

Land separations point to growth

The draft plan of subdivision of Randy Construction Co. Ltd. on the Seynuck property has now been approved by the Department of Municipal Affairs, council learned Tuesday evening.

Final approval depends on conditions outlined to be carried out by the town and subdividers. Copies of the agreement go to the town engineer.

Transaction on the sale of land on Churchill Rd. S. from the town to Cexon and Civiros has now been closed. The property is to be used for apartment buildings only, with an easement reserved for a storm sewer line with town access. (Building has begun.)

No objection will be made by the town to the application of G. McKeown for separation of part of lot 320, plan 1098.

The mayor and clerk will attend a committee of adjustment hearing on Tuesday, November 5, to explain council's position in two matters.

Concerning the subdivision on Mrs. Catherine Brown's land on Churchill Rd. N., council feels a

buffer strip should be retained at the rear of the property to conform with the remaining 23 lots, and there should be a setback at the front of the property.

Regarding Mrs. Mary Seynuck's application council considers the separation should depend on the tying in the rear portion with the proposed subdivision on the remaining portion of the lots.

Another land matter: the great percentage of 50 foot lots in R1 zones area, where the minimum requirements are 60 foot frontage, had been discussed in committee and "it was the consensus of opinion that an R1 zone should be created."

A revised subdividers' agreement will be prepared, incorporating changes recommended at a special meeting of No. 1 committee with engineer Ken Hyde and solicitor Fred Nelson. From the revision a draft agreement will be presented to Monex Construction for the proposed subdivision on Churchill Rd. N.

Hinton attacks Warden's trip to California

Reeve H. Hinton launched a lengthy attack on the county's action in sending Warden William Hunter to receive an award for the county film in Palm Springs, California when county council met Tuesday.

Later in the meeting the Warden presented him with a certificate from the Information Film Producers Association for the Acton Chorales who participated in the musical background of the film, "Hilton County—The Man and the Boy."

At the end of the meeting the Acton Reeve called for the county to continue its interest in film making and suggested the original film was a theme film which should be followed by one on county administration and later a historical film. He called for the subject of films to be placed on the next agenda of the county committee, so planning could begin for next year.

Reeve Hinton recalled that when county councillors were polled on sending the warden to the Information Film Producers of America conference, he had opposed. He likened the warden's attendance at the presentation of a professional award, to sending a Mayor when a local newspaper receives a professional award. "It just doesn't warrant the mayor going," he emphasized. He pointed out the film producer Robert J. Meyer entered the film and received the award. "The people of Acton don't appreciate this expenditure of money," he concluded.

Reeve W. Coulter pointed out the film was the result of many ideas and discussions by the Halton Industrial Committee over a period of two years. Its production was influenced by

those discussions. "If it was good enough to win an award, it was good enough to send a representative to receive the award." He recalled a European tour a year or two ago and suggested he hadn't seen one benefit from that yet.

The reeve was referring to a European Study Tour on which the county sent Reeve Hinton and Deputy Reeve Frank Rogers from Burlington.

Reeve G. Currie suggested some of the expenses piled up on conventions are staggering but the amount for the warden's trip was under \$400. He recalled Mr. Meyer had called on the committee many times for assistance and direction.

Deputy Reeve W. Hoey noted he was the only other councillor to oppose the trip and he did it because he didn't feel one day was sufficient to promote the county and it was a professional conference. He urged that discussion not be prolonged.

Warden Hunter displayed a business card of a firm that plans to move to Ontario and he noted he had picked it up on his trip to California. "There was no lobbying whatever for the trip," he concluded, noting he had opposed the European tour at the time it was supported by Reeve Hinton.

Reeve Hinton stressed his interest in films and claimed he had been instrumental in starting such interest at the county after viewing films in Washington. The Cindy award was presented to Mr. Meyer and he was definitely opposed to the warden's attendance. He also defended the European study tour.

A vote approved the committee action on sending the warden, with Reeve Hinton and Deputy-Reeve Hoey opposed.

Esquing Council Briefs

During the regular meeting of Esquing Council last Monday night, the following business was discussed:

A letter was received from the Esquing Township School Board regarding a petition submitted by Norval mothers demanding a school crossing on Hwy. 7 for children attending the Norval school. The mothers had appeared before Council at the previous meeting to state their problem.

The letter stated that the board felt concern for the children, but held no responsibility for the other pedestrians who would use the crossing or the speed limit for traffic through the town. For that reason, they felt Council should co-operate with them in approaching the Department of Highways. A letter is to be sent to the government immediately.

Council authorized the clerk-treasurer to petition the Minister of Municipal Affairs to designate Esquing as a planning area. Once this has been done a planning board can be established. Council met with prospective members last week, but no definite action was taken.

Esquing has total outstanding taxes of \$24,355.62. A motion was passed to turn over tax arrears to the township solicitor for collection purposes.

A letter was received from Chinguacousy Township Council suggesting the closing off of a portion of road on lot 29 at the top end of Terra Cotta. Council reserved judgment until members could examine the road in question.

A by-law was read a second time for the stopping up of part of an allowance for roads between the 2nd and 3rd line in front of lot 15, and for conveying the same to the adjoining owners. Notice for the closing will be published for one week during which time Council will hear any objections.

Esquing will be hiring another man to operate a snow plow beginning on or about Dec. 15.

Robert Little elects council

Robert Little School has a new student council. Elected to office were: Bonnie Bristow president, Jim McNabb vice-president, Ann Toth secretary, and Jan Strange treasurer.

Petition regional government

With little debate and surprising unanimity Halton County Council moved Tuesday to indicate a desire for regional government. Council petitioned the Minister of Municipal Affairs to proceed with the transition to regional government in the county.

An Oakville-sponsored resolution noted the Select Committee studying the Smith Report on taxation had indicated a willingness toward regional government. Deputy-Reeve W. Gillies emphasized it was not the intent of the resolution to go into methods, boundaries or representation. "I feel the county should stand up and be heard on this matter. If we indicate our willingness to go ahead we may get some action, rather than mere talk," he concluded.

Reeve A. Day, a sponsor of the motion, observed that Burlington had approved a resolution to seek city status and it was felt this is not the answer. He admitted Oakville might pass a similar resolution Tuesday night.

Reeve W. Coulter inquired if this county resolution meant forming the county as it is in a regional government, and Deputy Reeve Gillies noted the Select Committee set out a procedure for determining these things.

The Select Committee proposed local meetings within existing municipalities and the creation of a special branch within the Prime Minister's office to initiate such discussions. Meetings would then develop between municipalities followed by provincial-municipal conferences and finally the implementation of regional government.

In a recorded vote, the move was unanimously approved.

Silverwood Mrs. George Burt hosts Oct. Institute meeting

By Mrs. H. Scott

Silverwood Women's Institute met at Mrs. George Burt's for their October meeting on Thursday evening.

Sixteen members answered the roll call. Reports on fall activities were given and plans for future projects were made.

Mrs. Burt gave a report on meeting of District Directors. This was Canadian Industries and Miss More was convener. She gave an interesting reading on origin and subsequent growth of the paper mills especially in Georgetown.

A social half hour over a cup of tea closed the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Wilson spent a weekend at Gamebridge enjoying the fall colours recently.

Mrs. W. R. Norton attended the Mulhall-Linseman wedding in Mount Forest on Saturday, October 12.

Acton council briefs

Councillor G. W. McKenzie "put on his school principal hat" to point out there's only one microphone at the Robert Little auditorium which will be on the platform on nomination night. Enquiries will be made to locate a second one for use by questioners from the floor. A large crowd is expected.

With dog control problems not solved yet, the dog control officer will be asked to attend a committee meeting to report.

G. Prett of the town work staff was authorized to attend the O.W.R.C. fifth intermediate sewage workers' operators course December 2 to 6.

The proclamation of the ending of Daylight Saving Time on Oct. 27 was approved. (The notice appears in the Free Press today.)

A card of thanks was read from former clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie and Mrs. McGeachie for gifts received. Halton County Assessors Association wrote expressing thanks for hospitality of the town at their last meeting here.

Next urban board meeting is Oct. 30 in Georgetown.

Reeve Hinton objected to an account to Hinton's \$5 to \$1 store appearing in the regular accounts. The amount, \$1-45 was for keys. "I'd sooner they went somewhere else for them," he said, saying he would feel the same about any other member of council doing business with the town.

Free Press Local News Items

Bonfires haze the skies these evenings.

Saving your small change for UNICEF boxes?

Legion Poppy Day is Saturday, November 9 this year.

Some Hallowe'en parties are being planned in the district.

Many from this area attended the plowing match.

Just over 50 shopping days till Christmas!

Robert Little school students are underway in their annual fall project—selling Christmas cards and wrappings to raise money for the school.

Apparently there were huge traffic jams when the new Burlington Mall opened last week.

There were many hikers on the Bruce Trail over the weekend, judging by groups of cars parked at various entry points.

Miss Isabel Cowie, formerly of Acton, has been named the secretary-treasurer of Wellington county's UNICEF committee.

Charming doll clothes made by Mrs. Glenn Banks are on display in Simpsons window. They're part of the Scout and Guide Mothers draw prize, and come complete with a baby doll to wear them.

BALLINAFAD Speakers address ladies' groups on problems in Communist China

By Mrs. Richard Shortill Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin Jones of Sudbury visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith the past week.

The two unit meetings of the U.C.W. were held on Tuesday October 15. The afternoon group held their meeting at the home of Mrs. Donald McLean. Mrs. Healey was in the chair. Her devotional topic began with the query "How can I show my gratefulness for all that God has given?"

Several items of business were discussed: the destination of the used clothing; the fall bazaar; the treasurer's report. The topic was on China and was given by Mrs. R. Shortill.

The evening group met at the home of Mrs. N. Sinclair. Mrs. Sinclair was in the chair. Mrs. F. Shortill took the devotion.

Mrs. K. Johnson gave the topic and a member of the Halton U.C.W. executive was present at the two meetings. Both speakers (for the two meetings) talks on China stressed the importance of a wide awake awareness of what's going on in that vast country of 700 million people, one quarter of the whole world's population a communist country from which all Christian missionaries left 16 years ago.

Also a country which buys from Canada, each year many million bushels of wheature of the world?

The 4-H "Dainty Dishes" met in the Community Centre Saturday morning. It featured salmon loaf made by Kathy French and Karen Shortill also chicken salad served by Sheila Jamieson and Julie Eckert. A four day meal plan and chart was also made.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Given returned from a moose hunting excursion last week.

Ballinafad people were shocked at the news of the tragic death of Mr. James Price who was struck by a car last week.

Many from here attended Erin Fair last week.

Several little boys were seen leaving the grounds with large watermelon almost too big to handle.

Miss Beatrice Hills celebrated her 87th birthday on Monday Oct. 21 by having a quilting bee at her home on the farm on which her great grandmother and grandfather settled in 1821 (in the spring) in a log cabin in the bush.

Here also Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hills and two daughters Muriel and Helena have their home. This farm has always been in the Hills name each time directly descended. We congratulate Miss Hills on her 87th birthday and on her splendid possession of all her faculties.

Many quilts have been turned out with her quilting assistance and anyone having a quilt made by Ballinafad ladies may be sure many of the tiny stitches were sewn by her nimble fingers.

A pleasant sensation was felt by us all at Sunday service to see all the members of Mrs. John Snow's family, sons, daughters

Origin of Hallowe'en

Hallowe'en nowadays is an evening of fun for the little ones, of dressing up in costumes, going to parties, begging goodies door-to-door and collecting for U.N.I.C.E.F.

But Hallowe'en once was a time of terror and the costumes children wear on Hallowe'en night reflect that far-off time.

The Druids, an order of priests in ancient Gaul and Britain, believed that on Hallowe'en, ghosts, spirits, fairies, witches and elves came out to harm people. They thought the cat was sacred, and believed that cats once had been human beings but were changed as a punishment for evil deeds.

From these druidic beliefs, come the present-day use of witches, ghosts, and cats in Hallowe'en festivities.

The Druids had an autumn festival called Samhain (pronounced SAH-winn), or summer's end. It was an occasion for feasting on all the foods which had been grown during the summer, and for this reason the custom of using leaves, pumpkins, and cornucopia as Hallowe'en decorations also comes from the Druids.

The Roman Catholic Church named Nov. 1 as All Saints' Day, and the evening before it was called Hallowe'en, which means hallowed or holy evening. The Christian feast day and the old pagan customs were combined into the Hallowe'en festival.

35th anniversary party total surprise for Freemans

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freeman who have lived at Cedar Lake Farm 5th line Erin for the past 35 years, were taken by complete surprise last Sunday afternoon. Amid a bevy of tooting horns, 35 relatives from both sides of the family arrived at the farm to celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman were the first couple to be married in Church Hill United Church on Oct. 14, 1933. Rev. G. I. Stephenson performed the marriage.

Ted Freeman, only son of the couple, acted as Master of ceremonies. Mrs. Bert Robertson pinned a corsage of pink sweetheart roses on her sister, and a white carnation on her brother-in-law on behalf of the relatives.

Daughter-in-law, Mrs. Shirley Freeman organized the buffet lunch arranged around a bouquet of roses grown by Mrs.

Ward Graff on the dining room table. The lunch was highlighted by a special anniversary cake in the form of an open Bible decorated in pastel pink, yellow and green on white. "It was the nicest cake I've ever seen," exclaimed Mrs. Freeman.

Following an address by the flower girl of 35 years ago, Mrs. Anna Connelly (nee Graff), Mrs. Tom Gordon, sister of the bride, and Mrs. A. Skeoch, sister of the groom, presented the couple with a large original oil painting. Both Frank and Lucinda expressed their complete surprise and thanked relatives for the joyous occasion.

Guests from Stroud, Victoria Harbour, Toronto, Lindsay, Scarborough, Kitchener, Georgetown, Port Credit, Acton and Rockwood recalled many humorous stories surrounding the occasion 35 years ago.



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