



SPEYSIDE AREA RATEPAYERS Association was formed Friday night during a special meeting of area residents. Elected officers are left to right Ray Baril, research; Wilson Dale, vice-president; Pamela Sheldon, secretary; Jim Sheldon, president; Cathy Fee, treasurer; and Bill Taras, publicity.

Fight proposed Speyside quarry

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 ations can be heard for miles around, according to Mr. Dale.
 Because the nearest railway is several miles away, trucks would have to travel on either St. Helena Road or more frequently on Highway 25. The damage to the highway would be extensive and Mr. Jennings admitted that he did not really care about the shape of the roads.
 Mr. Dale was told one year ago by Mr. Jennings that an additional 500 trucks would be on the road each day. This does not include the already great number of trucks which speed down the

vicinity (Dufferin and Indusmin), Mr. Jennings highway each day. When confronted with this figure he denied saying that. However, in an interview with this newspaper afterwards, Mr. Jennings said that 75 to 100 drivers would be taking six or seven trips a day out of the quarry site. When it was brought to his attention that this was 600 to 700 extra trucks on the road, he quickly retracted his statement and said there would only be 75 trucks.
 When confronted with the question of why the company had to choose this area for their project, when there are already two quarries in the

reverted "There will be a hole in the ground somewhere... You go any place and there is some group of people like you complaining about it." He went on to say "You don't care about anyone else and they don't give a damn about you!"
 Lloyd Sankey, one of the residents listening to Mr. Jennings, said "I am selfish. I came to this area (from Montreal) to enjoy this country and I don't want your mess on my back door!"
 A reclamation of land is due if the proposition goes through and a quarry is indeed built. This lake will be 6,000 feet long and 600 feet wide. In 50 years the whole

package will be complete with another lake, two miles long and 2,000 feet wide.
 However, one irate woman in the audience received a round of applause when she retorted, "I don't mean to be disrespectful, Mr. Jennings; however, it seems to me this is the same as offering a very beautiful but dumb young lady a tank coat while you are raping her." Mr. Jennings quietly said he would not know about that.
 Letters have been sent to the local MPP Jim Snow concerning this matter, and it is hoped more people will take it upon themselves to write on their own. Mr. Dale was told that Mr. Snow does not feel

this area needs another quarry.
 The OMB hearing is scheduled for November 4 at the old Esquesing community building at R.R. 1, Georgetown, Trafalgar Rd. and 15th Sideroad.
 Not affected
 Travellers on the Bruce Trail, which runs through the property owned by Consolidated Sand and Gravel Ltd., will not be affected if a quarry is built. Mr. Jennings said the land on which it runs will be kept as is for the hikers.
 Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Dale have contacted the O.P.P. to see how many accidents

along Highway 25 have involved gravel trucks.
 Parents of school children are also very concerned about the speed at which the trucks go in the Speyside school area. The present truck drivers speed well over the 60 mile an hour limit, and if more drivers were on the road, the chances of a fatal accident would be heightened, according to Mrs. Sheldon.
 Mr. Sheldon also pointed out that the south-bound lane on Highway 25 was patched and damaged, while the north-bound lane was all right due to the already heavy trucks on the road.

Factions clash at regional meeting

Charges and counter charges were levelled as Halton Regional Councillors debated the merits of having area councils responsible for water and sewer services. The debate took place during the regional public works meeting Wednesday and at different points the debate turned into an angry shouting match.
 Burlington Mayor George Harrington insisted a cost analysis should be undertaken to determine what it would cost to have the public works department administer water and sewer services. He claimed a similar study should be made for the PUCs and if the PUCs were cheaper those bodies should be engaged to carry out the services.
 Oakville Councillor Bill Mason agreed costs of every operation should be monitored and the cheapest way used. He said the matter of who would run sewers and water was a matter for the provincial treasurer John White.
 He said Harrington and those who supported his stand were obstructing the work of the department and had managed to tie up the public works department for 12 months. He claimed it was Harrington's attitude that bogged the work of the region down.
 Committee chairman Jack Raftis accused Harrington of trying to protect an empire at the city level. He said he and Burlington Councillor Vern Cornell had tried to convince Burlington not to hire any new engineers but rather transfer the city engineers to the region and have all of the engineering done there.
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Director Bob Baillie told the committee that some members on the committee weren't apt to accept the report as being meaningful if it were prepared by staff. He said the only way some councillors would be convinced would be to have an independent study by consultants done, and that would cost a fortune.
 Later a frustrated chairman, Jack Raftis, exchanged angry words with Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur. MacArthur had questioned the chairman on a number of people in the works department. Raftis flew into a rage and suggested MacArthur couldn't be doing a good job for her town if she had to ask the questions she had put forth.
 Raftis explained after the meeting that it was urgent for the region to get moving and to assume the functions assigned to it.
 He noted a staff shortage caused work to fall behind in several areas of the public works department.
 After one of many discussions on the department's organizational chart

the committee voted to authorize seven people being hired to replace people who had resigned or left the staff since January.
 Baillie has repeatedly told the committee he needs yet another nine men to fill out the structure. Council is currently considering a request to name three men as area supervisors. It is not certain whether those three would come from within the nine or above and beyond that.
 At any rate council will have to make a decision on who shall run sewer and water before any staff increases are likely to be authorized.
 Baillie told the committee it wasn't realistic for the politicians to demand work done and question why it is not done unless they are prepared to hire the staff to do the job. Baillie claims the region has fewer men now on staff, than the areas had to do the same job prior to regionalism.
 "Don't complain about work not being done if we don't have the people to do it," he said.

Speyside Ratepayers formed

Speyside and area now has a ratepayers association.
 This was the decision of more than 80 concerned residents of that area on Friday night at a special meeting called by Jim Sheldon and Wilson Dale. The meeting concerned the proposed quarry by Consolidated Cement and Gravel Limited.
 The idea of an official Speyside Area Ratepayers Association was that of Jim Sheldon. The motion was seconded by William Johnson

and voted in unanimously by the rest of the people present.
 After much discussion it was agreed that the boundaries the association took in would be the Fifth Sideroad to the 22nd Sideroad and the Sixth Line to the Fourth Line of Esquesing. These are provisional at this time.
 Again by unanimous decision, it was decided that Jim Sheldon of the 15th Sideroad would be president and Wilson Dale of the same road would be vice-president. Pamela Sheldon was voted in

as secretary and Cathy Fee, treasurer. Bill Taras was put in as publicity officer and Ray Baril was acclaimed as research officer.
 Four area representatives were also decided upon, these being north-west Ralph Meekian, north-east Lloyd

Sankey, south-west Dave Walton and south-east Don Weaver.
 "This association is strictly to fight major issues. We are not going to be used to keep your neighbor's dog off your back yard," Jim Sheldon explained to the group.

Tire squealers will be sought

Last Saturday an out-of-town man was charged with possession of hashish on Mill St. He will appear in court at Milton on Dec. 11.
 A local person and out-of-town person were charged for failing to appear in court.
 There have been more complaints of tires squealing at the high school, and police

say they will have a concentrated effort there to find the offender.
 Several dog complaints were received during the week.
 Two persons were charged with being drunk in a public place and there was one liquor seizure.

Thank staff at Robert Little

Robert Little School principal Hazel Allen and teacher Mrs. Lorene (Roszell) Jones won praise of Dennis Walker, a senior social worker at the Children's Assessment Centre.
 The centre operates from Lakeshore School and is conducted in co-operation with Joseph Brant Hospital.

In a letter to the school board Mrs. Walker expressed thanks and praise to the board for providing back up services for students with learning disabilities.
 He expressed special praise to Mr. Allen and Mrs. Jones for their work in assisting an especially difficult child and making it possible for him to live in his home town.

Toyota Community Calendar

What's doing in the North Halton Area!

OXFAM
 There will be an opening Meeting of the Oxfam group on Sunday, October 20 at 7 p.m., at St. Alban's Parish Hall. Guest speakers will be Catherine Harvey, The Canadian Director of Oxfam and Abbie Hoffman, an International Competitor. All interested parties are invited to attend.

EUCHRE
 Always in season—a Euchre will be sponsored by the Lady Directors of the Acton Agricultural Society, on Friday, October 18, at 8:30 p.m., at Luxton Hall. There will be a special draw for a quilt! Admission is only \$1, so be sure to attend!

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