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## Planning board resigns following council's refusal to accept recommendation

### Four persons injured in two Friday smashes

Police reported two vehicle accidents with damages totaling \$1,650, and four persons injured the week of June 11 to 17.

First smash occurred on Church St. at Elgin when a 1963 Valiant operated by William John Gillespie, 138 Wynford Place, Acton, was in collision with a 1966 Ford driven by Zvoko Severinski, 29 Acton Boulevard on Friday, June 16 at 3:25 p.m.

Police said the Gillespie car was westbound on Church St. and the Severinski vehicle going south on Elgin.

Ken Bennett and Elmer White, passengers in the Gillespie car were injured, Bennett suffering cut arms and White hit on the head.

Estimated damage to the Gillespie car was \$550 and the Severinski vehicle had \$600.

Constable P. Campbell investigated.

Second accident the same day occurred at 6:50 p.m. at the Mill-Main corner when a 1964 Rambler owned by Andy George Dyc, 336 Peel St. and a 1966 Honda motorcycle owned and operated by Walter Henstridge, 86 Agnes St. collided.

The motorcycle driver and a passenger on the buddy seat, Daniel Hillier, received minor cuts and bruises.

Damage of \$300 to the Dyc car was confined to the front bumper, hood and radiator, while the Honda had an estimated \$200 damage to the front. Police said the Rambler was going west on Mill St. and was attempting to turn left onto Main. The motorcycle was going east on Mill St.

Constable P. Thwaites investigated.

All members of planning board, with the exception of councillor Bob Drinkwater, resigned Thursday evening after passing the following motion:

"Due to Acton town council's attitude of continually refusing to accept the planning board recommendation, without offering reasons, or constructive criticism, we, the appointed representatives, hereby tender our resignation as from this date."

All members of the board were present, chairman Alda Braida, E. Footitt, Bill Wilson, Neil Miller and council representatives Charlie Perry and Bob Drinkwater.

Passing of the motion followed a lengthy discussion and much deliberation. The letter which was received from council concerning the Seynuck plan of subdivision was read. Council was of the opinion that the \$1,300 expense should be made by the developer, a subdivider.

Planning board's resolution recommending the town proceed with a tentative plan of subdivision on the property owned by T. Seynuck and C. Griese was defeated by a close 5-4 vote at council last Tuesday. In it the board recommended the town bear the cost (\$1,300) and collect it back in pieces as the land was developed.

Councillor Bob Drinkwater opened the subject at council's last regular meeting, mentioning planning board was concerned about the area. There is no plan of subdivision on it and the board would like to see a plan on it even if they have to pay for it themselves. Otherwise there could be trouble.

Reeve Hinton agreed. He said it was "highly desirable to get a registered plan for the area but he was against paying for it."

Clerk J. McGeachie told council it would cost \$1,300 for a tentative plan. In order to register, a surveyor must

survey each lot and it would cost \$50 a lot.

"The owner must provide a plan of subdivision," insisted Ted Tyler.

"Remember last year..." cautioned Mr. Drinkwater.

"No further permits are to be granted to Mr. Griese until he has a plan of subdivision. The only way he can get a satisfactory plan is to bring in the entire area," said the clerk.

Councillor Charlie Perry, a Planning Board member, told council he was concerned 10 acre lots could have houses scattered here and there with no plan.

"A contractor's not going to build houses here and there," reported T. Tyler. "He'll make full use of the available land."

"We'd be doing something for a private owner if we pay (Continued on Page Five)



A PRICELESS ANTIQUE MEDAL belonging to Simon Stevens of Port Loring, grandson of Chief Peter Stevens of the Algonquin Indians who helped the forces of King George III take lower Canada from the French in 1762, has been loaned to Halton County Museum for display during Centennial year. Museum Director Major H. J. Newman, left, presents a special centennial year certificate to Mr. Stevens while Mrs. Stevens looks on at right. The medal was struck in 1762 and six were distributed to Indian Chiefs who helped the English.

Staff Photo

### Girl drowns at Limehouse

A five-year-old girl became North Halton's third drowning statistic on Saturday when she was found unconscious in a small swimming pool at Waterfalls Playground near Limehouse on the outskirts of Georgetown.

Teresa Van Zutven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Van Zutven of Rebecca St., Oakville, was found by two young boys about half an hour after the mother had given the girl permission to wear a bathing suit. She was rushed to Georgetown Hospital, but was pronounced dead. The family was attending a company picnic.

### Perry chides colleagues for failure to march

At last week's council meeting, councillor Charlie Perry chided fellow members for not marching in this year's Decoration Day parade.

Mr. Perry said he felt lonely marching with only the mayor and clerk-administrator beside him. Councillor Ted Tyler Jr. reminded his colleague that he was in the band tooting.

Reeve Hinton explained he was away for the weekend and the deputy-reeve's absence was chalked up to health reasons but councillor Perry felt others should have marched.

The mayor told Mr. Perry there were probably sound reasons for the small turnout.

## LATE NEWS in Brief

### CONDITIONAL APPROVAL ON WELFARE UNIT

Halton County Council Tuesday approved establishment of a county welfare unit, subject to permission being granted for municipalities over 5,000 population to opt out.

Mr. Neilson of the Department of Social and Family Services explained municipalities could opt out if county council agreed and if the Minister approved. He noted the Minister had never given such an approval. He urged Burlington and Oakville to consider trying the county plan for a year.

### COUNTY SELLS \$514,000 IN DEBENTURES

County Council approved the sale of \$514,000 in debentures to Bell, Gouinlock and Co. Approximately \$65,000 of the issue will bear 6 1/2 per cent. interest in Canadian funds and the balance 5 1/2 per cent. in U.S. funds. The yield is 98.75 in Canadian funds.

Mr. Dunn of Bell, Gouinlock told councillors the Canadian market had deteriorated and his firm was unable to sell more than a small portion of the issue in Canada. He said the discount on Canadian funds would have to go to 12 per cent. before the county suffered any loss from going to the U.S. market.

### APPROVE AMALGAMATION TALKS

Halton Board of Health will hold talks with Peel County Board on the possibility of amalgamation, following the suggestion by the Department of Health, County Council learned.

Under legislation provincial subsidies would increase from 50 per cent. to 75 per cent. and the present system of projects financed by the federal health grants would be eliminated.

### New series

This week a new series of articles begins, written by former Actonian Robert S. Stewart of Post Credit. Now retired, he tells of his experiences in a P.O.W. camp during World War II, and his series concludes as he returns to Dieppe for the annual service of remembrance in August.



IN PINK PLUMED chapeau, Mrs. George Young served at the I.O.D.E. centennial tea Saturday. Story and pictures inside. (Staff Photo)

### Car stolen

Reported stolen Tuesday night from Mill St. was a car owned by Grant Withers, John St. The keys were left in the ignition, police say, warning against the practice.

### Field day

The inspectorate centennial field day is being held this morning (Wednesday) at the M. Z. Bennett and high school playing fields. Competitors come from Acton, Milton, Brookville and Campbellville. It was postponed from last Saturday morning because of rain. Complete results next week.

### Esquering Council

## Puzzles over Glen street names

Esquering Council went into a huddle at their regular meeting Monday night in an effort to name three streets in Glen Williams so mail delivery can be inaugurated there.

Outside of a motion by Councillor Tom Hill to rename the ninth line, from the "cut hill" in Georgetown to above the Glen, Confederation Street, no further names were produced.

Councillor Hill, piqued at instructions from the post office department to name streets which didn't jibe with his knowledge of the area, told council the list should go back to the Georgetown post office and put straight.

Deputy-reeve George Currie was unhappy street names had to be changed so they didn't resemble those in Georgetown. "Why doesn't Georgetown change theirs?" he asked. "Those streets were there before there was a Georgetown."

The deputy-reeve approved Councillor Hill's suggestion of Confederation St. for the ninth line, affectionately dubbed "Highway 99" by natives of the Glen. "If not that, how about Diefenbaker St. or Pearson Alley," remarked Mr. Currie facetiously.

Mr. Hill, whose political leanings are never disguised, quickly retorted, "Call the back street Pearson Alley."

Streets in the Glen which will receive postal delivery were ticked off as: Alexander, Black, Beaver, Credit, Erin, Guelph 25 yards west of Erin, Karen Drive, Main St. to 300 yards north of Ravine St., Mountain, Mountainview Rd. to 200 yards north of St. No. 2 (Haines Crescent), Park, Prince, Ravine to 125 yards east of Main, Tweddle and Streets

1 and 2, nameless which created much controversy.

Solicitor Terence Baines was present at the meeting to ask council to take appropriate action regarding the closing of Glen St. Approval from the three adjoining land owners, Messrs. Cooper, Lucas and Norton had been received.

Reeve Leslie assured Mr. Baines the necessary legal ac-

tion would be taken. Council also agreed a "hidden intersection" sign or something similar would be placed to designate Mr. Baines' driveway since the entrance to his place was blind coming uphill.

Assessor A. W. Benton gave council a comprehensive report on the recent assessors' convention and recommended council assume the cost of courses assistant clerk Del French and assistant assessor Stephen Saxe passed recently. The government pays 60 per cent.

"Both Del and Stephen received good marks," said Mr. Benton. "His recommendation was accepted and council congratulated the two successful students as well as assuming costs."

Council agreed to contact a bricklayer and ask him to inspect and recommend what to do with poor bricks in the township office building. Other avenues still had achieved no results and Councillor Hill was fed up with waiting.

"Get it done and over with," he urged. "It's about five times it's been brought up here."

The reeve reminded council repairs had been held up because they wanted to "tender"

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## Robt. Little students attend county council

Students from grade seven of the Robert Little School toured county facilities and sat in on part of a County Council meeting in Milton on Tuesday.

Warden W. J. Coulter welcomed the students to County Council and their teachers, vice principal Doug Copeland and Miss Riseborough and explained the composition of county council made up of representatives of the local municipalities. Members of the council were introduced.

The students were present for the presentation by an Algonquin Indian Chief, of a medal given by George III to his ancestors for assisting the British in 1762. The medal will be displayed in the Halton County Museum and returned to the Chief when he requests it. The medal is one of two such medals known to exist in North America.

Other guests present at the meeting were Globe and Mail columnist Bruce West and his wife.

## Mayor L. A. Duby elected head two influential bodies



Acton mayor L. A. Duby had the unusual distinction of being elected head of two influential municipal associations in one week.

Saturday, June 10, at the 14th annual conference of the town and village section of the Ontario Municipal Association in Tilbury, Mayor Duby was elected president for 1967-68, succeeding Mayor Curtis L. Roth of New Hamburg.

Five days later at Richmond Hill, Les, as he's affectionately known to Actonians, was elected president of the Central Ontario Regional Development Council, which comprises the counties of Halton, Peel, York, Ontario and metropolitan Toronto. He succeeds D. B. Lewington of Pickering Twp.

Mayor John F. Eakins of Lindsay is the new vice-president of the influential town and village section of the O.

M.A. The executive also includes a secretary, seven directors and four past presidents, representing towns and villages from all over the province. Thirty-four villages and 104 towns are members.

Municipalities holding membership in the Ontario Municipal Association represent 92 per cent of all the people in the province.

The O.M.A. has five sections including the town and village section, Welfare Officers' Association, Ontario Association of Urban - Rural Municipalities, Ontario Municipal Purchasing Agents' Association and Ontario Municipal Administrators' Association.

Mayor Duby by dint of his election has been assigned to the important resolutions committee of the O.M.A. parent organization.

Interviewed by The Free Press, the mayor said "Of all

the organizations in which a municipality can have membership, the O.M.A. is a 'must', primarily because it is comprised of both elected and appointed people. This means you can come up with a sounder solution to municipal problems. This is especially true when you consider the various sections."

"Thinking for a moment, he continued, "These sections hold an annual two-day conference or workshop to deal with the problems related to them alone. Out of this come sound resolutions for approval of the O.M.A. to be passed on to the Ontario legislature."

"This is my own personal centennial project," Mayor Duby remarked when the reporter alluded to the work load added to already burdened shoulders. He has been a director of the O.M.A.'s town

and village section for five years and vice-president for the past 18 months.

Fifteen municipalities are participating along with eight corporate memberships in the Central Ontario Regional Development Council. Mayor Duby was in on the formation of the council as a director and is familiar with its aims and objectives.

Because last year's chairman was unable to attend many meetings, Les has actually filled the president's chair for a term previous in his capacity as vice-president. This gives him an insight into the problems he'll face as head of the council.

Mrs. Anne MacArthur, Nasagaweya councillor, is also a director of the CORDC, and David R. Dills of the Dills

Printing and Publishing Co. is a corporate member.

Commenting on his election, the Acton mayor said municipalities who decide to become members of CORDC pay eight cents per capita annually. Benefits far outweigh the three hundred or so dollars Acton's share amounts to, he claimed. "As our society becomes more and more complex, the need increases for municipalities to get together and discuss common problems, to develop co-ordinated plans, to find out what they have and what they need, to strive together for total progress," he emphasized.

"In a nutshell," said the mayor, "mutual benefit results from mutual understanding and municipal co-operation."

The Free Press joins in congratulating Mayor Duby on his two appointments.