

Want copies of official plan

Ratepayers recommend changes in township zoning by-law, plan

"In many ways the discussions were constructive and informative," Nassagaweya Planning Board chairman Grant Campbell stated as he summed up the two public meetings held last week to discuss the township's proposed official plan and zoning by-law.

"We wanted suggestions and we received them," Mr. Campbell said. He indicated Planning Board would give careful consideration to all suggestions, including one indicating that mimeographed copies of the official plan should be sent to each township ratepayer. "I would personally favor such a move, but we will have to look into the costs involved. It is not a small document," he said.

The chairman also suggested he would definitely favor another public meeting after the Planning Board revises both documents and before it is forwarded to council. He noted he was generally pleased with the meetings and "we had some excellent recommendations," he said. It was estimated it would take at least two or three weeks before recommendations could be implemented in the proposed by-law.

Nearly 90 attended the Thursday night meeting in Brookville School auditorium, forwarding recommendations and taking claims at suggested errors in both documents.

Dennis Flood, representing Project Planners, outlined the reasons for needing an official plan and a zoning by-law.

One ratepayer, referring to the official plan, shouted, "this is a fraudulent document. Is there something in here you're trying to hide?"

It was told all meetings of the Planning Board were open to the public and that the proposed plan was available for inspection at the Township Administration Building. However the chairman for the meeting, Mr. Campbell suggested,

Y's Men learn why they're there

Y's Men Howard Pearce, the newest Y's Man in Acton's popular service club "wisdom the guys" on the subject of recreation at their last meeting.

He used the provocative approach of proposing the questions of "what" and "why" and then proceeded to answer the questions from his own intimate knowledge of the topic.

The most illuminating or interesting facts — depending on your point of view — centred on the problem of "Just why are you men here?" It was comforting, and complimentary, to learn that their presence was in part a revolt from the compulsions of daily routines.

In part, they were there from a social consciousness and response to a need for fellowship; and in part, a recognition of a duty as well as a willingness to perform that duty to the community locally and world-wide.

He closed his address by reading an invitation to recreate themselves — to mix with the company of companions and to experience the promising experiences of being alive and in tune with the world of the day.

President Bill Nelles presented the recommendations of the executive and the business of the night was neatly packaged and completed with unusual dispatch.

Reports were heard on projects, including turkey tickets, bingo and the musical show. The Y's Men are on the "hop" to keep the "Y" humming.

It was also agreed that the scholarship and leadership awards would be increased to cover the situation which arose in the Grade IX selection. President Bill Nelles will make the presentations at the high school commencement tomorrow night (Friday).

The Y's Men joined in sending condolence to Y's Man Ric Coe in his bereavement. Mr. Coe Sr. passed away at his home.

copies were available for studying, but perhaps this should have been made more clear. But this thing isn't going to become law overnight.

Alan Ackman, president of the Nassagaweya Ratepayers Group brought several points of interest to the attention of the meeting.

Speaking for his Association, Mr. Ackman made the following comments:

• The Association wished to congratulate the Planning Board for conscientiously trying to have a proper plan for the township.

• He asked about the absence of the clause concerning a "legal non-conforming use" and was told the rights to legal non-conforming uses are in the planning act and wouldn't necessarily have to appear in a local by-law.

• He asked why Mohawk Raceway was exempt as a legal non-conforming use while other smaller business enterprises were not listed. "A clear statement permits the racetrack to be there, operate and expand in an area indicated — but there is no mention for other companies," he stated. He also charged many existing uses are not shown and noted that size should be immaterial. Mr. Flood said the racetrack was marked in as a matter of convenience. He said the section on non-

conforming uses could be put in and admitted that portion concerning Mohawk Raceway did look as if there was favoritism although there was meant to be none.

• Mr. Ackman said it was generally recognized that "ribbon development" was bad, but claimed a portion of the proposed by-law prohibiting private roads on five acre parcels of land was encouraging ribbon development. Mr. Flood said ribbon development should be discouraged but indicated that allowing right-of-ways was not up to his organization to say, although it would oppose such a move.

• The Ratepayers' Association president asked that the definite boundaries set out for villages in the official plan be expanded — "the villages need a buffer area beyond their existing boundaries," he said. He said the proposed boundaries would be a straight-jacket for the villages rather than a constructive 20-year development program.

Ed Woodhouse spoke in favor of planning for subdivisions and asked why no plans for subdivisions were outlined in either the by-law or the official plan. Mr. Flood said it was not the duty of the official plan to subdivide one area, since it would look like discrimination. Provincial Secretary John

Yaremko, a Township ratepayer attended the meeting and said he could understand why ratepayers didn't know the official plan was available for study. He submitted several questions for answering and indicated again that he believed the future of the township would lie in the development of high class housing and recreational areas.

F. E. Benson said he had invested close to \$50,000 in property and a new home on 5 Sideroad. He said he was alarmed by the actions of some quarryies and asked that the planning control quarry operations. He said the township knew his intentions when he planned to build, but that he wasn't told that quarry nuisances existed. "Nothing is wrong yet," he indicated, but he did ask that a by-law be incorporated to ensure gravel pits and quarryies can't have everything and anything their own way. "We have problems too," he concluded.

Len Chandler said, "you're proposing a 20-year by-law, but no planning." He asked what was planned along Highway 7 in the northern part of the township. Mr. Flood said he didn't favor the rezoning of land.

Mr. Ackman asked if it would not be good to specify an area for obnoxious industries. He indicated 400 feet was pretty small and that an obnoxious industry could effect far beyond 400 feet.

W. A. Johnson suggested a portion of the by-law should prohibit anyone from dumping garbage in the Township.

Mr. Ackman said dead, experimental pigs from the University of Guelph have been dumped in the Township dump and were not covered. He said it was a complete disgrace.

Councillor Mrs. Anne MacArthur said council members attended the public meetings and listened carefully to what ratepayers had to say. She complimented the Planning Board on what they have done and said it was difficult for ratepayers to recognize all the work done by the board.

Thirteen members answered the roll call with a verse from the Bible with Thanksgiving.

Plans were made for the bazaar and tea to be held November 19 in the Christian Education room.

A social time was spent over refreshments served by Mrs. Cann and Mrs. Jennings.

Mrs. Wilk Wilson thanked the hostess and refreshment committee.

Rally Sunday was held at Eden Mills United Church with Sunday school children and teachers attending. Installation service for the teachers was held and pins given out to a large number of children for attendance. There were four nine year pins; two of the recipients are now teachers.

EDEN MILLS

U.C.W. meeting, Rally Sunday baptism in news of district

Communion Service was conducted Sunday morning in Eden Mills Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Maxwell of Waterloo College. Waterloo. Baptismal service was also held when Mr. and Mrs. VanRhin presented their son David Karl to be baptized.

Mr. and Mrs. Mansell Lowrie were in Grand Rapids, Mich., over the weekend.

Mr. W. Lowrie and daughter Isabel were in Rochester N.Y. over the weekend, guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Daniels and family.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. Roy Gordon and family from this community in the loss of a beloved wife, mother and grandmother.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wright were Mr. and Mrs. Herb Glazier, Stratford.

The Eden Mills U.C.W. held the October meeting at the home of Mrs. Ben Saulnier.

Mrs. N. Marshall opened the devotional period with singing the hymn "Jesus Saves" followed by prayer.

Mrs. Marshall introduced the speaker, Mrs. James Hamer. She spoke on "Thanksgiving". "We have much to be thankful for," she said. "If we look around and see what God has given us, we should give thanks every day by thought, word and deed." Mrs. Marshall thanked Mrs. Hamer for her inspiring message.

R. R. Parker writes for trade magazine

In the October issue of the magazine Civic Administration, Acton's deputy-treasurer R. R. Parker has a short article published.

"Who should be responsible for treating industrial wastes, who should pay for it, and how should we go about setting up more effective controls?" the editors asked. The magazine put the question to four water quality authorities, including Mr. Parker.

His section of the four replies is titled "Trade associations could help design industrial facilities."

Mr. Parker, vice-president of Beardmore and Co. at the time of his recent retirement, is now a consulting engineer with Reid, Crowther and Partners, Ltd.

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CHURCHILL

Judge Hallowe'en costumes at community party in hall

The Churchill Community held a presentation on Thursday evening, October 27 for Linda and Fred Thompson in honor of their recent marriage at Ballinafad Hall.

After dancing was enjoyed to music provided by the Melody Men. Mr. Robert Kerr, who was master of ceremonies, called on Linda and Fred to come to the platform. Mrs. C. Denny read an address and they were presented with a china cabinet. They each thanked everyone for the gift, also all who in any way helped with the efforts put forth to make the evening such a happy occasion.

A large crowd gathered at Churchill hall for their Hallowe'en party on Saturday evening, sponsored by the United Church Women. Judges were Mrs. R. J. Andersop, Rev. Johnson of Georgetown and Rev. Dwight Engel who found it difficult to choose.

Prizes went to — pre school age, Don Anderson, David Turner; girls 7 years and under, Elizabeth Strokov, Carol Buchanan; boys 12 and under, Eric Strokov, Norman Saunders; ladies, Mrs. A. Winter, Mrs. D. Anderson, men, Mr. W. Buchanan, Mr. Robert Hart.

Best couple 12 years and under, Elizabeth Strokov and Vera Strokov, Beverly Leitch and Norman Saunders; best adult

couple, Mr. and Mrs. W. Buchanan; best Hallowe'en costume, Larry Douglas, Cherry Douglas; best costume, Joyce Denny; most original costume, Elizabeth Thompson.

Several games were played and a treat for all was given. Lunch was served at the close by the ladies.

The Churchill U.C.W. ladies are holding their fall and Christmas bazaar and tea on November 9 at Churchill Church commencing at 2 o'clock. There will be a guest speaker, and other program. Everyone welcome. Come and bring a friend.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr were with Mr. and Mrs. Vanatter of Fenelon Falls over the weekend celebrating their 34th wedding anniversary.

Fire

(Continued from page 1) smoke to the attic area and at first it was thought flames had crept into this section of the new home.

Mr. Bishop arrived home shortly after firefighters arrived and was met by his daughter who told him the sad story. She suffered shock but otherwise escaped unhurt.

Mr. Bishop said the house and contents are covered with insurance.

BALLINAFAD

Ape has surprise appearance at Hallowe'en party in centre

The W.I. sponsored a Hallowe'en party in Ballinafad Community Centre on Monday night when every one really enjoyed a good laugh when some of the most thrilling costumes appeared and caused a good laugh. Everyone felt it was the best one ever held in Ballinafad and to cap it all an ape appeared which really caused great excitement.

Mrs. Wallace and Mr. Martin did the judging and found it was quite a task with so many fine costumes.

The time of church service will be changed on Sunday. It will be at 15 minutes past 12, Sunday school at 11 o'clock and will still be in the community centre.

The regular bi-weekly euchre was held in Ballinafad Community Centre on Tuesday night, with 10 tables playing. High scorers were Mrs. Cutting, Mrs. Robert McEnery, Mr. Lionel Watson, Mr. Hubert; low Mrs. Hamilton.

At the fourth meeting of the 4-H club the Blue Bonnets made the patterns for their hats. These were traced from the book and put on brown paper. Following this the patterns were laid on material and cut out. They also learned how to make a bias strip, each girl making one.

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Rummage sale

Knox Heather Club held a most successful rummage sale Friday afternoon in the old post office. There was a long line-up of shoppers waiting for the opening.

Rotary meeting

Acton Rotary Club Tuesday night held its regular dinner meeting at the Dominion Hotel and after dinner heard a report on the alterations and improvements at the Scout Hall.

Ladies given tips on new flooring

The Knox Ladies' Aid met for their October meeting with Mrs. A. M. MacPherson presiding, giving a timely thought for the day. The worship service was led by Mrs. Griffin Sprawl and Mrs. William McIntyre.

The new floor covering on the kitchen floor was laid under contract with Bruce Cargill of the Lakeview Discount Centre. Mr. Cargill was present at this meeting with two representatives from the company to inspect the job and give tips on the care of the flooring. They also remained and had lunch.

Mrs. J. Dennis contributed a reading, It's Tough to be Told You're Growing Old. The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction and a social time at the close.

Hunters should ask owners' permission

That hunting on private property without asking permission is not only discourteous but downright dangerous was pointed up to a district family. They gave permission to a group to go into their bush to cut a tree, only to discover soon after that unknown hunters had previously gone into the same bush. The situation was not safe, and the property owner located the hunters but had a certain amount of difficulty persuading them to leave.

It has often been stressed that hunters should ask permission before hunting on private property.



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