

## What Council did:

At their regular meeting in the council chambers last night (Tuesday) Acton Council:

\*Tabbed a motion for a by-law for the construction of a Water Pollution Control Plant addition after two readings. The third reading was delayed until the agreement with Beardmore and Co. was settled. The reeve urged this action to keep the transaction "tidy" and "businesslike."

\*Introduced, read three times and passed a by-law authorizing the mayor and clerk to sign an agreement with Trinity United Church for the new town parking lot. Cost to the town is \$1 a year with no overnight parking allowed. Four parking spaces are reserved for the minister and church officials. If any abuses are noted church officials can cancel the agreement on three months' written notice.

\*A by-law introduced allowing the town to borrow money temporarily from the bank to finance the new water pollution control plant was read twice and then tabled until the by-law to proceed with construction passed.

\*Introduced a by-law, read it three times and passed it agreeing to proceed with an application to the Ontario Municipal Board to annex land in Esquesing township owned by the town. The property is bounded by Cobble Hill Rd. and Mill St. W.

\*Authorized the clerk to issue cheques to cover financial statement No. 12 of \$13,923.56.

\*Passed a resolution that the solicitor Sharpe and the chairman of the personnel committee, Dr. F.C. Oakes, be empowered to negotiate with the union town employees just had certified. The clerk is to attend all meetings.

\*Transferred \$1,137 to the library account to cover the deficit and approved final payment to the contractor of \$1260 for the new building.

\*Declared Tuesday, December 26 as Boxing Day and directed a proclamation be issued to this effect.

\*Changed garbage collection in Christmas week to Wednesday, December 27 and to Tuesday, Jan. 2 and Jan. 4 in New Year's week.

\*Accepted the recommendation of the committee rejecting a bill for \$35 remuneration for mileage for each member of the Committee of Adjustment. An amendment advanced by Councillors Drinkwater and Masales which would have allowed the Committee of Adjustment to take the money for their own budget was defeated.

\*Passed a resolution to update the telephone system in the town office. Reeve Hinton was opposed.

\*Passed a resolution that the town make application to the Ontario Development Commission requesting Acton be considered a slow growth area under the equalization of industrial opportunity program. The Acton Development Commission is to prepare the submission.

\*Passed a resolution to advertise for a building inspector on a part time basis.

\*Agreed to purchase a new pump for Lakeview subdivision at a cost of \$258. The new pump would be 550 volts instead of 220 and it was estimated the cost would be saved the first year on monthly power bills.

\*Ask the mayor to prepare an annual report on the operation of the town in 1967 for distribution to the press.

\*Agreed to advertise for a crawler loader with 50-60 h.p. motor for use in the town dump.

\*Authorized the police committee and clerk to attend a highway safety conference Jan. 4-5-6.

\*Authorized payment of \$1,000 to Acri Bros. for payment of damages to their water supply caused by new town wells. This matter has dragged on for the past five years and is finally settled.

## Council refuses mileage payment for Committee of Adjustment

A letter from the secretary of the Committee of Adjustment, Iain Williams advised Acton Council three members of the committee presented him with an account for car allowance in the amount of \$35 each for their work during the year. He asked if council would authorize payment.

Acting on the recommendation of No. 1 committee at their meeting last night (Tuesday), councillors rejected the payment after debating an amendment proposed by Councillors Masales and Drinkwater which would have allowed the committee members to draw payment from their own funds.

"It is my recommendation they be paid," said Councillor Drinkwater. "Committee of Adjustment has had a busy year with a lot of applications to review. I'd be prepared to recommend they be paid \$35 each. I don't think this is asking too much."

"What about everybody else knocking on the door?" asked Councillor T. Tyler.

"We certainly should be sympathetic but where are we going to get the money?" asked Councillor Masales. "It's not budgeted for."

"You can find \$1100 for the library deficit all right," answered Mr. Drinkwater.

The mayor asked the clerk if it was possible for the committee to pay themselves out of their own budget but the clerk said the Act states it may be paid at the discretion of council which is empowered to pay only normal operating expenses.

When a resolution was presented later in the meeting and the amendment proposed Reeve Hinton said the \$35 just amounted to

a fee for attending meetings since mileage must be an itemized amount of miles travelled. The mayor was also opposed. "Mr. Drinkwater and Mr. Masales suggested this is an exceptional year but the library board also had an exception year and so have some other boards and committees," he reminded councillors.

"As the reeve suggested this thing could have no limit," the mayor continued.

## Eden Mills man killed car smashes into bridge

When his car smashed into a bridge abutment at Eden Mills William George McLean Jr., 35, of Eden Mills was instantly killed. Mr. McLean's car failed to negotiate a curve on Eden Mills' Main St. Wednesday afternoon of last week at 3:35 p.m. The car passed over the first bridge but swung over onto the wrong side of the road at the second bridge, hitting the stone abutment.

Police and ambulance attendants were unable to remove the body until a tow truck arrived to pull the wreckage from the bridge. The force of the impact welded the front of the car to the abutment. Mr. McLean died instantly.

Dr. Frank Farmer, Guelph coroner, pronounced him dead at the scene of the accident.

Cons. R. L. Fitzpatrick, Guelph detachment O.P.P. investigated and said the 1964 model car was a total wreck. He is survived by his wife,



FOUR MORE BABIES from the London Children's Aid arrived in Halton County on Thursday and, like the five who made the trip one week earlier, expect to be placed in adoptive homes in time for Christmas. Mrs. Elizabeth Mander, the Halton Children's Aid adoption supervisor, is shown with one of the new wards. (Staff Photo)

## Christmas spirit

### Carnival effect on streets stores bright... Santa, too

The jingle bells are sounding already - in the middle distance - and Acton's getting ready. Stores began their special pre-Christmas hours by staying open Monday and evenings this week. Their Christmas stocks and glittering decorations stayed pretty well untouched and unadorned on Monday, though, when fog and ice settled down on the streets and just stuck there for two days.

However, by Tuesday night the normal quiet street was lined with cars. Street decorations are still not completely up. Bad weather, hospitalization of linesman Dor-

son Frizzell and the pressure of regular work have combined to keep the hydro crew very busy. However, they're out again this week for another installment of hanging the lighted Sputniks and replacing the burned out bulbs in the cross-street swags of lights.

Y's Men's trees are on sale behind the Y.M.C.A. Santa appeared once already at the U.C.W. Fair December 2, but he's got a date - engineered by Project Acton this time - to come back just before Christmas to roam the streets.

Many homes have brilliant decorations and street after street takes on a carnival air at this time of year. The Chamber of Commerce has dropped its Decorated Home competition, but each year the decorations seem to improve.

The Music Centre and Legion are booked solid for parties and dances.

Councillor Drinkwater said members of the committee were looking at adjoining municipalities where men were receiving fees for sitting on the Committee of Adjustment. It was agreed council would consider unusual out-of-pocket expenses. No. 1 Committee minutes read showed that at the beginning of the year Council refused to pay members a per diem rate for their work. The original motion to refuse payment passed.

## Truck skids on ice Paul Hurley unhurt

No injuries were reported but a panel truck driven by Paul Hurley, 109 Elizabeth Dr., Acton received \$250 damage in an icy skid Thursday evening.

His truck went off the road on Highway 25 at the Speyside curve south of town. Milton O.P.P. blamed several accidents over the past week on icy road.

## Who will be 1968 Warden?

### Four new deputies join council

Monday's municipal election in Oakville completed the voting in Halton County for the year 1967, and the reeve and deputy-reeve races there finally settled the make-up of the 1968 Halton County Council.

There will be seven reeves and three deputy-reeves returning to the county body, plus four newcomers, including Deputy-reeve Mrs. Evelyn Burke of Burlington, the county's second lady councillor.

Mrs. Burke is the first lady to join Halton's senior body since the late Mrs. Mary Pettit sat there in the 1950's. "An outspoken lady of firm convictions and opinion" according to the Burlington Gazette, Mrs. Burke defeated two men for the deputy's seat on Burlington council last Monday. A mother of two, she has been attending council meetings in Burlington as a keen observer for years, and has rarely missed a meeting in all that time.

Halton only had four elections this year, in Oakville, Burlington, Milton and Esquesing, and in each municipality the present deputy-reeve stepped up to challenge the present reeve. Two of the challengers won and two lost.

Austan Ledwith retained his seat in Milton, defeating Deputy Charles Menefy; Gordon Gallagher won again in Burlington over Deputy-reeve Frank Rogers and northern councillor William Green, Deputy George Currie upset incumbent Reeve George Leslie in Esquesing and in Oakville Deputy-reeve Alan Day successfully nudged Reeve Herb Merry from the reeve's seat on Monday.

The new deputy-reeves are former councillor Tom Hill acclimated two men for the deputy's seat on Burlington council last Monday. A mother of two, she has been attending council meetings in Burlington as a keen observer for years, and has rarely missed a meeting in all that time.

Others rejoining the county council for 1968 are the reeves and deputies from Acton, Georgetown and Nassagaweya, who are all in the middle of two-year terms right now and didn't have to face the voters in their home



DURHAM HUSKIES found Acton Tanners a much improved club but still took home a decision Friday. Here hustling Jim Nixon is pursued by Glen Cooper. For more on the game and Tanners turn to the Sports Page. (Staff Photo)

towns this December. They are present Warden Reeve William Coulter and Deputy-reeve William Hoey of Nassagaweya, Reeve H.L. Hinton and Deputy-reeve Frank Oakes of Acton, and Reeve William F. Hunter and Deputy-reeve Arthur Spight of Georgetown.

And who will be the 1968 Warden of Halton?

Right now it's anyone's guess but watch for Reeves Bill Hunter of Georgetown and Austan Ledwith of Milton to enter the race. County councillors elect their own warden at the inaugural meeting early in the new year. Both the Milton and Georgetown reeves were nominated for the post a year ago and withdrew in favor of Warden Coulter.

Reeves Gallagher, Hinton and Currie have all been wardens in former years, leaving only Reeves Ledwith, Day and Hunter to contest the seat. Deputy-reeves do not usually hold the office.

County councillors unofficially use the "turn" system in selecting a warden as well. It would be Georgetown's turn before Milton's, so Reeve Hunter of Georgetown is an early favorite in the race for the top seat in the county for 1968.

## Rubin Corporation may attack by-law at O.M.B. hearing

Clerk administrator J. McGeachie informed council last night he received a phone call from the Rubin Corporation informing the town they might attach the validity of the existing by-law on the wording of the side yard variance at the Ontario Municipal Board hearing in the council chambers Monday, Dec. 18.

The O.M.B. will hear appeals from the Rubin Corporation and Sesto Construction against a decision of the Committee of Adjustment at the hearing.

The clerk explained council had registered no objection to the Rubin application for a variance but he felt if the Rubin Corporation attached the by-law it may put a different complexion on the case.

Mr. McGeachie felt the town should have legal aid to support the by-law at the hearing. Reeve Hinton said it was no concern of council's, however, if there are weaknesses in the

by-law he urged council to make sure they are not in the new one.

Councillor Drinkwater objected saying it was unfair to leave it to the clerk to defend the by-law. The reeve said the case was the same as the closing by-law which the magistrate ruled illegal and threw out.

"I disagree," said Mr. Drinkwater. "I think a solicitor should represent the town, not the clerk."

"I don't believe in wasting the town's money on unnecessary legal fees," the reeve said.

No appeals can be made on the decision councillors were told. They took no action.

## Lad struck at Mill-Main suffers cuts

Seven-year-old Gunther Kraus of Mill St. W. was struck by a car Tuesday night while crossing the Mill-Main corner, and suffered multiple abrasions to his face and scalp. He was treated by Dr. C. Hutchinson and taken to Guelph General Hospital.

He was struck by a car driven by Fred Landry, Main St., which was proceeding west and making a left turn on the green light.

## O.M.B. hearing

Word was received today (Wednesday) that the Ontario Municipal Board hearing on the town zoning by-law will be held in the council chambers on Wednesday, January 3 at 11 a.m.

## Question addition to M. Z. Bennett

Council may ask the public school board to restate their case for an addition to the M.Z. Bennett school.

Prompted by the clerk-administrator who said he had read the report of a recent school board meeting in The Free Press several times to absorb its full import, several councillors admitted they were alarmed.

"I took it from the report," said Mr. McGeachie, "that the only way we can get approval for the addition is by closing down three rooms in the stone school."

Mayor Les Dudy said he also had read the report and felt the onus was on the board to make a decision.

The clerk suggested that perhaps council should contact the board to give an explanation of the report.

Reeve Hinton said he had taken serious note of the matter and would feel better if the school board gave council an explanation. "I know there's congestion in the schools. It could be paid for by a much larger assessment if they wait a year for a county board," he suggested.

"More assessment to pay for our addition," said Dr. Oakes, "but we in turn pay for additions in other towns. It balances out."

"A lot of money has been spent in the last three or four years to renovate the stone school," reminded the clerk.

"We supported the addition to the school here because the facts and figures presented by the school board have proven the need to us," said the mayor. The clerk agreed the Department sometimes was only concerned with the present. "If you check you'll find out the Department has cost us money, too, on occasion," remarked the mayor.

The reeve, however, felt the inspector's judgment was superior to council's on school board.

"We have a duty to reconfirm the decision," he stated.

## Who broke Brewers' window?

Although Constable Bruce McArthur suspects a pop bottle lying nearby could be responsible, the large plate glass window at the Brewers' Retail store on Queen St. was broken Friday evening by persons or means unknown.

Employees were in the store when the window was broken but failed to see or hear anything until the window was broken.

Constable McArthur felt a car parking at the store could accidentally have thrown the bottle against the window but didn't rule out malicious damage as the cause.

## Another child hurt Mill-Main

Five-year-old Heidi Kraus was struck by a car driven by Oburn McAfee of 65 Main St. E. at noon today at the Mill-Main St. corner, the same place where her seven-year-old brother Gunther was injured last night (Tuesday).

The young girl was taken to the Acton Medical Centre and treated by Dr. C. Hutchinson. Her injuries were not thought to be serious.

Heidi was with three other children crossing the street, police said, when they dived in front of the car making a left turn onto Main from Main. The driver was proceeding slowly. Corporal Ray Mason investigated.



CHART TOPPERS with the kids right now are this fab combo - Ho Ho Claus and the Merry Maids. They were the main attraction at Micro Plastics plant party last Saturday in the Robert Little auditorium. The gift-giving gals wearing what

(Staff Photo)