



BIG TEARS are shed by Sunbonnet Sue during the popular Robert Little school operetta. Over 800 saw the show two nights. More pictures and story inside today's Free Press.

Planning board urges start annexation plans

A request for services for a development on the Third Line of Esquesing has prompted Acton Planning Board to ask Acton council for funds to take an annexation study and eventual annexation of land in the township.

Alec Zankl of A-Z Construction told planning board he had 20 acres on the north side of the Third Line, (Churchill Rd.) from the new curling club and wished to start developing the property with a six-plex condominium type

housing. The township planning board told him they would issue a building permit if he was able to get services from the town of Acton.

Planning Board, after some discussion, passed a resolution which registered no objection to the request for water and sewer services for the project, although member Meb Blow said he was not convinced Churchill Rd. N. was the proper site for row housing.

Councillor Earl Masales, one of two council members on

planning board, told the board that the delay in regional government put a new complexion on the annexation issue. Council was aware of Mr. Zankl's plan and thought this would be another good argument for annexation in the township.

The town has already one argument in favor of annexing land along Churchill Rd. with the water service provided for residents along the road north of the proposed development, Mr. Masales pointed out.

Mr. Zankl told the board that the township planning board could see no reason to hold the project up since the property would likely soon go to Acton, anyway. Chairman Sid Saitz urged the A-Z head to get the Esquesing opinion in writing.

Mr. Saitz said that since council was in favor of the project and there was a definite need of some additional assessment the board should consider two resolutions—one to urge an annexation study for eventual annexation of township

land and the other registering no objection to the request for services. Both resolutions passed.

Mr. Saitz maintained there was a trend toward the town housing or condominium type of house, reminding the board they really had no jurisdiction over the property since it was still in the township.

Houses will be three and four bedroom units and will likely sell from \$17,000 up, the board was told.

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County decides to ask for Halton-only region

"No way will we jump into regional government until we know some specifics on what it will cost. I want to know in dollars and cents," Nassagaweya Reeve A. MacArthur told Halton County Council at their March meeting Tuesday.

At a closed meeting Friday the mayors, reeves and deputy-reeves in the county decided to push for a Halton-only region acting immediately on a restructured five municipality basis with representation to be decided later. The municipalities were to include all seven present municipalities in the county. After a heated debate county council agreed to uphold the decision to push for a Halton region.

When the resolution was presented at council a map

signed by Deputy-Reeve Ted Tyler of Acton, Gordon Agnew of Nassagaweya and Tom Hill of Esquesing was presented outlining the boundaries they requested before agreeing to the regional Halton.

"We have every reason to take a dim view of regional government after last week when our education bill went up 6.21 mills and the rest of the county had a reduction. Education is no better than it was a year or two ago, yet we pay far more. It is not enough to say we've got to go regional, hurry, let's go," Mrs. MacArthur claimed. "Prove to me the value of it," she challenged.

Burlington Reeve Gordon Gallagher said the restructuring would depend on servicing. He said they could enter the agreement to go for a regional

government in Halton now and then study boundaries over the next three or four months and come to an agreement.

Mrs. MacArthur suggested studying the boundaries and representation for four or five months, and then consider regional government. Deputy Reeve Tyler and Deputy Reeve Agnew agreed they needed some assurance of what would happen before they agreed to a Halton Region.

Reeve Gallagher called for a recorded vote on both the motion and the amendment. "It's the same old thing," shouted Tyler referring to the north-south battle. The amendment was defeated with only Tyler, Esquesing Deputy Reeve Hill, Reeve MacArthur, Deputy Reeve Agnew and Acton

Reeve Frank Oakes in favor. Reeve MacArthur and Deputy Reeve Agnew were the lone objectors to the motion on the Halton region when it was presented.

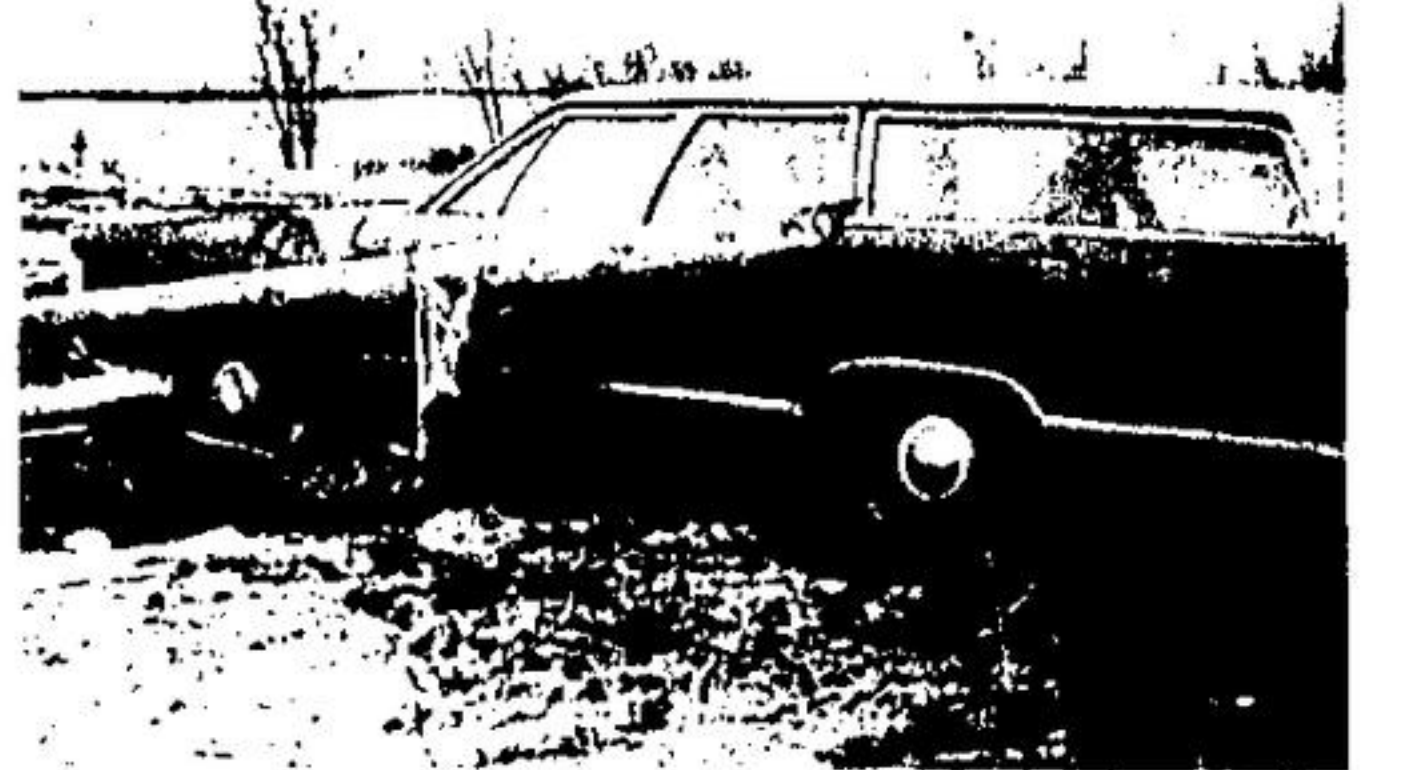
Esquesing Reeve George Currie agreed with the regional unit for Halton and said boundaries could be fought over later. "No matter how you do it you are going to slice Esquesing up," he said.

Deputy Reeve Percy Barr of Milton said the consensus of Milton Council agreed with the Halton-only region and they were agreeable to fighting over boundaries later.

Mr. Tyler said Acton and the two townships just wanted to be certain of an opportunity to mould and control their destiny and keep some rural land.

Reeve William Hunter of Georgetown called the proposed boundaries the craziest thing he ever saw. "Why hold in a town of 16,000 for a town of less than 5,000?" he said.

The map allowed for 25 square miles of land for Georgetown to expand south of the town but cut them off from the north. The proposed boundaries also allowed for expansion of Acton.



A STATION WAGON driven by Elsbeth Kimmeler of Willowdale suffered extensive damage in a two-car collision, east of Acton, Saturday. — (Staff Photo)

Increase fees, wages summer playground

Higher registration fees and a boost in pay for leaders has been recommended by the program committee for Acton's 1970 summer playground.

Committee chairman Bob Laughlin told the Board of Parks Management and Recreation Committee they expected a record enrolment for the playground this year and it would require a budget of \$2,700 to operate.

Seventeen leaders have been picked by the program head and playground supervisor including a swimming instructor. Mr. Laughlin said he was impressed with the calibre of the young people who volunteered for the job but recommended they receive raises that would up pay to a minimum of 50c to \$1 an hour.

"They've been underpaid for years," the program chairman said. "We pay baby sitters 40 or 50c an hour and yet expect the leaders to receive less than that figure."

Suggested playground registration fees for the six week program this year are \$7 for one child, \$12 for two and \$15 for three or more in a family. There is also a combination rate to include swimming lessons.

The chairman suggested that the committee should also consider subsidizing any family unable to pay without the knowledge of anyone except the board.

Parks and recreation committee members meet with council tonight (Wednesday) to hammer out a budget.

Lauds company co-operation

Parks Board chairman Peter Marks had kind words for Beardmore and Co. following the disclosure that the company has passed total responsibility for all the reclaimed land around Fairy Lake belonging to the company over to the Board of Parks Management.

Cost to the board is a nominal \$1 a year.

"Beardmore's have taken a lot of static over the past few years," the chairman said, "and it should be noted they acted very responsibly over this."

Mr. Marks said the company couldn't have been more co-operative regarding the agreement and he felt the board should reciprocate.

A resolution was passed applying for an amendment to the zoning by-law which would rezone the land acquired from R1 to O1 (Open space parks).

Turned down Bower Ave. Sr. Citizen site

Concerned some people might misconstrue the reasons why an apartment development is proposed on property owned by Mrs. Hazel Orr off Bower Ave. when a senior citizens' development was proposed there at one time, Mayor Les Duby said council had no control over the matter at the time.

Central Mortgage and Housing turned the property down for senior citizens' housing because of the cost and low lying ground, he told council Tuesday night. Council of that time hoped the property could have been developed for senior citizens' apartments and were disappointed when CMHC turned it down.

"C.M.H.C. didn't have the cash to finance it," said Councillor McKenzie.

Councillor Orv Chapman admitted he was disturbed at the thought of developers "plunking great big 70 ft. apartments behind houses on Bower Ave."

But Councillor Coats told Mr. Chapman to keep this in mind when the application comes to rezone since no action could be taken at this time.

There is already a letter of complaint from area residents and it will be dealt with in time, concluded Councillor Masales.

Season's first

Acton firefighters responded quickly to the season's first grass fire early Thursday afternoon.

A field of dead grass caught fire beside the home of Dave McDonald on the Fourth Line of Esquesing near the township dump.

The fire was under control by the time firefighters arrived.

Parking attendant impostor takes free trip to Thunder Bay

Drivers, who have occasion to visit city establishments employing parking attendants, can take a tip from an incident involving an area man last Thursday night.

After pulling up to the front of the Skyline Hotel in Toronto, the driver was greeted by a well-dressed, clean cut young man, claiming to be the hotel parking attendant.

The driver handed over his keys, when the man offered to park his car.

Later in the evening the driver emerged to find his car missing from the hotel parking lot. The attendant turned out to be an impostor.

Police found the stolen car in Thunder Bay the next day. The "attendant" was dressed in an ordinary business suit.

Marshall criticizes "open concept" idea

Halton County Board of Education policy once again came in for criticism at Monday night's meeting of Esquesing Council.

When clerk-treasurer Delmar French informed council the township's mill rate would drop approximately one mill in spite of a requisition from the board that represented an increase over 1969 of approximately \$64,000, reeve George Currie was not impressed.

"That doesn't mean a darn thing," he said. "They raise your

assessment, then they drop the mill rate."

The township has had an increase in assessment.

Councillor Ken Marshall, a constant critic of Halton education agreed and also criticized the board's new "open concept" idea now in operation at Pineview School.

"I don't know why they wouldn't be satisfied to consolidate the thing and get it running, before they brought in these innovations," he said.

Councillor Marshall said he

thought the "open concept" idea was a backward step.

"The Regional Development Council report recommends that schools be run by a committee of council," he reminded his colleagues.

"It's got to be closer to the people than it is now," he warned.

Esquesing Council last November soundly endorsed suggestions from councillor Marshall that salaries of the Board's trustees and educators be drastically reduced.

Delegation receives apologies for cut-up

Embarrassed members of the Board of Parks Management apologized profusely to a three member delegation from the Acton Agricultural Society Monday for cutting up the downstairs meeting room in the community centre without first consulting the society.

Fair board president Bill Nelles, along with Ken Murray and Bert Hinton appeared at the regular meeting of parks board, to protest against another proposal to cut up the upstairs auditorium to accommodate a larger booth.

Parks members, accosted by the delegation and two official documents, were told the society was annoyed by the board's action because the downstairs meeting room had been set aside for their use as long as there is an Acton Fair and they were not consulted about proposed changes.

President Nelles told the board if a full membership of the society showed up for a meeting now it would be impossible to get them all in the downstairs room without standing on top of one another.

Parks Board members, all relatively new members of the board confessed they weren't aware of any past agreements with the society. It was news to them.

We don't want to get into a fight but if alterations are made to the upstairs auditorium we'll have to move the hall exhibits, school work, baking, fancy work

displays out into the arena where they are liable to be damaged, Mr. Nelles said.

Parks chairman Marks assured the delegation the board had decided against dividing the upstairs auditorium. "You can put your mind at rest on that, anyway," he said.

Referring to the by-laws which the chairman read aloud, Mr. Murray admitted there were no restrictions on cutting up the downstairs room there. "It was more talked into — a gentleman's agreement," he declared, where it was agreed if the society raised funds for the community centre they could have full use of the room. "We'd soon only have a cloak room left if we didn't voice some objection," he said.

Arena manager Harold Townsley recalled going to the president of the Agricultural Society to get a copy of the agreement when he was a member of Parks Board but claimed it was never received and the room was divided up.

Would the delegation consider holding fair board meetings in the upstairs auditorium?

The matter would have to come before a full board, said Mr. Hinton, since some members could react violently to the suggested solution.

"Fair Board shouldn't be asked to relinquish their rights to the room," he claimed.

Still time to nominate Citizen of Year

Suggestions for Citizen of the Year are still being sought by the Chamber of Commerce. A meeting will be held next Monday when a vote will be taken to decide which person will be honored at the annual Citizen of the Year dinner.

The committee is very anxious to hear from anyone with a recommendation of who might be honored.

The Chamber members are very concerned to hear a rumour has been circulating, naming their supposed choice for Citizen of the Year. They emphasized to the Free Press that no decision has been made yet.

Tickets are on sale for the Citizen of the Year dinner now. M.P. Rud Whiting has already accepted an invitation, the Hon. George Kerr has also been invited as well as Acton mayor Les Duby.

Clinic time

Give to save a life... It's blood donor clinic time again. Let's hope attendance isn't disappointing this time at the Legion - Thursday, March 26, 3 to 4.45; then 6.30 to 8.15 St. John Ambulance brigade are sponsors.

Slight injuries in two crashes

Vehicles driven by two Peel St. residents were involved in two separate collisions on Highway 7 west of the Erin-Ballinafad Road, east of Acton, and within half an hour of one another Saturday afternoon—but investigating officers from Milton OPP indicate there was no connection between either accident.

In the first collision, cars driven by Elsbeth Kimmeler of Willowdale and Alfred Lucarelli of 376 Peel St., Acton were involved, causing \$2,600

damage. A passenger in the Kimmeler car, three-year-old Lydia Kimmeler suffered a bump on the head and Mrs. Caroline Lucarelli, a passenger in the second vehicle, had a bruised arm.

Half an hour later and half a mile further east, vehicles driven by Russell Snooks of Brampton and Gary McFadden of 297 Peel St. collided for \$700 damage. Diana Crocker of Brampton, a passenger in the Snooks vehicle was listed as injured ithe OPP report.

Fell through ice rescued by scout

Steven Papillon is being recommended for a Boy Scout award, following his rescue of a girl from the icy water of Fairy Lake on March 6.

The girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Hill, of Main St. N. didn't know for some time the name of the boy who had saved their daughter. When they learned it, and that he is a scout, they wrote a letter to scoutmaster McCann.

"We and the whole family give this boy our heartfelt thanks. The scouts and most certainly his parents must be very proud of him. All we can hope is that Suzie's mishap will be a lesson to other children. After all, there are not always Steven Papillons of this world about at such times. Susie will always be grateful to the boy. We all will."

Apparently on the school holiday, children were playing out on Fairy Lake despite many warnings. The ice gave way under 10-year-old Suzie and she went into very deep water. Her heavy clothing soon became waterlogged and began to drag her under. Her 11-year-old sister Victoria tried to hang on to the hood of her coat but realizing she could not take the weight, she began to scream for help.

Two boys came racing over. One, realizing the ice was not safe, leapt back quickly. However Steven, not thinking of his own safety, managed to catch hold of the girl and get her out of the water and back onto the ice.

He told Victoria to take her home at once. Soaked, shocked and thoroughly chilled, Suzie just suffered a cold and chill.

Steven is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Papillon.



FOR HIS BRAVERY in rescuing 10 year old Suzie Hill from the icy waters of Fairy Lake, Friday, March 6, 12 year old Steven Papillon is being recommended for a Boy Scout award. Steven is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Papillon, 52 Nelson Court. — (Staff Photo)