

Tentative sale of industrial park

With an agreement to sell the town's remaining industrial land to Paul Nielsen and Gino Civiolo at the signing point, council were thrown slightly off balance Tuesday to learn the development commission has three new buyers lined up.

However after considerable discussion council agreed to continue their advanced negotiations with the partners and at last "got out of the real estate business."

Council has held the industrial land on Main St. N. for eight years without much success in sales and had anticipated perhaps having the final agreement ready to sign Tuesday. The offer to purchase by Mr. Nielsen and Mr. Civiolo involves about 50 acres with cost estimated in the neighborhood of \$60,000 - \$3,000 an acre for serviced land and \$1100 for unserviced land.

Although the agreement was not ready for finalizing councillor Coats predicted it would be settled in a week.

Mr. Nielsen recently resigned as chairman of the development commission and his appointed replacement, Ted Tyler Jr., appeared before council to announce he has two new buyers anxious for land. One of them was present. A third, Gus Boltort, was present as well; he already has land there and wants more.

Mr. Tyler said the larger of the two industries requires five to six acres, would build 25,000 square feet now and 100,000 in two years. Their representative was unable to attend.

Mr. Nielsen and Mr. Civiolo were also both present.

Mr. Tyler suggested problems arising in keeping the industries under the new circumstances and said he came for "one more kick

at the cat." He wondered if council could help iron out some of the legal problems he foresaw, possibly with a proviso in the agreement guaranteeing building permits.

Considerable discussion ensued, while the delegations were there and again afterward.

Council unanimously agreed to proceed as before with negotiations to sell the remainder of the town land to Mr. Nielsen and Mr. Civiolo.

Asserted councillor Coats, "We have effectively sold the land (to the two partners). Council has already accepted the offer. Now we arrive at the subdividers' agreement. It should be through in a week."

Mr. Coats and other councillors agreed prospective customers would be turned over to them.

Mr. Coats is chairman of the administration committee which has been working on the sale of the land.

"The town is finally out of the real estate business," said Mr. Masales with satisfaction.

The mayor added "Our main objective was to recover our investment and expenditures in the sale of the land. Hopefully private developers will be more successful than we were." Mr. Doby praised the work of the development commission over the years.

Mr. Coats said he couldn't really see any conflict between Mr. Tyler's presentation and the agreement with the two partners to buy the land. "These gentlemen will resell," he surmised.

Mr. Marks added the town will probably not be losing the industries, they will just not be concluding the deal themselves. Mr. Nielsen agreed the primary interest of himself and his new partner will be to get industry. "I'm assured we'll try to get them," he said.

TWO of the vacant stores on Mill St. are being fixed up for business again. A hairdresser and chicken restaurant are on the way.



THREE OF ACTON HIGH'S top students, Gordon Morris, Carolyne Mackenzie and Carolyn Thompson, right, all Ontario Scholars, were presented with many of the scholarships and awards at the school's annual commencement exercises Friday night in the school auditorium. Turn inside for more details. —H. Coles Photo

Vote Monday Over 62,000 voters eligible in Halton

Over 62,000 are eligible to vote in Halton riding for the federal election next Monday, Oct. 30. An estimated 14,500 of those voters will be casting their first ballot. About 78 per cent of those eligible to vote in the last election cast ballots.

When revisions are completed, there will be more than the 62,000 on the rolls. Ten advance polls across the country were open last Saturday and Monday for those unable to vote on Oct. 30. Voters should have checked lists to make sure they are registered as the deadline has passed. Lists also tell where voters can cast their ballot. Polls will be open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Three choices
Halton voters will choose between Liberal incumbent Rud Whiting, NDP candidate Mrs. Carolyn Holstein and Conservative Terry O'Connor. The three have been pounding on doors across the county for a month now and have kept up with a rigorous schedule of knocking on doors, meet-the-candidate meetings, wine and cheese parties and coffee parties across the county.

The three have campaigned along party lines for the better part. Unemployment, taxation, the state of the economy and incentive grants to industry have been among the most often discussed issues. However leadership is the issue that seems to crop up in every meeting and promises to be a key factor in voters' minds.

Mrs. Holstein is an Erin area resident and a relative newcomer to the political wars in this riding. She and her husband both teach elementary school in Peel County.

Terry O'Connor is an Oakville lawyer, who most recently worked as executive counsel to Justice Secretary Allan Lawrence. He has been involved in party policy and in a wide variety of capacities for many years in Halton.

Second term
Rud Whiting will be looking for his second term in office. He defeated Murray Kernighan and Peter McWilliams in the 1968 contest. Prior to taking office Whiting worked as public relations officer and salesman with Nelson Crushed Stone.

Halton riding includes Oakville, Milton, Esquevas, Acton, Georgetown and Erin.

Three candidates are competing in Halton-Wentworth. PC Bill Kempling 50, is a Dundas Dundas businessman who set up his own company in 1965. The company, Wheels, Brakes and Equipment Ltd. manufactures specialized truck bodies and employs 37 people. He is married and has two adult sons and a daughter, 14.

Liberal Norm McGuinness, 40, won the nod from the Halton-Wentworth Grits during a somewhat bitter nomination meeting in April, defeating incumbent MP John Morrison. He is a professional engineer and is employed by Westinghouse Canada. A married man, he resides in Burlington.

Youngest of the three candidates is the NDP candidate Dickson Bailey, 25. A graduate student in political science at McMaster University, Dickson lives in Dundas with his wife and three-year-old son.

Halton-Wentworth riding includes Nassagaweya, Burlington, East Flamborough, Waterdown and Dundas.

Metro's garbage heads elsewhere

Although negotiations for a landfill site have not yet been completed, Metro Toronto Executive's Works Committee has accepted a Canadian Pacific Railways proposal to haul garbage from the city.

Metro at the same time rejected a Canadian National Railways proposal, which called for garbage to be shredded and formed into odorless bales, then shipped by rail to a site at Indusmin Quarries south of Acton.

CP rail spokesman Jack Berry told the Free Press his company's offer is to haul 400,000 tons of Metro garbage annually at a price of \$4.55 per ton.

Unlike the CN proposal, Berry said the CP offer includes no initial processing of the garbage. He said garbage trucks would dump refuse as it is into covered rail cars. It would then be hauled to a sanitary landfill site where it would be properly disposed of. Lack of initial processing is believed to be the reason for the lower CP price per ton. CN's offer was to haul the processed refuse at a price of \$8.55 per ton.

Reeve Tom Hill of Esquevas greeted the news of the rejection of the CN proposal with these words: "It's good news to me unless CP plans to come out this way. They can expect a battle if they do."

Hallowe'en still next Tuesday

Could one small town persuade all the children to hold Hallowe'en on Saturday night? wondered councillor Bill Coats at council meeting Tuesday. He recalled that last year Hallowe'en was celebrated on the Saturday night rather than the actual date which fell on Sunday. Then the decision to change the date was general, including Toronto.

This year Hallowe'en is next Tuesday night.

Mr. Coats' bid brought no response from fellow-councillors so Mr. Coats packed up his cards, so to speak. The bridge expert decided he'd better "let it pass."

The Acton Free Press

ACTON, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1972

Ninety-Eighth Year. — No. 17

Thirty Pages—Fifteen Cents.

Elmer Smith to retire

Acton loses both its public school principals next June.

W.D. Elmer Smith of the M.Z. Bennett school submitted his resignation to the Halton County Board of Education meeting last Thursday; G. W. McKenzie of the Robert Little school had a similar letter before the board the week before.

The resignation of both principals had been expected with their retirement before them both.

Wife retires too
In the case of Mr. Smith, his wife Vivian, who also teaches at the school, expects to retire as well. Principals' resignations are usually submitted before those of teachers.

Mr. Smith has been teaching 40 years, 30 of them in Acton.

40-year career

His teaching career began in Alton where he was principal of a two-room school for nine years. Next he came to Rockwood, as principal of the three-room school for a year. He came to Acton as principal of the eight-room school for two years and then when Mr. McKenzie was discharged from the services and returned as principal, Mr. Smith became vice-principal. He moved to his own school, the brand new M.Z. Bennett school, 16 years ago. It is a 16-room school.

When Mr. Smith first came here, Miss M. Z. Bennett was a supply teacher for him for a

while. She now lives in Waterloo. Mr. Smith was born in Caledon township and went to school himself at Belfountain, Erin and Orangeville before teachers' college in Toronto.

Helped at farm
He also continued to work at the family farm in Caledon over many of his teaching years.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith and family live at R.R. 3, on No. 7 highway. They hope to enjoy some travelling after this year.

Acton-Nassagaweya school board trustee Tom Watson presented Mr. Smith's resignation to the board at their regular meeting last week and it was accepted with regret.

Will go ahead with elections

Municipal elections will go ahead, as scheduled, despite rumors to the contrary that have been circulating in three southern Ontario counties. A. K. Meen, Parliamentary Assistant to the Ontario Treasurer Charles S. MacNaughton, said in a statement issued at Queen's Park.

Mr. Meen said the erroneous rumors arose apparently because a proposal is now in preparation for reorganization of local government in the counties of Halton, Peel and Wentworth (including the City of Hamilton).

"Some citizens apparently have the erroneous notion that the reorganization of local government will make the December 4 elections unnecessary, and that existing councils' present terms of office will simply be extended", Mr. Meen said.

"It has come to my attention that there is confusion in some people's minds about two important aspects of the local government reform program. First of all the Government of Ontario is preparing a detailed proposal for local government

reorganization in the area west of Metro for release late this fall. There is still a good deal of work ahead of us, and many important briefs from municipal and other interested parties to be analyzed and considered. No conclusions about the details of those arrangements have been reached yet by the Government.

"Changes in local government in the counties of Peel, Halton and Wentworth (including Hamilton) are going to be made in the future but with no fixed timetable at this stage. I must state most emphatically that there will be no change in election arrangements for those municipalities whose council terms conclude in 1972.

"Should provincial legislation be established next year to reorganize local government in the areas west of Metro, suitable provisions will be made at that time to have special elections held to establish local and regional municipal councils.

"In the absence of specific legislation bearing on reorganization of local government it is simply not possible or even appropriate to extend the life of municipal councils."



Turn clocks back

The hour lost in the Spring reappears this Sunday morning at 2 a.m. when clocks are turned BACK to Standard Time from current Daylight Saving. It is not necessary to arise at 2 a.m. to turn your clock back. Some do the job before they go to bed. Others wait until they get up

on Sunday morning. Still others haven't been to bed yet, although no doubt they are a minority in this community. Daylight Saving comes back again in the Spring in an annual switch which invariably makes some people late or early for church on two occasions each year.



(Photo by J. Jennings)

GARGLING THEIR WAY TO BETTER TEETH, Kitty Payne, Barry McNabb, and Karen Blain were among students at Robert Little School who gargled and rinsed their mouths with a fluoride solution this week. The solution must be rinsed for one full minute and the procedure repeated every two weeks

for the rest of the year. Dr. Samuel Green, Dental Director for Halton contends that this program is one of the most effective ways to prevent tooth decay. Halton is the first county in Ontario to adopt this program, and Robert Little is the first School in North Halton to act upon it.