back the facts and show us how much money we're going to save."

It was suggested the cost of hydro for the lights for a year is just over \$500.

## Esqueusing Defers Plan of Subdivision

A tentative plan of subdivision for nine country-estate type homes near Speyside was deferred Monday evening, February 28 by Esqueusing Township council pending Department of Planning and Development approval.

Property owner William Ollen submitted the tentative plan and told council he planned the subdivision on his property on No. 25 highway south of Speyside. The area includes 45 acres of land and plans call for lots ranging in size from two and a half to eight acres each on the side of the hill.

A letter from Halton County Health Unit approved the project providing wells were drilled and water supply proven before construction of each home began. Another provision was the wells must be at least 150 feet away from each field.

Mr. Ollen was reminded his plan was not registered and he was requested to have this done before council could make any decision.

## Sunshine School Purchases Made

The March meeting was held at the home of Mrs. R. Knapp for the Acton Auxiliary of North Halton Association for Mentally Retarded. With president Mrs. R. Loutlet in the chair the meeting opened with a prayer for the mentally retarded. Minutes of the previous meeting in February were approved and the financial statement presented.

Plans are well underway for the forthcoming rummage and opportunity sale, including a draw for a lovely large panda bear, donated by the Acton Lions Club. The sale will take place on April 23 at Saint Alban's Parish Hall.

Mrs. J. Turkosz, in charge of A.B. Supermarket coupons, reported items purchased for the Sunshine School, Hornby, were six piece towel set, garbage can, two carving boards, mugs and bowls and a kindergarten set (including table and chairs). Old nylon stockings are requested for use at the school for the children.

Members were given tickets to sell for Ontario Moose Charities, 100 per cent of the net proceeds to go to retarded children summer camping and Mousehaven Health Centre for Aged. Prizes are included.

Mrs. Loutlet announced that operations had commenced for the annual campaign and envelopes for donations would be mailed out in May.

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## Mohawk Track

A \$1,000,000 expansion program which would boost the grandstand capacity at Mohawk Raceway to over 10,000 and boost the capacity of the terrace dining lounge by 50 per cent could be completed by the fall.

If expansion plans are carried out, tenders for structural steel would be called for within the next few weeks and work would probably begin on the project immediately following the end of the spring meeting in May.

The present grandstand capacity would be doubled and the popular dining lounge would be increased in size by 50 per cent making it suitable for about 340 rather than the present 360.

Mr. Mooney indicated the Jockey Club was pleased with the reaction of harness horse followers to the three-year-old raceway at Campbellville.

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## CHURCHILL

### Mrs. Frank Thompson Is Hostess for U.C.W.

The Churchill U.C.W. regular meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson's in Acton on Wednesday afternoon, March 2 with a good attendance. The president, Mrs. William Thompson, opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. E. MacArthur had the devotions choosing as her topic, The need of Prayer. Hymn, "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us" was sung. Mrs. R. Denny played a piano solo, "How Great Thou Art" and all joined in singing first verse and the chorus.

Mrs. W. Thompson and Mrs. Frank Freeman attended the district annual in St. Paul's church, Milton, and they gave a very interesting report. Mrs. B. Letich read the minutes of the last meeting and some business was dealt with. Mrs. W. Swackhamer read a chapter of the study book and dealt with the questions. The discussions and answers were very helpful and interesting.

Mrs. Frank Thompson, the hostess, also Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. W. Thompson served a delicious lunch at the close of the meeting.

We are pleased to learn Mr. Garry Dobbie, who has been a patient in Guelph General Hospital is home and feeling much better.

Friends and neighbors will be sorry to learn Mrs. George Mallory returned to St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, on Sunday and underwent surgery first of the week. All hope for a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Miss Eliza Beth Stronko who received first class honors in her grade one examination in music in Guelph. She is a pupil of Mrs. Don Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton returned home last week after a month's holidays. They motored and holidayed in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr spent Sunday at Caistor Centre visiting Mr. and Mrs. Murray McMillan.

**Sign of Spring?**

Is it a sign of spring? Mr. Wallace Swackhamer killed a milk snake in his barn last week.

### Renew Memberships In Golden Age Club

Acton Golden Age Club meeting was touched with sadness when word was brought in of the passing of Frank Holmes. A minute of silence was observed in tribute to the departed member. Mr. Holmes was the father of Jack Holmes, who had donated most generously to the G. A. Club at its beginning.

The visiting committee reported many members confined to their homes or in hospital.

It was decided to make the draw for the quilt at the next evening meeting March 17th.

Mrs. Cosar read letters she had received from Dr. Harley, M.P. in reply to printed cards sent in requesting an increase in Old Age Pensions. He said the matter was under active consideration; the basis for calculation of the pensions would be the income tax returns.

Fifty-four members got their new membership cards and it is hoped many more will be on hand to join at the next meeting as attendance is always larger at evening meetings.

Prizes for games went to: crokinole, ladies, Mrs. Robt. Warner; gents, George Simpson; euchre, ladies, Mrs. Dougald Kennedy; gents, A. B. McLean.

—Railroad work crews were in town last week repairing rails in the spur and main lines near the station.

### 14 Offenders Appear in Court

A total of \$171 in fines and \$52 in costs were paid in police court in Milton Monday when 14 offenders appeared charged by Acton O.P.P. Detachment.

Included on the list of offenders were two charged with failing to have insurance on their vehicle or payment of the \$20 under the Motor Vehicles Claims Act. One minor paid a \$35 fine and \$5 in costs for drinking while under age and two were charged for accidents. The rest were charged for minor traffic violations. Of the 14 appearing one was dismissed and two remanded.

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