



ATTENDANCE WAS disappointing when the Red Cross called a meeting of interested Actonians in the library Monday. Board member Mrs. Marie Hargrave and Mrs. Betty Almond (centre front) look at literature, flanked by Mrs. Connie Nieuwhof (left) and Mrs. Blanche Goudketting (right). Behind are Harry Black, campaign director of Ontario division; Georgetown president Mrs. Elaine Sales R.N., and Dick Perrott, Georgetown vice-president and campaign chairman. —(Staff Photo)

Red Cross meeting

50 contacted — three show up

Attempt to establish a branch of the Red Cross in Acton met little success Monday night when only three Actonians showed up for a well-advertised meeting in the Acton Public Library.

Harry Black, campaign director of the Ontario division of the Red Cross, was in town along with executive members of the Georgetown and district branch

of the Red Cross, which was established in 1939. President Elaine Sales, 1st vice-president and chairman Dick Perrott, disaster chairman Blanche Goudketting, publicity chairman Connie Nieuwhof and board member Marie Hargrave of Acton attended the meeting. Mr. Black said another meeting will likely be organized

in approximately two months.

Contacted 50
Mrs. Sales contacted representatives of 50 boards or organizations in Acton and 49 indicated they would either attend or send a representative. The Red Cross has over 150 branches across the province including communities no larger than Acton.

A branch should be organized in Acton since Red Cross services are now available here. Mrs. Hargrave is already on the Georgetown executive.

A mailing campaign is being arranged for Acton in March. Mrs. Almond and Mrs. Hargrave are looking after the addressing of the literature.

Oppose hydro line

5,000 names on petition

Although they have achieved their target of 5,000 names, the Coalition of Concerned Citizens (CCC) decided to continue petition name gathering until they can present their brief to Premier William Davis, hopefully sometime in March.

This was decided last Thursday night at a meeting in Snelgrove where the group met to review their plans for opposition to the proposed 5,000,000 volt transmission line which Ontario Hydro proposes to build from

Pickering, east of Toronto, to Nanticoke on Lake Erie. The line would affect the southern portions of Erin and Eramosa townships and the northern part of Nassagaweya.

Sixty representatives from most of the 10 townships along the route attended the Snelgrove meeting. Lee Symmes of Terra Cotta acted as chairman with Mrs. Audrey Symmes as secretary.

Protesters are also writing letters to Queens Park about the line and several indicated they

have received replies.

Encouraged by Hydro
The group was encouraged by Ontario Hydro's attitude as expressed last week in a desire to meet with various councils, representative citizens and spokesmen for environmental groups to discuss the issues of the transmission line. Chinguacousy reeve Robert Williams said Hydro is now furnishing the information required to study the proposal.

Although Ontario Hydro has

said the line is essential if the people of Ontario are to have electrical energy to support economic growth in the seventies, the chairman George Gathercole has also said the Commission does not have to be rigid regarding the exact route of the line which will blot out several homes in this area.

The CCC group intends to approach the various township councils to ensure they are aware of the latest Hydro offer and have the opportunity to review the situation with objectors.

Fight for survival

Annexation push again

Acting on Mayor Les Duby's warning that "perhaps this is our last hope to determine things for ourselves," planning board last Thursday agreed to again push for annexation of land from Esqueving township for the town.

The mayor brought to the board the latest word on annexation from provincial treasurer Darcy McKeough—there's no decision on Halton-Feel regional government yet. Mr. McKeough indicated to the mayor that regional government is imminent for Kitchener-Waterloo and Sudbury, but not this area yet.

Mr. Duby was meeting with the cabinet Wednesday as part of the delegation of the Association of Ontario Mayors and Reeves.

"We should proceed as if nothing is happening," the mayor exclaimed forcibly. "They've left us in this position!"

With this reason Although secretary Grant Usher recalled the community

planning branch had indicated they wouldn't consider annexation at this time, Mayor Duby said he thought something within reason would be considered.

Chairman Saitz: I agreed we should go ahead and see what happens.

Dave Muckle: Let's spend some money and go ahead with it. Whipping up enthusiasm and hopes again, the mayor pointed out to board members that Acton, at 967 acres, could be a thing of the past with regional government. But 2,000 acres? "They'd have to deal with us!"

"It behooves us to fight for survival!"

Annexation from Esqueving township of land east of town will be on the agenda for the March meeting.

Norm Elliott had another good reason for the annexation. If Acton took in both Esqueving and Nassagaweya, we'd have plenty of parking for the Grey Cup game.

Members were in general agreement with the township of Esqueving's official plan. Mr. Usher had a copy of the thick, impressive looking document at the meeting.

The plan only anticipates development at Stewarttown, Norval and Glen Williams.

"It leaves the Acton area to

us," Dave Muckle observed. "It'll be there for our use. We can zone it as we see fit."

A motion was worded, to go to council, expressing planning board's agreement with the plan which appears to be in conformity with Acton's anticipated expansion to the east and the open zone around Fairy Lake.

Wolf versions differ

First hand encounters with wild animals were compared when Abbott Conway, of the Algonquin Wildlife League, was guest speaker at the firefighters annual 'stag' dinner last Saturday evening. Mr. Conway forcibly gave his case on behalf of the wolf, while some of the avid hunters in the group had different opinions of these beasts of the wild.

Mr. Conway, who is employed at Beardmore, also showed slides

of some of his camping trips in Algonquin park.

Fire chief Mick Holmes chaired the delicious meal to which special guests had been invited in appreciation. Esqueving township was represented by Tom Hill and Len Cox and Nassagaweya by Cal McIntyre and Percy McGillivray. The mayor, fire committee chairman Orval Chapman and Jack Greer attended from Acton council.

Compile community services directory

A Community Services Directory is being compiled for North Halton under the auspices of Dr. Chamberlain and the Halton County Health Unit.

The Reverend Harry Dawson of Acton is chairman of a volunteer committee representative of North Halton working towards the compilation of the directory.

Mr. Dawson says that to make such a directory comprehensive complete co-operation and inclusion of all community organizations and helping agencies in North Halton is essential.

Volunteer agencies, service clubs, community groups, recreational resources etc. are being asked to submit an outline of the nature of their organization, its community interests and the services it supplies to Dr. C. Chamberlain, Medical Health Officer, Halton County, 155 King Street, Milton.

To help facilitate the compilation of the directory, Mr. Dawson is hoping that agencies and community groups serving in Acton will submit an outline to Dr. Chamberlain or himself as soon as possible.

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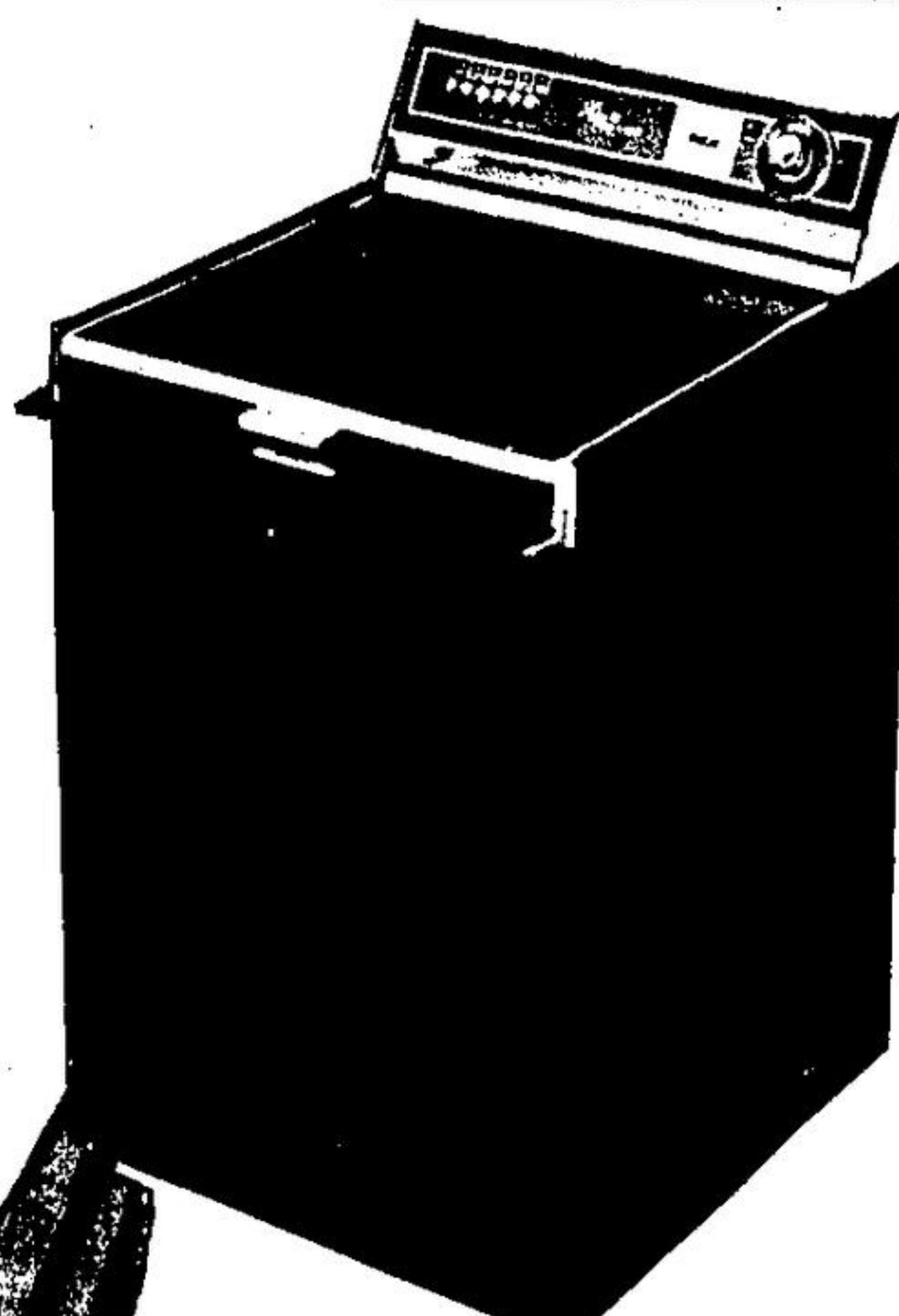
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