

Hinton contender for Tory nomination

About 125 from Acton, in three buses, will travel to the Blakelock high school in Oakville tonight (Wednesday) for the nomination meeting for Halton riding Progressive Conservatives. One of three declared contenders is H. H. "Bert" Hinton, with a long record of service in town and county affairs.

He is expected to be opposed for the nomination by Jim Muir and Terry O'Connor, both of Oakville.

The Halton riding includes Acton, Milton, Georgetown, Erin and Oakville, as well as the surrounding countryside.

Weather worries
Local supporters have their fingers crossed for good weather. Bad roads could be a real problem to supporters from as far north as Erin. Proxy voting is not provided for.

The three buses from Acton have been supplied on behalf of Mr. Hinton.

There hasn't been a federal member either Liberal or Conservative—from the north of Halton county since Sandy Best.

Friday gathering
Mr. Hinton received plenty of encouragement locally at a wine and cheese party in the parish hall last Friday evening. About 75 backers attended the evening. Mrs. Gil Maltby was one of those instrumental in arranging the

evening and Brian Cargill was chairman.

Among those present were the president of the Erin Progressive Conservative Association Norm Nixon, Esquensing reeve Tom Hill, and other supporters from Georgetown and Milton as well as his home town. Acton president Bruce Cargill spoke as well as one of the guests.

Express appreciation
Mr. Hinton expressed his appreciation for the support he was receiving in his home area. If he is nominated, he said, he will work in all areas, rural and urban, and will do his utmost to represent everybody.

Brian Cargill said he felt it was the consensus of opinion that Mr. Hinton was the most experienced



and "would do the best job." He repeated the feeling of need for change. The three expected candidates have had three meet-the-candidates nights, in Georgetown, Milton and Oakville.

Field open
The field is also open for any others nomination tonight.

National party president Don Mathews will be the keynote speaker for the convention.

Peter McWilliams of Oakville won the P.C. nomination in the 1968 race and lost to Rud Whiting. Whiting succeeded Liberal M.P. Dr. Harry Harley.

Speculation is that the election will be in June or October. Halton P.C.'s say they are preparing for a June election.

Thumbnail sketches of Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Muir appear inside today's big Free Press, on page C7.

Active career

Mr. Hinton of Hinton's 5c to \$1 store moved to Acton in early years, was in the R.C.A.F. five years leaving as Flight-Lieutenant, is married to Mary, a former high school teacher, and has a daughter Kathy at home. Son Bob is a chemical engineer in Quebec City. Jack holds an associate degree in mechanical technology and is presently

hoping for a place on the Canadian team for the world parachutist championship.

He's been on council 10 years as deputy-reeve and reeve; was county warden in 1966; is president of fair board; president of the Halton T.B. and R.D. Association and a charter member of the board of governors of Sheridan College.

He has been on the C. of C. executive, the Development Commission, advisory board of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, regional Committee for air pollution for Western Ontario, Y's Men's Club, elementary and secondary school consultative committees, is past president of Acton Y board, former director of Ontario Crafts Foundation, member of the assessment review court of Ontario. He's a legion member.

He has also travelled extensively in Britain, the United States, Europe and the U.S.S.R.



Snakes alive!

ALTHOUGH HE doesn't recommend them as everyday apparel, Acton clothier Paul Nielsen feels boa constrictors can make excellent pets. Just to prove his point he wrapped the four foot long South American reptile around his neck for the Free Press camera. —(Staff Photo) —Turn to page 2

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Send trucks north, preserve Limehouse ratepayers urge roads committee

Confronted with possible disturbance of their village environment by the proposed construction of a County Road 20 by-pass, Limehouse residents have asked county council's roads committee not to build the by-pass, but to maintain the present road which passes directly through the village, in proper condition.

A brief, presented by ratepayer John Glynn at an open meeting in Stewarttown Thursday night, also suggested that if a great need for truck facilities exists, the Fourth and Fifth Lines from County Road 20, north to Highway 7, be improved, widening and paving. If necessary the Fifth Line could also be improved.

Signed by 79 ratepayers the brief made it clear heavy truck traffic through the village is not wanted and that repairs and maintenance of the present railway overpass would be preferred to construction of a new one.

About 100 Limehouse area ratepayers attended the meeting, chaired by Nassagaweya deputy-reeve Don McMillan, chairman of the county roads committee. Also present were Warden Jim Swanborough, Esquensing Reeve Tom Hill, Milton Reeve Ron Harris, Oakville Reeve Allan Masson, all members of the roads committee, Esquensing deputy-reeve Russell Miller and



ABOUT 100 LIMEHOUSE and area ratepayers jammed Esquensing Community Hall in Stewarttown Thursday night to

township councillors Len Cox and Wilfrid Leslie.

Acton Reeve Frank Oakes and Esquensing councillor Dick Howitt were unable to attend, because of other commitments.

Engineer Ralph Barr told the

meeting the present railway overpass at the intersection of County Road 20 and the Fifth Line was designed to handle a 10 ton limit 60 years ago, but is not adequate for present day traffic. "How many cars weigh more

than 10 tons?" a voice from the crowd shouted.

Must serve all

Barr said the overpass must be able to serve traffic from the entire Limehouse area. Posting of a 10 ton limit on the overpass

by the C.N.R. has seriously affected the trucking industry. Only unloaded trucks are allowed to use the bridge, he pointed out.

Loaded trucks exiting from Indusmin Quarries have been going south on the Fourth Line

and east on 17 Sideroad. Ratepayers living along both roads have already complained to Esquensing Council about use of those roads, as a truck route.

Showing slides of the area near the overpass, Barr pointed out approaches to it on both sides are twisting and that visibility is restricted in some spots.

After it had been determined that the overpass should be replaced, he said local residents were contacted and an investigation of effects reconstruction could have on the community was carried out.

He said the character of the village has changed, since there are more urban people moving there. Out of a total enrolment of 230 students, Barr said 175 are transported to Limehouse public school by bus. The school is located just north of the overpass on County Road 20.

In an average week, 56 passenger trains and 28 freight trains travel under the bridge at high speeds.

Conduct study

A traffic study, conducted on County Road 20 last year, showed that 1697 vehicles used it between the Fifth and Sixth Lines, compared to 1280 in a 1968 study. Forty per cent of the 1967 vehicles were trucks. Barr predicted the figure would almost double by 1978.

Using a map to illustrate, Barr

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Cut two mills

Halton County Ratepayers are in for a pleasant surprise. Ac-

Wither weather

A snowstorm which turned to freezing rain and made roads treacherous Monday was followed by dense fog Tuesday, a combination that spelled out some of the worst winter weather the district has experienced this year.

Roads were so treacherous that Acton and area schools were closed all day Tuesday just prior to the winter holiday period. It was the first time schools have been closed this year because of weather.

Although roads were slippery and clogged with wet drifted snow, Acton police report there were no more than the normal quota of accidents, outside of minor mishaps where motorists were stalled or slid into ditches.

Students were back at school Wednesday and the weatherman predicts warm spring-like weather is on its way, but March is unpredictable and he may have changed his mind again by the time this is read.

According to budget predictions Thursday night at a meeting of the Halton County Board of Education, the mill rate for education across the county will drop by an average of 2.06 mills.

Bill Priestner, chairman of the budget committee, explained increased government grants had more than offset the increase in costs to operate the system. He cautioned people not to conjure the 2.06 mill increase as being applicable to one or all municipalities. He said it was the county average and the apportionment to municipalities is worked out through a formula that involves the provincial equalized assessment.

Up \$3.5 million
The county education budget is up \$3.5 million dollars over last year to \$43,609,008. The provincial grant accounts for \$26,020,000 or 59.7 per cent, while the municipalities will contribute a total of \$17,228,008 or 39.5 per cent. The board receives \$194,000 from tuition this year and \$167,000 through miscellaneous means.

Instruction will cost the board \$30,433,257 or 69.79 per cent of their budget while debt charges of \$4,866,656 will account for 11 per cent and plant operation will cost \$3,768,890 or eight per cent of the total budget.

The amount each municipality will pay is expected to be known at the next regular meeting



Bald Kink's surprise!!

"MY HAIR, who stole all my beautiful hair?" staged at the school, tonight (Wednesday) and David Berry plays "The Kink" in the Robert Little operetta "White Gypsy", which will be

Four year old boy strangles on scarf

An easy-going youngster who loved to play hockey and was looking forward to attending kindergarten in September, four year old Kenneth John Feenstra died of strangulation when a scarf he wore caught in the jagged end of a willow tree branch at noon Friday.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Feenstra, 205 Mason Blvd., the youngster was playing with other children on a neighbor's property when his scarf caught in the tree branch, forming a noose. Police speculated Kenneth might have



KENNETH FEENSTRA

Operetta sell-out

Sold right out!
That's the word early this morning (Wednesday) about tonight's opening performance of the Robert Little School operetta. The tickets for the first performance are completely sold out. Principal G. W. McKenzie reported that this morning there were still a few tickets available for the second performance tomorrow night (Thursday).

been trying to climb the tree or perhaps was trying to get over a projection when the scarf caught on the limb.

A playmate, four year-old Grant Smith ran to tell his mother that Kenneth was tangled and Mrs. Carol Smith lifted him down and carried him into her home, notifying the boy's mother, Joanne Feenstra. A doctor, police and firefighters were called and

tried to revive the child for about 40 minutes before Dr. D. A. Garrett pronounced him dead.

The tree was on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Art Daigle at 220 Mason Blvd. They were both away when the accident occurred.

The coroner Dr. Hunter of Milton was called. He has decided there will be no inquest into the death.

Funeral for Kenneth John Feenstra was held Monday from the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home with Rev. Peter Brouwer of the Acton Christian Reformed Church officiating. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Pallbearers were uncles John Adriaanse, Brampton, Jack Lanthier and Clifford Wedge and neighbor and friend John Dunn, all of Acton.

The youngster is survived by his parents, who live with another younger son Richard in the Warren Grove subdivision.

Neighbors were shocked when they heard of the accident recalling that Kenneth was such a happy, likeable boy with an easy going manner.

Constable Roy Wood of the Acton O.P.P. detachment investigated.

Bower Avenue to get facelift

Acton Council has authorized R. V. Anderson engineers to proceed with drawings for the reconstruction of Bower Avenue.

Following a recent meeting with residents, who will be affected, council's public works committee decided on details of the reconstruction.

A 32 foot wide road will be constructed from Willow St. to the CNR right-of-way, complete with curbs along both sides and concrete sidewalks will be installed, where necessary. The portion of road from the CNR

right-of-way to Mill St. is to be widened a distance of four feet and repaved. A sidewalk and curb facings will be installed on the south side.

Residents attend
Attending a meeting with the committee Thursday night were Mr. and Mrs. Norm Price, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spielvogel, George Elliott, Doug Dawkins, Mrs. J. Cavovic, Tom Gordon and Jack Bruce.

Residents at that time asked questions relating to removal of trees, snow removal on sidewalks and whether or not there is room for a 32 foot wide road with curbs and boulevard.

Mrs. Spielvogel felt it would not be necessary to remove a tree in front of her property. Mr. Elliott asked that the curbs be deleted from plans so that trees would not have to be cut down. Mrs. Cavovic asked that a driveway be left on her property.

Enough room?
It was Mr. Dawkins' opinion that there is not enough room to permit a 32 foot wide road and have proper pedestrian sidewalks. He also indicated some concern about who would keep the sidewalks clear.

The committee informed residents trees would be planted in place of the ones it is necessary to remove.

No fire — just alarm

Firefighters, one Knox Ave. family and many others were awakened from sleep Saturday morning at 4.30 a.m. by report of a fire, but like Mark Twain's death it was grossly exaggerated.

It was a false alarm. Nobody was more surprised than Mr. and Mrs. Chester Anderson, Knox Ave. when firefighters came pounding on their door to douse flames supposedly there.

All participants in the early morning revels went back to bed.