



KIDS GET KICK OUT OF IRON HORSE

OBVIOUSLY THE RESULT of a lot of time and talent this entry in Saturday's Santa Claus Parade was a highlight for youngsters lining the route. The iron horse represented the sponsoring Jaycees and the steam era so well, judges gave it Best Social or Service Club float trophy.

Want Municipal Control For All Land Separations

Present legislation allows local municipalities to control dividing of rural lands into lots smaller than 10 acres but gives no control over areas of 10 acres and upward and it is creating headaches.

Officials said it the ten acre problem and last week the Halton County Planning Association agreed to draft a resolution for submission to the province asking permissive legislation under which the local municipality could insist on Committee of Adjustment approval on all separations of land. Separations under 10 acres must now be considered by the Committee.

Why are planners concerned about the sale of 10 acre parcels of land? They cited seven specific reasons to the County Planning Association: 1. It depletes the stock of agriculture land. It increases the demand for such services as fire and police protection in the areas often remote from the source of such services. 3. It results in a need for better roads and more frequent maintenance including snow removal. 4. Ma-

kes necessary the establishment of additional school facilities in the rural areas or of the introduction of bus services to carry students to the schools in urban areas. 5. It leads to contamination of land and ultimate need for a public water supply and for sanitary sewers. 6. Urbanization by means of jobs with areas of 10 acres or more, greatly complicates future land assembly for development when the time for planned urbanization approaches. 7. Lack of weed control by owners of large lots not related

to agricultural pursuit seriously affects farming in the adjacent areas. This all means added expense to the municipality.

Esquusing Reeve G. Leslie told the county association the problem gets worse every year. In that township the problem of dividing 100 acre farms into 10 acre parcels was slowed down by a requirement that every parcel have a frontage of 570 feet on an established road.

The situation in Esquusing, though, according to officials interviewed by this newspaper is that already 1,000 acres of land has been cut up into small holdings from 10 acres to 25 acres and 40 per cent of this was in the last three years.

The ten acre parcels have sold from a low of \$2,500 to a

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high of \$12,900 and in one case a purchaser bought 138 acres for \$20,000 before cutting it up into the smaller parcels.

A member of the Esquusing Committee of Adjustment pointed out there had been 150 applications for land separation to the parcels over ten acres this year. This in addition to the parcels over 10 acres which do not require Committee of Adjustment approval.

The shape of the 10 acre parcels is the major concern of many officials, since the division of a 10 acre farm can result in the 2,200 feet of frontage being divided evenly in units of 220 feet with the depth of the resulting lots about 2200

feet or nearly half a mile. The strip development, it is suggested, permits a house at the road allowance, and unused acres without future access, at the rear of all the properties.

At the County Planning Association, Nassagaweya Clerk Cal McIntyre suggested all severances of land from large parcels should be subject to the approval of a Committee of Adjustment. He noted a requirement of a minimum of 30 acres would still permit a half acre for a house and 29 and a half acres for weeds. He maintained the land at the back would be better retained in one block than split up between ten owners. "Well need that land in the back," he stressed.

Present New Trophy at Minor Softball Evening

The Glen Minor softball club enjoyed a turkey supper in the parish hall last Friday night as the formal windup of the baseball season. About one hundred boys as well as the following attended — President Mrs. Hazel Colpitts, Mrs. W. Charlie Fogal and Mrs. Fogal, secretary Marion Outhbert, director of the board, Charles and Mrs. Crawford, Roy Norton Sr. and Mrs. Norton, Earl Outhbert, Cr. Tom Hill, Rev. H. Liewell, who said 'Grace' and was master of ceremonies and the following coaches and their wives — Harold and Shirley Inglis, John and Marg Helnes, Don and Jean Hancock, Bob and Chris Heaton, Doug and Catherine Ward, Paul and Carol Marshall, Peter Norton and Liz Davidson and chief umpire Bill Korzack and his wife Edna and two of the sponsors — Al Spence, and Bob and Brenda Reynolds. The guest speaker, C. R. 'Pat' Patterson, who was introduced by Mr. Charlie Fogal gave a very interesting talk on hockey. He is a former OHA referee in chief.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation by Maurine Frank of the John Nepean Memorial Trophy to the most valuable player on the Atom team which was Jeff Haines. These boys are 6-8 years. It is the first time for this new trophy to be awarded and each year will be given to an Atom player. The mothers and helpers who did such an excellent job of serving the meal were: Mrs. Hazel Colpitts, Mrs. Shirley Klassen, Alice Hiltz, Shirley Fendley, Jackie Gray and Alice Hancock. The big supper is the windup of the softball season for another year.

The YMCA campaign will soon be underway. Anyone interested in helping be at the parish hall on Friday evening, Dec. 1st at 6:30 p.m.

The garage which was known as Harry's on Main St. has been purchased by Tom Haines and will be known as the T & T garage. Tom and his nephew, Timothy Haines will be operating it. Best of luck in their new venture.

Her friends in the village send best wishes to Mrs. Andrew McDonald who celebrated her ninetieth birthday on Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Anderson. Mr. Eric Appleyard of Guelph passed away recently. We send our sympathy to his sisters Mrs. Kate Smith and Mrs. Earl Marchment both, residents

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