

Slight Esquering mill rate increases

Esquering township residents in the Acton and Milton areas will receive slight tax increases this year, while Georgetown area residents will have to wait until a mill rate for Esquering fire area number 1 can be established before learning of their overall rate.

Esquering council, Monday night approved the proposed mill rates for the year 1970 by motion, until such time as a mill rate for the Esquering fire area number 1 can be determined and a by-law passed, setting out all mill rates for the year.

Acton area residents will receive a 2.28 mill increase from the 1969 rate of 60.82 to this year's 63.10 rate. The 1970 rate includes 16.98 mills for county and township purposes, 25.86 mills for public schools, 18.73 mills for secondary schools and 1.53 mills for fire protection.

Milton area residents will receive a 1.55 mill increase from the 1969 rate of 60.17 to this year's 61.72 figure. Included in the Milton rate are 16.98 mills for county and

township purposes, 25.86 for public schools, 17.48 mills for secondary schools and 1.4 mills for fire protection.

Acton area's commercial and industrial rate has been upped .34 of a mill from 68.59 to 68.93, while the Milton area commercial and industrial rate has decreased .39 of a mill from 67.94 to 67.55.

A complete breakdown of the budget follows:

PROPOSED MILL RATE FOR 1970				
	1969	1970	Incr.	Decr.
TOWNSHIP				
Farm and Residential	8.36	10.85	2.49	
Commercial and Industrial	11.13	12.05	.92	
COUNTY				
Farm & Residential	5.56	6.13	.57	
Commercial & Industrial	13.92	16.98	3.06	
PROP. Mill Rate				
1969	60.82	63.10	2.28	
1970	60.17	61.72	1.55	

Public School	26.84	25.86	.98
Farm and Residential	29.82	28.73	1.09

Secondary Schools			
Acton: Farm and Residential	18.26	18.73	.47
Commercial & Indust.	20.28	20.49	.21
Milton: Farm & Residential	18.26	17.48	.78
Commercial & Indust.	20.28	19.24	1.04
G'town: Farm & Residential	18.26	14.30	3.96
Commercial & Indust.	20.28	16.06	4.22

FIRE AREAS:			
Acton	1.80	1.53	.27
Georgetown	3.54		
Milton	1.15	1.4	.25

STREET LIGHTING			
Glen Williams	1.22	1.5	.3
Norval	1.20	2.5	1.3
Stewarttown	2.50	1.1	1.4



PRAISE FROM Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau was included in the recognition accorded Acton's 1970 Citizen of the Year, 12-year-old Steve Papillon. M.P. Rud Whiting brought greetings and a letter conveying the prime minister's message. See inside for full story.—(Staff Photo)

William Coon, Acton attendance counsellor

William A. Coon of Acton, one of 62 people who applied, was named Attendance Counsellor for the North Education Area at the regular April meeting of the Halton County Board of Education.

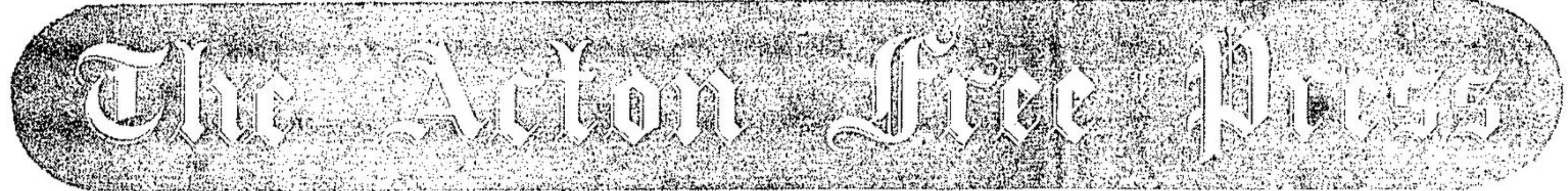
The counsellor will work with the Children's Aid Society, Halton County Health Unit and various branches of society in his new job.

At present he is employed by the Department of Correctional Services as a supervisor-

counsellor with wards of the training schools. During his eight years with the Department he has been in contact with boys eight to 18 years old as well as their parents and guardians.

Mr. Coon has taken extensive courses with the Department of Correctional Services and is enrolled as a mature student at Waterloo Lutheran University, where he studies courses related to the work of an attendance counsellor.

Mr. Coon is active in hockey and minor sports in Acton.



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THE BISHOP OF KAMLOOPS, British Columbia, the Most Rev. M. A. Harrington conferred the sacrament of Confirmation on 20 candidates at St. Joseph's Church, Thursday evening. Story and picture of confirmation class inside.—(Staff Photo)

Ask Dept. Labor look at arena

The Department of Labor will be asked to send a representative to look over Acton's arena and local contractors will be asked for bids and recommendations.

Both of council's representatives to the parks and recreation committee, Orval Chapman and Peter Marks, spoke to the rest of council Tuesday about the meeting of their committee with engineer Art Johns.

Mr. Chapman explained the engineer said the building and ice surface were safe, but he

wouldn't recommend it for crowds. He would not definitely say it was unsafe, Mr. Chapman reported. The engineer had recommended they call on the Department of Labor.

Reeve Dr. Oakes protested that at council's budget time, this was not known. "No councillor is foolish enough to refuse to spend money on an unsafe building," he said. Council is not stubborn, but the information had come out after the budget was set. "What do I have to do to convince you we

need the money?" groaned Councillor Marks.

Added councillor G. W. McKenzie: I still think this can be done for less, if local contractors are asked for bids. "If you haven't enough money, come back to council".

Mayor Duby recalled council had the total budget to consider at budget time, and parks and recreation board's request for \$21,000 for repairs was "just a bit too much." Council had cut the amount to \$13,000.

Mayor Duby said apparently

the parks and recreation committee had expected a letter of explanation from council. Our two representatives on the board is enough, he said. I can't justify special consideration for them.

Dr. Oakes explained perhaps the misunderstanding had arisen when he was asked by Mr. Marks for an explanation, and he replied that it could be arranged. However, he too agreed that council's representation on the board is considered sufficient for the relaying of information.

Individual rights vs. best planning? council upholds owner's property rights

"The day has come when we've got to start thinking about the individual," declared deputy-reeve Ted Tyler as council Tuesday defeated planning board's recommendation for the rezoning of two adjacent lots, to permit a green belt around the park.

All councillors but parks board representative Peter Marks strongly opposed the suggestions that Joe Jan's lot in Lakeview subdivision should be rezoned from residential to conservation.

Mr. Marks had attended the last planning board meeting to ask for the rezoning of one lot and part of another in the subdivision. Planning board had approved the recommendation and forwarded it to council.

The partial lot has already been decided to the town, and council readily agreed to the rezoning of this lot.

However, the rezoning of Mr. Jan's lot went against the grain of most councillors. Mr. Jan originally owned the farm which became Lakeview subdivision, and retained this one lakeside lot. He lives now in Montreal.

Deputy-reeve Tyler exclaimed: This is infringement on a person's private property. You can't do these things to a man! Are we going to buy his land at market value?

Mr. Marks pointed out parks board was asking planning board and council to consider it on a sound planning basis only. It would create a buffer zone and a green belt could be envisioned all around the circumference of the lake. "Governments are doing this all the time".

He suggested the value would be felt by Mr. Tyler's grandchildren.

Retorted Mr. Tyler: I want my grandchildren to have their rights!

Commented Dr. Oakes: If a man can't acquire land and build on it, there's something wrong around here. It's out of order even suggesting this.

Councillor McKenzie recalled the decision wasn't unanimous at planning board, and members weren't all there. "I say again, buy it first and then I'll support it."

Asked if Mr. Jan had been

informed, Mr. Marks said several letters had been written to him, without reply. He said he agreed with the sentiments expressed but sometimes a decision, made in the best interests of the town, is regrettable.

Mayor Duby suggested ways be found of reclaiming land. It would cost as much to buy as to reclaim a portion, he thought.

Said Mr. Marks: We did this before when Dills' land was rezoned from residential and commercial to conservation.

Several councillors objected that case was different.

As Mr. Marks made another appeal for councillors to take the long-range view, Mr. Tyler exclaimed that he feels he represents citizens — Mr. Jan "as well as the guy on Peel St."

The recommendation that lot 132 be rezoned for conservation, but that lot 133 (Mr. Jan's) not be rezoned, passed with only Mr. Marks objecting.

Disturbance

An Acton man was charged by Acton O.P.P. with causing a disturbance in the Station Hotel on Saturday.

Saturday accident

A charge was laid following an accident at Mill and Wilbur Sts. Saturday morning, after a car came out of a driveway and struck another. The car driven by Donald Ford, 123 Crescent St., Acton, received \$250 damage while the car driven by Herbert J. Brown, R. R. 1, was not damaged.

Whiting proposals on desertion create widespread interest

Halton M.P. Rud Whiting's suggestion to establish a pool of information to locate deserting husbands has stirred up wide interest across the country, as well as reaching the ear of the Minister of National Health and Welfare, the Hon. John Munro.

Mr. Munro has asked to see Mr. Whiting regarding the proposals which the Halton M.P. suggested might be incorporated in the white paper on social welfare which the minister proposes to present to the House of Commons soon.

Mr. Whiting advocated a co-operative pool between the provinces and the federal government to trace husbands who deserted their wives and children.

"In my opinion it is one of the

No public meeting say clerk, Hydro

Newspaper reports of a public meeting for Nassagaweya residents called by Ontario Hydro for Wed. May 6 have been denied by Ontario Hydro.

The meeting is between the Nassagaweya Planning Board and representatives of Hydro, the Free Press was told this morning (Wednesday) by officials of Ontario Hydro.

Nassagaweya clerk Cal McIntyre denied any knowledge of a public meeting over the proposed hydro line that has been rumored will cut across the township. "I've had no instructions from council and nobody has booked the hall," he told the Free Press.

Hydro officials confirmed it was strictly between the township officials and themselves.

Reports in a neighboring daily paper said Ontario Hydro called a public meeting in response to a Nassagaweya township brief of protest expressing concern over a proposed route for the power line.

The report claimed that while opposition to the Hydro move has been almost nil to date, the pot is starting to boil. It claimed many residents were protesting the imminent expropriation of large blocks of farmland to make way for a large project which could be a hydro line, international airport or super highway.

Not much encouragement for Canada games here

Sports enthusiasts promoting a Halton-Peel bid to host the Canada Games for 1973 won't get much encouragement from Halton County Council, not yet anyway. At the April meeting of County Council in Milton yesterday (Tuesday) council filed a letter from the Minister of Education encouraging municipalities to put a bid in for the games.

Reeve Frank Oakes of Acton said no municipality in Halton would be willing to put up \$350,000 to partially host the games. When Burlington Deputy-reeve David Coons suggested Acton might, Reeve Oakes noted they were the only ones who could.

Deputy Reeve William Gillies of Oakville cautioned his colleagues not to forget the idea altogether. He noted there was a group of sports enthusiasts in the two counties who were trying to bring the games to Halton-Peel.



LACROSSE RETURNED to the community exhibition. Turn to the sports pages for pictures centre Friday night as the renowned Oshawa and story.—(Staff Photo) Green Gaels thumped the Acton Rams 20-7 in an

Sheridan applications nearly triple 1969

Applications for fall programs at Sheridan College are running close to three times as many as this time last year, college registrar, John Bromley reports. In mid-April last year there were about 400 applications. On April 20 this year the total stood at 1,150, much more than double the previous year.

Two extra girls have gone to work in the registrar's office to help handle the rush.

Dragway provokes heated discussion between residents and councillors

Esquering council have agreed to consult with the township solicitor about drawing up by-laws to regulate drag strips and race tracks in the township, as the result of a heated discussion with township residents Peter Bowman, Ellis Taylor and Clarence Coles at Monday night's council meeting. The trio, all of whom own property near the proposed Golden Horseshoe Dragway east of Acton, asked council to impose limitations on the

operation of the dragway for their protection.

Mr. Bowman, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Coles are three of eight plaintiffs, who will claim noise nuisance and devaluation of property at a trial in Milton May 11.

"You told me last week you were going to get some by-laws," Mr. Bowman reminded council. Reeve George Currie said he didn't think council were in any position to do anything, while the matter was still in the courts.

"If we draw up a by-law and you win the case, what good is the by-law?" the reeve asked Mr. Bowman.

"What about somebody else trying to start one up in the future?" Mr. Bowman shot back. "We're hoping for protection from our council," Mr. Coles added.

When Mr. Bowman asked about council's plans to erect a fence between his property and the dragway, Reeve Currie said the erection of a line fence was

always on a 50-50 cost sharing basis between property owners.

The suggestion provoked Mr. Bowman.

"Maybe you'd like to come up and spend a weekend and guard my property, when it starts," he shouted at the reeve.

Deputy-reeve Tom Hill said he thought council should consult their solicitor about the by-law, but added, "As far as fencing, I don't think we can do anything about it."