

Limehouse operator predicts shortage of quarry products

A Limehouse quarry operator warned Esqueving council Monday night that wayside gravel pits would remain eyesores within the township unless some provision was made to have them cleaned out of gravel and rehabilitated with funds set aside by provincial regulation.

Mac Duff, operator of a quarry on the Fifth Line near Limehouse, also took a poke at some measures in the new Niagara Escarpment Planning Act, which he said could develop into a serious shortage of aggregate products unless they were relaxed.

Duff said he would feel the pinch this

year and someone is going to end up with egg on their face if the shortage became general and material was not available for roads and building.

Admitting to a vested interest in decisions of the Niagara Escarpment Planning Act, Duff said his own operation's plans to expand to his north, which had been worked out over a period of years, were now sidelined by new provisions in the province's plan for the Escarpment. Yet, he said, west of Yonge St. (No. 11 Highway) there were few places where gravel could be mined except the Escarpment. New controls would effectively freeze them.

The Limehouse quarry operator felt the strict measures of the Escarpment freeze had been dictated by a committee of environmentalists who paid scant heed to the province's demand for products from the quarries.

"I'm an environmentalist myself," he told councillors with a smile, noting he belonged to the Bruce Trail Association and kept an active interest in other associated groups, but felt the commission had not taken other important aspects into consideration.

Under the circumstances he asked council to support him when he presents his

case for expansion to the commission in charge of issuing licences to Escarpment operators.

Reeve Tom Hill said they likely would support him if he was going to rehabilitate his quarry.

Duff said the property was worthless now unless something was done.

Deputy-Reeve Len Cox told Mr. Duff that the Escarpment planning act was introduced to control indiscriminate use of the important natural feature but he saw areas where control would be a hind. He felt the need for quarry products would be a "leg up" for operators.

Reeve Hill told Mr. Duff that it would be useless for council to support any bid from him at the present time and advised him to wait until members of the Niagara Escarpment Commission were appointed by the province and county. The time to make it will be when the commission is formed, he suggested.

Duff read figures showing the increase in business his quarry had experienced since 1970, including a 31 per cent hike in 1971 and a 39 per cent increase in 1972. He admitted some aspects of the Escarpment Act had been good but pointed out the Esqueving area was the only one in the

county suitable for quarries.

It is bad enough to be put out of business by mismanagement, he told council, but to be legislated out of business was almost unbelievable.

Duff also said he was going to push for small wayside pits to be cleaned out of gravel, and rehabilitated such as those which presently were eyesores on the Sixth Line. He said it would never be done unless it was financed under the government scheme to allow so much per ton extracted to do the job.

Although he did not disclose details, he said he was working now on general principles to outline his plan for the commission.

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SIGNING a petition supporting the John Schneider proposal that the power line between Pickering and Nanticoke be placed along 401 Highway instead of through farm land in the Acton area was Archie Macpherson of Arthur St.

Esqueving favors new alternative for Hydro corridor

The three member Esqueving citizens' committee appointed to recommend a township policy towards the controversial 500KV Ontario Hydro transmission corridor, will make a written

report of their findings to the township council at a committee meeting next Monday.

However, the trio left no doubt as to where they stand regarding the three alternative corridors

presented by Bruce Howlett's environmental planners at Monday's meeting of Esqueving Council.

Spokesman, Mrs. L. R. Symmes, said they favored Hydro taking the shortest route for the corridor, which runs closest to the lakeshore. They were also favorably impressed with the alternative which had been suggested at an Acton meeting conducted by Mr. Howlett where the corridor would follow 401 Highway from Halton station near Milton to a point near Guelph, and from there to the Douglas Point generating station on Lake Huron. It is known as a modified 'Q'.

Settlement Town workmen return to job

The six Acton town workmen who resigned last Wednesday have returned to work this week after a special meeting of council and a union representative of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Thursday evening.

Only one point in the 10 point agreement which had affected an earlier settlement of the dispute over the naming of a foreman was changed and this met with the men's approval. The change spelled out that foreman Brent Marshall would be a foreman-in-training for a period of six months. The time period was not in the first proposal.

Earlier the six men involved refused to agree to the 10 point settlement of council policy

suggesting council was not bargaining seriously and had left it too long. They handed in their resignations Wednesday.

CUPE calls Thursday, G.O. Jones, a representative from CUPE, which represents the town employees, called clerk-administrator Grant Usher and enquired about the situation. He arranged to meet the men Thursday afternoon and set up meeting with the personnel committee of council that evening. Jones told the committee the men had agreed to accept council's policy providing the job classification of foreman

"We feel this is a good alternative," Mrs. Symmes said, noting it would avoid Esqueving altogether. The most southerly route for the East-West corridor was also the most logical one, she declared.

Mrs. Symmes' statements were backed up by Mrs. H. Moulden and H. Link, the two other members of the township council appointed to the committee.

She noted that if the North-South line followed a route to a link-up closer to Guelph there would also be a considerable saving in distance, 89 miles as opposed to 111 if the corridor followed a more westerly direction to link up with a substation near Acton.

Mrs. Symmes said public opinion had been in favor of a utility corridor concept and the routes they favored fell into the proper categories.

Councillor George Maltby noted there had been unanimous support from the Acton meeting for the alternative suggested by John Schneider. But can we convince Hydro? he asked. The link-up point to the Bruce generating station was still up in the air, he said, because the newest alternative had never been studied.

Mrs. Symmes said the link-up cannot be selected until the Howlett study picks an east-west route.

There were other problems, too, said Councillor Dick Howitt. He attended a meeting Monday with BHI and four representatives of Hydro regarding the modified 'Q', where Hydro stated it could present difficulties with two lines from Nanticoke and three from Bruce in close proximity.

He said it had been Hydro



DISPLAYING the skin of the Massasauga Rattlesnake he encountered in his sleeping bag during a recent trip to Shawanigan, past Parry Sound, was Adrian "John" Swinkels, an employee of Building Products in Acton. After killing the snake Swinkels skinned it and mounted the reptile's skin on the time clock at the plant.

Extend toll-free area? Bell to determine

Survey cards and explanatory letters are being mailed to the 2300 Bell Canada customers in the Acton exchange this week to find out whether they want to pay an extra dollar amount for toll-free calling to Milton and Guelph.

Acton residents can make local calls to Rockwood or Georgetown now involving 15,700 telephones. The new local calling area would jump that number to 61,200.

Rates for a private individual residential telephone would increase from \$4.85 per month to \$5.85 if residents accept the change. Bell says 60 per cent of the Acton customers would have to agree before they would consider undertaking the proposal. The company is asking for prompt return of the cards by August 17 and hopes to have results tabulated by the end of August.

The company says the additional charge will look after extensive rearrangements of equipment in the Acton, Guelph and Milton switching centres. Approval of the Canadian Transport Commission is required to change the basic monthly rates.

Bell says their experience has shown that calling increases as much as 1,000 per cent when toll-free areas are adopted in place of long-distance charges and this calls for enlargement of facilities to handle calls.

The additional one dollar charge would apply to all individual lines, while a 65 cent hike would result for a two party line, a 60c raise for a multi-party line. Extension telephones would remain the same.

Individual lines for business would increase by \$5.05 under the new rates, jumping from \$10.05 to \$15.10 while a multi-party line would increase by \$1.40.

Bell agreed to pay the \$400 for the survey when Acton council rejected the cost and lack of public agitation for enlarging the toll-free call area.

Strong support to put hydro corridor in south

Residents of the area canvassed for four hours Saturday along Acton streets and came up with 350 to 400 names in support of a pilot survey endorsing the recommendation for a modified 'Q' alternative for the controversial 500 KV hydro corridor.

The group is planning another survey this weekend for Georgetown, Erin, Rockwood, Hillsburgh and Acton in their drive to gain support for the alternative which would keep the 610 foot swath of hydro towers and 200 acre substations in the areas which will require power.

The modified 'Q' system follows 401 highway to a substation near Guelph and proceeds from there to the Bruce generating station instead of

turning north into Esqueving, Erin and Erarnosa.

"Some penalty must be paid by the people in Toronto and Hamilton who demand the power," says John Schneider of R. R. 2 Acton, who suggested the modified 'Q' system at a public meeting in Acton recently and is spearheading a drive to see the corridor follows a course which residents find adheres closest to guidelines set up.

Mr. Schneider and other area residents, township officials and members of the Bruce Howlett study team met with Hydro people last Friday to discuss their proposals.

Hydro spokesmen acknowledged they could accept route 'R' which earlier they had turned

down, as long as lines were not closer than five miles, except for a short interval through the escarpment where they could be closer. Route 'R' resembles route 'Q' and was selected by the Bruce Howlett study as their choice of a route for the corridor.

Mr. Schneider says he has been encouraged by the response of area residents to the alternative route he proposed along 401 Highway. Hydro spokesmen have also expanded their study for the North-South line to include the area from Guelph to 401.

Saturday's pilot survey received the support of 90 per cent of the people who were approached over four hours and the group expects similar results this weekend.



MAYOR LES DUBY, left, and former clerk-administrator Joe Hurst, right, announced this week they would contest seats on the new North Halton council. Turn to page seven for details.



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Elevator stalls—trapped

Trapped in the Diplomat Apartments elevator for an hour and a quarter, Mrs. Christine Stuckless, 17, was released through the efforts of electrician Jon Hurst. A group of friends, tenants and her husband welcomed her out.

Mrs. Stuckless is a resident of the Church St. apartments. She was alone in the elevator when apparently a fuse blew and it stalled. However the elevator light remained on.

Her plight was soon realized. The building superintendent and police chief both joined the endeavor. Mrs. Stuckless became immobilized at the third floor about 7:45 p.m. Tuesday night. She was released at about 9:10 p.m.—a little shaken but fine.

HELP OUR FRIENDS, NOT OUR ENEMIES

ZAMBIAN TROOPS MURDERED TWO CANADIAN GIRLS

STOP GOV'T AID TO ZAMBIA!

REVOLUTIONARY-TYPE POSTERS being masked-taped about Rockwood, Acton and area were rejected by Oscar Drijber. He said that he understood what they are saying but that it cannot help his cause. He does not want to see the Zambian peoples suffer but reiterated the urgency that people in Canada must recognize the possibilities of the government's aid to Zambia never reaching the source for which it was intended.

Mitchell Sharp meet waste of time—Drijbers

by Lorraine Root

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The Drijbers said earlier that they feel that any government incapable of admitting their own fault is not mature enough to handle the large sums of money which the Canadian government and others are pouring into that country.

Met with Sharp

Mr. and Mrs. Drijber met with Mitchell Sharp in Ottawa last Thursday in a two-hour meeting of attempting to "get truth and justice." The External Affairs Minister afforded the Rockwood couple the courtesy of a 17 minute wait before arriving at his chambers and, after the meeting it was the concerted opinion of the parents of the village girl who was deliberately murdered by Zambian soldiers, that it had been another waste of time.

The Drijbers returned only recently from a six week visit to Zambia, Rhodesia and South Africa where they went to check out reports that Marjan could still be alive. The one week intended visit, however, turned into a full fledged six week investigation. Mr. Drijber

said their reception in Ottawa was not unlike the treatment he had received in Zambia with the exception that he knew the Zambian president was lying outright but that Canada's External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp was simply "not aware."

Accompanying the Drijbers at their meeting with Sharp was Wellington County MP Alfred D. Hales. Also present were two External Affairs Department officials who busily took notes all during the session. The Drijbers could feel the deep understanding and sympathy extended by many of the dignitaries and representatives they met at the Parliament buildings and felt particularly, that radio, TV, and press, were behind their cause.

In presenting Mr. Sharp with a typed list of 12 questions Mr. Drijber said "If and when they are answered to my satisfaction I will stop my present activities. My only concern is with the investigation into the death of our daughter," he said and later reiterated, "I am not attempting to crucify the Zambian people but I believe that the Canadian taxpayers have a right to know what is being done with money the government gives or loans to foreign nations."

Mr. Drijber was sharp in his criticism of external affairs alleged wasting taxpayers' monies. He said he felt it would have been more feasible to send notification of the Drijber's visit to Zambia via airmail at a cost of 15c as opposed to spending somewhere in the neighborhood of over \$1,000 so that an envoy could convey the information personally.

At the meeting Mr. Sharp disclosed for the first time in public that



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