

Refutes buying charge

Superintendent of Program for Halton County Board of Education Kenneth Self, last week replied to charges of "prestige buying" by the board. The charges were issued in recent press reports and according to Mr. Self, singled out the purchase of IBM electric typewriters and Singer sewing machines as examples.

In his reply Mr. Self noted the manual typewriters retailing for \$320 were purchased by the Board at \$134.50 and electric typewriters retailing for \$550 are sold to the Board for \$450.

He noted the electric models were traded in at \$230 after six years of heavy classroom use.

False report

Self said the report claimed the Board was paying \$485 for their sewing machines and the machines cost \$50 to repair each time something went wrong. He said the machines cost the board \$176.50 and service calls once a year cost \$7 a unit. Any repairs other than this were done at no charge to the board, with the exception of materials.

He also refuted allegations about prestige equipment being purchased for the home economics classes. Mr. Self said refrigerators and electric ranges are supplied free of charge to the Board by the Public Utilities Commissions, who change them amnually.

Warden fears angry exchange

Both those people for and against improvements on 15 Sideroad in Nassagaweya and Esquesing will definitely get their day in court or at least a hearing before Halton County Roads committee.

The road has been a controversial subject since persons living on or near the road learned of proposed work to be done on it. The road is recommended for widening and straightening.

There have been delegations both for and against the improvements. Those for it argue the road is not safe and should be fixed and those against fear loss of scenic beauty.

Warden Dr. F. G. Oakes, the only member of the road committee returning from last year fears the meeting will turn into an angry exchange. "We go over backwards to do our best for these people in cases like this. I don't like to think they could dictate policy," he said adding he hoped the meeting would stay

Esquesing Reeve Tom Hill felt certain the opposition to the project is more a break down in communication. "Once they find out exactly what is proposed I'm sure they'll support it," he said. March 4 was the tentative date

arrived at but the date will be settled for certain later.

Newfoundland.

Assured mail delivery eventually in Acton

The post office announced a new concept in mail distributionthe assured mail delivery program. It will be introduced in Toronto February 1 and will gradually be implemented across the country.

Acton postmaster Gordon McKeown said the system would eventually start in Acton but there has been no definite notice of when it can be introduced.

"Assured Mail" is a system whereby the post office offers an assured delivery schedule for first class mail, provided the customer deposits it within specified times. It will be limited

One day delivery is assured for all letters posted in any mail box in Toronto City before 11 a.m. to all major centres in central, southern and eastern Ontario, as well as major centres across the country from B.C. to

Letters posted before 3 p.m. in special letter boxes will have assured delivery the next day initially to all major centres in Central, Southern and Eastern Ontario as well as North Bay, Sudbury and Montreal.

By encouraging earlier mailings the post office hopes it will be able to shift peak loads ahead during the day.

Holding by-law hearing slated for February 11

Esquesing township council chambers Monday February 11, the date announced last week by Ontario Municipal Board to hear objections to or support for the township's controversial agricultural holding by-law 29-69.

Council passed the by-law, which prevents the use of land for any other purpose than the one existing, November 24, 1969. Since then it has been amended by two by-laws, 11-70, passed February 16, 1970 and 12-70, passed March 12, 1970. Original purpose of passing the by-law was to prevent uncontrolled development in the township so far as it could relate to the official plan, which is now being prepared.

Question legality

Legality of the by-law has been questioned by some, including solicitors for Carl Bristow,

proprietor of the Golden Horseshoe Dragway near Acton. Residents in the area of the dragway first discovered a dragway was to be built, shortly after passing of the by-law in

Snow show in February

Snowmobile racing on Fairy Lake will be arranged again this year by the Y's Men's club. Last year's competitions were popular and the club expects even more interest tthis year.

The events will be run on Valentine's Day, February 14. There will be cash prizes and trophles.

An innovation will be snowmobile rides for spectators.

The by-law has also come in for criticism from some township farmers, prevented from selling their land to developers because of its restrictions.

Receive objections Council received objections

either in the form of letters from individual ratepayers or petitions, that represented over 100 names last August. Twenty letters supporting the by-law were also received.

Among ratepayers supporting the by-law is Peter Bowman, whose property borders on the dragway property. During early discussions about legality of establishment of the dragway, Mr. Bowman's solicitor claimed construction would contravene the by-law.

A detailed notice of the February 11 hearing appears under the LEGAL heading in the classified section

County may stop most donations

Halton County Council will be asked to discontinue the policy of contributing to charitable and other organizations. The decision would affect at least 12 organizations and involve approximately \$19,000.

During discussion the finance committee of county council agreed the granting of tax dollars to organizations shouldn't be done at the county level. The intent of the move is to eliminate duplication of grants.

Different Idea Earlier in the meeting the members had agreed on quite a different solution. At one point they had authorized the secretary to notify all town and township

authorize grants because it could all be done on the county level. After Georgetown Reeve Rick Morrow suggested there was some doubt about the wisdom of a county council granting any charitable

councils asking them not to

contributing money from all over the county to projects that certain councils didn't approve Up to councils Burlington Deputy Reeve David Coons said the motion did

Several councillors agreed that organizations were receiving grants from both the county and the towns as well as door to door

not suggest the grants be

eliminated but rather that they

be channelled through individual

The motion came up after discussing requests of a grant of \$4,500 to Victoria Order of Nurses and an unspecified grant to Red Cross as well as several smaller

Both Red Cross and VON are supported by individual municipalities in the county.

VON asked for the \$4,500 to wipe organizations Oakville Reeve out a deficit. Jim Grey, Director Allan Masson suggested the of Social and Family suggested county could find themselves both Red Cross and VON as well as similar organizations should take a second look at their bad accounts before tapping tax He said there is a tendency to

take the easy way out and ask for a grant but he added many of the persons who have money owing to these groups could well afford

One of the organizations that will feel the pinch the most will be the Royal Botannical Gardens. Last year the county contributed \$10,000 and this was phased down from \$25,000 in other years. Among others receiving grants

last year were Mutual Aid \$1,200; Lorne Scots Band \$1,500; Muscular Dystrophy \$100; Canadian Mental Health \$100; John Howard Society; Navy League \$100: St. Ambulance \$200; CNIB \$1,000 and Salvation Army \$1,650.



Who pays for relocating high tension line?

be a costly business. The developer interested in starting an 150 home subdivision on the property known as the "Seynuck farm" in the east end of Acton doesn't feel he should shoulder the brunt of the cost in relocating the line that runs through his

Present board members and about 10 Y's Men talked over suggestions without reaching any A nominating committee will

prepare a slate of officers for the board. Board members are to meet

with the Y's Men tomorrow night

(Thursday) to hear the club's

Acton

shivers

But when you are warmly

dressed as Bonnie Jones of

John St., skidding mercury

Reports from different parts

of town recorded the

temperature as low as 14

degrees below zero during the

week. Others reported they

couldn't register more than

four below. The disparity is

explained by the fact readings were taken by

different people on different

thermometers. In any case

people in this district knew it

was mighty cold. A

moderating trend started

Wednesday.—(Staff Photo)

The future of Acton's Y.M.C.A.

created a cloudy vision when the

annual meeting of the Y board

was held in the Y Wednesday of

Y future

cloudy

last week.

conclusions.

suggestions.

doesn't mean very much.

Assault charge heard in court

An Acton youth, charged with common assault, received 60 days' probation, a fine of \$25 and will be required to make

He appeared in court in Milton Monday.

He was charged last week following an incident on Knox Ave. when another Acton youth was accosted and punched.

Moving a high tension line can proposed development.

"You would think Ontario Hydro could absorb the cost," declared engineer John Curtis who represented developer Joe Adamic at the inaugural meeting .. of Acton Hydro Commission Thursday, "They sell a block of power to the town and the local commission in turn sells the power to consumers which puts more revenue in hydro coffers," Mr. Curtis said.

Insist on rallway The Commission has insisted the line should be relocated along the railway right-of-way instead instead of along Acton streets where it might have to be moved

again. The developer is not too interested in spending \$18,000 to put the line along the CN railway right-of-way, Mr. Curtis assured the hydro commission. If the line is rerouted on the property, according to information available, the Ontario Hydro would pay 96 per cent of the cost. He saw it as more sensible to relocate the line along Division, George and Eric, new streets in the plan of subdivision.

After all, Mr. Curtis pointed out, the cost of moving the line will only be passed on to the home

But vice-chairman Ted Tyler Sr. was unimpressed by this argument. He agreed that \$18,000 seemed like a lot to relocate along the CN property but argued that \$18,000 spread over the entire subdivision was less than \$100 a house.

Line conflicts Mr. Curtis replied that they would try to recoup the sum from the first 50 homes planned, which worked out to about \$400 a home, and the hydro line conflicts with phase one of the development.

Mr. Tyler countered that this particular high tension line had already been moved three times at cost to the town and the people of the town would have to foot the bill again if the developer's suggestions were followed. He was willing to bet relocating the line already had cost consumers more than the cost of the original

A draft plan of the subdivision produced by Mr. Curtis to pinpoint other -locations for possible rerouting proved

A suggestion that the line be moved to Mill St. was speedily shot down. "If we take it up Mill St. we'll have to knock down 40 trees," said Mayor Les Duby.

"I wouldn't want to drive down

Mill if we ever chopped those trees down," quipped Mr. Tyler. "It just wouldn't be safe." The mayor confirmed that

council's thinking tallled with the plan of the commission to reroute the line along the railway for sesthetic as well as practical reasons. And the town's tree planting proposal of two to one would be upset if the line went down Mill. "There's no use planting trees

if they are going to grow into the wires. The trees would soon start looking like catapaults." he said. May be resolved The entire matter may be

resolved if a telephone conversation between secretary Audrey Urghart and an Ontario Hydro official from Hamilton is confirmed in writing. She told the meeting the official said Ontario Hydro would still pay a subsidy on relocation if the line was moved along the tracks.

Mr. Curtis confirmed that the developer would like to get going on phase one of the subdivision-50 homes-as soon as possible. He intended to pursue the matter further with Ontario Hydro.

Impaired driver An Acton area man was

charged with impaired driving after 2 a.m., January 19. He was driving on Queen St. when stopped by the O.P.P.

HOCKEY used to be a boys' game but five year old Kerrie Kirton doesn't see any reason why girls can't become NHL stars as well. Kerrie is one of five girls registered in this year's Acton Recreation Committee hockey school. The school has a record 103 youngsters enrolled this season—For story and more pictures see the Free Press sports pages. —(Staff Photo)

Two cars, school bus collide

Freezing rain and icy roads were blamed for an accident last Thursday morning at 7.40 a.m. involving a school bus and two

No one was injured and Con. Kressler, investigated, laid no charges.

The Tyler school bus was driven by Roland Height and had about nine pupils on it at the time.

Theodore Hamilton, R.R. 5, Rockwood, stopped to make a left turn off Main St. S. onto Agnes. The third car involved was driven by Frank Bertagnolli, R.R. 1, Rockwood. The car and bus slipped on the ice causing \$300 damage to the bus, \$500 to the Hamilton car and \$300 to the Bertagnolli car.

"Adverse weather conditions" got the blame.



A MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE aboard the oceanliner "Eusonia" a ship very similar to the "Adriatica" shown in the above picture awaits Acton District High School students and their chaperones Marion Patterson and geography teacher Keith Black. Admiring the liner are front row L to r.

Nancy Lee, John Last, Lynn Simioni and Steve Garrett. Back row l. to r. are Bonnie McKenzie, Randy Coker, Mrs. Patterson, Mr. Black, Sherry Johnston: George McPhail and Diane Fisher. Students leave March 11. . . . For more about the trip see the Free Press Youth Page.—(Staff Photo)