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GORDON BOLLERT right, and Norris Glendon stride along the Third Line, Esquesing, last lap of the 20 mile walkathon for UNICEF Saturday afternoon.—(Staff Photo)



CATHY UPTON AND Lesley Jenkins rest tired feet after completing the 20 mile walkathon and signing in at the finish line at the M. Z. Bennett school.—(Staff Photo)

## Esquesing plan sent back to Bd.

Esquesing township's draft official plan, approved recently by township planning board with one dissenting vote, was referred back to planning board for reconsideration, when it came up before council for approval Monday night.

Councillor Dick Howitt, who cast the lone dissenting vote as a member of planning board, spearheaded the move to have the plan referred back to the board, after a delegation of seven ratepayers, who live in the area of the proposed gravel pit on the property of Thomas McGee on the 10th line south of Norval, appeared before council to ask that the plan go back to planning board for further discussion. Council has no power to amend the plan, but must refer it back to planning board if they are dissatisfied.

Councillor Howitt said he understood the official plan was to be drafted to show existing land only, in the first place. Later, he said, council was swamped with various requests from ratepayers to have their land designated to suit their own personal uses. As a result, council decided at that time not to entertain further applications from ratepayers until such time as the official plan was approved.

"In spite of this, planning board has picked out of 45 applications only two to designate as extractive industrial sites," he told council. The properties in question are Mr. McGee's and that of Consolidated Sand and Gravel near Speyside.

Thought unfair  
"I thought it unfair that planning board should designate certain areas without giving those in the area an opportunity to object," Howitt went on.

"We should treat all residents the same, not give two owners an advantage," Howitt said. "The merits of these pits should be dealt with at a later time."

Deputy-revee Russell Miller and Councillor Len Cox supported Howitt's argument and voted for referral back to planning board.

"I feel that after passing the motion, which I either moved or seconded, we should stick to what we said," Miller commented.

"What I say has no bearing on what I think of the merits of the pit," Cox explained. "But I think we either have to rescind the motion we passed or have this plan go back to planning board to see if we can get an unanimous decision. I don't want to contravene my own resolution," he said.

Need stone  
Councillor Wilfrid Leslie, who eventually refused to support the Howitt motion to refer the plan back to planning board, reminded council of the great need for sand and gravel.

"If anyone here tonight had 100 acres and found gravel on it, you'd have a hard time stopping him from having a gravel pit," Leslie predicted.

"You're so right," Reeve Tom Hill added.

Hill criticized planning board for approving the plan on a night when two members were absent.

"All of planning board should have been there to express their opinions," he charged.

Referring specifically to the application of Consolidated Sand and Gravel, Reeve Hill reminded council the company claimed they had received approval from council to go ahead with the project as early as 1962.

Howitt claimed the 1962 resolution merely granted the company a building permit.

"Issue of a building permit is not enough to designate a quarry in my opinion," Howitt suggested.

Consolidated president Hugh Grightmire, who also attended Monday night's meeting said his company had submitted blueprints to council in 1962.

Although no building was constructed, he said 75,000 tons of material have already been taken out of the land.

Grightmire said he would like this council to re-affirm the resolution of the 1962 council.

Quarry suitable  
"I believe we have attended all the necessary meetings and

Grightmire also told council owners of the land on which Cameron Heights Development plan to build an estate subdivision containing homes which will have a completed value in the \$75,000 range, were well aware what purpose the Consolidated land was to be used for, when Consolidated bought their 600 acres.

"We told them then, we would never disturb them. It's in the records," he said.

Earlier in the meeting, council received a written submission from the Cameron Heights firm, suggesting that operation of a rock quarry would not be compatible with the subdivision and would decrease the property values of all taxpayers in the immediate area. The Cameron Heights development is proposed for Lots 13 and 14, Con. 3, also near Speyside.

Delegation speaker  
John Cartwright, spokesman for the 10th line delegation, said 40 ratepayers had attended a meeting at Pineview School. Most of the ratepayers, he said, had been previously unaware of the gravel pit proposal for the McGee property. He suggested council could communicate better with ratepayers so that they would know what's going on.

Reeve Hill reminded Cartwright there had been a public meeting on the official plan held at Stewarttown.

"I had a call from Mr. Eros even before that public meeting," Hill said.

Gabe Eros, a second member of the delegation, acknowledged the fact he made the call, but said he had heard about the proposal only as gossip from one of his neighbors.

Walkathon too  
Many of the children carried UNICEF boxes for contributions. The walkathon earlier in the day had wearied out plenty of young legs before the evening's rounds even began. Boxes were turned in at schools Monday.

The good weather brought out plenty of children and teenagers and encouraged them to stay out. Many houses ran right out of candies, gum, apples and homemade treats.

There were costume dances at the Legion and the golf club which provided plenty of liberty for many participants.

Other towns  
In Milton, roving bands broke windows and set fires and after midnight Mayor Brian Best read the riot act. Some were arrested and more charges will be laid.

Hillsburg firefighters battled two major fires and six other smaller fires, some believed set by Hallowe'en pranksters. A barn was totally destroyed and a deserted house gutted.

## Gave soles for UNICEF

A 20-mile walkathon for UNICEF Saturday in perfect fall weather brought 110 public school students over the finish line. Most of the 150 walkers completed the 20-mile route in bright sunshine and warm temperatures, fortified with fruit drinks, sandwiches, foot spray and band-aids.

They were taken by bus to the starting line on the Ferguson-Orangeville road north of Orton. Goal was the M. Z. Bennett school lobby by the Seventh Line, Town Line and Third Line.

Most of the walkers were still in such fine fettle they were able to make their usual Hallowe'en rounds that night, with a minimum of groaning.

No total is available yet since the walkers are still contacting their sponsors this week, but many of the weary youngsters had dollars as well as cents riding on every mile they completed.

First to cross the finish line were a pair of veteran hikers Mike Luty and Mike Masters, hitting the time tape at 12:30 p.m. The last stragglers were picked up at 4 p.m. so no one would be on the roads when twilight shrouded the area.

Y's Men, teachers, and friends assisting included principals Garnet McKenzie and Elmer Smith, Mrs. White, Mill Ball, Debbie Boycott, David Boycott, Mrs. Silcock, Lloyd Broostad, Ed Leatherland, G. Wallace, Gary Bateman, S. Robertson, Laverne Forsyth, Rick Coe, Ross Ribey, Mrs. Margaret Wilson and Bill Wilson.

Patrol cars and crossing guards had been arranged as well as washroom and lunch stops.

Sandwiches had been made by Y's Menettes.

Completing the walkathon for UNICEF were:

Mike Masters, Mike Luty, Jim Gentles, Ford Alton, Mike Nicholls, Teresa Luty, Steven McKnight, Craig Somerville, Cliff Creasey, Jamie Ellerby, Doug Cooper, Charles Griese,

Rick Van Fleet, Greg Lawler, Howie Hatt, Kent Nielsen, Robin Speaker, Ian Rogers.

Dave Galt, Mike Roach, Heather Reed, Susan Ancker, Jane Leader, Sharon Creasey,

Joan Ancker, Sherry Spielvogel, Murray McNabb, Ross Rennie, Robbie Bouisfield, Jack Evans, Brian McDonald, Terry Bateman, Ray Humenick, Nick Humenick, Diane Drysdale, Robert Paterson, Gordie Bruce, John Griese.

Chris Jenkins, Lance Alton, Joni Leader, Lorella DePieri, Robin Hatt, Elsie Stanley, Karen Tremblis, Jennifer Krapek, Ray Green, Gordon Bollert, Norris Glendon, Cindy Thornhill, Harry Schupp, Maria Greifeneder, Frances Gorjup, Leslie Collett, Dorothy Kaiser, Nico Van Der Kooy, Dawn Nicholls.

Paul Bowen, David Williams, Steven Matheson, Kathy Turkosz, Stephen Lumbers, Nancy Shoemaker, Rhona Silcock, Julie Townsley, Carrie McCristall, Paul Jenkins, Ronald Haefner, George DeHaan, Carol Grant, Susan Shafi, Janice Ellerby, Frank Geng, Symon Nielsen, Kara McCristall.

Cathy Upton, Lesley Jenkins, Barbara Turkosz, Danny Wheeler, Mark Withers, Martin Van Opstal, Mrs. Masters,

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Firefighters enter blazing building

## Lads charged \$3,000 fire

Two Acton boys, nine years of age, will appear in juvenile court following investigation of Saturday afternoon's fire. Damage was estimated at \$3,000 in the blaze which started in the basement of the empty store which was previously John's Plaza Meats and the Red and White store.

The fire started in a well opening beside a basement fan and ignited papers on a shelf below. Flames burned completely through a wooden supporting beam.

Smoke fills store  
Smoke seeped into the vacant stores and permeated the Royal Milk store. Elizabeth-Lo beauty

shop also had some smoke. Smoke ejectors were used to drive the smoke out of the stores.

Firefighters forced entry to the basement by the back door and wore air packs to work in the dense billows of smoke. Hoses were run down Queen St. to bring more water to the fire. Firefighters were on the scene about two hours, with two trucks.

Guelph owners  
One of the former tenants, John Nielsen, let firefighters into the store. Owners of the plaza are KVG Ltd., John Kurilenko, Tony Gromnicki and Bill Psenicka, Guelph. Two of them came to town when informed of the fire.

Following investigation Acton police charged the two boys.

## O.P.P. arranges restitution

Following theft of cigarettes at Foodland two Acton boys, age 8 and 9 were apprehended by police Sunday. Their parents were contacted and restitution ordered.

Police are still investigating a report of indecent exposure in the Main St. laundromat last Wednesday night. Several people gave the police a description of the man.

On Thursday Jake van der Kooy reported his car stolen. It has not yet been recovered.

However on Friday Acton police recovered a car which had been stolen in Milton, abandoned on the Canadian Tire parking lot.

On Thursday evening a man's leather coat was reported stolen from the Station Hotel.

Only accident investigated during the week involved cars driven by James Edward McMurray, Toronto and Dorothy Rognvaldson, Acton. The accident occurred on Main St. N. Saturday afternoon, with damage estimated at \$600 to the McMurray car and \$200 to the Rognvaldson car. There were no injuries.

Moose pasture  
The land has been called "moose pasture" by a prospective buyer.

Administration committee spokesman Councillor Peter Marks said the original offer to purchase is no longer valid, since the expiry date, September 30,

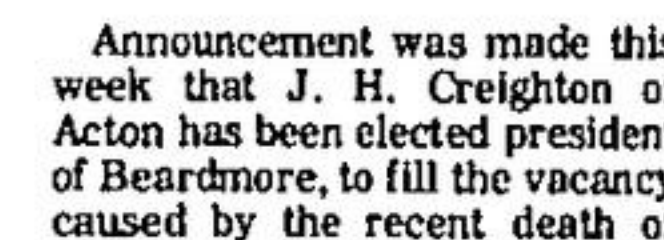
has passed. He said the land is no longer listed and that there is not unanimous consent among administration committee members as to its value.

"Personally I think the value of that land has increased. We should all be thinking about what the land is worth," he

commented.

Mayor Doby maintained council must accept part of the blame for the fact the deal has not been closed.

"The bidder on the property asked me as recently as today, if council had confirmed a decision on zoning of the land," he said.



J. H. CREIGHTON



P. F. DUNHAM

## Jack Creighton new president of Beardmore



J. H. CREIGHTON

## Plant okay report says

An engineers' report conducted for the town by R. V. Anderson Associates has concluded there is no reasonable basis for believing odors are coming from the pollution control plant.

Officials of the firm reached the conclusion, after completing tests on two visits to the plant.

On the same days, they said there was a reasonably strong odor of hydrogen sulphide along Highway 25 south of town, which they suspect may have been coming from Beardmore.



WEAR A POPPY THIS WEEKEND

## Mayor says council partly to blame for delay in sale

Acton council has not fulfilled its part of the bargain to come up with a zoning decision on town-owned land south of Cobblehill Road and is every bit as responsible that the land has not been sold as the prospective purchasers, Mayor Les Doby charged last week.

"In my mind the town reneged on the offer to purchase as much as the purchaser," the mayor told council at the regular meeting.

Acton applied to the Department of Municipal Affairs to have the land rezoned residential months ago, but the

department's conservation branch wrote back to say a certain amount of land must be held for conservation. A certain portion of the conservation land was to be designated hazardous, which means the land may not be used for anything.

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