

Renovate town offices in 'Y' at estimated cost \$14,000

Most of Acton council's time at the regular meeting Tuesday evening was spent in Committee of the Whole with Councilor Earl Masales acting as chairman. Because of an inquest in the council chambers the meeting was held in the new library building.

During the number one committee reports it was disclosed a meeting with representatives of the public school board regarding the proposed addition at the M. Z. Bennett school had resulted in a request from the committee for further information before preparing a recommendation.

Property chairman Charlie Perry told council his committee was in favor of going ahead with the proposed renovations to the town office in the Y.M.C.A. from plans drawn up by the architect. Estimated cost of the renovation was \$14,000 which was broken down into construction costs of \$11,800, \$1,000 for contingencies and \$1,200 for architect's fees.

It was expected an additional \$1,200 to \$1,600 would be required if the heating plant was renovated.

With only councillor Ted Tyler Jr. objecting a motion carried that council accept the

architect's plans for the office renovation and tenders be called.

Councillor Tyler said he favored updating the office but since merchants were complaining about the lack of parking spaces on Mill St. it was doubtful if expansion in the present location would help the parking problem.

"Has the committee given real consideration to the problem?" asked Mr. Tyler. "Wouldn't it be better for the offices to be located in the existing municipal building? I mean the old town hall."

Reeve Bert Hinton told the questioner the cost would be prohibitive to expand in the old town hall and the mayor reminded Mr. Tyler council was considering expansion of police offices there.

"By locating offices in the town hall it would centralize things, council would be close to the records. It makes sense to me to tie it into one package with the police," said Mr. Tyler pursuing his point.

Deputy-reeve Frank Oakes said councillor Tyler's objections to stealing downtown parking spaces had no basis in fact. "Every parking space now is in use. His idea would

mean just shuffling from one space to another."

"The recreation director plans for fuller use of the Y.M.C.A. and there will be more need for the Y as the town grows. I'm in favor of getting away from the Y.M.C.A.," continued Mr. Tyler.

The feelings of the Y.M.C.A. board were discussed on the matter and the fact they have looked into the future and approved council's expansion plans. Clerk-administrator McGeechie drew council's attention to what was done to the old Milton town hall, a much sturdier building than Acton's. Cost was in excess of \$80,000. "We haven't got this kind of money," he said.

Mayor Doby summed up by saying all have had Mr. Tyler's feelings at one time but the public defeated council's purpose a few years ago.

"It would be folly to spend five cents on the old town hall," he stated. "We've been defeated in every course we tried to follow. We're simply settling because we had no other recourse."

"I can see I'm on one track, the rest are on another," concluded councillor Tyler. Council agreed to pay \$116

toward the cost of sending four students to the annual safety patrol jamboree in Ottawa May 19 and 20. The trip is sponsored by the Hamilton Automobile Club in co-operation with the county.

Two Acton students attended last year and they were the only pair which didn't arrive at Oakville for bus by Police cruiser, a wrinkle which will be introduced here this year.

A long discussion on a recommendation from number one committee that no charge be levied for application for amendment to the official plan of the zoning by-law was carried by motion despite objection by councillors Masales and Drinkwater. Both felt there was an area in which charges were warranted for changes in the plan.

Councillor Masales said he could site many examples of where charges were necessary. He mentioned the case of Ajax Engineers who wished to change residential zoning to suit industry. "I can't see why the town should stand, the cost when it is to the industry's advantage."

Reeve Hinton felt previous legal advice had settled the issue especially when a joint ap-

plication between the town and an applicant could carry on costly legal litigation, perhaps even to the supreme court.

"It's not true," said councillor Drinkwater. "Other municipalities charge fees. When you accept any application you are in an area where you accept a certain amount of responsibility."

"Would you take every case on its merits?" asked the reeve. "Charge a certain amount on every case," answered the councillor.

"An applicant must go through committee of adjustment often for something which is his by right," the reeve continued. "Planning Board can't say they're right. There are many areas where laymen are quite ignorant of planning."

Irritated by the long discussion Councillor Bill Williams said "we have a resolution. Vote on it and settle it."

Discussion of the role of the Department played in the operation of planning boards preceded Mr. Williams' appeal. The mayor said he was opposed to mandatory directions in planning. He warned council (Continued on Page Two)



SID SMITH, former All Star left winger with the Toronto Maple Leafs, signs autographs for community centre. Kentner at Friday's minor sports night at the community centre. Tim McIntyre, Danny McGilloway and Kent

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Constable Peter Campbell transferred to Oakville

A constable with the Acton O.P.P. since January, 1966, Peter Campbell received word he has been transferred to the Oakville detachment effective March 1, 1967, Corporal Ray Mason announced this week.

O.P.P. constable Robert Hirdroth of the Oakville detachment will take Constable Campbell's posting here.

Constable Campbell was highly regarded for his work with the Acton detachment. He was here for a span in the summer of 1965 before being posted in Acton on a permanent basis.

During his time in Acton he was active in the Y's Men's club, coached minor hockey, gave lectures on safety and driver training, besides his regular work with the detachment.



PETE CAMPBELL. Citizens will miss Constable Campbell's cheerful manner, but wish him success on his new assignment.

Council requests joint meeting with Esquesing over dump site

Referring to a letter in last week's Free Press which left councillor Ted Tyler looking like the "White Knight of Glenlea" Mayor Les Doby introduced the subject of the town dump to Tuesday's council meeting.

"The letter writer doesn't understand the background on this," said the mayor. "I'm trying to get the dump out of Glenlea area while councillor Tyler wants to retain it there."

Mr. Tyler affirmed he was in favor of retaining the dump in the present site and further felt no one in Glenlea objected to it there if it were properly controlled.

Councillor Drinkwater felt Mr. Tyler had been misinformed about the feelings in Glenlea. "No one knows better than me," he said.

Reeve Hinton asked that further efforts to solve the dump site problem be taken

with Esquesing council by council. It provoked Councillor Bill Williams to ask, "Do you think council can do better than number two committee?" He referred to the fruitless search for the past three years for a suitable site for moving the dump.

Discussion over an incinerator owned solely by the

Third game of series cancelled last night

Icy roads prevented Acton Tanners from playing the third game of the O.H.A. Int. B group semi-final last night (Tuesday) in Seaford. The team left Acton around

town or a joint incinerator held in common with the township, which according to Councillor Tyler are having problems too, resulted in a motion by the reeve and seconded by Councillor McKenzie that a joint meeting be requested with Esquesing Council to discuss dump site facilities for the town of Acton. The motion carried.

6 p.m. and it was after eight o'clock before they reached Petersburg on the other side of Kitchener. Manager Ed Footitt phoned from there to tell of road conditions and the game was called off although the crowd was waiting for the Acton club at Seaford.

Third game of the series will be played in Acton now on Friday night. Seaford leads the best-of-seven set 2-0 with 2-1 and 5-2 wins.

Tanner coach Fred Kentner handed in his resignation last Friday night and manager Ed Footitt will fill the dual role of coach and manager until the end of the season.

Meanwhile in the other group semi-final, Fergus Flyers are leading Hespeles two games to one following an upset of the Mic Mics on their own ballpark Sunday.

The Tanners hope to get back in their series this Friday with a win.

Profitable year with growth reported at annual meeting of Credit Union Ltd.

The annual meeting of the Acton community Credit Union Limited was held in St. Alban's Parish Hall on Saturday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Commenting on the activities of the Acton Community Credit Union's third year of operation, president Charles Blake declared it to have been a highly successful one. He praised the zeal of the officers and called for an all-

out effort to make the Centennial Year an outstanding record. "The goal for '67 — every member to double shares and deposits," he said.

The minutes of the last annual general meeting were read by Bob Bruce and duly adopted.

Presenting the treasurer's report Bob Drinkwater announced a highly profitable year with growth. The share and

deposits total of \$45,000 indicated an increase of nearly \$19,500 over the previous year.

Vice-president James Pope reported on behalf of the seven man board of directors, stating that highlights included the raising of interest on Deposit accounts to 6 per cent; occupation of the new offices on Mill St. and the success of the first annual picnic.

The board recommended distribution of profits 4 1/2 per cent Dividend on shares and 15 per cent patronage rebate of loan interest to members meeting 75 per cent of their commitments during 1966. Mr. Pope extended the Board's thanks to the membership for their co-operation.

Giving a variety of reasons why people borrow money, Credit Committee member Jack Denny added that 1966 loans showed an increase of nearly \$29,000 over the previous year. The loan total for three years of operation was well over \$200,000.

Supervisory Committee Mrs. Irene Greenwood stated that the auditing of the books had found everything to be in order in accordance with the Credit Union Act and By-laws.

Two positions became vacant on the board of directors. Charles Blake declared his intention to stand for re-election and was returned to the board by acclamation. Jim Pope declined nomination and Jack Denny was duly elected as new board member. Mrs. Greenwood was returned to the Supervisory Committee by acclamation. Desmond Glendinning was elected to the Credit Committee in place of Jack Denny.

The election of officers will take place at the next monthly meeting.

After adjournment, a buffet-style luncheon was served, during which members were entertained by the music of the Nite Trons, a progressive local group specializing in the modern beat.



BOBBIE BUSH, coach of the Hamilton Red Wings of the O.H.A. Jr. A series, was a guest along with the juvenile hockey team at Acton Lions' dinner meeting Monday night. The dynamic speaker kept the meeting entertained for almost an hour with anecdotes and advice on hockey as well as answering questions. Ju-

venile coach Howie Leader, manager Riny (Pop) Schuts, Mr. Bush, captain Barry Elliott and Lion Chief Dave Hunter were among head table diners. As a parting shot Bush invited the juvenile team and the Lions to the next Red Wing game Thursday at the Hamilton club's expense.

No recommendations made at Gordon Thompson inquest

Warning signals at the fourth line, Esquesing, railroad crossing where Gordon Leroy Thompson lost his life 13 days before, went into operation on the day of the inquest this Tuesday.

Similar signals at the third line crossing on the other side of Acton Limestone Quarries began operating that evening.

Information that the installation, underway at the time of the accident, was now completed was given to the coroner's jury at the inquest in the town hall by J. Madden of Toronto, Canadian National Railways claims agent.

Mr. Thompson was driving north not far from his Limestone home, when his station wagon was struck by an east-bound freight train.

The jury, all from R.R. 4, Acton, included an unusually high number of women, three to two men. Picked to serve were Patricia Woloshyn, Mary McDonald, Marjory Thomson, Ben Fuchs and Gerald Skirrow. Mr. Skirrow was elected foreman of the jury.

Haltom county coroner Dr. Robert D. Buckner presided for the inquest with Cops. J. Feldcamp acting as coroner's constable.

After hearing witnesses from 8 p.m. until 9:45, the jury retired, returning about three-quarters of an hour later. Their finding was that Mr. Thompson's car skidded on the icy road and slid into the path of the train, causing death. No recommendations were made.

Rotary backs Easter Seal campaign here

Easter seals are in the mail this week.

This is an annual project of the local Rotary Club and Fred Gordon is the Easter Seal chairman with Ted Pratt as treasurer.

Rising costs, needs and numbers of children have boosted the 1967 Easter Seal campaign objective to \$1,400,000 — 15 per cent over last year.

There are more than 16,000 Ontario children who depend on the Easter Seal campaign for help.

Chamber brief gets concession from Dept.

Clerk-administrator J. McGeechie informed council at their regular meeting Tuesday that the Department of Transport had taken the brief the Chamber of Commerce had presented to council on parking after stop lights are installed at the corner of Mill and Main into consideration.

The department would not go along with changes asked in the No Parking zone on the north-west corner of Main St. by the I.G.A. supermarket and Dominion Hotel, but endorsed changes on Mill St.

The Chamber brief asked that the No Parking zone on

Mill St. be reduced to 133 feet and the Department agreed.

However, the merchants' proposal for a No Parking for 140 feet on the north-west corner of Main St. and a 33 foot loading zone was rejected. Instead the Department proposed a No Parking area of 155 feet on Main St. plus a 20 ft. loading zone.

Council agreed they had no recourse but to accept the recommendations of the Department, with the mayor pointing out some concessions were made and council was committed to carry out the program.

New home for aged to be ready by end of March

The new 150-bed Halton Manor — Martin House — should be ready for occupancy by the end of March, superintendent Stan Allen reported this week.

The \$1,500,000 project — originally scheduled to be completed by December 1965 — is designed for bed care and special care patients. Since work began, the project has been subjected to a long series of delays and it was last reported it would be ready for occupancy in February.

"We've had a series of minor problems recently, and now it looks as though residents will begin to move into it by the end of March," Mr. Allen said.

The delays have caused numerous headaches for many people. Mr. Allen and his staff receive calls "practically every day" from hospitals, nursing homes and families of people who have applied for residence in the Manor. "Right now there are about 40 names on the waiting list — some have been there for close to a year," he said.

Despite the many delays, it looks as though the impressive building — named in honor of the Martin family of Milton — will be well worth waiting for. "There are still faults to be corrected and probably some mistakes have been made in the planning, but overall I'm very pleased with it," the superintendent said.

The opinions of residents and staff members had significant influence on the design of

the building. Bright colors which dominate throughout and the audio-visual communications system from rooms to nurses' station, are unusual in buildings of this type. "It has been built for our older citizens so we intend to make it most convenient for them, and I think we have," Mr. Allen noted.

A staff of about 75 will be required to look after the patients in the new building. Between 30 and 35 will come from the Centennial Manor, so there will only be need for additional staff of about 40. Already some new staff members have been hired.

Although the interior of the building is almost finished, the actual moving in of furniture will not take place until a complete "clean up program" has been completed. The clean up program will be conducted by the Manor staff and will take approximately two weeks.

Of the total estimated cost of \$1,500,000, about \$80,000 will be spent on furnishings.

Blood donor clinic here March 30

Mrs. W. Finlay received word this week that the next blood donor clinic will be held in the Legion hall on Thursday, March 30.

Hours of the clinic will be from 2 to 5 p.m. in the afternoon and 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the evening.

Warning signal at Eastern Ave.

C.N. workmen estimate that the warning signal at the Eastern Ave. crossing in Acton will be operating in about a week and a half.

The same workmen have just completed the installation of the warning devices at the third and fourth line crossings in Esquesing township.

Special section

A four page section in today's Free Press is your reading recommendation to the town's centennial library. The section, specially printed on yellow paper, can be easily withdrawn from the paper and preserved.