

Strong opposition to bumping Hinton from Board



H. H. (Bert) Hinton

"I have no knowledge of what led up to the hassle over my reappointment or what happened at county council," said Acton businessman H. H. (Bert) Hinton this week, when asked about the move to have him replaced by an Oakville representative on the Sheridan College Board of Governors.

Vice-chairman of the college board, Mr. Hinton said he had done absolutely nothing to promote his own reappointment. County council received a notice from the province notifying a reappointment by the county was warranted. Mr. Hinton was appointed by the county and is

finishing his first four year term as a governor of the college.

Last week at county council the reeve of Milton, Ron Harris sponsored a resolution to reappoint former warden Hinton to the post. Allan Masson and Harry Barrett, reeve and deputy-reeve of Oakville blocked the motion with an amendment recommending an Oakville resident to the post.

Strong opposition

The Masson amendment ran into strong opposition so it was withdrawn on the understanding no appointment would be made until the December meeting of county council.

Warden Frank Oakes of Acton, defending Mr. Hinton, said the former warden had forgotten more about municipal politics than some county councillors would ever know. Reeve Ron Harris of Milton commented that Mr. Hinton is a knowledgeable and enthusiastic governor who rose to the vice-chairman's post and could go higher if left on.

Mr. Masson told county council it would be in the best interests of relations between Oakville and the college to have an Oakville appointee to replace Hinton. Reasoning behind this was that an Oakville representative appointed by the

county would assist in the college's relations with the town.

Mr. Hinton told the Free Press he finds this hard to understand since he had promoted Oakville for the Sheridan College campus, taking into account the town's fine educational background. He felt he has represented Oakville better even than their own members. However, he looks on the entire affair philosophically. He is willing to serve another four year term on the board but if county council decides otherwise he is not going to be upset.

At the same time he notes his term on the Sheridan board of governors had been most

enjoyable and he has given much time and effort to see that the college's welfare is promoted.

"I'm not an agitator but I don't sit either," he told the Free Press. I feel the board and the students of the college have an "accountability", something he would expect they would expect from him. He noted it was not his custom to just sit on the board. He actively promoted the college by contesting decisions he thought were wrong, and advocating policies he felt were right.

And Mr. Hinton is getting strong support for his policies on

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WOODWORKING AND POTTERY classes at Acton Night school are attracting people from a wide area to the high school. Top left, Mrs. Earl Cooper of Acton refinishes a high chair she is restoring for Acton's centennial year. The chair is part of the antique furniture she recovered from the A.T. Brown drug store which stood where the Bank of Commerce now stands. Top right, teacher Clarence Rognvaldson illustrates for Mrs. Enid Christie of R.R. 1, Acton, the proper way to make drawers. Middle photo shows teacher Mrs. June Levy of Georgetown, centre, explaining some of the secrets of making pottery to fellow townsmen Mrs. Lorraine Horton and Mrs. Susan Bain. Bottom left, Mrs. Joe Bray of Acton tries her skills at the potter's wheel. Bottom right Joseph Robson, Churchill Rd., refinishes a 150 year-old rocking chair with a ladder back and seat of woven rope. He's a former resident of Etobicoke now living in Acton. —(Staff Photos).

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Car fire soon out

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vickery and baby were driving past Force Electric Thursday night when they discovered smoke coming from their car. They stopped and jumped out and the fire brigade was called. The fire was soon out and the family walked to their destination close by.

Faulty wiring was blamed for the fire.

The Vickerys live on Main St. S.

Ice makers rewarded

Arena employees Don and Bob Price are going to be rewarded for their conscientiousness in staying up almost round the clock the final weekend of October to make ice in the Acton arena.

Parks board voted Thursday night to award each of the men a \$100 bonus for their efforts. Parks employees received straight salaries.

Fourth doctor

Dr. Joseph Vukovich has joined the staff of Acton Medical Centre, practicing with Dr. Brian Moore, Dr. Craig Hutchison and Dr. David van der Bent.

Dr. Gerry Omelon left the group recently to continue his studies.

Dr. Vukovich comes from Fort Credit and interned at Toronto East General Hospital. He and his wife have an apartment on Churchill Road S.



FIVE GENERATION span in one family includes Mrs. Bessie Buss, Toronto, shown holding her great-great granddaughter Heidi Leigh Barrett. The baby is the first child of Mr. and Mrs. John Barrett, R.R. 1, Acton. (See inside for story)

Music salesmen not members

An organization attempting to sell music lessons and musical instruments over the phone to Acton residents is not a member of the Acton Chamber of Commerce and has no endorsement from the local chamber. C. of C. president Roy Goodwin told the Free Press this week.

Mr. Goodwin said the chamber has learned representatives of the organization made telephone calls saying they are calling from the town office and that they are members of the Acton Chamber of Commerce.

\$137 stolen

Entry was forced through the side door of Hinton's store on the weekend. The break-in was reported to police Monday. \$137 in coins and bills was estimated taken from the cash registers.

Council turns down information request

Acton council turned down a motion sponsored by Councillor Peter Marks which would have enabled all municipally elected officials to remove copies of bylaws and resolutions and other non-confidential material from the municipal office for personal use.

"Councillors should be able to get this information and take it home for study," Marks told council admitting the same motion had been defeated at committee level but pleading for reconsideration. He said the Act did suggest these materials should be available for councillors who wanted to study them so they could vote intelligently on questions put before council.

"It's a problem for me—I'm out of town from 9 to 5 each day," he said noting he would like to be able to phone the clerk and ask for copies. Marks said he had spent some time perusing documents relating to the sale of town-owned land and he felt council should be encouraging individual councillors to study problems.

"In order to encourage it the door should be wide open," he said, claiming it would take only about five minutes time and there could be no abuses because the same material was available to all ratepayers on request and for a small fee. Any questions of confidential reports, etc. would be left to the discretion of the clerk.

Only Councillor Norm Elliott supported Marks on the motion. Reeve Frank Oakes said there had been no problem for councillors to get information in the usual way in the past and he didn't want to think there was a problem now.

Available at committee Councillor Earl Masales thought all the necessary information was available at committee and Deputy-Reeve Garnet (Pat) McKenzie told Marks there had been occasions in the past when this could have been abused. He felt the decision must look at the picture over the years rather than just the present.

Mayor Les Dudy could see no

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Charge brothers 33 car thefts

A number of charges have been laid against two Acton brothers following investigation of car thefts in Acton and other towns. One of the men appeared in court in Milton Monday and was remanded a week.

Cons. Roy Wood of Acton apprehended the two. Sub-

sequently charges were laid by Acton O.P.P., Milton O.P.P., Milton municipal police department and Oakville municipal police department.

Investigation showed 33 cars had been stolen during recent months, six of them in Acton.

Hard, soft liners speak at dinner

Two conflicting viewpoints about education will likely be well aired at an Acton Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting set for Monday, November 29 at the Station Hotel.

The Chamber has invited John Maxwell of the Department of Social Sciences, Humber College, an advocate of the soft or permissive line in education, as well as Dr. Garnet McDermid of the Department of the Cur-

riculum at the Ontario Institute of Studies in Education, a "hard liner" on education, to speak to the meeting. Both have accepted.

The speakers will present their views and then the meeting will be thrown open for questions, which officials of the Chamber expect will be entertaining and educational.

Tickets for the steak dinner can be procured from Mr. and Mrs. Alan Eastwood, Elmore Drive.

Area woman killed in crash

A two car collision involving four members of the Fergus juvenile hockey team, took the life of Margaret Ann Craik, 71, R.R. 1, Guelph last Thursday night. The collision occurred at the intersection of Highway 24 and Wellington County Road 26, near Ospringe, shortly after 8 p.m.

Mrs. Craik was a passenger in a car driven by her brother Walter Brody. Mr. Brody was admitted to Guelph General Hospital with fractures and cuts.

Driver of the second car, James Bolger R.R. 1, Arris and its passengers Roger Harrop,

Nichol Township and Ronald and John Povey both of Fergus were on their way to Erin for a Waterloo-Wellington league juvenile hockey game. The game was eventually cancelled because of the collision.

The four were treated for cuts and bruises at Guelph General Hospital and later released.

Small pane

A small window at the library was reported broken this week. Police have had reports of several broken windows the past few weeks.

Cathy Lasby Shorthorn Queen

At the Royal Winter Fair, Cathy Lasby of R.R. 2, Rockwood, was named Ontario Shorthorn Queen. The R.R. 2, Rockwood girl who was Shorthorn Lassie here, is in her first year arts at the University of Guelph.

She competed at the Royal on November 15 with nine other regional Shorthorn Lassies. She was judged on personality,

knowledge of the breed and the beef industry.

Cathy, who is 18, was grand champion showman at Acton Fair this year and recently won the W. I. Dr. Ethel Chapman scholarship.



CATHY LASBY

Startled by loss of arena revenue

Acton Parks and Recreation Committee may have lost in excess of \$1400 revenue for each week in October a suitable sheet of ice was not ready in the community centre.

Startled by this estimate made Thursday night by arena manager Harold Townsley, parks committee has decided to seek professional engineering advice to find out what mechanical or structural deficiencies in the building are delaying the preparation of ice this year. Ice-making machinery was set in

motion October 17, but a sheet of ice was not ready for use until November 2, over two weeks later.

Presents figures

Townsley based his figure of \$1400 on the ice rental revenue and refreshment booth profits for the week of November 12-18. He said the figure for a week in October could be even higher, since ice could be rented to non-local teams at higher rates. Many local minor leagues do not require ice until November, he said.

Opinions on what the problem really is varied among members, but all agreed the arena manager's figures were significant enough to have the committee retain an engineer to find out why ice cannot be ready earlier.

"I think he'll say put another 30 horsepower motor on the ice making machine and also insulate the building," Townsley suggested.

Councillor Peter Marks said he is not convinced insulation is the only problem, but admitted an

increase in the capacity of the ice machine may be needed.

Referring to a front page Free Press report in which Halton M.P. Rud Whiting said local public bodies should take a good look at the new federal government program "labor intensified", under which grants are available for community projects, committee member Gil Malcolm wondered if the committee shouldn't look into the offer.

Marks said he has already

spoken to council about getting some work hours for parks and recreation under the provincial government's winter works incentive program. However, he pointed out the provincial program pays only for labor costs.

"We still need capital to put into raw materials," he said regretfully.

He said he didn't know whether the federal program carried the same restrictions, but promised to investigate the matter and bring it up at council.

150 attend night school

Leisure time is providing new skills for over 150 at night school classes this year.

Diverse classes produce a pleasant hum of activity in the high school Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Just one class, upholstery, is not held in the school; it's in the "Y".

Courses began October 12 and most of them are scheduled to be over just before Christmas.

The success of the classes has prompted the organizers to consider holding them again after Christmas.

New courses

As well, three entirely new courses will be offered to fight the mid-winter doldrums—bridge, English as a second language and foreign cuisine.

Flyers will be coming out soon outling which courses being run again. Most of them can take newcomers after the holiday.

Likely to be repeated are upholstery, conversational French, physical fitness, needlecraft and handicrafts, and pottery.

One of the most popular classes of the fall term has been pottery, which has 22 enrolled including two men, one from Milton and one from Georgetown. There's a new instructor this year, Mrs. June Levy, who also teaches art at the school in the mornings. The school has its own kiln which those in the class may use.

Typing also has a hefty enrolment of 22. The instructor is former high school office staffer Mrs. Betty Lou Bowden of Georgetown, who retired to look after her young family. This is a 20 week course continuing on right through Christmas.

Hammer on

The upholstery group in the "Y" is taught by upholsterer Earl Jensen, who recently moved from Acton to Guelph. He has 19 in the group and is expecting to continue instructing after Christmas.

The sewing class is another which was intended to run 20 weeks. There are 16 enrolled. Mrs. Lynn Lawson of Fergus is in charge of the group and their varied projects.

In the shop, high school teacher Clarence Rognvaldson supervised 14 who are working on what they choose, from making new articles to refinishing old furniture.

Two nights

Mrs. H. Bessem, R.R. 1, Georgetown, had groups of interested women at the school two nights—Mondays for needlecrafts and Wednesdays for handicrafts. As well as sewing the women have been making candles and leatherwork. These will be offered again since there are many possibilities for new crafts to be introduced.

Conversational French will also be offered again. The teacher is Gerry Brouillard of Burlington who teaches French

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