



TORONTO MAPLE LEAF defenceman Pat Quinn congratulates Rick Bonnette, after the Firefighter bantam netminder was named outstanding goalie in the Acton Tri-County Minor Hockey Association Saturday. Pat was a big hit as the banquet's guest speaker. For more pictures and story see the Free Press Sports Pages.—(Staff Photo)

# Halton teachers support Toronto demands

Sixty six per cent of the secondary school teachers in Halton county have voted to reject current school board offers concerning working conditions and have served notice they will support Toronto teachers in their fight for "quality teaching," before talking about salaries.

Of the 761 teachers who voted, 536 voted yes, 207 no, and there were 18 spoiled ballots. Another 48 were absent when the vote was taken.

After a heated meeting of the Halton Branch of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation at Nelson High School Thursday, teachers returned to vote in their schools Friday.

At a press conference Monday Halton O.S.S.T.F. president Paul Martindale of Acton said there

were at least three reasons why they would continue talks on working conditions.

He said the most important reason was they felt "the June 26 moratorium on hiring set by the Ontario Trustees Council and backed by the Halton Board is not made with the best interest of our students in mind". Mr. Martindale said it wasn't fair to hold off hiring until June 26 and accused the Boards of Education of steam roller tactics. He indicated there was a rumor around that the Board would consider hiring teachers from the elementary system to teach in the secondary schools. He said this would hurt both systems.

He felt teachers in Halton "completely support" the Toronto demand to be "meaningfully involved in the decision making process." Mr. Martindale said that with every decision concerning the teacher there should be consultation before the Board considers its policy. The Halton Board has agreed

to send all reports of proposed policy to the Federation to keep them updated and give them the opportunity to object.

The teachers objected "the desire to refer so many key issues such as class size, audio visual technicians and para-professionals to committees is unreasonable and the rejection by the Board of such issues as guidelines for class size, a change in the student-teacher ratio and a refusal to increase night school allowances is completely unsatisfactory," Martindale said in a printed release.

Qualified teachers of night school receive \$10 an hour, unqualified teachers will get \$8.50 and summer school teachers will get \$10 plus extra allowance for responsibility.

When asked by a reporter if the Federation had considered the financial implications of reducing class sizes Mr. Martindale said it was difficult to say just how much it would cost but he did say to put audio visual technicians in 13 schools as requested would cost about

\$80,000 or \$90,000.

In a printed release from the Ontario Trustees Council of Ontario Chairman John Ronson of Burlington said, "If Ontario school boards were to meet demands similar to those of Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation in Metro Toronto it would cost the provinces' taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars a year."

At present there is a shortage of secondary school teachers, and the hiring of unqualified teachers to meet the new demands would be necessary. Because these people are unqualified it is difficult to see how this contributes to "quality education", which is one of the Federation slogans says the Council Chairman.

"Many boards do or plan to involve their teaching staffs in discussions concerning working conditions. Trustees believe teachers' opinions are valuable but feel that the final decision must be made by the public's elected representatives." Mr. Ronson says in addition to

these demands many boards are being asked for excessive salary increases ranging as high as 35 per cent. "If school boards were to accede to these additional salary demands by the Federation, the annual education budgets in the province would soar into the realm of the fantastic," says Mr. Ronson.

He reiterated earlier Council statements that the boards stand willing to consider the viewpoint of teachers on conditions of work and to negotiate a reasonable salary settlement. "In the meantime we look to the moderates in the Federation to provide a balanced and reasonable attitude while the current situation is more fully explored and the issues resolved," Mr. Ronson concluded.

At the Federation meeting Thursday Hugh Childs, Chairman of the Negotiation Committee for the Halton Division O.S.S.T.F. presented teachers with a progress report from the negotiating committee.

His report indicated the request for audio visual technicians, the matter of class sizes, the use of para-professionals and the matter of professional development were all currently or soon to be under study by various committees and would all be coming before the Board.

The report noted there was some concession on the pupil-teacher ratio for next year by the Board. The ratio will be reduced because co-ordinators and consultants no longer will be considered in the ratio. This has the effect of eight more teachers in the East Area, six in the West Area and none in the North because of transfers to Brock School in Burlington.

## Collect \$270

Dump supervisor Fred Robinson has collected a total of \$270.50 at the Esquesing township dump, since charges for dumping refuse were instituted March 23.

# Hydro rates up starting Aug. 1

Holding the line on hydro rates, a prerogative exercised by Acton Hydro Commission virtually alone in the past few years has finally caught up with the local Commission.

At last Thursday's meeting Acton Hydro Commission passed a resolution approving increased rates to become effective on all bills issued on or after August 1, 1970. There was a change in 1959—but it was a reduction.

Chairman Wilf McEachern said the Commission is facing large increases in labor costs, material and other local costs as well as the cost of power purchased from Ontario Hydro.

Increasing use of electrical energy over the last 16 years had been a major factor in holding the line on costs for customers. Residential users of energy have increased their monthly average from 377 kilowatt hours in 1954 to 690 kilowatt hours in 1969.

Average cost of a kilowatt hour has declined over the years from 1.28 cents in 1954, 1.20 cents in 1959 and 1.06 cents in 1969. The rate increase will bring it back to about the same level it was 10 years ago.

Along with the new rates will come several new methods of billing customers. Customers now in separate Commercial and Industrial classes will be billed on a common rate system known as the General Rate.

Initially, the change to the general rate will result in varying increases or decreases to customers but Hydro officials say it is designed to equitably recover the cost of serving customers.

The new rates are subject to approval from Ontario Hydro but local commissioners point out this is usually a formality.

# Abolish flat rate on water heaters, church discount

Flat rates on electric water heaters will be a thing of the past after August 1 this year.

Acton Hydro Commission passed a motion, subject to the approval of Ontario Hydro, eliminating the flat rate water heater charge at their Thursday meeting. As of August 1, all electric water heaters will be billed at a special preferred rate.

# Just what doctor ordered says mayor

"Just what the doctor ordered."

That was Mayor Les Duby's reaction to the Ontario Design for Development concept plan for the Toronto-centred region, released last week.

Speaking at Thursday's Hydro Commission meeting, the mayor admitted he was very happy with plans for this area which left room for a "nice town with a few more amenities."

"We can move ahead now and not be too concerned," he told the Commission. He felt the plan, which retained the rural-urban connotation, would also produce industry for the urban areas, including Acton.

"I couldn't be more satisfied personally. We should be off and running."

The Acton Commission also decided to discontinue the 50 per cent discount to churches and the 25 per cent premium allowed the community centre. Mayor Les Duby opposed the provision for cutting the churches off from the discount because of the increased difficulty the churches are having to stay alive. He told the Commission that all gained from the work of the churches and the amount of money involved (\$424) was not going to affect the operation of the Commission.

"Why should the churches be any different than any other commercial organization?" asked Commissioner Bob MacArthur.

"In many instances it is the little person with the pittance for living who keep the churches alive," replied the mayor, "and we burden them with increased cost and make it more difficult than ever for them to operate."

I can't openly support a move to eliminate the discount, the mayor continued. Churches are people and some of the regular contributors are those with fixed incomes.

The mayor said that if the day ever comes when the churches had to close, everyone would have to go to the park with big beads to pick flowers and preach something nutty.

The commission passed the resolutions however, all of which emanated from recommendations from Ontario Hydro for setting up a new rate structure.

In the absence of Chairman Wilf McEachern, vice-chairman E. G. Tyler presided for the meeting.

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## Vicky Newton graduates

Vicky Newton, R. R. 4, Acton, has graduated from Stratford Teachers College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Newton. After graduating from Acton District High School she attended the University of Waterloo for two years before changing to Teachers College.

The graduation dinner was held last Thursday and the graduation ball last Friday.

# Quarry asks twp. to move dump

Esquesing Council has been asked to find a new location for the township dump.

Don Murdy, manager of Indusmin Quarries near Acton, made the request at Monday night's council meeting.

The township has been leasing land between the Third and Fourth Lines on which the dump is situated, from the Quarries.

The original site was comprised of three acres of land, but has been over-extended by two acres with added dumping.

In the meantime, Mr. Murdy asked council to have any further dumping carried on at a lower ground level. He also mentioned promoters of a centralized waste disposal plant have investigated quarry

property, but haven't shown any real interest.

Reeve George Currie commented on the creation of such a plant: "That's what we need in the worst way in this township."

Indusmin Quarries have retained a landscape architect to rehabilitate the entire Acton property, Mr. Murdy also reported.

# Council urged to develop park

Acton council had two types of parks under discussion at Tuesday night's meeting — industrial as well as recreation land.

A marginal decision on a resolution decided that cash in

lieu of park land from housing developments on Churchill Rd. should go towards park development in town providing the Minister of Municipal Affairs approves.

Industrial park land? Council would like to see development speeded up and pinned the blame for delays on the engineers who are working on specifications.

"Here it is nearly June, next thing we know it will be fall and there'll still be nothing done," Councillor Jack Greer complained. He and Councillor Coats sponsored a motion asking action on the industrial park and requested a by-law authorizing expenditures of \$50,000 on roads and services to amount of \$50,000 to get the project moving.

After further discussion, however, they moderated their demands and the motion lost without a backer. Prime result was a desire to put pressure on the engineers so council could go ahead with industrial development.

When the motion was

introduced the deputy-reeve asked if the intent was to debenture the \$50,000.

"Yes," answered Councillor Coats. "In other words let's find out if council is serious about this."

The deputy-reeve said he favors development of the industrial park but felt the money received from buyers of the land should be used for roads and services. He opposed borrowing to develop the area, a sentiment shared by the reeve.

The reason we put the motion through, Councillor Greer said, was to get something going. We took an hour one night and decided to develop this property remarked Councillor Marks. At the time I was opposed but I'm for it now and would like to see it go ahead.

"Why can't we put pressure on the engineer?" asked Councillor

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# Waste disposal plant may change location

The firm which intended to build a waste disposal plant on Hwy. 25, between Acton and Speyside, may have been discouraged from the enterprise by the public outcry. Energy and Resources Minister George Kerr told a Burlington audience this week.

However, this newspaper has learned that the company is investigating changing the location of the proposed plant. Eramosa township council has been approached about locating the plant in the township and is investigating pros and cons of the proposal. Possible location would be between Rockwood and Crewsons Corners, off Hwy. 7, about three miles west of Acton.

Mr. Kerr said the province may have to consider designing and operating central dump sites for disposing of liquid industrial waste because garbage disposal

and particularly disposal of liquid industrial wastes is really reaching crisis proportions in this part of the province.

The minister admitted his department's insistence that plants cease dumping wastes in cesspools has contributed to the problem. The plants must now take waste in trucks to the nearest dump away from streams, lakes and built-up areas so it will not contaminate water tables.

Public outcry whenever there's a suspicion of a dump site being established near populated areas has caused real problems for his department, Mr. Kerr told the meeting inaugurating Let's Control Pollution Week at the M. M. Robinson high school, Burlington.

It is expected legislation controlling dump sites will be introduced at the current session of the Ontario Legislature.

# Cancer campaign tops \$3900 without walkers

Although still not complete, the figure from the cancer canvass yesterday topped \$3,900. A few more donations are still expected after delays due to sickness and bad roads.

Campaign chairman Mrs. Ray Arbie reported Tuesday a total of \$3,905.67, which does not include the Walkathon. Last year's total for the cancer drive was \$3,702.09.

A pot luck supper for the captains was held last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Bill Coats, services to patients

discussed finishing up the campaign. They planned a pot luck supper for all the captains, all the canvassers, drivers and all other volunteers for Tuesday, May 26 in the Presbyterian church.

They expect to have a speaker and a display of articles which can be made for patients in the Princess Margaret hospital. It's hoped a work group might be organized here to sew and knit these articles which are required regularly.

# C. of C. recommends arena renovations

The Chamber of Commerce has recommended to council that when major repairs are made to the arena, major renovations also be made. A letter was prepared Monday evening when the Chamber of Commerce executive met.

They recommended the south wall be bricked up to improve its appearance, insulation, heating and expanding the seating facilities.

Dates of upcoming events will be co-ordinated from now on by the Chamber of Commerce.

Secretary Mike de Jong will be preparing a calendar listing all known events. Anyone scheduling a dance, tea, or any public activity may phone Mike de Jong any day except Sunday, for a report on what else is scheduled for that day. Service clubs have expressed a need for this service.

Plans were made for the social evening in June at which M.P. Rud Whiting and his wife will be guests. Mr. Whiting promises to talk about the White Paper and other items of interest to women.

# Seek meeting with Esquesing on annexation for subdivisions

Learning limited growth of Acton, Milton and Georgetown was encouraged by the provincial study released in Toronto last week, Acton planning board decided to request a joint meeting with Esquesing planning board as soon as possible.

Board members at their

meeting in the council chamber last Thursday reviewed that developers are "sitting ready" with subdivision plans for the Brown and McCullough farms, waiting for annexation. Four other developers are also anxious to proceed.

At previous meetings with Esquesing representatives, plans were left in the air due to the imminence of regional government. Chairman Sid Saitz remarked "We're still not sure what we can do."

Added Mr. McKenzie "Maybe Esquesing will agree not to oppose." Acton's proposed eventual population was 25,000 according to the Design for Development for the Toronto-Centred region. Annexation to the east of

town is considered most desirable.

Mr. McKenzie recalled some information he'd heard at the meeting a likely return to 30 foot lots; abundance of high-rise apartments perhaps with schools incorporated right in them as well as recreation facilities and stores. "Acton comes out very well as a nice place to live!"

Copies of resolutions passed by council were reviewed.

Planning board had recommended to council the rezoning of two lots at the end of Elmore Dr. for park purposes. Council agreed to one, turned down the other which is owned by Joe Jany Sr., now of Toronto.

After discussion planning board passed a motion to be

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BESIDES THE ORIGINALS on display, 320 additional slides of paintings were available for viewing at last week's travelling art exhibition. Students making use of the projector are l. to r. Tony Lambert, Danny Ross and Ricky Dietz.—(Staff Photo)