



County council, school bd. link regional govt. forces

Adopting the philosophy of "united we stand and divided we fall," Halton County Council and Halton County Board of Education have decided to join forces and provide one strong voice concerning Regional Government for the county.

At a joint meeting following the regular meeting of County Council June 30, council and the board agreed to form a small joint committee to study the matter.

Chairman of the Board of Education Doug Wood spoke of a real concern about regional government as it affects education particularly. "As a resident of Oakville I wouldn't be interested in seeing Peel take the remains of Halton if Burlington goes with Hamilton. I'm vitally concerned about the fragmentation and feel Burlington must stay in Halton if we go with Peel as a balance of power" he said.

Mr. Wood noted 45 per cent of the elementary students in Halton were from Burlington as well as 47 per cent of the special education students and more than half the secondary school students.

While the Minister of Municipal Affairs has indicated there would not be an immediate disruption of the educational unit if Halton and Peel were merged he left the door open for two or three years from now.

Mr. Wood noted a disruption two or three years later could be more damaging than one at the current time. John Ronson, a trustee with the Board of Education explained there were advantages in size but dangers in being too large. He indicated that Metro Toronto was experiencing the problem of being too large at the present time and he felt Halton and Peel joined would be too large. He said once you reach

Members of both council and the board agreed political pressure should be brought on the province. Mr. Ronson suggested a plebiscite of the people in the county would help make the point. Mr. Gillies agreed there was merit there and urged vital organizations such as Chambers of Commerce, The Federation of Agriculture and labor councils be consulted to provide a strong united voice.

Burlington Reeve Gordon Gallagher levelled criticism at the province for lack of solid leadership. He noted recent meetings dealing with the Design for Development of the Toronto Centred Region failed to provide answers for those who asked. He said he rarely criticized the province but if there was good leadership there he failed to find it.

ACTON RECREATION COMMITTEE'S summer playground program opened Monday morning. Enjoying a game of punch ball are l. to r. Joanne Gordon, Cindy McGilloway and Darlene Weaver. Registrations are down from last year, but further registrations will take place for the remainder of this week.

Pharmacy will double size Simpsons move; store opens

Due to expansion at Acton Pharmacy, Simpsons-Sears order office is moving to the former Shortill quarters next door to Dills Stationery Store. Renovations at the pharmacy will begin at once.

Jessie Coles, who was manager of the order office, will become an agent under a new agreement. She will handle catalogue orders as usual, although for the time being at least her display space for in-store items is limited.

Shortills premises (formerly the Free Press) is being renovated this week and she expects to be in operation there Tuesday, July 14. She has plenty of storage space for large items.

Shortills Sheet Metal has moved to Ballinafad.

Acton Pharmacy managers Bill Yundt and Gary Barton have been planning their needed expansion for many months. The wall between their present store and Simpsons will come out and the new entrance will be in the new section of the store. Their space will more than double so they intend to add more lines and better selection. A much larger drug dispensary will be located at the back of the store.

They hope the work will be completed by Sept. 1. Contractor K. Schmukli will be doing the work in stages so service will not be interrupted. (Mr. Schmukli is also contractor for the new Toronto-Dominion bank).

The pharmacy is now open six full days a week, as well as Thursday and Friday evening. The staff remains the same — Mr. Yundt, Mr. Barton, Miss Madeleine Gibbons, Miss Phyllis Mackie and Mrs. Betty McIntyre, with part-time help as needed.

Another change to the business section is the opening of a jewellery store on Elgin St. Davis Jewellers also have a store in Milton.

Youthful bandsmen at camp

Eight members of Acton Citizens' Band are attending the Ontario Youth Music Camp at Beaverton this week where the program includes recreation as well as six hours a day of blowing their own horns. The camp is situated on Lake Simcoe.

Band music students from all over Canada attend the Beaverton camp, which has an international reputation. Attending from Acton are Jim Coles, bass; Peter Pavli, cornet; Paul Petric, baritone; Heather Buchanan, cornet; Mary Watson, cornet; Barbara Pratt, clarinet; Susan Scott, flute; Carol Buchanan, clarinet.

Three carloads driven by bandmaster George Elliott, Frank Scott and Bill Buchanan, band president, made the trip to the camp.

Unable to attend in spite of plans was Brenda Kingsmill. She was stricken with appendicitis and was operated on at Guelph General Hospital. She is recovering nicely.

Orange Walk

The district Orange Walk is slated for Woodbridge this Saturday, and local members will be taking part.

As usual, there will be a parade and short service here before they leave for the mammoth gathering of lodges. They will form up at 10 a.m. at C. K. Browne's store — an appropriate place since he's the oldest lodge member by far. At 100, he's been parading for over 30 years.

The parade will march to the cenotaph where there will be the usual short service.

The groups will leave for Woodbridge about 12.30.

Calls Peel program waste

Councillor Ken Marshall admitted it was not Esquering council's business, but he wondered why the Peel County Board of Education wanted land in Esquering for educational use when there was lots of similar land in Peel.

Councillor Marshall, a consistent critic of money spent by boards of education, felt the program was just another waste of taxpayers' money.

Officials of the Peel Board appeared in front of council Monday night to ask for a building permit for a three car garage for their property on Lot 31, near Terra Cotta. The Board has plans for washrooms and offices in the garage and it will also be used for a shelter until a more suitable building can be constructed.

Courses in field study will be operated at the property next term in almost virgin wilderness, north of the Terra Cotta Conservation park. Children are bussed in now.

But as far as Councillor Marshall is concerned, the entire program is just another way of shelling out money which boards of education take from the public's collective pockets. Mr. Finlayson, who heads the Peel program, told Mr. Marshall he would like to talk to him after the meeting and explain the program.

Council meanwhile told spokesman, Mr. McArthur, that the request for the garage would have to go to the planning board first before council decides on the request.

How long will that take? "I guarantee it will be as fast as any government," quipped the reeve.

The Peel County Board purchased the large tract of land, the former Leslie farm, for educational purposes about two years ago, and intends to have overnight accommodation for students from three to five days a week when plans are completed.

Halton awarded '74 plow match

Halton has won the right to be the host county for the 1974 International Plowing Match. It was announced this week.

It will be the first time the big International match and farm machinery show will ever be held in Halton, although Halton's plowing history goes back over 100 years.

Halton's planning committee is already busy looking for possible sites for the week-long series of matches and the tented city that is expected to draw thousands of visitors.

Promoters here formed a committee chaired by Ross Segsworth of Burlington which included Ontario Plowmen's Association director Jack Taylor of Burlington, the agricultural committee of Halton County Council and other interested plowmen from the Halton Plowmen's Association. They put in their bid at the OPA annual conference in Toronto Feb. 24 and the OPA awarded the '74 match to Halton despite stiff competition from Ontario County. This year's match will be in Victoria County and the 1971 and 1972 matches are slated for Haldimand and Perth Counties.

Pass by-law, hire for Esquering dump

Esquering Council read and passed a by-law regulating the supervision and policing of the township dump on the Fourth Line at their Monday night meeting.

Vance Largille was hired as supervisor to replace Fred Robertson who quit recently. Mr. Largille will receive \$500 a month and use his own machinery to bury refuse. He has exclusive rights on any salvage in the dump.

The new supervisor also has the power to prohibit dumping of any material from outside the township. This feature of the by-law annoyed Deputy Reeve Tom Hill who said he thought unwanted material should be named so the onus for refusal to accept certain refuse does not fall back on council again.

Council decided, however, that the supervisor should have the right to make the decision and if further amendments to the by-law were needed they could be added at a later date.

Twp. growth slow

New growth can be expected but it will not be of the same magnitude as has been experienced over the past few years in the township, planning consultant Larry Keddy told a joint meeting of Esquering Council, Planning Board and Committee of Adjustment at a special session Tuesday, June 30.

The joint meeting with the planning consultant from M. M. Dillon Limited was called to review the progress of the township's Official Plan and Zoning By-Law. Also discussed were recent land development in Esquering and the effects of the recently released Toronto-centred-region plan on the future growth of the township.

In the light of the regional plan, planners felt growth in the township would be restricted.

Council and Planning Board were told that work on the Official Plan was progressing to the point where a preliminary outline could be expected toward the end of July.

Resident complains of Dragway

"What's going on at the Golden Horseshoe Dragway?" Peter Bowman demanded of Esquering Council Monday night.

They have no license but are turning the lights on until 1.30 in the morning and racing cars up and down the strip. They were going to erect a fence to stop cars from entering but there's none on the Sixth Line yet and people are parking on my lawn and using it for access to the dragway, Mr. Bowman complained.

Why pass a by-law, he demanded, if no one pays any attention to it?

The exchange between Mr. Bowman and council became heated when the deputy-reeve Tom Hill demanded proof of alleged racing and late light nights. Perhaps, he said, the owner had no knowledge of the lights and the cars.

But Mr. Bowman persisted, complaining that of course there could be no contravention of the license if the dragway hasn't got a license.

"Are there any spectators?" asked the reeve.

"It doesn't make any difference," said Councillor Russell Miller. "It shouldn't be allowed until 1.30," with or without the knowledge of the owner.

"We can't do anything about it until there are spectators and they are running a program, thought the reeve. They shouldn't be disturbing people insisted Mr. Miller.

I have to fence my own property in to protect myself — and chain my driveway, said Mr. Bowman. The O.P.P. recommended I place a chain across or there won't be anything left."

The reeve admitted he wouldn't want cars left on his property if he was in the same predicament but could see no solution.

Councillor Marshall contended "a man is not compelled to fence against what comes in from outside but he must fence his own stuff in."

They fenced the Fifth Line off, retorted Councillor Miller.

Maybe you should get a licence to sell beer right on the corner, said the reeve facetiously. Mr. Bowman said he would if the township would get one for him.

It was decided to phone dragway owner Carl Bristow but when the clerk was unable to contact him enquiries were made elsewhere. The clerk reported he was told the lights were on late one night so they could be checked. He had no knowledge of harassment.

There was no further discussion, but council indicated they would make further enquiries. Most councillors thought, that the one incident was just to focus lighting.

Mr. Bowman lives immediately adjacent to the tail end of the drag strip on the Sixth Line.



PODNER, THIS HEAH pistol could be a relic of some outstanding war or duel but gun trader Roy Somers of Stoney Creek is almost as interested in Barbara Bourget of Trenton, one of the other attractions for hundreds who filed in to the Halton Antique Gun Collectors show Sunday at Acton arena. See inside for more pictures and article.—(Staff Photo)