



SCOUTER KEVIN CONROY tells the scouts to freeze and freeze they do from expressions to eyelashes at a regular meeting of the 1st Acton troop at the scout hall Thursday. Scouts are off to a strong start along with the Venturers, Cubs and the Brownies and Girl Guides. —(Staff Photo)

Must stop open air burning at dump "There's trouble coming", reeve says

"There's trouble coming and you can quote me on that!" Reeve George Currie told Esqueing township council, Monday night.

The reeve's warning was in reference to a letter to the township received from the Ontario Department of Energy and Resources Management asking that they submit plans for the discontinuation of open air burning at the Esqueing township dump by December 1, 1969.

The township received a notice from the Ontario Department of Health informing them that between the hours of 4 and 4:15 on Thursday September 11 burning at the dump was causing smoke greater than the regulations on the number one smoke chart.

The letter from the Department of Energy and Resources Management informed Council that in the interim, open air burning at the township dump may be continued on weekdays only with consideration given to prevailing weather conditions. This would require that hours of access to the site be controlled.

"In this connection we understand it is your intention

to provide an entrance gate as soon as possible," the letter went on.

In answer to clerk-treasurer Delmar French's question about whether Council should have a meeting with dump supervisor Jack Harris, deputy-reeve Tom Hill replied "He's got control of the dump and he should be at our next meeting."

Mr. Harris is to be invited to Council's next meeting.

Urban Board's future hangs in balance

Future of the North Halton Urban Board is again cloudy as a result of the lack of interest and consequent drop in attendance.

The Board, which has survived other crises in its precarious existence may be doomed this time, however, unless there is a sudden spurt of interest.

Next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Acton on September 24 and it is expected that a decision will be made at that time by representatives from Acton, Milton and Georgetown as to whether the continued existence would be beneficial to the three communities.

Purpose of the Urban Board, which never had any legal power, was for members to discuss mutual problems and co-operate on issues where there was mutual concern. Councils of the three communities feel the Board has accomplished much in the past but there is some feeling now that perhaps the Board has outlived its usefulness.

The Board, which was set up to include all municipalities in North Halton, has never been able to attract any interest from the townships of Nassagaweya or Esqueing. Township councils have felt in the past that the word "Urban" excluded them despite reassurance from the urban members that problems of mutual concern would be on the agenda.

Although councils in all three participating municipalities have lauded the existence of the Board it has always been difficult to get members to attend. The spectre of regional government for Halton and Peel has also influenced thinking.

Councils of all three towns on the Board have been asked to

decide whether they want the Board to continue.

Acton mayor Les Duby commented that the Urban Board has been a valuable basis for mutual discussion in the past and still feels it can be worthwhile. However, in spite of its value, Mr. Duby feels the board cannot operate without the full co-operation of all involved. "It would be better to phase it out than to operate like it has over the past few months," he said.

Deputy-reeve Art Spelght of Georgetown is reported to have told Georgetown council he felt the time had come to phase out the Board, and he thought the end of the year would be appropriate.

Hydro notes

Acton Hydro Commission took the following action at their regular meeting Thursday night.

- Resolved that approval be requested from Acton Council that the Acton Hydro pay delegates to meetings, \$25 per day as loss of wages remuneration and the same be retroactive to January 1, 1969.

- Authorized superintendent Doug Mason to calculate the cost of underground wiring in the parking lot at the Community Centre. The Commission received a letter from Acton Board of Parks Management and Recreation Committee requesting removal of a hydro pole in the same parking lot.

- Passed accounts totalling \$27,054.35

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Critical of Board for closing Kindergarten

Roy Wheeler, former chairman of the now defunct Erin township school board has taken strong exception to the new Wellington County Board of Education's closing of the Osprings kindergarten.

Mr. Wheeler expressed his disappointment with the new board in an open letter, implying they were not giving every pupil an equal opportunity for education as has been promised.

He said the board had not given one good reason for the closing of the kindergarten and explanations given the

delegation which approached them last week he termed "excuses."

The objection the board raised about a teacher not being able to familiarize herself with two different classrooms was dismissed. "It seems to me," Mr. Wheeler stated, "any teacher who cannot adjust to teach in two different classrooms shouldn't be teaching at all."

He said students adjust to a high school environment with both new classrooms and teachers. The trend to specialization by elementary teachers is no different than a

kindergarten teacher working with two kindergarten classes, he claimed.

Mr. Wheeler also felt the economics of the change left something to be desired.

"I wonder why they did not think of cutting costs last January when they were dishing out salaries to the higher officials." He also attacked plans to close "good" schools to rebuild somewhere else.

"These are major expenses where sizable amounts of money could have been saved. Now when it comes to a minor expense where five-year-old children are involved, they talk about cutting costs," he criticized.

He appealed to the board to take another look and admit they had made a mistake in closing the kindergarten.

Mr. Wheeler said that when the Erin board had a kindergarten in each of the three schools it worked out very well.

No help from Water Act to build five Grand dams

Nobody should hold out any false hopes that the federal government's proposed Canada Water Act will help the Grand River Conservation Authority in its plan to build five dams and reservoirs says James Bauer, chairman of the authority.

While federal proposals may be applicable to certain parts of Canada, they are 30 years behind as far as southern Ontario is concerned, Mr. Bauer maintained.

"If anything is to be accomplished (on the five dams) I don't think it lies in this proposed legislation," Mr. Bauer said.

The Federal government is proposing to start from scratch by taking inventories of resources in a watershed. This is something that has already been done in this area.

The conservation authority has been waiting for the federal government to approve its \$30 million five-dam project. The province has already approved it and agreed to pay 37 1/2 per cent, but Ottawa has not approved paying its 37 1/2 per cent share.

He said he hoped to meet with Ontario Energy and Resources Minister George Kerr shortly to discuss the dam project. The estimated cost of the project is now three years old, and time is running out on the project.

Following this meeting with Mr. Kerr, the authority executive might be in a better position to propose some alternative plans to the next general meeting of the authority, slated for October.

"There's got to be a better answer than just sitting and waiting," Mr. Bauer said.

County jail, court house get clean bill of health

A Grand Jury, under foreman Robert R. Parker of Acton, toured the Halton County Jail and Court House Sept. 8 and they congratulated jail officials on the state of the jail in their report to Mr. Justice Morand.

Only four recommendations were made by the jury and these included the setting up of an individual cell for the segregation of difficult prisoners, the installation of a second fire extinguisher for the kitchen-laundry area, the installation of controlled radio.

The jury viewed with favor the alterations now being made in the prison and also in their report noted, "the excellent housekeeping in cell corridors and other sections of the jail deserves a statement of approval and congratulations."

All prisoners in the jail were interviewed and it was established by members of the jury that no prisoners in the jail were being held unduly without hearing or sentence.

On examining the Court House, the jury said, "The maintenance and cleanliness of the Court House are excellent. The Jury expresses its appreciation of the courtesy and helpfulness of the officials assisting the members in the performance of their duties."

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The German Shepherd Dog Club of Canada will be holding its 47th annual Specialty Championship Show Saturday at the south end of Mohawk Raceway and Mrs. J. B. Southcott of R. R. 5, Milton will be in charge of the all-day event.

Mrs. Southcott, who is vice-president of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Canada, says she expects 140 entries from all parts of Canada and the United States.

The event is being put on this year by members of the Mohawk branch of the Shepherd club and the judging is to be done by Mrs. Barbara St. John of LaGrange, Illinois.

At the end of the event, the Grand Victor and Grand Victress of Canada will be chosen. The show is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

Another feature of the show is a noon hour demonstration featuring a trio of trained dogs which, among other tricks, jump through hoops of fire.

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Officers were called upon to investigate 42 general occurrences this week. Included in the number were three thefts, one of which was unfounded, two disturbances, one assault, one fraud complaint which proved to be unfounded, one motor vehicle stolen from another area was recovered, one domestic complaint, one complaint of a child being bitten by a dog, two investigations, and six persons reported trespassers on their property. There were many other occurrences, however those were of a minor nature and required little time to clear.

Officers investigated 10 traffic accidents this week, six of which were property damage only and the remaining four resulted in injuries to seven persons. Total property damage was estimated at \$6,860. The mishaps were caused by careless driving, parking on the highway, failing to share half of the road, failing to signal, and failing to yield the right of way. Charges were laid against five persons as a result of investigation into the collisions.

Fergus wins
 Don Swackhamer won a large silver tray in the overize road race at Fergus fair Saturday. He also received other awards for horses.