



Mrs. E. Lawson



Edward Bonner



Charlie Spires



Pop Main



Alec Currie



Mrs. M. McHugh

# Actonians favor Christmas bus service



MERCHANTS IN TOWN overruled council and went ahead with the Christmas bus service, in spite of negative response from councillors. This sign will be erected on the bus to show which stores and businesses helped make this service possible. The bus starts making its round tomorrow.

On Thursday the Christmas bus service will begin in town, for the third year.

Halton Hills council turned down the Chamber of Commerce request for the continuation of the bus, and Free Press reporter and photographer Peter McCusker went out on the street Saturday to talk to Acton people about it.

Mrs. M. McHugh of Holmesway Place said she didn't begrudge paying ten cents for bus fare last year and would have paid a quarter. "If I could use the bus I would but I'm scared of falling down the steps," she said. "But other people can get up and down."

She said that a taxi cost her \$3 return to her doctor's office in Glenlea subdivision and old age pensioners couldn't really afford that.

Mrs. E. Lawson, also of Holmesway Place, said a bus service would be nice and handy and she used it several times last year. "I didn't mind paying the ten cents and I thought it was well worth it," she said.

Mrs. Lawson said, "I don't see why anyone would begrudge the ten cents and it's better than paying \$1 for a taxi." She said she doesn't like walking on ice and sure would use the bus if the merchants would help.

John Goy Sr. of Burbank St. said, "Just because the other wards in Halton didn't have the brains to initiate it, that's no reason why we should discontinue." He said he thinks it should be a Chamber promotion because it's not something all taxpayers could take advantage of.

"A little from all mer-

chants should cover the cost. It's not enough to put them out of business," he said.

"Pop" Main of Main St. said there should certainly be a bus service and Halton Hills should foot the bill. "In the end they get all the taxes so why the hell not?" he said.

He said the ride should be free. "Ten cents for crying out loud, they might as well have nothing. It's a benefit for the town merchants."

"How often do senior citizens get out? People will buy more if they can get downtown," he said. Edward Bonner of Poplar Avenue said that instead of charging ten cents they should charge a quarter. "The profit merchants make they can afford to pay the bus," he said. "It would be a good thing for the elderly," Bonner explained.



John Goy Sr.

"A lot of people would go along with a small charge," said Alec Currie of Eastern Avenue. "Council throws money away other ways, they may as well do some people some good," he said.

# Beardmore bubbler for the birds

The bubblers are in and wildfowl enthusiasts can breathe a sigh of relief to know that the birds will be safe for another season.

Harold Townsley of the Community Centre says three

bubblers were installed in the area of the dam last Friday by Beardmore. The equipment will keep the water open

for the birds so they can stay all winter.

During the recent cold snap bird watchers were concerned the ice was creeping in too quickly making it difficult to navigate.

The bubblers are regular Beardmore equipment, since the plant draws water from the lake all winter.

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# Four headquarters sites: all in south

Unless all four of the sites now being considered as a future headquarters for Halton Region are rejected, permanent headquarters for Halton Region will be established in the southern part of the region.

The region's building committee is considering four sites, all near Five Highway and all in the Burlington or Oakville area. The four sites under consideration are on Appleby Line near Zimmerman, Highway Five at Tansley, Highway 25 near Bronte Creek Provincial Park and Highway Five near Walker's Line. Each of the four sites is within a few miles of one another.

Halton Hills Mayor and site committee chairman Tom Hill confirmed those sites as the ones being considered after the information was published in a daily newspaper. Hill said he did not release the story and did not know who did.

No offers in north. His committee has been investigating the move for more than a year now. Hill said no sites in the central or northern part of the region were considered because no landowners in the Milton or Halton Hills area made a submission to the region. All of the submissions were from the southern part of the region, he said.

The region has attempted to interest Halton Region Conservation Authority and

Halton Board of Education in sharing a joint facility.

HRCA has expressed interest in keeping its central administration offices in the Milton area because that is the centre of the watershed. Halton Board of Education is expected to discuss the matter at its meeting Thursday night.

Renting now. The region now operates from temporary, rented administration quarters at the junction of the Guelph Line and the Queen Elizabeth Highway, Burlington.

Northern Councillors and delegations wishing to speak to the council from the northern parts of the region have complained of having to travel to the southern reaches of the region to see the elected officials.

Acceptance of any of the four sites will preclude headquarters being established in the central part of the region where they would be easily accessible to most ratepayers.

The region has two years left on a three year lease at its present headquarters and that lease has a renewable clause in it which could see the lease extended to five years.

Prior to the move to Burlington the headquarters was historically situated in Milton.

# Milton wants Halton Hills to erect signs

Halton Hills works committee doesn't think much of Milton's idea of putting up signs in Milton for school bus safety.

Milton advised the Monday works committee meeting by letter that motorists are not stopping for school buses along Highway 25. They think signs should be put up telling drivers to stop for the buses.

Milton council recently decided the jurisdiction for the signs falls with Halton Hills and they gave the town permission to put the signs up in Milton.

The request for the signs came from Constable Scott of the Milton O.P.P.

Mayor Tom Hill suggested Milton put the signs up themselves if they want them and committee chairman Len Cox wants Constable Scott to come to a meeting and tell the committee about the problem.

"The problem probably results because the children are

coming from Halton Hills but are going to Milton schools," Councillor Ern Hyde said.

Deputy engineer Bob Austin advised the committee the signs would be the responsibility of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications.

The committee decided to receive and file the letter.

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# Nays outnumber yeas

Esqueusing's draft Official Plan doesn't seem to be too popular with the ratepayers.

Assistant Clerk Delmar French told council they received six letters in favor and 154 against.

"We're in for a rough time", commented Mayor Tom Hill.

A St. John first aid course will be given for firefighters in January and Building Products employees in February.

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