



376 STUDENTS FROM HALTON joined in an enjoyable musical evening of last week. There were 300 in the choir, 75 in the concert band. —(Staff Photos)

Freeze quarries to preserve Niagara Escarpment for parks

Plans to freeze quarry development on the Niagara Escarpment, impose strict regulations on existing quarries and provide conservation authorities with more money to buy escarpment lands for parks purposes were announced in the Ontario legislature.

Legislation is aimed at halting a "serious" rash of land options along the escarpment and will certainly be felt in Halton County. Among the quarry operations affected are Milton Quarries and Dufferin Quarries at Milton, Indusium Quarries at Acton and Armstrong Bros. Quarries at Georgetown.

The freeze was placed on 40 townships including East and West Flamboro, Nelson (Burlington), Nassagaweya, Esquesing and Erin in this area. Minister Lawrence emphasized the new laws are only temporary until more permanent legislation can be worked out, but that could take up to two years.

The minister was quoted as saying his "blood boiled" when he toured the escarpment's quarries last week and saw the desecration of escarpment lands north and south of Highway 401 at Milton. Halton East MPP Jim Snow agreed the local quarries in

Halton are among the worst offenders in cutting up the escarpment face.

Legislation calls for no quarrying on the face of the escarpment or within 300 feet back from the face of the bluffs. Eventually no quarrying will be

allowed in a two mile strip on each side of the quarry face. All present or new operations must obtain a licence from the minister within 90 days to carry on their business and the minister has the right to refuse if he feels the public interest is being endangered. Operators will

also be forced to plan progressive rehabilitation of their lands. Fines of up to \$5,000 per day can be levied.

Grants to local conservation authorities will be upped from 50 to 75 per cent on land acquisitions on and beside the escarpment.

Esquesing concerned open sewage dumping

Esquesing Council has decided to send the Ontario Water Resources Commission a copy of a township by-law which compels all septic tanks to be covered as a result of residents' complaints relayed through deputy-reeve Tom Hill at Tuesday's council meeting.

Deputy-reeve Hill told council he received numerous phone calls from residents claiming sewage from the Georgetown disposal plant is being dumped on open ground on Lot 26, Concession 9.

Deputy-reeve Hill said residents are concerned about sewage seeping through to the underground water table.

Oil: from the waste became

so bad one day, that men working in the area had to go home from work, the deputy-reeve added.

Firm takes AIM on new service

The real estate firm of Sydney K. Lamb has new AIMS these days.

As well as buying and selling property in the district the local firm has added a service for people on the move.

The increasing mobility of the population on the North American continent often means time-consuming relocation, trips to a new city or town to find accommodation. Now Syd Lamb's agency is part of a continent-wide referral service where the needs of families on the move are referred to an affiliate in the town to which they are going.

AIMS (American Institute of Marketing Systems) helps with moving problems such as a house, meeting them at terminals, advising them on choice locations and other problems people face when moving to a strange place.

Mr. Lamb said the new service is exclusive in this district and he hopes it will broaden his firm's service. AIMS is approved by the Ontario Real Estate Board.

Appoint new clerk

Campbell Thompson, 26, was appointed Nassagaweya clerk, treasurer and tax collector Tuesday to succeed Cal McIntyre who submitted his resignation recently.

Mr. Thompson was appointed in March to the position of building inspector, zoning administrator and secretary to the Planning Board and Committee of Adjustment.

He was chosen for the new position from the four applications received after council consideration in a committee of the whole meeting, Tuesday.

Council will advertise the building and zoning position to seek a replacement.

Mr. Thompson is married with one child and is currently living in Fergus. He was previously with Guelph construction firms before joining the township.

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Dates confused for fireworks

There were fireworks all over town Monday evening but no, there was NOT an organized display in the park.

Strike?

pick up paper at Acton store

In the event of a postal strike, mail subscribers to the Free Press may pick up their newspaper at the Dills Stationery store on Mill St., Acton.

The Free Press is also endeavoring to make arrangements for rural subscribers to receive their newspaper if the strike is a reality. All subscribers' newspapers not picked up will be mailed out when conditions return to normal.

Employees at Acton post office were among those who voted Tuesday in the nation-wide referendum that union leaders expect to show overwhelming support for a strike. Results are expected to be made public late today or early Thursday.

The Council of Postal Unions is asking for 60 cents an hour over two years. The government has offered a 41 cent-an-hour increase over a 30 month contract. Pay rates now range from \$2.57 to \$3.23 an hour. Also at issue is job security. The unions fear men may be replaced by machines as the post office streamlines operations.

Council complains

No map of Hydro right-of-way

"This is a highly controversial matter and council doesn't even have a map", Councilor A. Gibson complained to Nassagaweya council regarding the proposed hydro right-of-way through the township.

He questioned the planning board chairman, Deputy Reeve G. Agnew, on why no maps had been left by Hydro officials.

The chairman suggested when the alignment is finalized the Hydro will provide a map. "All we've seen is a rough proposal and we've submitted counter proposals", he reported.

Councillor A. Ackman was also critical of the absence of maps. "It puts us in an extremely weak position. We always ask developers for a map of their plans".

The councillor recalled last year's Planning Board had received a very small scale map of the proposed route. In February a larger map was presented but no copies left. "The last meeting they put one large map up that was patently false, eliminating bends on the actual map."

The reeve recalled the Hydro

representatives had promised to come before council on May 24 or 25 and outline their plans, then council delegates would appear with them before the Hydro Commission.

Councillor Ackman recounted he had heard of conversations after the last planning board meeting when Hydro officials told owners they would be around to take their property in June.

He complained a letter received in April from the Department of Municipal Affairs had not come before council or planning board. He was corrected and advised that the letter had been presented to the planning board and its presentation was recorded in the minutes. He denied any recollection of it.

The letter commended the planning board for its study of the hydro route and endorsed the board's guidelines on the location of the line. "When we have dynamic like this we should be asking for their support", Councillor Ackman declared.

The councillor also referred to a letter from the Grand River Conservation Authority on the subject. Deputy Reeve G. Agnew noted the matter would be dealt with the next night in Planning Board and the information available would be incorporated in the brief to the Hydro Commission.

Fire alarm

An overheated space heater was shut off Saturday afternoon by firefighters, after they were called to the home of Mrs. Elsie Halladay, Church St.

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