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SHIRT-SLEEVED AUDIENCE included several M.P.'s from Wellington, Dufferin, Halton East and Peel Counties. Several of the municipal officials walked out of the meeting claiming they were both bored and disappointed with it. Major complaint was that they had heard it all before.—(Staff Photo)

Govt. applies brakes . . .

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be affected by regional government—at first, anyway, but policing would vary with each region.

The price of land, said McKeough was one of the most pressing problems in the province and this was creating another problem in the higher density areas where recreation land was short.

Mayor Paul Mercer of Guelph told Mr. McKeough that Guelph was the first city to complete reassessment. What guidance can you give us he asked.

He was told the Department had not studied Wellington or Guelph but it would be high on the priority when asked.

Where was the Department going to get the additional people for assessment? asked Mayor Les Doby of Acton. We'll make better use of the people we have, answered the minister.

Mr. Doby said Acton was faced with development and the problem of providing housing for people who can't afford to buy. Regional government is not as important as the tax base, was

the reply.

Questions about consolidating some of the government departments to streamline decision-making got a sympathetic hearing from the ministers especially for a suggestion to amalgamate the Ontario Water Resources Commission with related departments of planning, development and pollution.

Mr. McKeough admitted there were problems of overlapping but felt they were beyond the scope of one department.

"Problems are vertical, not horizontal," he argued.

Provincial income tax? We have it now, but it is collected by federal government, a Chinguacousy representative was told. The property tax base was harshest on low income people and the government hoped to find some way out of the impasse.

Capital gains tax? Waiting for action from the federal government.

Halton Warden George Currie welcomed the representatives from other counties to Halton.

acquire land on the escarpment to prevent erosion. He promised to visit Mayor Best soon to investigate the problem more thoroughly.

Mayor Best declined to give Mr. Kerr the names of offending quarries. No plans to extend the vote to immigrants here less than five years were contemplated Mr. Best was also told.

Mr. Kerr also answered the Milton Mayor's question on central incineration by stating that the government had no plans to assist municipalities to purchase incinerators.

"It's another area where regional government will help," Mr. Kerr felt. "We've fast running out of land fill sites and I think incineration is the answer."

Mr. Best criticized the government's policy, drawing up rules which the municipalities could not afford to act on, referring specifically to legislation prohibiting dump burning.

Jim Archdekin, deputy-reeve of Brampton, was told that fire departments would probably not

Nassagaweya prefers Acton Anne MacArthur tells ministers

Anne MacArthur, newly elected reeve of Nassagaweya township, provided one bright spot in an otherwise dull "dialogue" with four Ontario cabinet ministers at the Rivers club in Norval Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. MacArthur smashed all previous regional government proposals by indicating the township would like to remain as a unit and team up with Acton in a regional unit. This dropped like a bombshell in the meeting which had been a humdrum rehearsal of previous government proposals up until this point.

Mrs. MacArthur challenged the Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough, to prove splitting Nassagaweya township was a democratic exercise when 97 per cent of the population signed a petition opposing the move. She pointed to government suggestions that size equals efficiency pointing out that the township has good roads, an official plan, a fine educational system and the first area board in Ontario.

"Area has to be considered," Mrs. MacArthur insisted for the citizens of Nassagaweya to benefit from regional government plans which would split the township, one part going to Milton and the other to the Guelph area.

"Nassagaweya people are concerned about the proposed division," the reeve said, and feel they can't exist as a community if they are divided.

"If we cannot exist as a unit we'd like to go to Acton because we have a great deal in common with that community," Mrs. MacArthur told the astonished ministers who talked of the town joining Milton, as representing the wishes of the township ratepayers.

Mrs. MacArthur said the township wanted to keep its rural complexion and would like to be taxed as rural. After talking it all over seriously she said Nassagaweya people felt joining with Acton in a unit would enable them to retain their rural character.

Mr. McKeough answered that things were so good in Nassagaweya the benefits must be spread around. "There are 3,000 in Nassagaweya satisfied, I agree with much of what you said," the minister told Mrs. MacArthur, "but I can't agree about 'rep by pop'."

Mr. McKeough said there were 55 or 60,000 people in Oakville not so happy with the county. Burlington is so unhappy with the present county setup the town applied to leave Halton. That represents another 75,000 people who are unhappy and want to get out.

"I'm aware of the views of both Burlington and Nassagaweya," Mr. McKeough continued "and we must find a reconciliation of those views."



MRS. ANNE MACARTHUR

We have a responsibility to share the benefits with others to the good of the greatest number.

"What about the division of Nassagaweya?"

We were asked to look at the boundaries in relation to Guelph and where children go to school, Mr. McKeough continued.

Boundary lines were drawn up 100 years ago and we now need a more sensible alternative. Nassagaweya looks on Guelph for services. Maybe it would make sense to include the township with Guelph, the minister said.

At this juncture Mrs. MacArthur told the meeting that if the township had to go with anyone they would rather team up with Acton in a regional unit.

Energy and Resources Minister George Kerr, the township representative at Queen's Park, admitted the Acton-Nassagaweya love match was a new wrinkle for him. "It looks to me as if they have been holding meetings in somebodys basement, probably over in the Scotch block," he remarked facetiously.

Acton representatives at the meeting did not comment on the Nassagaweya proposal but the loud cheer when Mrs. MacArthur broke the news that they preferred to team up with Acton indicated they were in favor of the idea at least in principle.

Beware of persons posing as police or bankers

The O.P.P. Anti-Rackets Branch is concerned about the recurrence of "Bank Inspector Frauds" this year.

In past years, thousands of dollars have been taken from trusting and unsuspecting elderly persons throughout Ontario by the scheme. Investigations have indicated that a great number of criminals practice several variations of the fraud.

While there have been some arrests, prosecution is very difficult because the "voice on the telephone" cannot be identified, and the "pick-up man" appears only for a few moments at the elderly person's door.

Any time during banking hours of a weekday, the telephone may ring in an average middle-class home — usually that of an elderly widow. The male caller, in a very business-like and authoritative manner, will identify himself as either a "bank official" or a member of the Police Department, presently investigating a dishonest bank employee suspected of tampering with the customer's account.

The caller will then, in a very persuasive tone, obtain from the victim information concerning the amount of money on deposit in her account. He will then request that she go to the bank and withdraw a substantial sum of money from her account.

As part of the scheme, the victim is advised that in making this withdrawal, she will assist in trapping the dishonest employee; she will also be

Canada Standard Size for children's clothing

Launching of a nation-wide program to promote the use of the Canada Standard Size (CSS) label on children's clothing was announced recently. A Canada Standard Size label on a garment means that it is sized according to body measurement rather than the age of the child.

"Many parents have complained to us about the trouble they have buying children's clothes which fit properly," said Consumer Affairs Minister Ron Basford. Obviously all eight-year-olds are not the same size and the consumer should be able to buy by measurement rather than age. We are launching a program to encourage manufacturers to produce children's clothes in Canada Standard sizes, and we are urging mothers to buy only those items carrying the CSS label.

voluntary one but manufacturers wishing to use the standard label must obtain a licence from the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and conform to the regulations. Abuse of a licence could lead to its suspension or prosecution with a maximum penalty of \$5,000.

Rain causes . . .

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passenger in the Boys car, Victor Boys, received a bruised face.

An accident last Friday saw a car driven by Robert Stevenson of Cokerhill collide with a car driven by John Lowrie of Malton on Highway 25, south of Speyside.

Stevenson received a broken left leg and an injured left hand and his car was demolished. Lowrie's car received only \$60 damage.

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Who owns water?

Chamber asks council regulate craft on lake

Who regulates the speed of power boats on Fairy Lake? Acton council isn't sure but individual councillors felt the problem of speeding power boats should rest in the laps of Park Board.

"Who is better qualified than Parks Board to look after swimming and boating on the lake?" asked Councillor Jack Greer.

"Parks Board doesn't own the lake," Councillor Ted Tyler Jr. reminded council.

"Who's got jurisdiction over the water, then?" asked Councillor Bill Coats.

"Well, you can't get to the water without treading on land," answered Mr. Tyler with a grin.

"Who's going to stop people from private camps from putting power boats on the lake if we regulate it from the park?" asked Councillor Marks.

The discussion was precipitated by No. 1 Committee minutes which revealed the chairman of the

safety committee of the Chamber of Commerce suggested that power craft be barred from Fairy Lake or that restrictions be placed on the use of the power craft by the proper authority. Swimmers have been complaining that some power boats have run dangerously close to them while they were in the water.

The committee decided to refer the recommendation to Parks Board for their action and comments.

Reeve F. Oakes thought they could do nothing to bar the craft. "Beardmore's own the land but who owns the water?" he asked the \$64 question again. "Lots of people depend on the lake for fun with their boats," declared Dr. Oakes.

Mayor Doby indicated that Beardmore and Co. would like to be included in any meeting to discuss power craft on the lake.

Dredging has removed many of the obstacles and weeds which prevented swimming in the north arm of the lake. Swimmers are using the area on the north side of the arena and off Elizabeth Drive since it has been cleared.

Many of the obstacles which prevented power craft from operating in these areas have been removed and the craft have been free to open up the throttle.

Police harrassed by nuisance calls

The police office has been plagued by nuisance phone calls lately—and there's a fine if the callers are located.

If a police officer is in the O.P.P. office and answers the call, sometimes the phone is hung up immediately. In a couple of recent cases he has been given a message—about a shooting, about a "man in my house"—with absolutely no details. Naturally, he is concerned. Apparently they were hoaxes.

A phone call to the police office when no one is there turns on the red light at the Mill-Main corner. The officer on patrol then returns to the office to put

on the recording. They urge all callers to leave a message, even if it is not important. Someone who calls back in five minutes just forces the officer to return from patrol again, perhaps to again find nothing on the recorder.

There are two kinds of callers that cause needless work and worry: the true nuisance callers, who are deliberately misleading or harassing the police, and those who simply do not realize the trouble they cause by not stating for the recorder why they called.



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