

# Reeve, Drinkwalter will oppose mayor for office

Acton will have a three way race for the mayor's chair this year from the present council. Confirming rumors which have been rife through town over the last few weeks, both Reeve Bert Hinton and Councillor Bob Drinkwalter indicated at Tuesday night's meeting of council they would contest the office of mayor with present incumbent Les Duby. Mayor Duby said he intended to run. Reeve Hinton made the announcement in the final minutes of Tuesday's meeting and an around-the-table poll

conducted by the mayor also brought Councillor Drinkwalter's intentions out. None of the other councillors would commit themselves. Paying tribute to the mayor as a fine, Christian gentleman, Reeve Hinton said he had no personal problems with him. "I had to oppose him because I couldn't continue to differ in policy at the county level. It is a matter of me challenging the business operation of the town, the reeve continued. "I have to have it done the way I feel it should be

done or let the people of the town decide he (the mayor) should be unencumbered to pursue his policies." Mr. Hinton also said that since the mayor's office was the senior position in town and there was a clear election platform, he felt the winner's general platform should be supported by other members of council. Mayor Duby expressed his pleasure at the challenge. "I've served Acton six years without the support of any vote of the electorate," he said, "although some would consider

acclamation a vote of confidence." The mayor recounted his experience during nine years on council and felt the announcement would make a good election. Councillor Drinkwalter made his announcement in a few words. Acknowledging he would not run for a councillor's chair, he said he had been giving serious consideration to running for the office of mayor and had decided to do so. "My policies differ both with Mr. Hinton and the mayor's,"

Mr. Drinkwalter revealed. Only Councillor G. McKenzie indicated he may not run for office this year. "I've found the work interesting but demanding," he said, concluding he would have to think about it more. Reeve Hinton told council his decision to run for mayor would give other members of council a chance to appraise the situation and decide what they personally would do. Earlier in the meeting the mayor and reeve clashed over the number and length of

enquiries the reeve makes at council meetings. Mayor Duby said he was disturbed. "Have you had all these enquiries or have you solicited them?" he asked Mr. Hinton. "I can't fathom it. We have a mayor and a town office and I can't figure out why everybody in town goes to the reeve." "On my honor," replied the reeve, "I've never solicited an enquiry in my life. I've lived in Acton all my life and never attempted to attract enquiries. Surely the mayor must have

many more." The fact the reeve gets so many complaints conveys the impression the rest of us are not doing our job, Mayor Duby claimed. The reeve said at no time had he referred complaints to other than the proper committees of council. "We don't want the reeve so burdened," the mayor continued. "It creates a different image than what you can expect." Councillor McKenzie ended the discussion by asking, "Is it because there's an election coming up in a couple of months that the reeve gets so many enquiries?"

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**CREAM PUFFS** don't take long to disappear when Roger Swan and Alex Carnegie are on the grooming board. They were among over 50 boys who attended the wind-up field day.

trophy presentation and feed for Acton Minor Baseball Association Saturday. Story and picture inside.

(Staff Photo)

# Acton city 200,000? planners say possible

Professional planners and engineers told municipal officials that Acton could well be a city of 200,000 one day if certain development "goal plans" were implemented by the provincial government.

This and other hypothetical proposals were dangled at an audience of members of council, Planning Board, Development Commission, Committee of Adjustment and the Chamber of Commerce meeting with Central Ontario Regional Development Council representatives in the library Thursday evening.

Object was to outline the possible effects the recently-disclosed Metropolitan Toronto and Region Transportation Study (MTARTS) could have on Acton as well as to solicit informed public opinion on the proposals for this area.

"Does Acton want to be a dynamic, active town?" asked D. J. Redington, "or would the people here prefer to have a quiet, pleasant place to live?" A planner with CORDC, Mr. Redington said the answers citizens here give on the way they want the town to go will have a great effect on regional planning by the government.

CORDC is working with the provincial government to complete a development plan to bring all regions of Ontario to their economic potential. Thursday's meeting—one of 20 in selected communities in the CORDC region—was the first and will likely serve as a pilot for future meetings in the other 19 municipalities.

Four members of the CORDC team outlined the possible effects implementation of the four goal plans revealed by the provincial government would have on Acton. Those in attendance were given the opportunity to ask questions afterward.

At the head table were Acton mayor Les Duby, chairman of CORDC, along with Philip E. Wade, P. Eng., Roy Howard Fletcher, P. Eng., G.P. Branch, consultants employed by CORDC, and the executive director, Douglas J. Redington. First presentation was made by Mr. Wade who illustrated the four goal plans of the MTARTS study with slides and outlined the advantages of each. He told the meeting the MTARTS study took on added significance for CORDC because boundaries of the areas involved were almost the same.

Mr. Fletcher's presentation, also illustrated with maps, was to show the possible effects each of the goal plans would have on Acton. He predicted the town would have unprecedented

growth, reflecting the economic market.

"Acton has enjoyed a favorable position since 1856 when the railway went through," he said, referring to the fact the railway could be "touchy ground" now. If development in the next 30 years is orderly he felt the financing could well be looked after locally. But if Acton grew on a large scale financing of services would be beyond the town's resources, which was one of the reasons the government was interested in the reactions.

Mr. Fletcher said goals Plan I could mean unprecedented expansion for Acton in the next 30 years. He predicted the town would follow the magnet of markets in the south, west and east and grow in those directions. He foresaw many people living in Acton and working in Guelph. Highways from Guelph to Acton would be widened into multi-lane corridors to handle large volumes of traffic.

If Goals Plan I is introduced Acton could be more of a dormitory for the bigger developments of Guelph, still maintaining its identity. Mr. Fletcher continued. Plan II would have a similar effect on the town.

If Plan III is implemented Acton would be relegated to a subordinate role, remain a small town with little change in the present growth rate.

Plan IV, where large satellite cities in Guelph, Orangeville, Alliston and Barrie balance Metro Toronto, would "change things greatly," Mr. Fletcher said. Since there would be markets on all sides, Acton would be an influential community where a population figure as high as 250,000 could be possible.

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### Car hits another then stages repeat

Police investigated a two-car accident Friday at 5:30 when two cars were in collision—twice. The original accident occurred at the Mill-Bower corner, when one car ran into the rear of the other.

Then, after an argument further down the street, one of the cars ran into the other for a second time.

One car, driven by a young woman from Guelph, had \$80 damage to the rear bumper and right door. It was stopped at the corner when the first accident occurred.

The second car was driven by an Acton man and had \$30 damage to the front and rear bumpers.

### Council OKs cable TV

Acton council passed a resolution at their Tuesday night meeting agreeing in principle with the installation of cable TV in Acton.

Reeve Hinton explained that the service would guarantee reception regardless of storms and traffic. Providing there was a satisfactory agreement he felt the facility should be available to all who want it.

There is a cable TV service in Georgetown and attempts are being made to have it installed in Milton. The reeve felt that if the opportunity was passed up now, another company would not be too anxious to come here.

Deputy-reeve Oakes revealed that there would be an installation fee of \$9.95 for the first TV set and a charge of \$8.95 for each additional set.

Cost of the service would be \$4.50 a month or \$49.50 a year.

### Sidewalk sales offer bargains this week

The bargains of the year will be available during the biggest sale in Acton's history.

Beginning tomorrow morning at 9 a.m., Sidewalk Sales prepared by 20 participating merchants will offer record reduction in prices for local shoppers.

Most of the businessmen taking part in the Sidewalk Sales have goods to see—and they are slashing the prices.

But a couple of them are real estate agents (and it's probably against the zoning bylaw to put a house on the sidewalk) So... they are having pictures and literature in

their windows, and house-shoppers are invited inside.

The front page of the second section introduces the merchants' promotion today. All the advertisements which point out the highlights of the sales are concentrated in the second section of today's Free Press.

Last year's "Old Fashioned Days" sale was a pronounced success. Both shoppers and sales people were happy with the informal atmosphere, the friendliness and of course the low, low prices. This year's encore performance is again expected to please many Actonians this weekend.

### No objections closing station

Correspondence at Esqueping Council at their last regular meeting included a letter from the Canadian Transport Commission asking that any objection to closing Acton's C.N.R. station be registered by a certain date.

Deputy-reeve Tom Hill observed "There's no use making any objections to closing Acton station."

Council agreed and no action was taken.

Reeve George Currie also brought it to council's attention that the C.P.R. also intended to cut off passenger service at the C.P.R. station in Milton.

### Staggered classes worry parents, council learns

Councillor Drinkwalter was critical of the staggered two-class system in the M.Z. Bennett school at Tuesday's meeting of council. Mr. Drinkwalter said students were being asked to cram too much into too short a period of time and the ratepayers in the east end of town were perturbed.

"Room is available in the other school," said Mr. Drinkwalter, urging some way to eliminate staggered classes.

Reeve Hinton said it was a school board problem and it was

up to them to handle it. "I disagree," said Mr. Drinkwalter. "Some people have seen the school board and were told 'That's the way it is and that's the way it stays.'"

Councillor G. McKenzie explained that staggered classes seemed the best solution for the problem until the new addition is built. The board had gone into the various angles of the situation. However he felt that parents shouldn't be left in the dark and should be informed why the move was made.



### Sandra Binnie graduate nurse

Sandra Binnie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Binnie, Acton, graduated from Guelph General Hospital on Wednesday, September 4. Miss Binnie attended Acton District High School. She has taken a position on the staff of the Guelph General Hospital.

Her parents, family and friends attended the graduation ceremonies in the Memorial Hall, University of Guelph.

### Parent seeks transportation for students to Georgetown

On behalf of parents of 45 Acton boys and girls who are taking vocation classes in Georgetown, Jake Van der Kooy asked high school board's consideration for bus transportation. He attended Tuesday's regular meeting in the high school staff room.

He explained there is no bus from Acton to Georgetown at the right time. Driving his son that morning, he had picked up several other boys hitch-hiking to school in the fog.

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### Joe Hurst appointed new clerk administrator

Joe T. Hurst was appointed to succeed Jack McGeachie as Clerk Administrator, at a special session of council Wednesday night.

The resolution put forth by F. G. Oakes and seconded by C. W. Perry, was as follows:

"And resolved that we confirm the recommendation of the administrative committee, and we appoint J. T. Hurst as Clerk Administrator of the Town of Acton, effective September 27, 1968 with a starting salary of \$7,200."

The resolution passed unanimously.

After some discussion on the authority of the committee to set a salary schedule for a deputy clerk treasurer, it was resolved that the committee hold a special meeting on the issue. Some council members had felt that the authority should rest with the personnel committee.

The town is currently advertising for a deputy clerk treasurer.

### Seek entries Miss Acton Fair

Fall fair weekend, September 20 to 22, is drawing close! Both officials and competitors are preparing for the annual event which draws thousands to the park each September.

Hard-working secretary Mrs. Irene Swackhamer announced this week that Milton Girls' Pipe Band will be taking part in the parade.

Deadline for entries for the Miss Acton Fair competition is next Wednesday. There's an entry form in this week's paper. Judging is at the Friday night performance.

The Choralliers and Joyce Carpenter dancers are also on the program.

An innovation from last year, the Sunday afternoon interdenominational church service, is being repeated.