

# Film, folkrock and fashions, offset serious cancer discussion

Nearly 200 people came out in spite of the rain last night, to see Acton's own movie stars in a preview showing of the C.B.C. film "Who Saved Johnny Q?" at the Acton and District Cancer Society Family Night in the high school.

A portion of the film was an informal interview with several local students who took part in last year's \$1300 walkathon for cancer. Shot in the school parking lot before Christmas, the episode proved to be the liveliest and most interesting part of the show.

The students were asked why they took part and what they

thought they had accomplished by it. One of the most colorful quotes came from George Beheri who said, "We did it to gain a little respect for young people in this town."

The walkers will have their ideas flashed across the CBC network in April.

Following the film, Carol Patterson expressed the thanks of the Acton student body for the support and recognition they had received. She announced plans for another walk on April 19 and possibly a dance marathon as well.

Mr. John Goy, acting master of ceremonies for the evening, echoed the appreciation of the Acton Cancer Society for the contribution made by the high school students. Many of the young people were present in the audience.

With the 1969 daffodil fund campaign about to start, Mr. Maurice Grimes, Executive Director of Ontario Branch of the Cancer Society was on hand to lend his support, along with the medical advisory Chairman, Central Counties District, Dr. Elizabeth Knowles of Aurora.

In his remarks, Mr. Grimes said he felt the Acton students had made a significant contribution to both the cancer fund and the film. "You have raised the standards for all of us," he said. He stressed the need for more volunteer drivers to get local cancer patients to clinic services. At the present time Mrs. Gloria Coats faces an urgent need for volunteers in Acton.

Dr. Knowles spoke on the laymen's level, on the symptoms of cancer and the various irritants thought to cause the disease.

She related that in Australia where a white population lives under tropical sun conditions, 50% of the people develop skin cancer but because they accept this fact and have regular medical check-ups, the cure rate is exceptionally high. In stressing the need for medical attention, she said 35% of the people who go in for a check-up with no symptoms, find something is wrong.

Following her formal address, questions were invited from the



REPRESENTING THE YOUNGER SET, Tammy Schonrop models a children's ensemble from Nielsen's to Glenn Banks' piano. More fashion shots will be featured in next week's Free Press.

floor. Among her answers Dr. Knowles stated that smoking has not yet been proven a cause of cancer because the exact cause is still unknown. However, she said it is an irritant and people who smoke for 20 years or more run a high risk of developing cancer. Pipe smoking is not considered as harmful.

Cancer can develop anywhere in your body if you are human and alive, she concluded. Early detection is essential.

During the program, Joe Petric played selections on his accordion, and the student folk group of George Beheri, Victor Funk and Lynda Gage made their stage debut.

The final event in the program was a fashion show featuring local models and clothes from Nielsen's Clothing, The Cameo Shop, Esquire Men's Shop and Benson's Shoes.

Mrs. Helen Laughlin of Acton was commentator for some of the latest in spring wear for both men and women, that can be purchased right in Acton. Pant suits that double as mini-dresses

without the pants are big this season. Dresses are light and lively. For the boys, Nielsen's features the James Bond "cool" suits and the flowing apache neck-scarf. Esquire offered the traditional turtle-neck and tailored sports jacket.

Glenn Banks accompanied the models at the piano.

At the close of the program coffee and cookies were served at the back of the gym.

# First McKeough meet debates regional gov't.

Peel County officials have done an about-face since January, and now look in favor of a two-county marriage of Halton and Peel to form a new regional government unit, it was revealed Friday when 15 delegates from the two counties sat down to discuss the merger with the originator of the plan, Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough.

"We are going to have to do some awful persuading to get a Halton unit," Halton Warden George Currie sighed after the closed meeting ended. Most officials in Halton were aware that a regional government is inevitable, are plumping to keep Halton as one unit and Peel as another. But after Friday's Toronto meeting and Peel's surprising admission the Peel-Halton union was not so distasteful as they had earlier stated, hopes dimmed.

"McKeough is leaning toward a Halton and Peel merger," Warden Currie said. "If we can bring him enough briefs he promises to reconsider the whole thing, but every municipality in Halton will have to prepare a brief and we can't just say 'no,' we'll have to tell him why."

"The Minister is asking for our opinions, but he will end up telling us what to do," added Milton Reeve, Aunty Ledwith.

Several other county officials expressed similar sentiments. Friday's meeting was the first since McKeough announced his "tentative proposal" for a Peel-Halton regional government

on Jan. 22. The Minister asked each county to name three representatives to meet with him and his staff to thrash out the proposal, but the make-up of the committee became a contentious issue in both Halton and Peel.

Following representations, McKeough agreed to up the committee membership to 15 — seven from each county plus one from the Orangeville area which lies outside Peel but is considered for inclusion in the new region. All seven Halton representatives were named to sit on the committee.

The "super metro" plan envisioned a 900 square mile buffer strip separating Toronto and Hamilton, with six or seven (depending on Burlington's inclusion) regional boroughs with second-tier councils centred around Burlington, Oakville, Milton, Acton-Georgetown, Mississauga, Chingquacousy-Brampton, and Caledon-Albion-Bolton.

At the outset of Friday's meeting, the minister spoke for about 15 minutes to emphasize the need for thorough consideration at an early date. He suggested a tentative November deadline for making the final answer, so legislation could be passed early in 1970 to make the regional unit legal on Jan. 1, 1971. Observers report McKeough feels strongly the two counties should merge. He left the meeting before long, to attend the legislature's morning session. Five senior staffers of the Department of Municipal Affairs stayed to conduct the meeting.

Mayor Robert Speck of Mississauga announced he has changed his mind since the January release of McKeough's plan, and favors the Peel-Halton merger. Most of the Peel officials, including the Chingquacousy and Brampton Reeves, followed suit.

The remainder of the meeting

was spent in discussing the first point on the agenda—the proposed boundaries. All seven Halton spokesmen demanded Halton remain as one unit, as a region by itself. Peel officials continued to look with favor on the "marriage" and suggested Peel's larger debenture debt (almost double Halton's \$5,000,000) could be worked out so Halton taxpayers would not have to help shoulder the load, one observer reported.

Friday's discussions were closed to the press. McKeough cautioned "delegates against releasing the gist of discussions to reporters, but most of these in attendance seemed willing to talk.

Both Oakville mayor MacLean and Burlington mayor George Harrington are disappointed at being left out of the discussion. Meanwhile, Oakville reeve Alan Day feels the 15-man committee is too large and suggests a smaller committee would get more work done.

Halton officials are concerned about Peel's large inland population—the Brampton, Bramalea, Streetville area—that may eventually have to be serviced from Lake Ontario at great costs. In Halton the majority of the population explosion has taken place along the lakeshore and growth has been more orderly in the northern sections.

## WHAT COUNCIL DID

At the regular meeting Tuesday night, Acton council:

- Authorized payment of financial statement three amounting to \$9,782.62.
- Read and passed a by-law accepting the conveyance of part of Lot 133 for park purposes from Revenue Properties Central Developments Ltd. (Rubin Corp.). The land is situated adjacent to Fairy Lake on the end of Elmore Drive in Lakeview subdivision.
- Agreed with Planning Board that a request from the Bank of Nova Scotia property owners to add 1,000 square feet was not a minor variance. The Committee of Adjustment advised council a public hearing is to be held Tuesday, April 1 in the council chambers. Letters to property owners within 400 feet of the bank have been sent out advising them of the application. The extension would bring the bank building within one foot of the rear property. Council thought this was a "flagrant" violation of zoning regulations.

Councillors and the clerk were authorized to attend the Town and Village conference of the Ontario Municipal Association at Renfrew May 9 and 10 with all expenses paid. "Every member should have the opportunity to attend," said the mayor supporting the resolution. An "enlightening" experience, echoed Deputy Reeve Tyler.

Passed a resolution that the town collectively with Milton and Georgetown petition the county to continue plumbing inspection through the Health Unit. Reeve Oakes and the deputy reeve opposed the motion. Councillor McKenzie asked facetiously how the two county council representatives could represent something at the county they were opposed to and then answered his own question with, "I guess it's been going on for years."

A narrow 5-4 margin defeated a resolution instructing the town assessor to carry out a land reassessment program in 1969. Those opposing the resolution felt the province would soon be taking over the assessment department and the effort would be wasted. Supporters of the motion figures provincial assessment could be as long as five years working its way down from the northern end of the province so the reassessment would be in order.

Authorized Superintendent Alf Doby, John Dunn and Don Swackhamer of the town works department to attend the South Central Waterworks Conference at Preston April 9 with registration and mileage paid.

Took out membership in the Good Roads Association at a cost of \$15.

Authorized No. 2 Committee to proceed immediately on the 1969 plan of the five year capital expenditure projection recently authorized by the Ontario Municipal Board.

Agreed to offer five acres of land in the industrial park to Acton Wood Products at \$1,500 an acre subject to an offer to purchase.

Approved extending Road A in the industrial park for 1186 feet from the existing road, including water and sewers, on the recommendation of the Development Committee.

Councillor Jack Greer presided at the Committee of the Whole session.

## CORDC finds a friend confidence on record

The Central Ontario Regional Development Committee, which recently telegraphed its resignation to Premier John Roberts, is finding out where its friends are.

In a motion prepared during last week's regular meeting of Nassagaweya Township Council, the members expressed confidence in CORDC, its chairman Les Doby and executive director Doug Reddington.

Deputy-Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur, a member of the committee, had attended a meeting of the directors in which a number of the frustrations leading to the directors' resignation, as well as CORDC's role in regional government proposals (no previous mention had been made by Minister McKeough) were discussed.

A delegation of the trustees of the police village of Campbellville appeared before council to request either underwriting of the cost of their proposed legal survey of the village; or a contribution of 25 per cent of the cost.

Council voted to endorse the project on a local-cost basis; and to assist in setting up the method of financing.

Deputy-Reeve MacArthur refrained from voting on the grounds she was "worried about the 32 (or a total of 69) who voted against having the survey in a recent plebiscite."

Correspondence from the Halton County Board of Education included acknowledgment the Board was prepared to borrow funds for their March interim requisition in the name of the township, thereby salvaging the township's borrowing power from undue strain.

A request from the Board for copies of council minutes, in exchange for Board minutes, was granted; but council has asked to be informed why the Board wants to make the swap.

Representatives of Halton Region Conservation Authority will be invited to attend the April 1 council meeting in answer to their request. The Authority wishes to review flood control and conservation projects and costs in relation to their budget.

## Accidents, occurrences down this year-O.P.P.

Enforcement may be paying off! Both general occurrences and traffic accidents are lower now than for the same period last year, the Acton O.P.P. detachment reports this week. The reporting week of March 16 to 22 shows the six man Acton Detachment investigated nine general occurrences which included two break and enters, two disturbances and five miscellaneous occurrences.

One traffic accident was investigated. No one was injured and property damage was light. Twelve charges were laid under the Highway Traffic Act and 17 motorists were warned to correct their driving habits.

Provincial court in Milton on Monday morning saw ten convictions registered, mostly for traffic offences.

Drivers are reminded of the great danger of leaving children unattended in an automatic transmission car with the engine running, even if it is in Park or Neutral position. The Ontario

At the same meeting, an H.R.C.A. request to assume control of a portion of Township road in return for maintenance and construction will be discussed.

Township Clerk C. McIntyre noted although revenue approaching \$1,000 had been received during 1968 through hunting licenses, only one complaint had been lodged with the township office concerning hunters.

## Growing pains

Acton's hydro commission is faced with three alternatives to cope with an increasing power demand in the community.

If Beardmore and Company can be persuaded to build their own substation, present facilities will be adequate for some time to come. If not, the commission will have to invest in a third substation, or expand the present No. 2 station to meet the need.

A fourth influence on the situation is a proposal by Ontario Hydro to build a station on Hwy. 25. If regional government takes over, that station will be in the Acton area and may prove the answer to power overloads.

The problem went up for discussion at the regular commission meeting last Thursday night. The matter is to be investigated further.

## Ask increase in Fair grant

A delegation from Acton Agricultural Society attended Tuesday's council meeting to ask for an increase in the town's grant for Acton Fair.

President Wilmer Fryer, Don Matthews and Bill Nelles explained to council the Acton Fair was getting close to being classed as "B" from the present "C" and an increased grant would help them achieve this goal. Fairs are classed on the amount of money they give for prizes for agricultural exhibits.

Acton Fair, explained Don Matthews, gave out prize money of over \$5,000 last year but all of it wasn't for agriculture so they couldn't give council an exact figure. Profits from each year's fair are pumped back into the prizes.

"Are you going to put the touch on the townships, too?" asked Deputy-Reeve Tyler.

"Yes," was the reply.

Council agreed to review the present \$250 grant in the light of the information provided by the delegation.

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