



MAYOR LES DUBY AND COUNCILLOR G. W. McKenzie made the official presentation of a certificate to Acton's deputy clerk-treasurer, Grant Usher, certifying he had graduated from the final year of the Association of Municipal Clerks and treasurers of Ontario training course. Mr. Usher may now use the initials AMCT after his name. Presentation took place at the last council meeting. — (Staff Photo)

## Nassagaweya neighbors object to plastic plant expansion

Plans for a new industrial plant for Ontario Plastics Limited in northern Nassagaweya Township met with stiff opposition at a special hearing of the township's Planning Board on Wednesday evening of last week.

About 25 ratepayers from the area of Highway 7 and the Fifth Line attended the hearing to protest an amendment to the township's official plan to designate 25 acres at this intersection for industrial use. Written objections are still being received by the board, within 14 days of Wednesday's meeting, and a hearing of the Ontario Municipal Board may have to be called before the matter can be finalized.

Planning Board chairman William Coulter explained Ontario Plastics had been operating in a "converted chicken coop" in this area for several years, and in 1966 bought 10 acres to expand and build a new plant. The firm did not apply for a rezoning when the zoning by-law was first drafted, so it was not necessary to amend the official plan to designate the area as industrial. It is presently zoned agricultural.

## Y, band offering night classes here

This week Acton Y is offering 13 courses which will operate as a night school, if enough interested people register promptly.

(Halton County Board of Education is offering classes in Milton and Georgetown only for this area.)

Last year the Y classes were very successful and the board is looking forward to larger registration this year. An ad and application form are in this week's Free Press.

Also in today's paper Acton Citizens' Band is advertising a new type night school course for interested adults, in instrumental music.

After the intensive six month course, bandmaster George Elliott feels the adults would be able to play an instrument fairly well. This type of course has operated very successfully in Oakville.

The usual junior program of training is also being planned by the band.

explained, it was decided to allow 25 acres of industrial use at this intersection. The remaining 15 acres would not be rezoned immediately, only when needed, but it would at least be allowed in the official plan.

The firm's solicitor Aldo Braida, Acton, explained the new plant would be 40 by 120 feet, of packaged pre-engineered steel, and fully insulated. A certificate of approval has been received from the Department of Health, also the air pollution control branch of the Department of Energy and Resources Management. The Ontario Water Resources Commission has tested the firm's present discharge of water used as a coolant and found it "acceptable." He stressed that the water is used only as a coolant. The Department of Highways has also approved the site and waste drainage of the new plant.

Mr. Braida and owner J. C. Marcoux explained it was a plastic extruding operation, manufacturing tubs for lawn chairs and furniture. There would be no melting or moulding of plastics, they explained. Letters from two raw materials suppliers indicated there would be no noxious odor

and one letter said any noticeable odors would be "sweet" rather than "obnoxious."

Mr. Marcoux said complaints from nearby residents about noise stem from the fact their present operation is not insulated. The grinders make a noise but they only operate occasionally, for half an hour at a time. "The new building will be insulated and practically all of the noise will be cut out," Mr. Braida added.

Neighbor E. W. Newman said "I moved out from Toronto to get away from factories, and now they are trying to put one in my back yard."

He said a "sweet" odor might be very offensive to some people, and answered with a "yes, definitely" when Mr. Braida asked if the present operation was obnoxious to him.

Mr. Newman asked for an "unconditional, written, indefinite guarantee" that there would be no pollution from the plant. "There is a plastic factory 13 miles away and it has obnoxious fumes," he added.

Mrs. H. Moss, another neighbor, objected to the firm's proposed septic tank waste system abutting her property. She also asked for a guarantee there would be no air pollution. She expressed fears her property would be devaluated, and that it would be taken over for industrial use, but Mr. Coulter assured her even an industrial designation on the official plan did not mean industry had to use it.

Another objector is Cameron Kitching, a member of the planning board, and the man who sold the 10 acres to Ontario Plastics. He suggested once an industry gets its foot in the door, it would be difficult to stop others from coming in. Mr. Braida answered that Mr. Kitching had sold his land to the firm, and knew then they planned to build a new plant on the property.

Deputy-Reeve Gordon Agnew told the ratepayers the new plant would be much better for them than the present operation. The firm's present plant continues to operate as a legal non-conforming use, as it was in operation before the township's zoning by-law was drafted. "We can clear up the operation and make it even better" with a new plant he said, but "we cannot stop the business from operating where it is now."

## No accidents

There were no reportable accidents in town during the past week, according to police.

## McKeough report

# Halton would benefit in merger with Peel

Major financial implications on merging Halton and Peel Counties were revealed to representatives of the two county councils in a meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough in Toronto Thursday.

The meeting, closed to the press, reviewed the results of a financial study Mr. McKeough's staff had prepared, showing how the mill rates of each municipality in Halton and Peel would be affected if the counties amalgamated or became separate units of regional government.

Halton delegates, the seven yeaves, returned from the meeting with a variety of impressions but most of them indicated there were only slight differences in mill rates shown in Mr. McKeough's tables. It was generally agreed Halton would benefit financially from a merger with Peel.

The Halton yeaves told McKeough they preferred to remain as a single county unit of

regional government—possibly broken into five local areas or boroughs. The minister acknowledged their stand, and seemed pleased with the idea of lumping a large portion of Nassagaweya Township with the town of Acton to form a secondary level of government.

Peel County officials generally support the amalgamation. A lot depends on whether or not Burlington remains with Halton in a regional government, or joins up with Hamilton and Wentworth County. The Steele Commission Report on the Hamilton-Wentworth area is due in late October and Mr.

McKeough has indicated he won't rush any decisions on the Halton-Peel area until he hears the results of the Steele study.

There is general agreement Orangeville should remain in Dufferin County and not join Peel in any amalgamation. It is the county seat in Dufferin.

The Minister's study was based on county-provided services such as roads, garbage disposal, general administration, fire protection, conservation, libraries and recreation. Figures were from 1968 and indicated Halton would be in a slightly better financial position than Peel if the two counties had merged last year.

If they had merged last year and provided the same services, Esqueping and Nassagaweya would have seen higher mill rates, Georgetown's would have been the same, and Milton, Acton, Burlington and Oakville would have been down slightly.

If the two counties had been operated as separate regional units, all Halton municipalities except Burlington would have had a slightly higher mill rate.

## Sorry folks!

In last week's story of the Legion Masters' Golf Tournament, the Free Press reported that Phil "Scotty" McCrystal had won the award for best left-hander. The award actually was shared by "Scotty" and Bill Taylor.

One of the earliest forest fire disasters took place in 1825 in the valley of the Miramichi River in New Brunswick. The fire killed 160 people, destroyed several towns and villages and devastated over 1600 square miles of forest.

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