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We Say It Too

We were somewhat surprised to pick up our copy of the Acton Free Press last week and read a scathing denunciation of the news item we had carried the previous week on two motions received by North Halton high school board from Esqueusing Council. Surprised, because the Acton paper took us to task for poor reporting, and that gets up our fighting blood... especially when we are always careful not to follow the daily paper policy of editorializing in the news columns.

It was our intention at first to ignore the blast. But realizing that there are many readers in Esqueusing who could be misled by the editorial, we decided it merited repeating, with comments. Here is the gist of the Acton editorial, titled "Let's Be Fair."

We cannot agree with the statement of The Georgetown Herald that "Decision of Esqueusing Council to oppose any high school building program at the present time has completely tied the hands of the North Halton High School Board." This article is being written on Monday while a meeting is scheduled to be held in Stewartton on Wednesday with School Board and Township representatives which will in all probability be reported in the news columns of this issue. But we do feel the facts should be put clearly to the public.

In the first place, the motions passed by Esqueusing Council did not oppose any high school building program. They clearly stated that Esqueusing would consider a modified program and they did suggest building a school at Acton. We frankly admit we are disappointed with the decision not to accept the whole program, but we must be fair and view and comment on the news as it happens and not on our wishes. We quoted the motions of Esqueusing Council in our last week's issue of the Free Press and not an interpretation of them.

Over five years ago, when Halton County adopted a plan of county equalization, we hoped it would do an equalization job in a reasonable time without expensive court costs. There is evidence on every side the job hasn't been done very satisfactorily to date.

Esqueusing, and we believe Nassagaweya too, have justification in not being in accord with the assessment on the amount they are called upon to pay into the High School District. True the amount has been set by the Municipal Board for a five year period. It's just possible that the townships will refuse a building program until the legal term of assessment figures has elapsed. It's regrettable for the sake of secondary education in North Halton if such is the case. We are hopeful a compromise can be made.

The onus for the delay cannot all be placed on the townships. Georgetown has benefitted greatly and would in the building program, from the ruling of the Municipal Board five year settlement. That town sought in every way to raise such a ruling and in so doing Georgetown must shoulder most

It's Fishin' Time...

That particular disease called "May Madness" will be "bustin' out all over" tomorrow as Ontario's speckled trout season gets underway. On May 1st, a good share of a calculated 150,000 anglers will be found right here in Halton, to commence fishing one of Ontario's most prized game fish.

With regard to opening day prospects, fish management officials of the Department of Lands and Forests are strictly non-committal. Spring was late this year. A week before opening day many streams were running full and high. Speckled trout that had moved from their winter quarters in the lakes found ample food floating free of menacing hooks. High water, the experts say washes succulent tidbits, worms and bugs, into the streams to the waiting trout.

In southern streams, good fishing is doubly assured. From provincial hatcheries

of the responsibility for delay of the building program. In that attitude of that town lies the whole crux of the situation. It is rather interesting to note that both Acton and Milton can find agreement with the townships on the sharing of costs.

We do not want to rehearse events in the North Halton District High School over the past five years. Our files are bulging and most of the evidence points to a very uncooperative tendency on the part of Georgetown since the formation of the district. That town was the last one to join the district and the first to grasp the opportunity for a new school in Georgetown. We firmly believe if more understanding were shown in the attitude of Georgetown and a willingness to contribute equally as well as receive, the situation can be clarified. We don't like the attitude, however, of placing the blame on the townships by the newspaper of a town which hampered the program so much in north Halton. It is to be hoped Georgetown will show more cooperation with the townships and the plan of the District Board can receive endorsement.

Now for our comment. And we say it too. Let's be fair.

The Free Press says the motions did not oppose any high school building program at the present time. Esqueusing's resolution reads: "The council of Esqueusing is not in favour of any building program whatever until such time as the various municipalities in North Halton are paying on their actual equalized assessments, rather than on an arbitrary figure." We then went on to repeat the second part of the motion, concerning the suggestion to build one high school in Acton at a figure whereby the government subsidy would apply to the whole cost.

We are frankly puzzled at what the Acton writer is chiding us for and we resent the inference that in the news columns we were unduly colouring the story.

The question of Georgetown being a snake-in-the-grass and holding up school building is one which has good arguments on both sides. There are facts, presented by K. C. Lindsay at a meeting of the school board and township councils last week, which would seem to bear out the story that the two townships have been unfairly dealt with to the credit of Georgetown and Acton. There is the argument on the other side that the Municipal Board, an impartial body, made a ruling which they believed fair and just.

At the present time we do not intend to get into the argument. As a school board member we cannot take sides with one council or the other, and as a school board member, the Acton editor is also in a delicate position.

It would appear that Acton may be getting over-enthusiastic with visions of a brand new school for which Georgetown will be paying over a fifth of the cost, and forgetting that as a school district, students in all three schools should have similar benefits.

during the past few weeks, thousands of speckled beauties, ranging from seven inches up, have been distributed. These, along with the natural crops, may be readily taken... if the right bait is used at the right time, in the right waters, with the right skill.

Incidentally, the bag limit for speckled trout is 15 per day but not exceeding ten pounds in weight, minimum length seven inches. An exception is in Norfolk County where it is 10 per day, but not exceeding five pounds. For brown, rainbow, Aurora and Kamloops trout, the bag limit is five a day of seven inches minimum length. Five lake trout or ouananiche (landlocked salmon) regardless of size or weight may be taken each day.

We'll be looking to friend George Hoare to keep us informed about the fishing hereabouts, for editing and fishing don't seem to go together and we get little time for rod and reel.

LEGION NOTES

Last Thursday night the regular meeting of the Branch was held, president in the chair. After the roll call of executive officers, the minutes of the last general meeting and executive meetings were read and the general meeting minutes continued.

Two visitors were then introduced to the members, one Gordon Martin, from Orangeville, a former member of Branch 120 and the other past provincial president, Col. Fitzgerald, also from Orangeville. The treasurer's report was then read by Bill Roney followed by the reports of the various committees given by each chairman, sick, entertainment, property and sports. All presented excellent reports.

Correspondence was then dealt with, with most of it being left for general business.

It was decided to have the executive of the Branch meet with the W.A. and discuss the purchase of a new stove, in place of the one in addition to the present one, which, it is felt is inadequate for the job the ladies are trying to do.

The resignation of the entertainment chairman and his committee was accepted with regret and an election followed, with the decision to split the job — making two chairmen, one for bingo and the other for branch entertainment.

It was decided to take advantage of the offer of a Kitchener firm who had invited the branch to make an educational tour of their factory. Unfortunately only 40 can be handled and a bus will be hired. The first forty names on the list will be those going.

Other business was discussed and then Com. Fitzgerald was asked to speak. He complimented the branch on the way they conducted their meetings, and complimented them on the luxurious quarters, which he said were as fine as any in the province. He then referred to the instance that brought him over — namely the article in Legion Notes some weeks past regarding the broadcast he had made. He explained that he had only been a guest on the program and had not been in favour of mentioning any specific branch, but had had nothing to do with the arrangements of the broadcast. He said however, that he always enjoyed a good rib, and had enjoyed the article and understood the spirit it was given in. He said that this, although his first visit to Branch 120, would certainly not be his last. The president then thanked him for his kind words, and certainly felt proud that his article in the paper had been responsible for his visit, and hoped that he would visit with us many times in the future.

The meeting closed at 9:22 with God Save the Queen.

WONDER WHO will turn up at the Dominion Convention from the Branch? Gord Martin is going as a delegate from Orangeville. We have a hunch that at least a couple of the members are going. MY! MY! (and oh yes, fellows, it's O.K., it is a private trip, each individual paying their own way. Personally, we can't imagine a nicer town to have a convention in!!)

THE ZONE held a cribbage tournament last Tuesday night at the Branch. About forty were present from the other neighbouring towns in the zone. Sports chairman Denny Wright organized the affair and was assisted by 'Dutch' McCartney and Jack Kerr.

BUFFALO TRIP will soon be on the way again. If you're going you had better see Bill Roney or Will Hillis for your ticket. Should be a nice outing.

DONT FORGET the Auxiliary is entertaining all those in the cast of "Shooting Stars" and also all who helped behind stage. This should be a wonderful evening for all. Letters were read from the secretary of the Legion WA thanking the Legion for the use of the hall for their play, and also thanking those who helped in any way as well as those members in the cast for their cooperation. Another letter invited the participating members of the cast and those who helped backstage to a social evening on May 12th.

NEXT MONTH will see an initiation for any new members who wish it. Comrade J. F. McCartney and his degree team will put on the degree.

WE HEAR Scotty Patterson is trying a new line of endeavor just now, while waiting for the ball season to open. According to Ken (hockey and horses) McMillan, John is willing to manage or organize political campaigns. Seems he was Ken's "official organizer" at the big OHA election last Saturday in Toronto. Ken was elected this year to the OHA executive. Ken says when Scotty gets waving his arms about and talking, all he needs to make him look like a professional politician would be a good big cigar... Another man well known to local fans was elected to the 1st vice presidency, Tony Greig, from Wingham.

DIRECTORY

FARM NEWS

David Pelletterio is Ontario Junior Head



—Telegram Photo

DAVID PELLETTERIO

At the recent conference of the Junior Farmers of Ontario held at the Ontario Agricultural College, David Pelletterio, past president of Halton Junior Farmers was elected president of the provincial organization. It is indeed a real honour to be selected as president of this live and growing rural youth organization. With the position goes many responsibilities but our readers can rest assured that Dave will measure up. Over the years he has played an active and leading part in the Junior Farmer programme in his local group at Palerme — in the county organization, and during the past year as vice president of the Junior Farmers of Ontario he has made a worth while contribution to the achievements of Junior Farmers from a provincial aspect. Halton County may well be proud of Dave and his many, many friends not only in Halton but throughout the province will all wish him well in this important position. For the past one and one-half years Dave has been one of the supervisors of D.H.I.A. work in Halton. Owing to his new responsibilities he has found it necessary to resign from this position. His successor as a D.H.I.A. supervisor is Jack Trasdale, of Burlington R. R. 1. Mr. Trasdale is highly regarded in his home community and we are confident he will be equally as popular with the twenty six members of the group he is servicing as was his predecessor.

SHORTILL FARM FEATURED

The 6th Line farm of F. J. Shortill was last week's winner in Rural Photo Quiz. Another mystery farm in this issue.

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