

Meeting probes pollution-without guest speaker George Kerr

Non-appearance of guest speaker George Kerr disappointed 120 gathered last Thursday for the Y's Men's special dinner meeting, but his executive assistant, former newspaperman, Gordon Hampson, filled the shoes of the minister of energy and resources temporarily.

Expressing his own personal keen interest in pollution abatement, he briskly spoke the hopes and facts Mr. Kerr had intended to give and very capably answered the many questions from the interested audience.

It was only during the dinner that the over 100 men and a dozen or so women learned that the guest speaker was home in bed in Burlington. Mr. Hampson said he had hoped all day that Mr. Kerr might recover enough to come, but he had not. Mr. Hampson brought the bad news in the door of the music centre with him.

In the absence of Y's Men's president Ed Leatherland, Jim Lindsay was chairman for the well-attended dinner meeting. Rev. A. H. McKenzie said grace. During the delicious meal Charles Kirkness acted as finesmaster, with two microphones at the back of the room for the benefit of the various men who popped up with amusing variations on hostility and hilarity.

Just one of the few women proposed a fine - on all the men who had left their wives at home. (and one of them declared he'd gladly pay that.)

The \$9 so amusingly raised goes, as Bill Wilson explained, to the International Brotherhood fund, supported by 800 clubs, to send delegates to North America.

Guests included the district governor, Gene Filikes of Kitchener; Stan MacDonald, Toronto, head of the club's Bishop's Fund; John Galilee of North Toronto, Ted Fountain, Galt, and E. J. Lavender of the north Halton board of education office.

Head table guests included Mayor Les Duby, Lions president John Griefeneder and Rotary president Gordon McKeown.

Jim Lindsay and Rick Coe had arranged the evening and Harry Aybic played taped music.

In introducing the substitute speaker, Norm Elliott pointed out it was the club's intention to be of service to the community, and to get education on the problem of pollution.

Jack Greer thanked the speaker assuring him "You can expect 100 per cent co-operation from us." He was presented with a large cowhide rug.

Mr. Hampson of Burlington, a former newspaper reporter for the Hamilton Spectator, became Mr. Kerr's executive assistant six months ago. He was born in Hamilton, where pollution was bad 60 or 70 years ago.

You're the polluters, Mr. Hampson told the audience firmly... and it's the polluter who must pay for the results of years of neglect.

Man has only a few decades left to improve his environment, he warned, and ecologists say we're only nibbling at the problem. Limiting population is vital.

The people now must pay the piper after years of neglect - that means probably in passed on increased costs of goods and services, to pay for the anti-pollution devices which are becoming required. He thought the amount of charge used to stop pollution might even be indicated to the public - on a beer bottle, a hydro bill or a gas pump.

Lately, enthusiasm first generated in the U.S. is swelling in Canada and just now there's a terrific pressure on governments to "do something". The young people think the governments are hidebound - even morally irresponsible. \$5000 a day fine, they feel, is not enough.

However Mr. Hampson felt there was no good in moving too quickly. Industries are indeed embarrassed by being taken to court. Most encountered by Mr. Kerr, he said, are perfectly willing to co-operate over a period of years.

To shut down plants until pollution abatement equipment



REPRESENTING provincial minister of energy and resources George Kerr, executive assistant Gordon Hampson (centre) answers more questions on pollution for mayor Les Duby (left) and Y's Man Jim Lindsay (right). Over 120 heard Mr. Hampson replace the expected guest speaker at the special Y's Men's dinner meeting.-(Staff Photo)

was installed seemed extreme and foolish, he said, although the department will be getting "tougher".

In the nine months Mr. Kerr has been minister of energy and resources management he is riding a swell of interest in the subject of pollution which Mr. Hampson urged his listeners to maintain. You are the polluters, he accused. Get behind the government and co-operate with us.

He listed types of pollution with problematic circumstances:

1. The car - No. 1 polluter. He mentioned exhaust control requirement, engine changes - and the huge amount of money for the inventor of a new type of clean car.

2. Water - Ontario's problem with power boats, and the shortage of pump-out stations for holding tanks, set against federal authority over lake shipping.

3. Phosphates - with an Ontario ban expected if the federal ban isn't soon enough.

4. Industrial. Referring to Acton's odor problem, he declared North Halton is fortunate. He challenged local officials to ensure growth develops properly.

5. Jumbo jets - and the lack of information or legislation on noise pollution.

Questions from the floor brought out varied aspects of the pollution problem.

* Mr. Kerr is aware of North Halton's concern about drag racing, and the new concern over noise pollution.

* Tax relief for pollution equipment is due soon.

* Even returnable bottles are a terrible problem. And if beer bottles become non-returnable (which is being considered by the brewers) the situation would be terrible. Plastics create a problem as well. Liquid industrial wastes are at a crisis. And there's lots of money to be made by whoever reaches a solution.

* Yes, it's true Ontario acts alone in some ways. Montreal has no sewage treatment at all. Commercial shipping pollutes.

Other provinces are not working on pollution prevention as much, yet even in Ontario we are behind. We have made more strides than other provinces and states. He cited the O.W.R.C. and air pollution legislation.

* On soaps for housewives - the new product at Mac's Milk should be good, tests well, but many others will be coming.

* Proposed waste disposal plant south of Acton must go through various stages - O.W.R.C., minister in person, waste management branch, before it could be constructed contrary to wishes and reports of probable pollution of water.

* Unlike education, pollution legislation is all under the control of one man - because it works a lot better that way. It

takes a big title with government backing to talk to a big company. "We've found from experience legislation is a farce when run by local people."

No, it's not fair Acton should cease burning at the dump, leaves, and Christmas trees, while other municipalities keep it up despite the government's request. Be glad, Acton's a leader!

* This summer university students will be inspecting cottages to make sure they meet our standards. Too often the local M.O.H. has been ineffective.

Mayor Duby pointed out Acton is to have its new \$3/4 million pollution control plant open this year, and now has a landfill garbage site. Whatever we do, we do with best intent, he informed the speaker at the end of the evening.

John Andersen Rotary president

John Andersen was elected president of the Rotary Club at their meeting Tuesday. Other officers will be vice-president Dave Muckle; secretary Ron McKnight; treasurer Dave Manes; directors Phil McCristall, George Maltby, Kristian Larson and Bruce Cargill. A new member joined the club, Colin Bennell.

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