



INSTALLED AS Worshipful Master of Walker Lodge this month was Ray Thompson, second from right, who succeeded the Immediate Past Master Clarence Rognvaldson, right. Assisting in the installation were Wor. Bro. Dr. B. D. Young of Campbell Lodge, Campbellville, left, and Past Master Wor. Bro. Syd Newton, Guelph. The official presentation was postponed in December due to bad weather. Visiting Masons attended from Georgetown, Guelph and district.—(E. Taylor Photo)

Alf Hales tells Tories

Costs, not location cause airport delay

The choice of a location is not the factor that is holding up progress on the proposed new international airport for Ontario Conservative, MP Alf Hales told Halton and Halton East Conservatives at their annual meeting in Oakville Thursday. Although he admitted he hadn't been behind the scenes when airport discussions were taking place, the MP was convinced Ontario and Ottawa had agreed upon a site.

Same deal here? He said the Federal Government paid a certain percentage of the cost for the new \$800,000,000 jetport outside of Quebec but refused to give Ontario the same deal. "If the Federal Government was to say to Ontario today that they could have the same deal as they gave Quebec, you can be sure a site would be announced and work would get underway soon after." Hales told the Conservative riding meeting he felt Amaranth Township near Barrie would be the best possible site. He said the area needed a stimulus. The area is only sparsely populated and not many people or buildings would have to be removed to facilitate the airport.

Hales commented on a number of other current issues. He vowed he would try to convince his caucus and in turn parliament to make strikes illegal for civil servants providing an essential service. He said that would include "airport personnel, postal service and the CBC. Well, no, I guess the CBC can strike if they want to. They're not very essential."

The MP took great delight in telling of his experiences as chairman of the public accounts committee. He said the committee was unlike the general trend in government where the MP's are becoming more of a rubber stamp all the time.

Dogs said poisoned

North Halton O.P.P. report they have no clues regarding the dog poisoner who is believed responsible for the death of five family pets in the area of the Sixth Line Esquering, north of Highway 7, recently. Two other dogs have been poisoned but have recovered.

Unpopular committee He said his committee took advantage of the situation when they found civil servants in error. Government departments don't relish going before the committee, Hales said.

He recalled an incident where taxpayers paid \$18,000 because the postal department overestimated on the number of Christmas stamps they could use. He said an error in addition by a public civil servant cost \$18,000 when the Post Office added the value of trucks they bought from one firm and sold to another.

Big "boo boo" An omission in a contract signed by the Department of Northern Affairs cost the government over \$60,000. The greatest "boo boo" Hales pointed was the famous case of the HMCS Bonaventure. "It started out to be a \$4,000,000 refit job and ended up costing \$18,000,000 and sold a year later for scrap."

He recalled finding a bill for \$100,000 to move the Department of Finance and later learning that \$75,000 of that fee was for tropical plants. Hales said the government has a contract with a firm in Belleville to come and water, wash and dust the plants on a regular basis.

No Esquering blessing for snowmobile races

Esquering councillors found themselves on the prickly horns of a dilemma Monday when two Georgetown J.C.'s asked them for permission to run snowmobile races in Georgetown park this Saturday and Sunday. Spokesman Peter Hughes said the J.C.'s had waited until the late appearance because they were not aware part of the park was in Esquering and they must also get permission from the

township to run there. Georgetown council, although it has banned snowmobilers from the park, passed a special by-law so the J.C.'s could operate the races. Mr. Hughes said the CBC was anxious to film a half hour segment for the Wide World of Sports during the races which would have \$6,000 in prizes and attract the best drivers from all over North America. Profits

from the venture are to go to Georgetown hospital.

Delicate matter Esquering councillors found the matter delicate since the previous Sunday they had laid a charge against Waterfalls park for operating on a Sunday, in alleged defiance of the Lord's Day Act.

Reeve Tom Hill wondered why Georgetown wants to stop their own ratepayers from using snowmobiles in the park and then bring in outsiders to race Saturday and Sunday.

He was told Georgetown council passed the by-law to allow the races two days before the snowmobile by-law was passed.

Deputy Reeve Russ Miller could see no reason why the races should not go ahead. He was seconded by Councillor Dick Howitt who said there was no problem with the township's holding by-law since the established use in the park was racing. He felt council should turn a blind eye on the weekend event.

"After what went on over the weekend, what would happen if we turned a blind eye?" asked Reeve Tom Hill. "How are you getting away with the Lord's Day Act?"

Don Bick of the J.C.'s emphasized the races were not for a profit and would do some real public relations for Esquering and Georgetown. He said they had been fighting for

three years to get races of this calibre and they felt fortunate to have secured them.

No recognition Reeve Hill wasn't too impressed with the recognition Esquering would receive from the event. "Mayor Smith called it Georgetown recreational park; he doesn't say Esquering," he grumped.

Mr. Bick said the committee in charge had started organizing the races in June and it was six months' venture to get off the ground. "We never knew it had anything to do with Esquering," he admitted. "We'll lose our shirts if it doesn't go through," he shuddered.

Councillor Len Coxie told council only a small portion of the park was in Esquering and Georgetown residents would be most affected.

"But how can we step on the Golden Horseshoe Dragway and not let them race on Sunday morning and then let this happen?" wondered Councillor Wilfrid Leslie. He reminded them a church (Christian Reformed) was not too far away from the park.

"And we registered a complaint against Waterfalls Lodge Sunday," the Reeve noted.

Further discussion elicited no firm answers for the J.C. pair and they left the meeting with no guarantees of approval, although it was obvious most members of council viewed the races sympathetically.

Ask park in Esquering

Esquering planning board will make the decision on an application for operation of a park on land at Lot 17, Con. 1, owned by Norman Douglas, R.R. 1, Acton.

Township council told Mr. Douglas they had two other such applications waiting to be processed by the board and his request would be included on the agenda. They agreed to send him the decision.

Mr. Douglas said he owned 145 acres of land, mostly bush, and he had been advised by a professor from the University of Guelph that the land was useless for anything else. Twenty-two acres are cultivated.

Saw Dept. The applicant said he had already been to the Department

of Tourism. They advised him to see council first, he told the Reeve when informed he must see the Department first.

"They work in mysterious ways," muttered the Reeve, noting the Department had previously told council it was the other way round—Department first, then council.

Mr. Douglas said he wasn't sure yet what form the park would take, but he envisioned a place for trailers and tents to set up in the rocky, forested area.

THEY still have public speaking competitions between schools in Wellington County.

O'Connor president

Tories prepare for federal battle

Halton Riding could go Tory in the next Federal election but party workers can't fool themselves into thinking the next one will be like the provincial election, acclaimed riding president Terry O'Connor told workers at their annual meeting in Oakville Thursday.

O'Connor is one of three seeking the federal candidacy for the Halton Progressive Conservatives. His bid was unopposed when he ran for the riding presidency. Bert Hinton of Acton and Jim Muir of Oakville are also running for the nomination.

Optimistic O'Connor told the riding Tories the riding during his term in office would be participation. He said Tories had the people locally, the leader federally and could count on the Liberals' incompetence during the past four years to help them get elected.

"The government has demonstrated general incompetence in handling the economy and in allowing spiralling unemployment and we will exploit this," O'Connor said.

A YPC representative told the meeting not to overlook youth. He said the riding couldn't rely on the federal candidate like they did on Jim Snow provincially. He suggested every effort be made to get to the high schools because an average of about 400 in each high school would be of voting age.

Bob Reid of Milton will stay on the executive in the capacity of past president. John Ham was elected vice-president, Rita McKinnon second vice-president, Borden Wheeler third vice-president. Treasurer is Bill Humphries, secretary Mrs. Jim Smith and vice-president of finance Kelly New.

Rick Day was elected Milton area president while Bruce Cargill will represent Acton as area president. Other area presidents are Erin, Roy Brown; Georgetown, John Armstrong; Oakville north, Archie Donoghly; Oakville west, Bill Bateman; Oakville south, Don Ralford; and Oakville East, Mike Boyle. Pete Steman is the YPC representative.

• NOTICE •
TO SNOW VEHICLE OPERATORS

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Acton hereby warns all snow vehicle operators that Town of Acton By-law Number 70-1504 is being amended. This amendment will be effective at 12:01 a.m., February 6th, 1972, and paragraphs 4 and 5 of the new By-law will then read as follows:-

Paragraph 4: "THAT no person shall drive a motorized snow vehicle on any street within the Corporation of the Town of Acton, except for ingress and egress at reduced speeds and low noise levels."

Paragraph 5: "THAT no person shall drive a motorized snow vehicle on any street within the Corporation of the Town of Acton unless such motorized snow vehicle is equipped with a fluorescent safety antenna of not less than 5 feet in height from ground level."

This new By-law may be examined by interested parties during normal working hours at the Municipal Office.

J. T. Hurst
Clerk Administrator
Town of Acton

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