FIREMEN WERE POWERLESS to halt a blaze in an empty barn on Churchill Road last Monday. The large barn belonging to Mrs. R. N. Brown burned to the ground in less than an hour.—(Staff Photo)

Fire destroys barn

A large empty barn on Churchill road was completely destroyed by fire at high noon last Monday.

The roof and four walls were consumed by the time firemen arrived on the scene. Within less than an hour only the stone foundation and a heap of charred rubble remained.

Fire chief Mick Holmes said he suspects children of starting the blaze, although there is no way of knowing for sure. A beagle dog chained inside, perished in the blaze.

The barn was owned by Mrs. R. N. Brown. The insurance had elapsed some time ago.

Open meet tonight to name French advisory committee

French-speaking residents of Halton will meet tonight (Wednesday) in the Martin St. School in Milton to elect four members to an advisory committee to the County Board of Education.

Trustees Tom Watson of Acton, John Noble of Milton and Fred Bidwell of Burlington have been named as the board members of the committee and the citizen members are to be appointed tonight at the 8 p.m. meeting.

The committee will study French-language instruction in Halton schools and its establishment follows a request from interested citizens on which the Board must act.

Council brief tells McKeough keep Halton as regional unit

Following intense and voluminous discussion through council meetings on the evenings of March 3 and 4, Nassagaweya Council completed a submission representing the township's views on Regional Government.

It was included in the brief submitted to Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough by a committee of Halton County Council Friday.

Following is the complete content of the brief:

The Nassagaweya Township Council submit the following recommendations re the tentative proposal for Regional Government in Peel-Halton by the Hon. W. Darcy McKeough, Minister of Municipal Affairs.

1. The present County Government of Halton should be retained. The Township of Nassagaweya is strongly opposed to an amalgamation with the County of Peel.

2. The Township of Nassagaweya should be retained as a local Municipal unit within Halton County.

3. Burlington should definitely remain as a local Municipality within the County of Halton.

4. A two tier system of County Government is essential.

5. The head of the County Council should be elected, not appointed. Appointed officials are not directly responsible to the people.

6. Representation on County Council should be determined by area, assessment and population, instead of by population only.

7. The Township of Nassagaweya submits that local Hydro Commissions should be retained.

The above submission favoring the retention of the County System as opposed to Regional Government is presented for the following reasons:

1. The Township of Nassagaweya have an Official Plan and Zoning By-law which cost approximately $10,000.00, also a new Municipal Building which cost approximately $52,000.00. The Department of Municipal Affairs encouraged the Municipality to prepare an Official Plan and Implementing Zoning By-law. The Ontario Municipal Board rejected citizens' objections to the actions of Council with regard to the construction of the Municipal Building. The Ontario Government had full knowledge of Regional proposals when they sanctioned the above actions.

2. The debenture debt of his Municipality is negligible. We register strong opposition to the acceptance by a rural municipality of urban debenture debt. In practically all cases, this debenture debt has been accumulated for municipal services that rural people have already provided for themselves.

3. The Minister has indicated the divisibility of joining Peel and Halton and so alleviate the possibility of Mississauga dominating the region of Peel. Why join Nassagaweya with Milton—we would be dominated by Milton.

The Municipality of Nassagaweya was one of the first townships to institute an area school board, and we deplore the fact that we do not have a representative from Nassagaweya on the County School Board. It is our opinion that if we were attached to an Urban Municipality we would again experience the same sense of frustration.

4. Two groups of ratepayers of the Township of Nassagaweya have circulated a petition to approximately 1,200 ratepayers and have acquired signatures from approximately 98 per cent of the persons contacted, all in favor of the present County Government and opposing Regional Government as proposed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and have indicated their intention to submit the same briefs to the Minister.

On every level of Government in a democracy the minority is always represented; if the plan of the Minister were to be implemented it would mean that all rural municipalities in the area would be technically disenfranchised.

Euchre tops

L.O.L. euchre winners, following last Saturday's games at Crewsons Corners are:

Ladies' high Augusta Stickland, low Yvonne Dewar; men's high W. Britton, low James Jesseman; lone hands Florence Leneycke, door prize M. M. Milne, ladies' travelling Doris Kentner, men's travelling James Jesseman.

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MUD SWINGING

Dear Sir:

Upon reading a story in the Free Press last week, I am convinced that Acton's now defunct public school board is suffering from an overly inflated ego.

The grape vine has it that before Christmas when they heard about the switch to a county level, the cry was a sorrowful "no more money, we're broke". Hence there were to be no class trips, no special projects, and no school skating in the arena.

Yet suddenly last week they have a spare $800 to spend on a painting for the wall outside the resource centre, to stand as a monument to their past efforts. Fellows – really!!!

In the first place, $800 appears to be an excessively large figure for a mural of that size. Surely a project organized through the art department in the school would be far less expensive and much more meaningful to the students.

And what about M.Z. Bennett school? Do they get a mural too?

If the money must be spent on a gift to posterity I would suggest reference books for those vacant shelves. Mind you, they wouldn't stand out in living color for all to see. One would have to look inside the cover to see the donor's name . . . not really that glamorous a reminder of that dedicated group who did, after all, invent school in Acton – didn't they?

Sarcastically yours,
Mud.

Why walk?

Larder Lake, Ont.
March 5, 1969

The Acton Free Press,
Acton, Ont.

Sir;

In a local paper, the article Hunger Marchers plan walk for needy in May, while Acton was not listed in the towns and cities, no doubt Acton will be taking part in the demonstration, as in former years. However, I would much rather see the energy and effort put to some worthwhile project, where it would be of some benefit to the municipalities as a whole. There must be some kind of a project that could be undertaken by the people to work at instead of walking the highway which is dangerous being on a weekend, and a headache to the motorist, and I might mention blistered feet for a great many walkers.

Is there no room for improving the park or school grounds, tree planting, or just a clean up job. Of course, the above is only my opinion; better suggestions may pop up later in this connection. No doubt there is some spot in town that could be brightened up to some degree.

Perhaps I should make my point clear as I see it. If I have a sum of money to donate to a cause, be what it may, I don't see why another person should have to walk for miles in order that I donate the money. If there was anything accomplished by walking, I would be all for it.

Yours truly,
E. F. Laronde.

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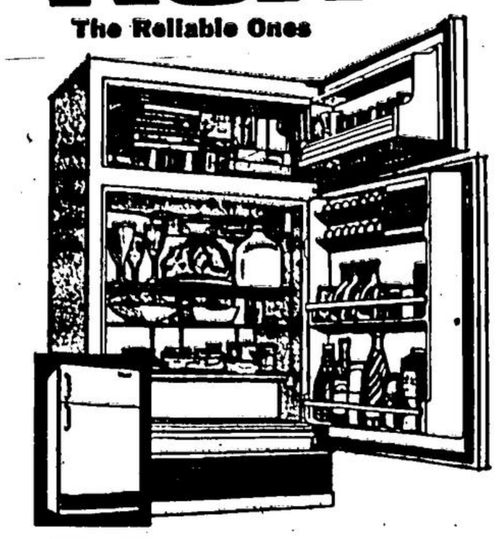

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