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Nurses, county at stalemate after county council meeting

Settlement of the dispute between Halton's Public Health nurses and the county appeared no closer after a 75 minute discussion between the two groups

Where now!

L. B. Sharpe indicated after the county council meeting Tuesday, the nurses would seek further meetings with the Warden's Special Committee in an attempt to solve the problem.

Warden Hinton reported an evaluation study had been authorized on the Health Unit operations. He maintained the nurses would have to seek employment with the Board before the county could deal with them. Their resignation severed their connection with the county, he suggested.

at the monthly meeting of County Council Tuesday.

A report of the Warden's special committee on the problem,

urging the county to advertise for nursing staff with preference to former employees who apply, was endorsed by the council.

The Health Unit Public Health nurses resigned from their positions Sept. 12 and have called for a collective agreement.

Mrs. Flora Hesson, spokesman for the group of nurses and supporters that crowded the council chambers Tuesday, suggested it was time the dispute was settled. "It will never be settled as long as one side blames the other." She suggested the organization of the nurses was established to put some order and sense into relations with the Health Unit. "I am sure there is a way to re-establish services with the same nurses. It is time now for the county to act," she concluded.

Lloyd Sharpe, advised to the local group from the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario.

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ARENA ACTIVITIES began for the winter months last night (Wednesday) when the Tri-County entries from Acton held practise sessions. Top left is coach Barry Insko lacing skates on his son Robin. Top right Jeff Townsley is the first to step on the ice as Ken Withers and John Cameron wait their turn. Bottom photo shows Steven Townsley ready to drop the puck as John Ashley, Ricky Holmes, Tim McIntyre and Kent Kenner are ready to go.

Call special meeting to list board's goals

Dissatisfied with what parks board has accomplished so far this year, three members who attended last Thursday evening's meeting decided to draw up a firm list of goals, and to call a special meeting for this Thursday (tonight) to discuss them.

Not constituting a quorum at the regular meeting in the community centre were members Gordon Harding, Brendan Aherne and Earl Masales with their secretary-treasurer Art Cooper. Absent were chairman George Williams, vice-chairman Nino Braida and Cliff Bradley.

Although motions could not be passed, the trio listed problems and aims for two hours before adjournment. Mr. Aherne acted as chairman.

Prime concern was Glenlea Park, where few of the plans made have been carried out. Paving the entrance, sodding and grading were mentioned, and the possible building of entrance gates.

Consideration of Leishman park led members to ask the secretary to prepare a list of all park areas under the jurisdiction of the board so long-range plans may be formulated.

Changes in the park might include paving, raising of the track to prevent puddles, or perhaps complete change of the road system. Trees authorized cut down previously are still standing. These discussed aims, explained Mr. Masales, "are included in the town's plans and will be cut when other trees are.

Improvement to the lake area brought in the involvement of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, which has included dredging of Acton pond in its plans.

Budget breakdown was also requested of the secretary. The parks board, which was authorized by plebiscite to spend up to one mill, budgeted just over half a mill this year.

Mr. Aherne said he thought that parks board is not fully doing the service they were created for. Glenlea park has been "living there" 10 years, he pointed out. He urged something be done soon, "in another month the snow will be flying." He had new suggestions and repeated former ones, but members present agreed ruefully these had not always been carried out.

Old lumber in the park which had plagued the board was finally taken to the dump by Mr. Masales himself.

Other problems were reviewed, concluding with the decision to call the special meeting of a full board.

Top brass

O.P.P. Commissioner Eric Silk, with other high-ranking officers, made a routine visit here this week.

Posthumous donation of eyes may give someone first vision

Being able to see the magnificent beauty of fall with leaves turning brilliant reds and yellows is taken for granted by most people who are fortunate to have good eyesight. Persons with poor or no eyesight are less fortunate, but would welcome the opportunity to see this beauty.

They can be helped to see and everyone with good eyesight can play an important part in assisting someone to see.

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind is making an appeal for Acton and area residents to donate their eyes after death to the "Eye Bank" in order that someone who has lost his or her sight may see again, or that someone who has never been able to see light may see for the first time.

A 2-year-old Acton man, Jim Peal, is one person in town who gives thanks to some donor for being able to see again. The young man, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Peal, Churchill Road S., had a cornea transplant in February 1965. Today, he is working as an I.B.M. operator and enjoys 75 per cent vision in his left eye.

While a pupil in public school Jim's eyes began to fail and he was fitted for glasses. This helped as a temporary measure but his eyesight became gradually worse. His name was submitted to the C.N.I.B. in hopes he could receive a transplant.

On Friday, February 26, 1965, he received a phone call from the C.N.I.B. By 7 p.m. that evening he was in Toronto General Hospital and by noon the next

day the transplant had been made. Only a small piece of cornea was required in his case. The transplant must be made within 12 hours of the death of the donor.

For the next two months, the young man lived in hopes he would be able to see again. During this period of time everything appeared bright red until suddenly the haze lifted and he

realized his sight had been restored.

Today the young man is working for Fireco Sales Limited in Toronto as an I.B.M. operator with 75 per cent vision in the one eye.

Acton Lions Club is promoting clinics for donors to sign pledge cards whereby upon their death their eyes will go to the Eye Bank.



—Staff Photo
JIM PEAL of Acton underwent a cornea transplant last year on his left eye and now has 75 per cent vision in the eye. The transplant was arranged through the C.N.I.B. Acton Lions Club is making an appeal for donors to will their eyes upon death to the C.N.I.B. so that someone may see again.

Two public meetings next week over official plan, zoning by-law

Nassagaweya Township ratepayers will have two chances to comment on the Township's proposed new Official Plan and Zoning By-law next week. Public meetings to consider both documents will be held in the auditorium of Brookville School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings October 25 and 27, beginning at 8 p.m.

In a recent letter to ratepayers, the Township Planning Board explained, "experience has shown in other municipalities where no planning has been undertaken, that a loss of the desirable amenities within the Township has occurred, accompanied with increasing demands on the Township treasury for services, resulting in tax increases to all property owners."

It was stressed that the copy of the proposed by-law accompanying each letter was only a "preliminary draft" and that opinions and comments expressed at the public meetings would

be taken into consideration when further revisions to the by-law are made.

Planning Board Chairman Grant Campbell attended a special meeting of Nassagaweya Council on Monday night to ask for suggestions on how the meeting should be conducted.

After a discussion it was decided the Planning Board chairman would chair the meeting

and he would direct questions from the floor to representatives of Project Planners, the company in charge of drawing up the official plan and by-law.

Reeve William Coulter complimented the Planning Board for its work on the documents.

Deputy-Reeve William Hoey said, "I think they're excellent drafts, the board should be congratulated."

On quarries

Seek Deputy Minister's advice

Nassagaweya Council has decided to "go to the top for help" in its efforts to have quarry caused nuisances relieved.

After an hour of discussion at a special meeting on Monday night, council passed a resolution instructing Clerk J. C. McIntyre to arrange a meeting between the members of council and the Deputy Minister of Mines for the Province of Ontario.

At the meeting, to be arranged as soon as possible, council members will outline to the Deputy Minister some of the hardships which ratepayers have suffered in recent years because of the quarry operations in the township.

Councillor Mrs. Anne MacArthur reported she had talked to many ratepayers, two engineers and a representative of the Department of Mines in recent weeks. She said it was the opinion of ratepayers investigations into blasting operations should be financed by the quarries, since they would protect them.

"The ratepayers feel only the Department of Mines can do anything to help us, and they would like to be made aware that a sufficient number of people are unhappy with the current situation," she noted.

The councillor quoted a national publication on damage caused by air blasting. She said ratepayers very definitely "don't want council to enter into an agreement with quarries, but want council instead to contact the Department of Mines."

She said a letter should be

sent to the Deputy-Minister and Deputy-Reeve William Hoey countered, "I think if we sent a delegation it would be better. I believe it makes sense to contact the Deputy-Minister. Somebody has to stop this complete circle we're going in — every one we talk to seems to have an axe to grind, surely the Deputy-Minister doesn't have one."

Reeve Coulter believed, "we would be better off to make an agreement like the Conservation Authority has made with Dufferin Quarries. It is binding."

No deer hunt on Halton land

Halton will not have an open deer season this year.

Members of Halton County reached this decision Tuesday in supporting a similar recommendation from the agricultural committee.

Deputy Reeve F. Rogers objected to the cancellation of the open season, pointing to a high birth rate in the deer population. He noted, too, that Halton was the only county in the area not having a hunt. It was later reported Pecl was not having a hunt either.

Committee chairman Reeve W. Hunter noted there was a by-law against firing guns below the Dundas Highway and Hunters were forced into the northern part of the county.

Reeve H. Merry opposed the open season. He noted all the damage that results is in Nassagaweya and Esqueving, while the people of Oakville and Burlington can return below the Dundas Highway where their property is protected by prohibiting firearms.

Deputy Reeve W. Hoey suggested the problem was the hunters were not proficient enough to deplete the deer population. Regulatory control of the deer must be handled in some other manner.

On a recorded vote, opposition to the hunt was registered 21 to 11.

Recreation committee urges amalgamation of two boards

Acton recreation committee issued instructions to their secretary to write to council again urging them to continue efforts for amalgamation of parks board and recreation committee at the earliest possible date at Monday's regular meeting.

Problems of maintenance which overlapped parks board and the committee's business annoyed members who complained they often didn't know where their jurisdiction ceased and parks board's began.

Referring to the condition of the parking lot which had several large holes in it member John Goy cited it as a good example of why the boards should be amalgamated. Dirt and mud are being tracked into the community centre in the winter but

the committee could do nothing about it.

"We haven't budgetted for it," said Goy. "If council expects us to do this let's put another little line in our budget — road maintenance."

Several members felt present maintenance on the parking lot, which has been a bone of contention with parks board on who is responsible for it during winter months, was being wasted. "It should be tarred at least from the arena to the road," one member stated.

Urged by Chas. Leatherland, one of two council members on the committee, the secretary was instructed to write to council regarding hard top on the lot, a copy to be sent to the parks board.

Building committee chairman Harold Townsley, in a lengthy report, criticized parking done while wrestling shows were held at the arena and urged help be sought to combat the problem.

"A fire truck could never have got through if there was a fire on a wrestling night," said the building chairman.

"Fire Chief Mick Holmes mentioned this here before," said Hugh Patterson. "The lot needs to be policed."

Members agreed and the possibility of hiring auxiliary policemen was to be looked into.

The committee gave approval to three projects planned by the building chairman:

1. Enlarging the penalty box (Continued on Page Seven)

Probable lighting assistance for new library from commission

It seems the days of horse trading terms have returned. At least this was the gist of conversation Thursday night of last week when Mayor Les Doby and hydro chairman Ted Tyler Sr. attempted a little trading between two municipal parties, Town versus Hydro.

The mayor made another of his many appeals to the commission for its participation in lighting at site of Acton's new centennial library. His request was met with a counter offer from the hydro chairman who remarked "Let's do some horse trading! How about a sidewalk down Alice Street to the new hydro building in exchange for lighting at the library?"

The mayor agreed this would be a good deal for the hydro. "A \$400 walk for about \$50 in light fixtures. I can just see the town going for this kind of a deal," quipped the mayor.

The hydro chairman requested further information regarding lighting for the library project as he remarked "We don't know what you need, when you need it or how much it's going to cost." The mayor acknowledged there was lack of information at present but stated he was simply requesting the commission to give its approval for assistance when the need was known.

Commissioner Will McEachern (a River St. resident, who lives opposite the site of the library) stated the new light recently installed on River St. was so bright he could read a newspaper by its light.

Superintendent Doug Mason wondered if perhaps a light standard on the proposed pathway to the library equipped with an electric eye for turning the light on and off might suffice.

The hydro chairman reminded colleagues the hydro has its own project now underway and the cost of electric eyes and standards would be "a penny or two".

This prompted the "horse trading" dealings between mayor and chairman, regarding sidewalk versus lighting.

At mention of the sidewalk the River Street commissioner reminded the mayor the sidewalk along his street was so

bad even the dogs tripped over the cracks. The chairman told Mr. McEachern "At least you have a walk. Be grateful for small mercies. All the years I have been paying taxes I haven't even got a walk near my home."

While horse trading continued, superintendent Doug Mason ventured another proposition for the mayor to undertake. "While we're at it why not have the town straighten out the curve in the road on Alice Street?" The reason for the curve in the road, recalled the mayor, is the fact the roadway was installed around a large tree at the time. Since then the tree has been removed. He reminded commissioners this was why he had approved of a tree being cut down at the site of the library prior to installation of the sidewalk.

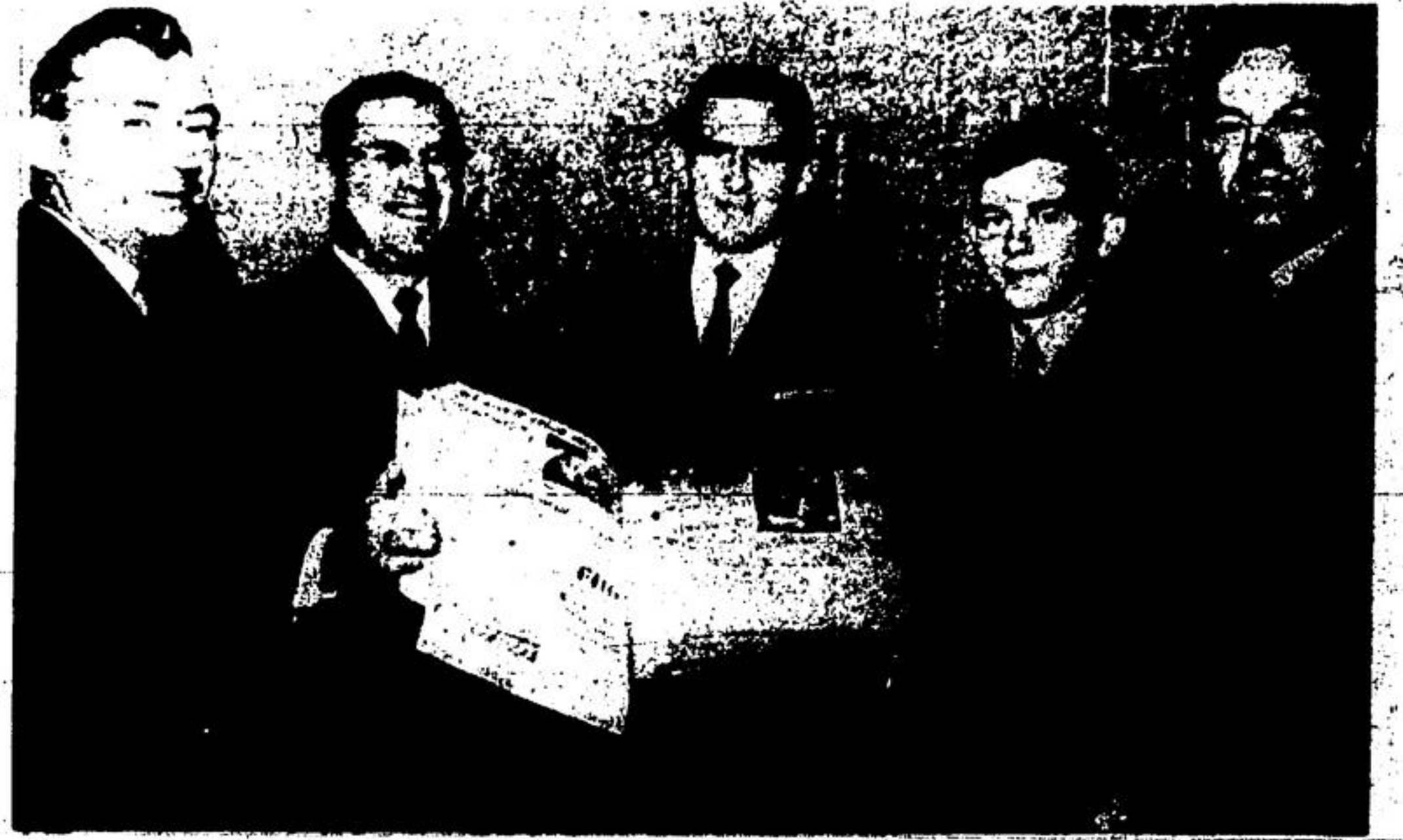
Before the bartering session ended, chairman Tyler indicated the commission would probably be interested in assisting in some manner with the library project when facts and figures were known.

It was agreed the commission would compile a report for submission to the Department of Municipal Affairs regarding the Plunkett report.

It was also agreed to advertise for sale the steel fabricated building at the rear of the Alice Street hydro building. It was noted the steel building would possibly have to be used for storage for some months yet but would be available after this.

Acting secretary Newt Hurst informed the commission Ontario Rural Hydro requested submission of payments of bills collected be made daily in place of at the end of each month. Mr. Hurst stated the local commission presently charged a fee of 10 cents for each bill collected for rural hydro and the banks charged 15 cents. It was agreed to continue on the present basis.

Hydro superintendent Mason reported shipment of materials (Continued on Page Seven)



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HALTON FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU held its annual inspection blitz in Acton and Georgetown last week, when inspectors from several fire insurance companies teamed with local firefighters to tour commercial buildings, industries and schools in the two towns. Shown at the

noon dinner in Georgetown, looking over the Bureau's annual scrapbook, are Acton firefighter Phil McCristall, Bureau Chairman Harold Coulson of Milton, inspector Lorne Heycock of Safeco Insurance, firefighter Bill Spielvogel and Acton Fire Chief M. Holmes.