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Eight candidates running for council

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Board involved in witch's brew

Halton County Board of Education will not be adhering to the scriptural reading which says, in part, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live."

Recently a woman who claimed she is a witch outlined her views and philosophy to students of Burlington's Lord Elgin High School. The "witch" was a guest at one of the school's "bearpit" sessions. The bear pit is operated by the school to give students insights into opposing views on various subjects and a wide variety of people have spoken there.

The witch's talk sparked an indignant letter to the board from E. J. Newell. The letter, also sent to several area newspapers, declared the school had

committed a reckless act in inviting the witch. His letter was filled with biblical quotes denouncing witchcraft.

Among other things, Newell said witchcraft was a sign of moral decay. "If the board does not act on this, I'm prepared to take the matter to the churches in Burlington," he warned.

Should be fired

Newell also suggested Mrs. June Gardner, the school's education program assistant and the main organizer of the bearpit sessions, should be fired.

Newell's letter prompted a second individual to write to the board to congratulate the board and the school for conducting the bearpit forums.

When the letters were read at a

recent board meeting, W. J. Priestner the Separate School trustee on the board caustically commented, "the writer didn't suggest we remove McBeth from the schools." That Shakespeare play contains several references to witchcraft.

E. S. Lavender, assistant director of education for Halton County, said the witch was one of many people, including the Burlington Police Chief, members of all the political parties, speakers for the anti- and pro-abortion movements, who have been guests at the bearpit.

Minority groups

Oakville trustee R. E. Goodin said he would have to take Newell's side—in part. "I wondered when we would get some reaction from the bearpit sessions." He suggested the board inform teachers and educators to be aware of the feelings of minority groups.

However Priestner challenged his statements. "If everything we say is designed not to offend anyone, then we'll be making some very sterile statements which don't mean a thing."

A suggestion to invite Newell to

visit the board and examine its various accomplishments was shot down by J. W. Singleton, the Director of Education for Halton.

"He doesn't care about the good things. Newell believes in witches and their power," he pointed out.

It was decided that Singleton and E. Bodnar, Chairman of the Board would file an "appropriate reply".

The Board also decided to give a vote of confidence to Mrs. Gardner for her work in conducting the bearpit sessions.



TOM WATSON



LES DUBY

Mayor, Reeve, Deputy Hydro Commission in by acclamation

Eight candidates will contest six council seats in the only election for Acton voters on December 4.

Mayor Les Duby is returned by acclamation for another two year term and present deputy-reeve G. W. McKenzie has moved up into the reeve's chair vacated by Dr. Frank Oakes who decided not to run this time because of the effects of a recent illness.

Councillor Peter Marks was unopposed for the deputy-reeve's post, so he and Mr. McKenzie will represent Acton on county council for the next term.

Four new candidates have thrown their hats in the ring for the six council seats opposing four of this year's council, including John Coniglio, Bob Drinkwater, Barry Incoe and Bill Yundt.

Councillor Jack Greer also decided not to run for office leaving incumbents Bill Coats, Orval Chapman, Norm Elliott and Earl Masales to contest the six seats with the four challengers.

Also back by acclamation is Tom Watson, the Acton-Nassagaweya representative on the Halton County Board of Education. He was unopposed.

All members of the Acton Hydro Commission were returned by acclamation which includes chairman Wilf McEachern, Ted Tyler Sr., Bob MacArthur and Orville Brown.

Elections for council will be held on Monday, December 4.



GARNET "PAT" MCKENZIE



PETER MARKS

Getting ready

Some stores have Christmas items out for sale already, and the schools are beginning to prepare for Christmas concerts.

Ted calls fowl but Hydro talks turkey

If Commissioner Ted Tyler Sr. had his way employees of the Acton Hydro Commission would have to buy their own yuletide turkeys.

He opposed the tradition of giving employees a turkey at Christmas but was outvoted by other members of the commission when it came to the motion.

"They are being well looked after now," Tyler declared in apparent reference to wage increases granted in the latest contract.

Chairman Wilf McEachern said it was his opinion the turkeys

were a sign of goodwill and not an added fringe benefit. He was supported by Commissioners MacArthur and Brown when it came to a vote, which was recorded at Mr. Tyler's request.

May tow

The arrival of snow Tuesday prompted police to remind townspeople it's against a town bylaw to park on streets overnight.

Dog locates drugs at apartment party

With the aid of a trained dog, the R. C. M. P. and Acton O.P.P. conducted a raid on a Churchill Rd. apartment about midnight Friday night. A quantity of hashish and marijuana were seized and it is expected the R.C.M.P. will be laying charges.

Acton O.P.P. laid several drinking charges against Acton teen-agers who were attending the party.

The drugs were located by Yoko, a specially trained German Shepherd who sniffs them out.

On Saturday Acton O.P.P.

located what they believed to be drugs in a car in town. The substances were sent away for testing, with no charges laid as yet.

On Saturday an Acton girl was charged with the theft of coat from Acton high school Oct. 27. She appeared in court Monday and was remanded.

The same day an Acton man was arrested on a warrant from Milton O.P.P. for break and enter at Glen Williams. He was released and will appear in court Nov. 20.

Liquor question put Monday

The town's first liquor vote will be held next Monday. Just two X's are required of each voter, and here are the two questions:

Are you in favor of the sale of liquor under a dining room license for consumption on licensed premises with food available?

And: Are you in favor of the sale of liquor under a lounge license for consumption on unlicensed premises?

Lack of interest

Councillors hope for a good turn-out since they originally felt interest was sufficient to set up the election procedure. Some expressed concern there had been so little comment on the issue.

There have been no letters to the Editor on the subject, and apparently very little street corner talk or concern.

Same procedure

The liquor vote was set up for a different day from the town election to avoid confusion. The voters' lists are different. Those eligible to vote on the liquor questions are all people 18 and over, resident in town two months before the polling date, Canadian or British subjects. No non-residents are eligible to vote on the liquor question. (Those who live out-of-town and own property here may vote in the municipal election.)

Much the same staff is being used for the two elections, and the same polling places. The advance poll is Nov. 18.

Unveil three phase centennial project

The Acton Centennial Commission revealed a three stage centennial program for members of council, parks board and the hydro commission at a breakfast meeting Saturday morning.

The centennial project selected is completion of the community centre at Prospect Park and the centennial commissioners recommended it be done in three stages, to commence immediately.

Stage one is construction of a new entrance to the community centre as an extension of the present building, comprised of a new lobby, washrooms, office, concession, cloakroom, entrance to lower dressing rooms, arena and auditorium at an estimated cost of \$50,000. It is suggested construction start in the spring of 1973.

Stage two with suggested construction in the fall of 1973 would be a reconditioning project for the arena including new outer walls and roofing, insulation, new seating and lighting. Total cost of the project, to be done by Con-Dign Limited, is estimated at \$67,200.00, based on retaining the present steel frame and present shape of the building.

Another alternative was outlined — demolish the existing structure and construct a completely new building 130 x 180 ft., including all the sophistications in the two phases at a cost of \$115,362.00.

The third and final phase of the project — construction of a new auditorium, theatre and exhibition hall as an extension to the existing building, was suggested as a project to finish the job at an estimated cost of \$80,000. Prices are based on estimates from Con-Dign Limited.

The overall concept of the community centre was considered also.

The area around the building will be landscaped and a new gateway or entrance from the street considered with hardtop parking. Suggested changes in the park included relocating the "band shell" to the side of the lake, relocating the block change rooms, removing the existing building housing swim pool equipment and replacing with a combined pump-boat house, relocating the poultry barn to the east end of the park and development of the lakeside from the creek to the swim pool area.

Centennial Commissioner Jack Carpenter discussed the

strides the commission had made to date and outlined plans for centennial celebrations which included the Gold Cup football game, a huge community breakfast on New Year's Eve, an ecumenical service, and many surprises the commission has been working on over the last few months.

He said the commission is now ready to tackle the fund raising side of the project as soon as council and parks board give their approval.

Mayor Les Duby promised to promote a joint meeting between council and parks board with representatives of the Commission to discuss the projects further.

Downtown could be Christmas fairyland

The business section of Acton could be a fairyland of lights this Christmas and through centennial year if plans of the Chamber of Commerce and Acton Centennial Commission come to fruition.

Members of Acton Hydro Commission listened to Paul Nielsen from the Chamber of Commerce and Ted Tyler Jr. of the Centennial Commission describe plans for Christmas lighting and 1974 at Thursday's regular meeting, and promised to assist both ambitious projects, when ever possible.

The Chamber has ordered new Christmas decorations for 24 poles in the downtown section along Mill and Main Streets, consisting of coachman lamps and electric candles, further festooned with garlands of lights.

"They would be suitable for

centennial as well as Christmas," Mr. Nielsen told commissioners.

He asked assistance in the installation. As usual the commission agreed to do everything possible to help but suggested there could be difficulties because of the amount of work to do in new subdivisions sprouting all over town. Ted Tyler Sr. said they might have to call on members of the chamber of Commerce to help out.

Ted Tyler Jr., representing the Centennial Commission, reminded Hydro there were only 11 months left until centennial year and centennial commissioners wanted hydro to be part of the celebrations.

"We want the town to be lit up just like Christmas," Tyler said, noting the centennial commission also had plans to paint the town

as well as light it up. Gold will be the predominant color.

Tyler said he was there wearing two hats as he also represented the development commission, which was holding a shirt sleeve session to discuss Acton's growth on Wednesday. He invited the hydro commission to send representatives to the meeting since they would likely be playing an important part in the plans.

The development commission is expanding its interest to development of the business section since the industrial park had been sold to private parties, Tyler said.

Commissioners expressed an interest in Mr. Tyler's proposals and promised to be represented both at centennial and development meetings.



ORVILLE BROWN



BOB MACARTHUR



WILF MCEACHERN



E.G. TYLER