—Staff Photo

WOLF CUBS, who are seeking leaders in order to continue on into the Boy Scouts won first prize for their float during the Fair Day parade Saturday. The group has completed training in Cubs but there are no scout leaders now. It is hoped the Scouts can be re-organized again.

Sell 80 acres to government believed for provincial museum

Amid charges of "double talk" and behind the scenes dealing, the Halton Region Conservation Authority Thursday approved the sale of approximately 80 acres of the A. R. Service farm, adjacent to the Kelso Conservation Area, to the Department of Public Works for $42,000.

Oakville representative Alan Masson called for presentation of a written report on the negotiations, from the Authority's acquisition of the Service farm that has been the subject of frequent heated discussions in recent Authority meetings.

The purpose of the Department of Public Works sale was not clarified, during the special open meeting called to deal specifically with the Service farm purchase.

Authority chairman Ralph Sherwood explained the search of past minutes and correspondence had been completed, but there had been insufficient time to prepare copies of it for each member, prior to the full meeting. He indicated copies could be prepared the next day.

Representative Barry Humphries indicated he was not basically against the Service farm purchase, but he objected to the fact it had never been considered by a proper committee which would have produced a written report on the subject.

Chairman Sherwood referred to minutes of the full authority which had approved the project as a scheme. This he submitted to counter arguments from Mr. Masson that the matter had gone on for months without the knowledge of the Authority members.

Vice-chairman C. A. Martin noted it was quite evident all members knew of the project and nothing had been kept back. "I hope the public knows too that some members are going their best to keep the provincial museum out," he declared.

This was the first reference to the possibility the areas sought by the Department of Public Works may be slated to accommodate a possible provincial museum, for which the county has been negotiating for some time.

J. H. Fielding agreed the Authority had acquired the Service farm, and suggested the Authority chairman had been put in an "embarrasing" spot because of the secrecy imposed on him. He submitted a resolution authorizing the sale of the 80 acres to the Department of Public Works for $42,000.

Involved discussion on costs, grants, legal costs and costs to the authority followed.

E. J. Parker, representing the Department of Public Works, agreed ot place the offer of the Authority to sell, with officials in the provincial government.

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Our Readers Write

LETTER TO HYDRO PROTESTS DEAD TREES

Dear Sir,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have sent to Mr. J. F. Duncan, Chairman of Ontario Hydro, on a subject of interest to all people who deplore the wide spread use of spray.

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs.) James L. Beaton,
R.R. 1 Campbellville.

Ontario Hydro,
Department of Uglification,
Province of Ontario.
Gentlemen:

Congratulations! You have surpassed all previous attempts to make the Ontario countryside ugly. Our attention is now diverted from the towered unsightly poles and lines to the brown, dead leaves of the shrubs and trees.

What a joy it is to stand on our front porch and survey the drooping waste, or to take the children for a walk down a side road lined with black stumps. When our five year old asks, "Mommy, why are all the trees on this side of the road brown and on the other side green?" I choke with emotion. I explained to him that it became so monotonous just having green and yellow and red leaves on trees that those wonderful hydro men came with their big truck full of spray and swish, swish, there you have it.

"But, Mommy, there are no birds in the brown trees and the chipmunks and squirrels are all gone". I explain how if the University-educated men at the hydro allowed these trees to grow they would soon tangle in the wires and some stormy night, all laden with snow and ice, they would crash the wires to the ground and we would be without lights and heat.

He sees the logic in this and thinks on it a moment. Then with a rush of excitement he runs to me with a dead bird in his hand. "Oh, look at what they have done with their spray, they've killed the birds", he reasons, with his five-year old brain. "Do you think our doggie's eyes were closed and stinging the day the hydro men sprayed because he got some of the spray while playing in the bushes?"

Don't children ask the darndest questions? I find this a perfect opportunity to go through the bit about getting a higher education so that he might one day be as clever as the men in charge of the hydro, so that he can live in a high rise apartment building where he never has to look at the uglyness of the Ontario countryside. "But why did we move to the country if we didn't want to enjoy the beautiful trees and wild flowers and hear the singing of the birds?" he questions.

This child has me stumped. Perhaps one of you chaps can give him the answer.

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs.) James L. Beaton,
Lot 19, Con. 4,
Nassagaweya Township.

BALLINAFAD

Village represented at Acton fall fair

Sympathy goes out to the McEnery family in the sudden death of Mr. James Wilkins of Oakville. Mrs. Wilkins is the former Jean Evans of Acton. The funeral took place in Oakville on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Merriam visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. Shortill. The Merriams, this summer visited their son and family in Austin, Texas. Pfcl. and Mrs. Gray Merriam, Paul and Michael Gray teaches in the university in Austin. The Merriams were former Ballinafad storekeepers and now live in Guelph.

A number from here attended Acton fair on Saturday. We noticed Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McEnery in the gentlemen's turn out, also Ballinafad Women's Institute received second prize on their display.

Mr. Elwood Snow is building a new silo.

Mr. Allan Jamieson began his year at Waterloo University this week.

Ballinafad is very proud to have a number of students attending university. We wish them success as they go on for higher education.

Congratulations are extended to Miss Maggie Given, who was chosen "Miss Acton Fair" last Friday night.

There are no home remedies or "dream cures" for cancer. Only your doctor can diagnose and treat cancer. See him for a check-up.

Unveil Plunkett report

The long awaited Plunkett Review of Local Government in Peel and Halton counties will be unveiled in a special dinner meeting Thursday, Sept. 29 at the Catholic Youth Centre in Oakville, it was revealed Tuesday at Halton County Council.

Invitations to the dinner were mailed Tuesday but members of County Council were concerned with a report that only two representatives of each municipality would be invited. This was to have included the mayor and reeve, eliminating the deputy reeves, where there is a mayor, although the deputy reeves sit on county council.

A resolution protesting this action was passed by Council, and acting Warden H. Merry reported later in the meeting it appeared the deputy reeves would also be included. It is believed chairmen of Boards of Education are also to be invited. There was no further indication of the extent of the guest list.

The report has been more than a year in preparation and Commissioner T. Plunkett in public hearings received submissions from many municipal and local organizations.

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