



ROCKWOOD ACADEMY, a pioneer boarding school for boys, is being restored by well-known Rockwood sculptor Josef Drenters. Erected in 1853, Mr. Drenters hopes to bring the buildings back to their original state. Last weekend he held an open house, giving visitors a chance to see his work. See inside for pictures and story. (Photo by Don Hills)

Acton high school students hear mayoralty candidates

Acton's three candidates for mayor met on Tuesday afternoon for the first time since nomination night, to discuss the issues with high school students in a "Meet the Candidates" assembly.

To begin the program, each candidate presented a brief outline of their platform.

Bob Drinkwater mentioned brightening up the town with park development and emphasis on recreation programs. He stressed the need for continued industrial and residential expansion.

He said he felt Acton needed a strong leader, who would not be restricted by financial strain and would consider the town as a whole first, above individual interests.

Bert Hinton followed Mr. Drinkwater and proceeded to thank him for the kind introduction. "I think I fit all those qualifications."

Mr. Hinton stressed the need of creating the proper climate for industrial development and expansion and seconded Mr. Drinkwater's interest in parks and recreation. He promised fair, independent administration and full value for the tax dollar.

Incumbent Les Duby was last to speak. He commented "I most certainly agree with everything they've said. It shows they've learned their lessons

well under my leadership." Mr. Duby recalled that the mill rate had been kept down against his wishes last year. He said he felt it was a mistake to refuse to raise taxes slightly at the expense of necessary town expenditures. He expressed the hope that the voter would be broad-minded enough to see that taxes could not be continually kept down if new improvements in roads and sidewalks for example were to come about.

The question and answer period which followed received the greatest audience reaction. Under the direction of Paul Martindale, who commented, "This is student power day, so exercise your rights," students filed up to a microphone below the stage to fire questions.

Jim Lee asked each candidate to clarify whether they would give preference to industrial or residential expansion in the future.

Both Mr. Drinkwater and Mr. Hinton said they would keep the

ratio as it is now with residential expansion on a comparatively equal par with industrial expansion.

"Well, I'm going to exercise political courage and disagree," said Les Duby. He was met with loud applause from the floor. He said he thought Acton would continue along present lines for a time. However, he stressed that once the Regional Planning Board comes into effect, they will have plans for this area over which we will have little control. Then he felt Acton should concentrate on becoming a residential commuter town. "These have proven to be just as economically sound as industrial sites" he said. "We can keep Acton a nice place to come from."

Nigel Scott wondered if the high cost to developers would deter residential expansion.

Mr. Drinkwater said he felt the demand was great and we didn't have to be concerned about the cost to the developer.

Mr. Hinton began his reply with the remark that he didn't clap for his opponents' remarks because he didn't believe in clapping unless something worthwhile had been said. When

the student body reacted negatively with loud boos and hisses, he retracted saying he hoped there was enough humor in the audience, not to take anything he said seriously.

He answered the question by stating that under the present policy, the developer carries all the costs of facilities to new homes. The extra cost means a cut in profits but does not raise the cost of houses above the going rate. As far as he was concerned, developers had already taken their share of profits out of Acton.

Mr. Duby agreed. He said that at no time should long-time residents have to foot the bill for new subdivisions. Despite added costs for facilities developers could still build cheaper in Acton than surrounding areas.

Another question from the floor asked the candidates to compound on what they considered their personal image.

Mr. Drinkwater felt he has received good reception so far in the campaign and at the polls, the people will be choosing someone different.

"I'm always a winner" declared Mr. Hinton. Above the laughter in the audience, he said

he felt like a winner in council, even if he lost a motion, as long as he knew he had made his point and argued it to the fullest.

Les Duby emphasized that he was "a working man" who had stacked leather along with others at the plant. He said that personally he would be quite willing to vote for anyone he felt would handle the job properly despite his political affiliations.

In answer to a question whether Acton would expand toward Georgetown all three candidates agreed that it was the natural direction for expansion.

Mr. Hinton said that when he was elected mayor he would annex Georgetown.

Les Duby went one step further and declared that if he had his way, Acton would eventually annex all of Halton County.

The crowd roared approval.

Audience reaction and attentiveness was high for all three speakers. Several students were waiting their turn to ask questions when time ran out.

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Light bulb popping

Reeve Bert Hinton asked council what steps can be taken to keep voltage in Acton at reasonable levels, at Tuesday night's meeting of council. Householders can't be expected to pay the extra price for bulbs rated with higher voltage resistance, the reeve said. He thought there must be something the Hydro Commission could do to help householders.

Mayor Les Duby agreed. The commission was once in the light bulb business but got out on the advice of Ontario Hydro. "I don't know what can be done but I can forward the request to the Hydro Commission."

"Maybe we should get people to go to bed earlier," remarked committee of the whole chairman, Dr. F. Oakes.

"Then we'll have more school costs," observed the reeve, a fleeting smile creasing his face. The reeve explained that competition has kept prices down on 120V light bulbs but bulbs rated higher generally cost much more money.

"Is the voltage fluctuation a general problem?" asked Councillor Earl Masales. "I don't have any problems at my house."

Deputy-Reeve Oakes said it

may not be general but it was affecting many areas in town.

Councillor Drinkwater said there is a solution but it would mean installing another reducing transformer.

A joint meeting with the Hydro Commission last week brought the problem to their attention. Councillors were told that during the daytime voltage in Acton runs between 118-120 but at night when consumption is down, it climbs to about 125. This results in bulbs popping, especially after 11 p.m.

Commissioners said residents should use nothing less than 130V bulbs.

Parked vehicle damaged on Mill

Saturday night at 10.30 a parked station wagon owned by Edward McGilloway, Victoria Ave., received \$45 damage when struck by a car driven by Paul Robertson, Downsview, on Mill E. The out-of-town car received an estimated \$100 damage to the rear fender when it pulled in to park and struck the other vehicle.

T. Tyler opposes motion to tile Tyler

Acton council passed a resolution at the regular meeting Tuesday night agreeing to engage Klenway Construction to construct storm sewers along Tyler Ave. and the drainage system leading from No. 7 highway at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.

Only Councillor Ted Tyler Jr. opposed the motion but Reeve Bert Hinton felt No. 2 Committee of council had not enough guarantees to proceed with the work.

Discussion was precipitated by final approval from the Ontario Municipal Board for the project to an amount not exceeding \$67,439.69. Council, however, has made arrangements with Klenway Construction to do the work for \$50,000.

Clerk Joe Hurst explained the O.M.B. approval was made in the maximum amount. Klenway Construction can do it on a day-to-day labor cost at approximately \$50,000 and it could be done for less than that. Subsidies of approximately 40 per cent are possible for the work although the money might not be available until next year.

Mayor Duby felt the work should proceed as quickly as possible before there's another flood in the area like the one which wreaked havoc in August.

Councillor Drinkwater concurred. "We've no alternative but to proceed. We've got all the approvals. We're not going to

save money by leaving it." Reeve Hinton's request to see the engineering plans for the project drew a blank. "We haven't got it here," said Councillor Drinkwater, chairman of No. 2 committee.

"I asked a straight question and want a straight answer," the reeve pursued. "Has the engineer given us the plans." Yes, the reply came back. The reeve said Councillor Tyler hasn't seen it. "Mr. Tyler could have missed the meeting," the mayor answered.

"The Department of Highways has given its O.K. for full expenditure," the clerk agreed.

"I'm all for the project," insisted the reeve, "but not for the method of going at this. The Department may have said it is guaranteeing a subsidy but I

Two-car collision Thursday on Mill

When Terry McMullen stopped on Mill E. to turn into his residence, the car was struck by a car driven by Charles Dupuis, Longfield Rd., last Thursday at 12.10 p.m. Investigating police estimated the damage to the McMullen car rear bumper and truck at \$175 and to the Dupuis front bumper, hood and grill at \$350.

The incident occurred at Mill and Frederick Sts.

doubt it if it is not a written statement. Next year's council may find a different answer. We must have a letter. I want to know if there's a proper engineering scheme for this. It's too hard a push for this meeting. I rest it."

The clerk reminded council the entire project had been laid

Merchants' Santa has more winners

Names of winners in the second Santa Rama draw were picked from a carton full of stubs Saturday afternoon. The draw was made at three o'clock during the Lakeside I.O.D.E. bazaar but none of the winners were present.

Top winner was L. Patric, 73 Lake Ave., who receives \$30 in vouchers; second Juna Hunter, 313 Westcott for \$25; third Gerald Boy, Toronto, for \$15; fourth Mrs. Wayne Scott, 169 Churchill Rd. and fifth Bob Gibson, 22A Mill for \$10 each.

The Toronto winner had filled in his coupon with a purchase at Hood drive-in; he drove up Sunday to collect his vouchers.

The draws were made by regent Mrs. Mary Hinton, past regent Mrs. R. Spielvogel and two young booth assistants Cathy Hinton and Kathy Wallis. The draw this Saturday will be made at 2.30 p.m. on the V.M.C.A. steps.

and approved by engineers of the Department of Highways. "Every approach has been made," stated the mayor. "Council has a definite responsibility to get the job done in spite of one person wanting to know the ins and outs of it."

"We've got to go ahead or there'll be worse trouble," said Councillor Perry. "No. 2 Committee has looked into it fully."

Council passed the resolution authorizing Klenway to proceed with only Councillor Tyler opposed later in the meeting.

Council also: * Passed a by-law appointing Grant Usher as deputy clerk-treasurer.

* Authorized payment of \$12,928.30 in accounts.

Christmas shopping Mondays, evenings

The Chamber of Commerce this week announces its special Christmas store hours.

The local shops, already brightly decorated for the holiday season, will start staying open evenings on Dec. 10. They will also be open the two Mondays preceding Christmas.

An advertisement lists specifically the merchants' changes.

Eye-to-eye confrontation promised for electorate

After weeks of hectic campaigning, an "eye-to-eye confrontation" of three candidates for mayor is promised this Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

The present mayor Les Duby, reeve Bert Hinton and councillor Bob Drinkwater will take to the platform of the high school auditorium to state their platforms—and opinions—this Thursday evening.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the "Meet the Candidates for Mayor" night.

Thursday at the high school is generally badminton night. But so issues can be battled around instead of birds, the badminton fans have obligingly switched to Wednesday for this week.

Chairman Paul Nielsen will allot each candidate 15 minutes to speak, and five minutes for rebuttals. "We strongly urge people to come out and find out about the issues," says Mr. Nielsen. "We'd like the voters to be able to measure up the candidates in an eye-to-eye confrontation."

Erin voters elect trustee, councillors

Erin township voters will elect one school trustee and three councillors on Monday.

Stanley Fuller, R.R. 4, Rockwood was acclaimed as reeve and Lloyd Lang, R.R. 2, Hillsburg was acclaimed deputy-reeve.

Running for the three council seats are Harold Griffin, R.R. 2 Acton, farmer and present council member; Donald Matheson, R.R. 1, Hillsburg, farmer and present councillor; R. M. Barden, Hillsburg, repairman; Roy Ferguson, R.R. 2, Erin, farmer; and William

McLean, R. R. 5, Georgetown, farmer.

Running for the one school board seat are Roy Wheeler, Gordon Gregson, Bert Berry and Joe Baldwin. The one school trustee will represent Erin township and Erin village on the new Wellington board.

Father. Isn't it wonderful how little chicks get out of their shells? Sun. What gets me is how they get in.

Monday, Dec. 2 is Halton election day

19 acclaimed, 103 seeking 51 open seats

Regionalization of education administration and the introduction of county public and separate school boards of education certainly livened up the Halton election picture this year.

No municipal elections are being waged in Milton, Oakville or Burlington where councillors are midway through a two-year term, but all-out battles are being fought in Acton, Georgetown, Esquesing and Nassagaweya. In addition, voting will be held in all seven Halton municipalities for trustees on the two new "super boards" that replace 16 present groups of trustees around the county.

While 19 men won acclamations to seats on the new county boards or municipal councils and boards in North Halton, there is a 103-way race for the remaining 51 seats up for grabs in next Monday's election. Georgetown and Acton are having mayoralty races, and the

reeveship is being challenged in both Esquesing and Nassagaweya. Nassagaweya holds the only plebiscite of the election year—a vote on Sunday morning in the township.

The Halton County Board of Education will have 20 members and will supervise education in

The bells are ringing... for election results

The bells that'll be ringing all next Monday evening don't mean Santa's coming. Not just yet.

Hundreds of calls are expected to be coming in to The Free Press two lines, when we stage our usual election answering service.

In a manoeuvre that taxes legs, voices and ears, results from polls will be phoned—or run—to the people at the Free Press

phones. They'll be kept as up-to-date as possible with checking and re-adding. Results from Nassagaweya Hall and Esquesing hall will also be obtained (if anyone there can manage to get our line.)

First results from at least one Acton poll should be in shortly before 8.30 p.m. We generally pack it up about 11.

Election results: 863:2010!

Separate school supporters will name two men from the county at large to represent their interests on the board.

The Halton County Roman Catholic Separate School Board has 14 members, with Burlington naming seven, Oakville five, Georgetown one and one more to represent the combined municipalities of Milton, Esquesing, Nassagaweya and Acton.

Here is Halton's election picture as voters prepare to go to the polls next Monday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.:

ACTON (one to be elected)—Robert Drinkwater, Leslie Duby, Herbert H. Hinton, Reeve (accl.)—Dr. F. G. Oakes, Deputy-Reeve (accl.)—Edward Tyler Jr.

Councillor (six to be elected)—William Williams, Earl Masales, William Coats, John

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"MORE PUNCH IN THIS CORNER". Latin students recreated the splendor of upper Roman living at a banquet in the high school auditorium last Friday night. Yoga-clad are Gord Morris, Bob Krul, Barry Breen and John East. More on Youth Page. (Staff Photo)