

Lively debate

Reeve, T. Tyler Jr. spar over band's role at Fall Fair

Should the Acton Citizens' Band perform at the Acton Fall Fair without being paid?

A resolution originating from a number one committee meeting which called on the band to play at performances Friday and Saturday at the fair without charge was withdrawn before it could come to a vote at Monday's council meeting.

But not before Councillor Ted Tyler, the band president and Reeve Bert Hinton engaged in a verbal sparring match which had to be on at least one occasion, interrupted by cooler heads who urged the argument be toned down.

Visibly agitated when the motion was tabled Mr. Tyler asked who complained to number one committee. Without waiting for a reply he tore into the reeve by accusing him of sticking his nose into the business of the band. There was no trouble before the reeve, a fair board director, started messing around he charged.

"I have no grievance with the band," answered the reeve, "in my opinion some officers in the band are using poor judgment in their dealings with Fair Board. This raises the question of whether they are a Citizens Band or a private corporation."

The reeve charged the band sent a letter advising the Fair Board they would lead the Saturday parade free of charge but would expect a fee of \$100 for playing Friday night.

Councillor Tyler denied correspondence said that. He deplored the poor communication between the two groups. "They're renegeing on their word," he said. "They expect us to give up two days and to do it free. There's nothing says we must parade. They provide their own members with free meal tickets and gas."

Mr. Tyler said the disagreement goes back four years. He asked at that time where the usual donation was and they said they didn't have to give us one - the reeve said so.

"Lies," retorted Mr. Hinton.

"You're telling lies, too," replied the irate councillor. At this juncture Councillor Bob Drinkwater asked if the band was a corporation or a citizens' band. If you're not happy with the money received from the town (in the form of a grant) why not make your intentions known to council, he said.

"Follow me around to see what the band puts up with," said Mr. Tyler. "Fair Board paid \$200 or \$300 for a 30 minute performance from an out-of-town band," he charged, "but wanted to give Acton Band nothing."

"Fair Board members give of their time and don't get paid," said the reeve.

Mr. Tyler reminded the reeve he personally gave 52 weeks of the year training members and said the band was taking part in the church service Sunday at no charge as well as the parade Saturday.

"We are not turning down anybody. We just don't want to be made fools of." He recounted episodes at the fair over the years when the band suffered through baby shows, horse shows, announcers and "then you have to move for the bull parade," he mused.

"I've got a question," said Councillor Charlie Perry. "Do you play for the love of playing or what?"

"I'm so mad I could spit," retorted the councillor, "but it's not for profit!"

"Love of music then," said Mr. Perry.

"It cost the band members to play. The town supplies instruments and music," replied Mr. Tyler.

Mr. Perry asked if Mr. Tyler realized the valuable training band members got from playing, which ability they could apply in other places. He professed no understanding of the mix-up if the band plays for love of playing rather than for commercial ends. "If the band is not getting enough money they should ask for more," he concluded.

Mr. Tyler reviewed the history of the disagreement after Mr. Perry asked how the dispute could be remedied. "They needn't wait until Aug. 23 until they contact us," he gave an oral solution. "We told the Fair Board we'd gladly play for the parade free." The band also gladly agreed to take part in Friday's performances and would send a bill for services rendered. The Fair Board phoned Dr. Ellicott and he told them it would be \$100.

"Why only charge Milton \$100 when you have to transport players and instruments there," asked the reeve. "You're quite willing to go there!"

Mr. Tyler took the bait and asked how the reeve would like to give up his weekends.

"I think the band is doing a terrific job with young kids," said the reeve who directed his criticism for a few members of the executive and their narrow approach to the situation. He thought all the problems should be aired to "hammer out the best."

Mr. Tyler said council could pass resolutions till midnight but they weren't going to force him or the others into showing up. "I know I'm going to hate myself in the morning for some of the things I said tonight," he offered in a more contrite mood.

Mayor Duby picked up the thread and a more conciliatory theme developed. He attributed discord to lack of communication and the amount of personal time involved. "It could be the degree of demand causing the problem," he said.

I know the feeling of band members repeated Mr. Tyler. He urged resignation of the motion reminding councillors businessmen wouldn't show up because council passed a motion. "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink."

"In my opinion the band is acting in poor taste especially in centennial year," said Councillor Drinkwater urging businessmen to co-operate with the Fall Fair.

Contacted by telephone, bandmaster Dr. George Ellicott appeared at the meeting with a file of correspondence tracing the history of the dispute with the Fair Board. Mr. Tyler read it up to date and confirmed with Mr. Ellicott that the \$100 he covered Friday night and a Saturday concert. The parade was free.

"Things have happened that the committee wasn't aware of," said Councillor G. W. McKenzie, who sponsored the motion which laid down what the band should do. Other members agreed.

Councillor McKenzie and the deputy-reeve withdrew the motion but council went one step further in an effort to patch the frays up in time for this year's fair. They asked a meeting of band executives with Fair Board directors with a neutral chairman, preferably the council representative of the band but failing his inability to be at the meeting, the mayor to officiate.

Mayor Duby chaired a meeting last night between William Fryer of the Fair Board and Ted Tyler Jr. and bandmaster Ellicott representing the band.

Although no decisions were made at the meeting the band representatives agreed they would try and have a band at the Friday night performance.

The mayor also urged that a meeting be held immediately after the fair to iron out the problems.

"Most of the trouble seems to come from poor communications between the two organisations," he told The Free Press this morning.

Three day celebration for Acton centennial fair

Climax of months of detailed planning, Acton Fall Fair will likely draw the largest crowd ever this weekend.

At the last count, there were at least 25 floats registered for the big centennial parade which begins at 12.30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. First section of the parade is a military parade arranged by the Legion, with units from the Lorne Scots and the 11th Field Regiment. A legion float will include legion officials.

Then Acton Citizens' Band will head the next long section of the parade from the station down to the park.

Parade chairman Mac Sproul is assembling the floats, officials and children for the event.

This year the Miss Centennial

Fair contest is being held entirely at the Friday evening show at the community centre.

Letters have been sent to high schools in Acton, Erin, Georgetown, Milton and Guelph. In some schools, rooms are picking their own representatives so there are a good number of entries in.

A variety show will fill the evening's program on Friday, and the ball exhibits are on display. The Choralliers will sing, with variety artists from Toronto.

The midway is partially here already, to the delight of the young spectators.

Under R. L. Davidson, there is a work bee in the hall today, while other groups are preparing the pens and the ground.

Coupled with the usual fair

highlights is the unique Chamber of Commerce sportsman's show on Saturday. It's to be held across the lake on the Nelles farm.

The scheduled school pageant on Friday afternoon has been cancelled. However, the Lions Club steer barbecue begins Friday evening, and continued on Saturday. The whole carcass will roast from the early hours of the morning until it'll be ready for serving to fair-goers.

For the many former Actonians who return, there will be a guest book which the fair board will ask them to sign.

Another guest book will be located in the Lakeside Chapter I. O. D. E. "hospitality booth" in the community centre, where

coffee and cookies will be served to friends.

The Guelph Junior Optimist bugle band, after taking part in the Saturday parade, will present a drill at the park. Vince Mountford will be master of ceremonies at the outdoor platform.

Judging for the Free Press family costume contest (see the fair book) is at four o'clock on Saturday afternoon in the Community centre, right after the baby show.

There are cash prizes for two adults and two children in costume (not necessarily actually related.)

The centennial community church service is Sunday, at 2 o'clock in the community centre, with the guest preacher Rev. John Waldie. A massed choir,

under the direction of bandmaster George Elliott, is composed of representatives of school choirs and church choirs. Acton Legion Choralliers will sing as well.

Special music is being prepared. After the church service, a special concert is being arranged. Two busloads are coming with singers and dancers who have performed at the Ukrainian camp outside Acton. They indicated their willingness to perform at the fair if their transportation costs were covered, and the Rotary club has agreed to do this. Reeve Hinton, who extended the invitation, arranged the program.

An accordion concert will be presented by the Ontario Conser-

vation of Music advanced accordion orchestra, by courtesy of Ian Leiver.

There will be a group of over 30 dancers of the Slovenian dance group of Toronto area, courtesy of Cyril Sorsak.

The Ukrainian Youth Association of Toronto, courtesy of Peter Mylnak and Jerry Milk, will bring a full choir, boys' and girls' brass band, and one of their best dance groups.

A band concert by Acton Citizens' Band was also planned for Sunday afternoon, before word was received of the ethnic program.

Announcements will be made at the fair of program changes. See the ads in the Free Press, too, for further details. See you at the fair!

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MARY LOU BROWN, organist of the Limehouse Presbyterian Young People's Society, plays for Ted Brown, Eleanor Kern and Rev. Norman Young following Sunday's centennial church

service. The Young People organized the service at which many dressed in old fashioned costume. Pictures and story inside. (Staff Photo)

Town seeks to recover damages caused by "illegal" connections to sanitary sewage system

Perturbed about drainage for houses in Lakeview, number two committee of council recently went over the sub-division with the contractor's superintendent in an attempt to find a solution to excess water.

Monday night at council's regular meeting Councillor Drinkwater disclosed the committee had decided to engage a solicitor to determine the responsibility between the town and builder for the water. The committee found a spring in one house running into the sanitary sewers and the builder proposed to install sump pumps in other houses connected to the system.

The mayor said because of the nature of the area surface water was carried to the lake by an open ditch system. However, the builder said Central Mortgage and Housing would not give mortgages unless the springs under

houses were hooked into the sanitary sewer.

Mr. Duby said he checked with C.M.H.C. and they said no such regulation existed. It was between the municipality and the contractor to come up with an agreement.

"Isn't it logical the onus would be on the builder?" asked deputy reeve F. Oakes. "It's his tough luck if he hits wet areas. Surely we shouldn't spend large sums to bale him out."

Councillor Drinkwater said the committee did not have enough information yet to determine what has to be done. The committee was sitting tight until they received legal advice.

The reeve was assured the committee would not overstep their authority in dealing with the matter. "I'm worried about legal action," said Mr. Hinton. "As a council member I'm pre-

pared to vote we do not allow the sub-division to use the sanitary sewers to dispose of drainage water," the reeve stated emphatically.

"I'm worried about whether the municipality has the proper drainage there," said the mayor. "Just because the builder needs mortgage money it isn't our problem," answered Councillor Tyler. "We can provide any kind of system we want."

Mr. Tyler was also critical of builders who hooked into the sewage system illegally and made replacement of pumps necessary nearly every six weeks. Pumps were bogged up by silt.

A motion passed later in the meeting that action be taken to recover the cost of damage to the Lakeview pumping station and to sewage system caused by illegal and improper connection.

The candidates are set and the race is on to choose representation for Halton County in the Ontario Legislature. Each of the three major parties will have candidates campaigning for seats in the Halton East and Halton West ridings in the October 17 provincial election.

Due to redistribution, Halton County will have not one but two representatives in the legislature this year, one representing Halton West and one representing Halton East.

Halton West includes Burlington, Nassagaweya Township, Act-

on and the uppermost 10 lots in Esqueping Township, (lots 23-32 inclusive and everything north of No. 22 Sideroad) and Halton East takes in Oakville, Milton, Georgetown and the lower 22 lots of Esqueping Township.

George Kerr, a Burlington lawyer, and a Progressive Conservative, is presently the M.P.P. for the county and will be seeking re-election in Halton West. His seat will be contested by Liberal Candidate Hugh John Lush, 42-year-old Burlington stockbroker and a 45-year-old teacher, Ted McDonald. Mr. McDonald will represent the New Democratic Party.

The new riding in Halton East will be up for grabs and will be contested by representatives of Liberal, Conservative and N.D.P. parties. Jim Snow of Hornby, president of Snow Construction in Oakville is the Conservative choice for the seat and he will be opposed by 29-year-old Liberal Robin Skuce, former Pres-

ident of Halton East Liberal Association, and 46-year-old Oakville Councillor William D. Gilles, who will represent the New Democratic Party in the election.

The Canadian Republic Party, a new political party formed in the Burlington district, has not entered candidates in next month's election.

Arthur McLean, a 37-year-old insurance company representative in Burlington said his party included people of different political beliefs who were dissatisfied with the present parties.

Mr. McLean, a former Liberal supporter said that when his party of 12-15 members is ready to support candidates in elections they will concentrate on Federal politics rather than provincial.

GEORGE KERR

George Kerr, present P.C.M. P.P. for Halton County will run for re-election in the new Halton West riding. Mr. Kerr, a unanimous choice to represent the Conservatives was first elected to office in 1963.

A native of the Gaspé Coast, Mr. Kerr attended University of New Brunswick in Fredericton in a pre-law course and graduated from Dalhousie University a lawyer in 1953.

The father of three, he moved to Hamilton in 1954 and was admitted to the bar in 1954 and began his own practice in 1958. The F.C. candidate served on Burlington council in 1956 and 1957 and later entered municipal politics on a two year term.

Mr. Kerr has been active with the Recreation Committee, Kinsmen Club and the Retarded Children's Association.

JOHN LUSH

Hugh John Lush, a Burlington stockbroker will represent the Liberals in next month's contest for a seat in Halton West.

A native of Regina, Saskatchewan, Mr. Lush, 42, has many years of finance and investment experience behind him. He is graduate of Queen's University with a degree in Economics and joined Canadian Johns-Manville upon graduation as a Financial Analyst in which capacity he remained for three years.

Mr. Lush has since spent 10 years in a number of senior executive appointments with the Montreal Stock Exchange including the position of Assistant to the President.

In 1980 he was appointed Controller of Canadian Liquid Carbonic Corporation. For the last five years Mr. Lush has been Hamilton Manager.

Mr. Lush serves as chairman of the Investment Dealers Association of Hamilton and Niagara District. He has served on many charitable appeals including the heart fund. Mr. Lush is married, with four children.

TED McDONALD

A 45-year-old teacher at Alderwood Collegiate Institute in Eglwicoke with seven years experience in Burlington Central High School, Ted McDonald will carry the N.D.P. hopes in the October election.

After three and one-half years in the R.C.A.F. he received an honorable discharge and graduated from Queen's University in

What Council did

Meeting in regular session Tuesday night instead of the usual Tuesday, Acton council:

Heard from No. 2 committee that they and a representative from the United Church were in agreement about a proposed parking lot but approval must come from the board of management before the scheme could be implemented.

Authorized payment of an account of \$765.66 to W. Trow Associates for soil tests at the site of the proposed new sewage plant.

Authorized proceeding with plans to purchase stop signs for Lakeview subdivision roads.

Authorized payment of \$1,047.15 to Wolfe Construction for installation of sidewalks at the new hydro and library buildings. The hydro commission is to be billed \$650 as their share of the joint venture on Alice St.

Approved the recommendation to hire Mrs. Jack Marshall as a clerk-stenographer in the town office.

Decided to ask the architect to cut something out of plans for proposed renovations to the town office so costs would be more in line with estimates. Two tenders for the job were disclosed and the lowest was almost \$1,000 over the estimated cost.

Authorized the chairman of the development commission to sign cheques for payment of routine accounts.



JACK LUSH — LIB.



TED McDONALD — N.D.P.



GEORGE KERR — P.C.

Committee of Adjustment turns down variance for partially built house

A ruling by the Ontario Municipal Board may decide the fate of a partially completed house on Elizabeth Drive in the Lakeview subdivision.

Sesto Construction started construction on the house before receiving final approval from the Committee of Adjustment and now an application for a variance on lot number 69 has been turned down.

The committee felt it had not other choice but to deny the application and refer it to the Municipal Board for a ruling after hearing evidence at a meeting last Tuesday night.

Questioned by vice-chairman Murray Smith, Mr. Perini of Sesto Construction said in order to obtain money on his property he had to commence building five days after the original committee hearing. He did this without a building permit.

Mr. Perini also failed to abide by the committee's original decision with regard to measurement altering them by one and a half feet.

A resolution passed refusing the application and referring to the Municipal Board for a ruling.

Two applications for consent which only consisted of straightening up two properties were granted by the committee which resolved that Application B5 of Wilfred Joseph Duval, Margerite Duval, and Archibald Leon Papillon and Ida Papillon for transfer of land to Wilfred Joseph Duval and Margerite Duval of three feet as per application be granted. It was further resolved Application B6 for transfer of land from Wilfred Joseph Duval and Margerite Duval, and Archibald Papillon, and Ida Papillon, be granted to Archibald Leon Papillon and Ida Papillon as per application.

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