

Area hydro commissions meet consider fate in regional plan

Plans for regional government are moving too fast, it was concluded at a meeting of hydro representatives from every municipality in Halton and Peel counties, plus Orangeville, on Feb. 4 in Port Credit.

Attending from Acton were Chairman Wif McEachern, Doug Mason, Orville Brown and Bob McArthur.

The discussion revolved around the possibility of the complete elimination of hydro-commissions on the local level in the wake of one centralized body for the proposed Halton-Peel area. Opinions varied from flat refusal to scepticism about efficiency and practicality.

Several representatives strongly supported the retention of local commissions and that Ontario Hydro should be asked to support them on this issue. It was felt that under a regional system, larger centres would dominate.

"We can't just sit around and

wait for something to happen," concluded Jack Armstrong of Georgetown. He urged that a committee prepare a detailed brief to be sent to Queen's Park. Peel county has had a hired consultant working on such a report on hydro in the county for the past eight months. Nothing has been done in Halton.

The meeting ended with the passing of a resolution to establish a committee consisting of the Chairman of each local commission in the proposed region of Halton and Peel. This committee would act as a task force to examine all possible provisions for hydro utilities under regional government and to recommend a functional and economic approach. The brief would then be submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs.

The upcoming Hydro Convention in Toronto March 2-5, is expected to shed light on specific government plans.

Long range aims, objectives discussed by Halton educators

Long-range aims and objectives of the new Halton County Board of Education were the subject of a special meeting of the board held in Oakville Thursday. Several future projects and some requiring immediate attention were discussed with a report by director of education J. W. Singleton.

Health services, sex education, oral French classes, summer credit courses, future vocational course needs and teachers' salaries all came under discussion.

Mr. Singleton suggested school health and nursing services are inadequate and Oakville trustee R. Goodin charged it was "a neglected area". Mr. Singleton said the Public Health Act prevents the schools from engaging nursing service as this is provided by the health unit, and he proposed a study of county health services in the schools would be high on the priority lists.

Turning to family life and sex education, the Board learned Oakville and Burlington senior public school students are now

receiving such instruction but no courses are given in the five northern municipalities. It was agreed a decision on expanding the service—or discontinuing it—should be reached in the near future.

A divergent array of French instruction was also noted. One trustee said the Department of Education should have a standard policy and a uniform program for French instruction. In some municipalities French instruction is given to grades seven and eight only, while in Oakville instruction starts at the grade four level.

In a discussion on the need for a second vocational high school similar to the General Brock H.S. in Burlington, Georgetown trustee Ernest Bodnar expressed reservations about this type of education and its usefulness to graduates. Acton trustee Tom Watson suggested the Brock classes should be placed on a shift basis to alleviate an overcrowded situation caused by the popularity of the school's courses. Over 600 students now attend classes at Brock and another 300 are expected in the fall.

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Second Section.



A CLOCK MADE of paper fascinates leaders at the Pack Conference in Georgetown. Mr. L. Youmans, creator, explains for Mrs. J. R. Colter, left,

daughter Barbara and District Cub Master J. R. Colter. The clock ticked off the minutes like its metal counterparts. — (Staff Photo)



DISTRICT CUBS at the Pack Conference in Georgetown Saturday included left to right, Mark Zmija, Ballinfad, Tom Perritt of Hornby Pack and Russell Hogan, Georgetown. — (Staff Photo)

"Day's pay"

United Church members were asked to give an extra half million dollars for relief and development outside of Canada in 1968 and they've just about doubled it.

Figures released, and officials stress that they are not final, show that up to the end of January, \$922,286.21 had been received in the "day's pay" appeal initiated by General Council in Kingston last September.

Most ministers presented the case to their congregations on December 8, but others decided to wait until Lent and these contributions will go towards the guaranteed amount of \$500,000. for 1969. (The total minimum guaranteed by General Council is \$1,750,000 over twenty-eight months).

Trinity United, Acton, participated in the special appeal.

In addition to this special campaign, United Church members gave \$310,143.56 to the Nigeria/Biafra Relief Fund of Canada, \$5,000. of which was designated for the maintenance of the Canairtel Plane which has been making regular flights into Biafra with food and medicine since January 23rd.

The national fund of the church — known as the United Budget Fund — will come close to its objective of \$11,750,000. This includes \$1,983,729.42 raised by United Church Women.

These amounts are entirely apart from monies contributed by individual churches for community outreach, which in the last year of record, 1967, amounted to \$2,603,936. So all in all, United Church members will have given approximately \$15,586,365 for the work of the church at home and abroad in 1968.

Demonstrate hobbies, occupations for 93 Cubs at "Pack" conference

Ninety-three boys and 12 leaders attended a "Pack Conference" held at St. John's United Church, Georgetown, Saturday for Cubs in the 9 to 10-year age group from each Pack in the District.

The workshops at this year's Conference consisted of a glimpse into the hobbies and occupations of various adults in the District.

Mr. Zmija gave the Cubs a look into the world of coin collecting while others looked through Mr. Schenk's microscope to see some of the things that result from Ontario's water pollution problem.

Ralph Bailey introduced electronics and showed them what their voices looked like on an oscilloscope.

For many this was their first venture into a photographer's dark room where Malcolm Clark explained and demonstrated how negatives were printed.

For those who liked things sweet, George Moore showed one of his bee hives and explained how the bees made and stored the honey. A sample

of the product did not go amiss.

Interested in motors? W. M. Giegge had a demonstration of motor parts. And for things out of this world Diane Giles showed the care and use of a telescope. For our future pilots, Paul Duchin showed a film entitled "Jet Pilot."

Plastics? John Owen, through

the magic of chemistry, made

foam plastic in a paper cup while Cubs looked on in amazement.

Mr. Youmans showed the boys the art of paper folding, and for those who might want to go on to more sophisticated things, a working model of a clock which he himself had made of paper.

The noon meal was provided

by the Ladies' Auxiliary of 1st Georgetown Cubs and Scouts.

Organizers of the conference were Mrs. Terry Colter and Mrs. Dawn Livingstone.

Rev. Robert Scrivens opened the meeting with a prayer. J. R. Colter, District Cub Master, welcomed the Cubs on behalf of the District Staff.



MILTON BALL, left, and Harold Denny look on as district manager Ronald Jamar points out an item of interest to Bill Denny, founder of Denny's Insurance Agency, who retired in January of this year. — (Staff Photo)

Denny's Insurance Agency featured in magazine

Denny's Insurance Agency of Acton was featured in the January issue of The Centralizer,

L.O.L. winners

Winners at last Saturday's L.O.L. euchre at Crewson's Corners:

Ladies' high, Mrs. F. Leneycke; ladies' low, Monica Howell.

Men's high, John Dewar; men's low, David Dewar.

Lone hands, Marion Farnell; door prize, David Dewar.

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a magazine widely circulated in Canada and the United States.

The article, complete with pictures, traces the history of the firm from the time William (Bill) Denny founded an independent agency after working for a large company collecting life insurance premiums in Acton. He was joined by son Harold in 1958 after a similar selling experience. Both Bill and Harold Denny are well known and liked in the town and district the article declares, specializing in "personalized" business.

Another member of the selling team, Milton Ball, served his apprenticeship with the Denny's and now services a vital segment of the business, Joanne Grant and Betty Holmes are the all-important girls in the office.

Bill Denny retired at the beginning of the year and he hopes to enjoy more leisure and travel. The Denny agency specializes in direct billing, a unique policy for a small town agency, and The Centralizer points out the Denny's have sold themselves as professional insurance counselors.

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