

Six town men resign Wednesday

Six employees from a town works force of 11 handed in resignations this morning (Wednesday), carrying out a move they threatened to do several weeks ago.

The men have a total of 64 years with the town. Sam Tennant, 22 years, John Van den Brink, 18 years, Don Swackhamer and John Dunn with 10 years each, Larry Frizell with four years and Ernie Medland, a new employee, walked off the job this morning over a dispute with council over the appointment of a foreman. The men told the Free Press they would be taking other jobs, Monday morning.

Last minute attempts by council to patch

the dispute up failed Tuesday night. "Council admitted they were wrong," the men told the Free Press but then would not do anything about it. They said they were asked to consider another new proposal before they handed in resignations but council had not acted upon it Tuesday night and now it was too late.

"It was left too long," they said.

Grievances first erupted when council created the new position of town foreman to assist superintendent Alf Dudy. The post was awarded to Brent Marshall, an employee whom other men considered had insufficient experience to take the job. They

were not happy with working conditions under the foreman but said council had admitted they had made mistakes in the way they informed him to do his job.

The men told the Free Press council told them the foreman had not had enough experience to do the job but then wanted them to wait until he is better trained. They found this unacceptable. Deputy Reeve Marks and Councillor Coats met with them on Tuesday.

The men said their resignations were accepted and they handed in their keys this morning (Wednesday). Some have other jobs and others have job possibilities.

It is the second time some of the men

have submitted resignations. The mayor and reeve talked with the town men after four letters of resignation were received early in June and they were withdrawn. Job segment and job responsibilities were set up to solve the grievances at the time but the issues were never really resolved.

The men are members of CUPE, the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

Contacted this morning, Mayor Les Dudy said he was concerned about the resignations but council had been faced with an ultimatum twice and had made a new proposal which the men rejected.

He said he would comment further at the end of the week.

Recount shows nine Ontario scholars

A recount of marks has earned Loraine McDonald, 50 Mowbray Place, an Ontario Scholarship. She had 80 per cent.

A mistake in tallying marks by a member of the high school staff led to the original mark of 79 per cent. Loraine, figuring her own total, concluded she had earned an Ontario Scholarship. She requested the high school check her marks. The check proved she was correct.

Loraine is the ninth student at Acton high school to attain 80 per cent or over this year. Seven other students were only a few marks away from the charmed circle.

Loraine will be marrying this summer and plans to attend the University of British Columbia in the fall. She hopes to take courses leading to a career in Clinical Psychology.



LORLAINE McDONALD
She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George McDonald of Toronto.

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Wring concession at meeting

Schneider's alternative would eliminate towers from area

Residents of Esquesing, Erin, Eramosa and Nassagaweya townships left no doubt in the minds of Bruce Howlett's environmental planning consultants they felt the best alternate route for the marching hydro towers of the Pickering to Middleport course would be as far away from them as possible.

Almost 150 residents, members of township councils and a bevy of Ontario hydro officials met with the Bruce Howlett Inc. environmental planners, in one of a series to pick an alternate route for the 610-foot corridor at Acton high school Friday night.

tower lines along 401 could be considered and two routes over the Niagara Escarpment.

It was explained earlier that System 'R' had been rejected by Ontario Hydro after being developed by the Howlett planners because "all the eggs would be in one basket". Two lines would run from Halton to Guelph on the same corridor. In the event of some disaster power could be cut off in the industrial heart of Ontario.



ESQUESING COUNCILLOR George Maltby discusses Hydro routes with Eramosa councillor Bill Adsett, Erin township reeve Lloyd Lang and Eramosa reeve Warren Parkinson at Friday's meeting at Acton high school, while Joe de Grandis takes a moment out. —H. Coles Photo

Residents of the Acton area managed to wring a concession from the meeting that would consider an alternative which would avoid the district altogether.

Spokesman John Schneider, R. 2, Acton, suggested the Howlett study was playing into Hydro hands by considering only those routes which Hydro thought acceptable. He proposed the east-west corridor could avoid the Acton area by going directly from a Halton sub-station near Milton to Guelph following Highway 401 instead of travelling north to a substation in the Acton area.

He said the proposal would affect fewer people and follow the shortest route for the lines, noting it was called System 'R' on the explanatory literature. However, later an official of Ontario Hydro suggested Mr. Schneider's alternative was really a modification of System 'Q' a route to which Hydro had given their blessing. System 'R' had been rejected by Hydro.

Wants guarantee
But Mr. Schneider was not consoled by the Hydro acceptance of the alternative. He wanted some guarantee that the alternative would also be considered in the questionnaire and be available as an alternative for future meetings. Otherwise, he said, the meetings were just a farce and everyone had appeared for no other reason than to rubber stamp proposals already figured out by the environmental planners and Hydro.

Applause greeted his remarks. Howlett, looking for ways to incorporate the new suggestion into his meetings, agreed with some reluctance, to present them at future meetings and include them in the questionnaire, explaining the option.

Questioned by Esquesing councillor Dick Howitt, Mr. Howlett clearly indicated that the original Hydro proposal for the corridor was "out" and one of the

Eight hospitalized after four car crash

Eight people were taken to Georgetown Hospital following a four car accident along Hwy. 7 at Silvercreek, Saturday evening at 7:45.

A car driven by Ollie Stephan of Toronto was eastbound and stopped along the highway preparing to make a left turn into a driveway. The car following him, driven by Dorothy Gaudet, also of Toronto, was stopped behind him.

A third eastbound car, driven by William Roy Willis, 48, of 84 Duncan Dr., Georgetown collided with the Gaudet car pushing it into the rear of the Stephan vehicle.

After striking the Gaudet car, the Willis auto deflected into the Westbound lane, colliding with an oncoming car driven by William K. Ballentine, 46, of 325 Delrex Blvd., Georgetown.

Stephan was alone in the car and suffered no injury. Damage to his vehicle was estimated at \$75.

Mrs. Gaudet, her son Jerry, 15, and three friends, all 16 and from Toronto were hospitalized with minor cuts and bruises. The car in which they were riding received an estimated \$1800 damage.

Willis was hospitalized with cuts and bruises. The car received \$2000 damage.

Ballentine and his wife Betty were the only passengers in the fourth car and were taken to hospital. Damage to their car was estimated at \$500.

Milton O.P.P. Constable Glenn Reibling investigated.

Phil Siddall announces he will run for mayor

Councillor Phil Siddall of Georgetown is the third to announce he will contest the mayor's post for the new town of North Halton in upcoming October elections.

An industrial manager at a Bramalea plant, Councillor Siddall said he has already cleared with his employers and will have the necessary time to do the job properly. He feels his experience as a manager and administrator will enable him to co-ordinate staff and blend the area into a smooth operation.

He has been chairman of the administration committee on Georgetown council, served on the industrial commission, recreation committee and planning board. He was also active on the fire committee when differences were ironed out with Esquesing.

He was also active in writing and providing ideas for the Georgetown brief which suggested a Northern town without Nassagaweya and reaching as far as 401 Highway, which he feels influenced the province's decision to a marked degree.

Councillor Siddall also has the support of some members of Acton council.

Reeve Tom Hill of Nassagaweya and Councillor Bill Hunter of Georgetown have already indicated they will contest the mayorality and Mayor Bill Smith of Georgetown has done so privately. Reeve Rick Morrow of Georgetown is considering running for the office. No members of Acton council have indicated they will contest the mayorality but Reeve G. W. McKenzie has announced he will run for the regional seat in the Acton ward.

Ontario scholars

Milton high school has 12 Ontario scholars, Georgetown 25. Acton has nine.

Glenlea residents complain - sidewalk construction stopped

The first sidewalks in Glenlea subdivision, begun Tuesday morning, were halted Tuesday night about 11:30 p.m. It was decided to finish two short sections of sidewalk on the east and west sides of Meadvale Rd. and abandon plans to continue the sidewalk down Meadvale and Longfield to Orville Rd.

The regular council meeting both began and ended with the

matter of the new sidewalk. First on the agenda was a delegation of five residents opposing the project several councillors agreed with them and the decisions made at a special

council committee meeting Monday night were completely changed. There wasn't one council member left anxious to continue new walks by midnight of the day the work began.

Draws back
Contractor Montego Con-

struction this morning (Wednesday) will be drawing back his forms from in front of several homes and repairing damage done to lawns (on town property).

On the west side of Meadvale, cement had already been poured halfway down the side of the Queen St. plaza from Queen St. This walk will now terminate at the back driveway which runs behind Norm's barber shop, Elizabeth-Lo beauty shop, Royal Milk store, Glenlea medical centre and Glenlea drug mart.

The contractors had already installed an L-shaped walk guiding pedestrians on the east side of Meadvale to the Queen St. crosswalk. This will now be enlarged as a collector area for children. More sidewalk will be built alongside Toth Shell service station ending before the first house. The asphalt walk there is to be removed.

Two main objections
Eric Lynch, who lives in the first house on the west side and was spokesman for the delegation, joined council on the road as the new plan was decided.

He and his neighbors had complained to council primarily for two reasons—they had not been properly informed, and they thought the sidewalk's location on the west side wrong. The reasonable place would be the east side, to direct school children to the crosswalk.

Tended lawns
Surely it would have been common courtesy to inform residents who, like himself, had tended town property 15 years or more. His property when purchased included a rockery which with its bulbs had been cut through Tuesday for forms.

People had come home from work to find their driveways inaccessible. (The police were immediately informed by council to prevent overnight parking

Orville Rd. and was intended as a collector.

Added to danger
Mr. Lynch explained 90 per cent of the people walk down the east side and the new walk would have added to the danger for children.

"Can Leishman should be citizen of the year every year as far as I'm concerned," asserted Mr. Lynch, "and he's responsible for the fact there aren't more accidents there."

A sidewalk on the west side goes nowhere—a monument to futility, he opined.

Better than road
Deputy Reeve Marks felt children use the plaza and a sidewalk there would be useful. Mr. Marks felt a sidewalk, even badly located, is better than using the road. He also wondered why a sidewalk on the east side

couldn't dodge around the hydro poles.

Another member of the delegation, Eric Scott, declared "You could have saved your money and left things as they were!" Ted Pope and Phil Elliott also spoke.

Glenlea resident councillor Norm Elliott predicted 50 per cent of the people there wouldn't want a sidewalk at all.

"So what's the use of fighting to get one in?" wondered reeve McKenzie. I'm sorry about this. With a limited amount of money we tried to provide safety for the children.

Let's wait and get reaction from other people, said roads Chairman Earl Masales. We've just heard one side of the story.

Do 100 others want it? Councillor Chapman asked.



MOP MOP, an 11 month old female Pomeranian puppy, rocketed to her Canadian championship undefeated in her classes on the Canadian Western dog show circuit. Mop Mop, bred and owned by Mrs. Ruth Hulford of R.R. 1 Acton, climaxed her triumph by winning the Saskatoon Puppy Sweepstakes over 169

all breed puppies. The judge was the capable and well known president of the Canadian Kennel Club, Mrs. Hilda Pugh, who is shown presenting the symbolic rosettes to the proud owner. Mop Mop, another champion for Kilty Lanes' Kennel, grins approval.

—Photo courtesy Saskatoon Star-Phoenix.

New taxi licenses approved

The town will have a new taxi service before long. Council Tuesday granted three taxi licenses to R. T. Colbeck who already operates six cabs in Milton and Georgetown. He will have his third operation based here with a local phone number and hopes to have local men as drivers.

He explained to council previously he also does parcel and mail pick-up and often does trips to the airport.

He expects he can get organized here in about a month.

10 licenses
Clerk Grant Usher explained the town has 10 licenses available. The present Reliable Taxi service has two licenses in use and one available for a possible third car.

Others had applied to council for taxi licenses but Mr. Colbeck's presentation was the best for the people of the town. One of those who had applied had admitted his aim was to service the airport, councillor Masales recalled. Others had withdrawn. Mr. Masales pointed out this service will be ideal with the GO train coming as far as Georgetown.

Ontario scholars

Georgetown High School has named an Acton youth and another area resident Ontario Scholars.

Earning 91 per cent in a Math-Science program, Allan Green, 14 George St., Acton reasoned his success, saying "I'm good at math, it brought my average up."

Allan is planning to enter Electronic Engineering at the University of Waterloo in the fall. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Green, George St., Acton.

John Winkel of R. 2 Rockwood, earned 82.3 per cent in a similar program. Moving to Nassagaweya three years ago from Etobicoke, he is also planning to take engineering at Waterloo.

He will be living at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.



JOHN WINKEL

Winkel, 25 Sideroad, in Nassagaweya township.



ALLAN GREEN