



TASTY DESSERTS were served by Daughters of Acton Wednesday of last week to patrons attending their fashion show at the high school. Preparing the food left to right are Mrs. Cliff Ashley, Mrs. Howard Coles, Mrs. Bern VanFleet and Mrs. Robert Paul.

Urban board tour held in Georgetown

Members of Georgetown, Acton and Milton councils, with their wives enjoyed a ladies night Wednesday of last week sponsored by North Halton Urban Board when they toured two Georgetown industries and enjoyed lunch afterward.

The annual outing, which includes a tour of one of the three towns belonging to the board, was a huge success. Everyone met at the former Cedarvale School for Girls which has been taken over by the town of Georgetown as a Centennial Centre. From there, everyone boarded two buses to make the industrial tour, after which they returned to the centre.

During the lunch, board chairman Jim Young of Georgetown welcomed everyone, after which the mayors from each community spoke briefly.

Attending from Acton were Mayor Les Duby and Mrs. Duby, councillor Earl Masales and Mrs. Masales; councillor Robert Drinkwater and Mrs. Drinkwater; councillor F. G. Oakes and Mrs. Oakes; councillor C. F. Leatherland, councillor Mrs. Doris Fryer and town office manager Joe T. Hurst and Mrs. Hurst.

Negotiations with nurses hit stalemate

Without the services of Halton County Health Unit nurses for the past three weeks, Halton County faces still a further delay in the resumption of services following a collapse in negotiations on Friday night.

Warden H. H. Hinton, Reeve of Acton, ruled the 22 nurses who resigned on September 12 must re-apply for their positions before negotiations can continue. Mrs. Flora Hesson, president of the County Health Nurses Association said the ruling "leaves everything completely up-in the air as far as we are concerned."

Later in the week Mrs. Hesson said the nurses will seek the support of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario, although she declined to state what form of support the local association would be requesting.

The Friday night meeting between the nurses and the county personnel committee ended in a complete stalemate following Warden Hinton's ruling that the nurses must re-join the staff to negotiate as individuals, or comply under the Labor Relations Act if their association is to negotiate for them.

IOU of fire

Every ten years wasteful Canadians run up a staggering IOU in fire destruction of more than \$1,300,000,000.

Every Canadian in the long run has to chip in and pay off the debt, through insurance premiums. Else the victims take it on the chin. An obligation not so easily squared is the terrible human toll of life by fire — more than 5,000 victims, the bulk of the dead being children and the aged.

It's worth thinking about.

Offered \$280 Expropriation cost \$2,000

A 1962 expropriation of a Nassagaweya farmer's land for road widening has finally been settled by the County Court, and the case to township council for the 2.8 acres of land will run around \$2,000.

The land bordered both sides of the First Line Nassagaweya, and was owned by Z. Von Cube. When the township sought to buy it to widen the road, he asked \$5,000 and the township offered \$280. Later he increased his demand to \$9,000.

The reason for the unusually high price was a small parksite with an intricately designed stump fence and archway, which faced the Von Cube home. Part of the fence and the archway have been removed and set up at Halton County Museum.

The case was heard before Judge Alan B. Sprague in Milton during September and a judgement issued September 22 assessed a charge of \$1,121.20 plus interest at five per cent from August 7, 1962. Councillors figure the total cost, including the assessment, interest, evaluations, defence, legal fees and Mr. Von Cube's lawyer's fees will run around \$2,000. The township has \$305 set aside in a trust account to cover the case.

Members agreed Monday, on hearing the result, to petition the Department of Highways for assistance in meeting the payment. The road was originally widened as a development road with D.H.O. assistance.

Nassagaweya Council adopts two-year term

Voters in Nassagaweya Township will go to the polls on December 12 and elect a five-man council and five-man school board for a two-year term, it was agreed Monday night by the township council.

At council's next meeting Oct. 17 a by-law will be passed setting out the two-year term for both council and school board. A decision Monday to adopt the two-year term was approved with only Councillor Mrs. Anne MacArthur dissenting.

"I would rather see the decision made by the people that the democratic way of doing it," she argued when the discussion opened.

The possibility of a two-year term was also raised by council a month ago, and Reeve William Coulter asked councillors for their opinions Monday. He said he personally favored the two-year term to ensure continuity at the County Council level — pointing out Oakville, Burlington and Milton councils are presently elected for two-year terms — that expire at the end of 1987. Acton is this year adopting a two-year term that would begin in 1987.

He also suggested the Plunkett report would be studied and its recommendations acted up on or revised during the next two years, and it would be to the advantage of the ratepayers to have their 1987 council continue in office until 1988.

Deputy-Reeve Hoey also favored the extended term. "Generally speaking I am in favor of a referendum, but we don't have enough time to do it."

Council has a choice of implementing the two-year term by a decision of council, or by a public vote. However if a referendum is held this December the two-year term would not begin in 1987, but would take effect January 1, 1988. By passing the by-law this month, the officials elected this December would begin a two-year term January 1, 1987.

Councillor Ross Gordon, a proponent of the two-year term, said the council was elected to

To erect gates, signs at Nassagaweya dump

"People should not be forced to live in fear of fire," Nassagaweya Township councillor Mrs. Anne MacArthur summed up Monday night, as councillors reviewed continuing fire problems at the township's dump on 25 Sideroad.

Council heard reports the Acton Fire Department had been called out twice this week (it happened again Tuesday at noon) when garbage began to burn and smoulder beneath the earth fill and around the roots of trees. Officials recognized the fact several ratepayers live close to the dump site and were particularly concerned about the frequent fires spreading to their properties.

After a lengthy discussion, council decided to erect gates and a fence at the dump site to keep out residents and visitors from other communities who dump garbage there at all hours of the day and night. Signs will be posted to notify visitors of the open hours, and a man will be posted there on duty during the open hours.

Arrangements are to be made for a local garbage collector Al Ferrer and the owner of the property, Mr. Thompson, to have access to the property whenever they need it. Council

Teachers' convention in Ottawa Oct. 21

On Friday, October 21, the teachers of the Inspectorate of Halton No. 4 will hold their seventh annual convention in Ottawa.

Earl Beers of Acton's M. Z. Bennett school is this year's president; Mrs. P. Copeland of J. M. Denves school, Milton, the secretary; Mrs. K. Alger, M. Z. Bennett school, Acton, the treasurer; and James Zehr, Brookville school, Nassagaweya, is the executive member.

Theme of the convention is "The New Mathematics". The local teachers will observe classes there, hold a business meeting, elect new officers, tour Parliament Buildings and the Mint. Dr. Harry Harley, Halton's M.P., will address the group.

The local teachers who choose not to go to Ottawa will meet in Guelph or Hamilton.

Public school pupils here will have the day off.

to the next meeting of council, and a special by-law will be passed to govern the open hours.

Deputy-Reeve William Hoey said he felt a lot of the township's garbage was coming from homes in the Guelph area. He said his roadside is heavily travelled on weekends by cars and trucks heading for the township dump. Councillor Ross Gordon was worried that the road-way near the dump would soon become cluttered — if people showed up and the dump was closed they would leave it outside the gates, he warned.

(Earlier at the same meeting, Reeve Coulter reported he was investigating a new dump site near the south end of the township. He was instructed to negotiate with the owner.)

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