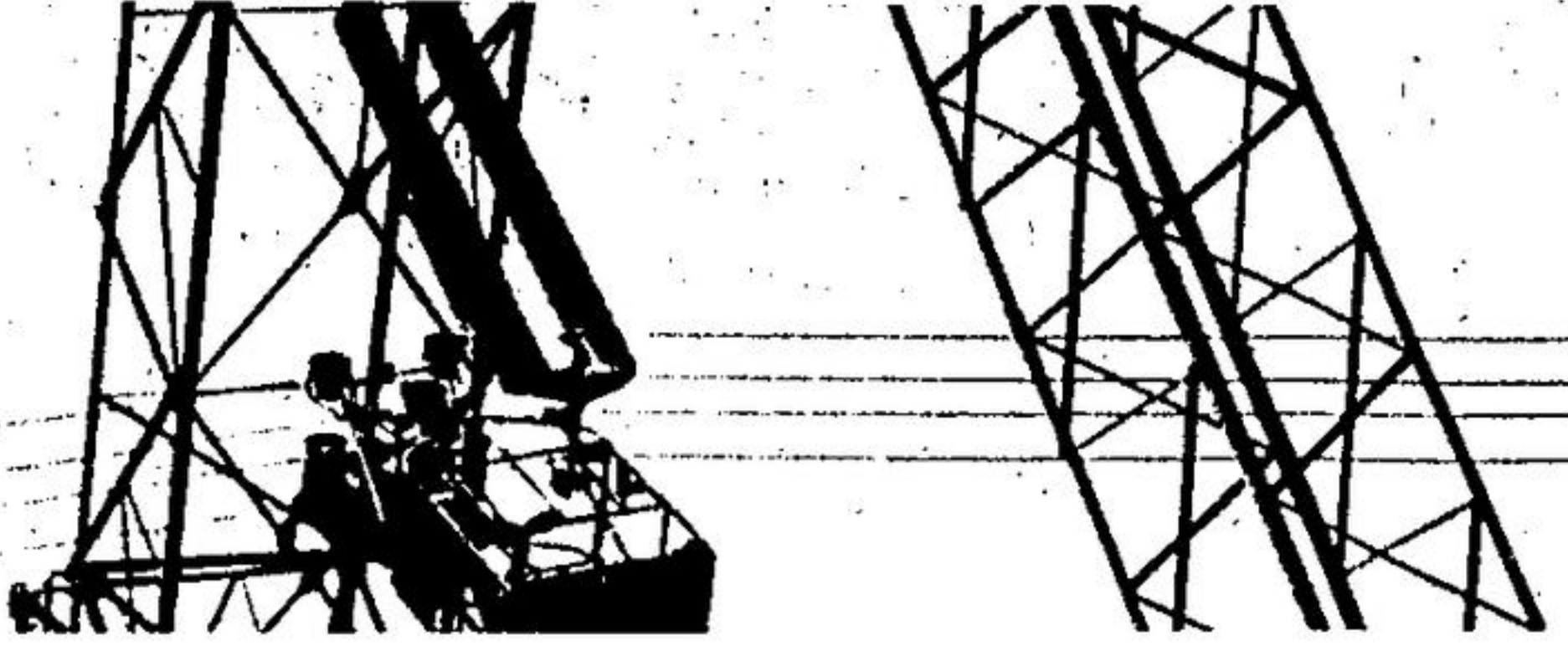


along hydro lines



# Why has Ombudsman ordered investigation into hydro route?

Why has Ontario Ombudsman Arthur Maloney ordered an investigation into the proposed Hydro corridor from Bradley Junction to Georgetown?

William Mann, chairman of the Interested Citizens Group, a composite group of people from 10 townships along the route of the 500 kV corridor, has been in contact with the Ombudsman several times before it was announced Garry Giuliani had been appointed to investigate the issues.

The ICG has contended misleading and contradictory statements by Ontario Hydro and the Province have confused the issue and produced an impasse which could be cleared up by an independent study of the need for a corridor.

The ICG contends the proposed Bradley to Georgetown corridor is wasteful and unnecessary, that cheaper, shorter, less damaging alternatives exist and have not been studied by Ontario Hydro.

The group has also stated that if a proper, independent study is conducted, one not limited to parameters set by Ontario Hydro, they will abide by the findings of such a study.

In a brief prepared last week the ICG says:

"A great deal of the Government's and Hydro's 'counter-argument' to I.C.G.'s proposals consists of quoting part of a paragraph on p. 55 of the Report of the Solandt Commission March, 1974 (Ref. 7). During the Solandt hearings, some members of the I.C.G. suggested that Bruce-Essa alternatives be considered. In his report, Dr. Solandt dismissed these alternatives with the following statement, 'It would not be easy to find a socially and environmentally acceptable route for the Bruce to Essa line because it might have to traverse some of the most popular scenic and recreational terrain in southern Ontario.' He also said, 'Ontario Hydro presented convincing evidence that the Bruce to Essa' line would not produce useful improvement in the transmission system.

"In making these casual statements about an area beyond his terms of reference, Dr. Solandt gave Hydro and Government a 'basis' to reject I.C.G.'s proposals. Yet what is the basis of these

opinions of Solandt?

"At the E.H.B. meetings, Hydro's Senior Ecologist Dr. Walker testified that no environmental study had been done on the Bruce-Essa area. There is no evidence as to the nature of Hydro's 'convincing evidence' not when was presented at the Solandt hearings. Transcripts of the Solandt hearings were not available to I.C.G. first, according to Mr. Timbrell, because they were full of gaps and inaudible material, second, according to the E.H.B., because they were en route to the provincial archives. However, Mr. Timbrell, in a meeting with I.C.G. in Kitchener on June 10, 1975, stated that Dr. Solandt's statements were based on a study. I.C.G. requested a copy of that study, or even merely names of who did it. Mr. Timbrell could not provide either, but promised to obtain the information. Subsequently, in spite of further requests from I.C.G., Mr. Timbrell has not given us this information, nor even responded to I.C.G.'s requests in any way.

"Therefore, the references by Mr. W. D. McKeough (statement to the House, July 11, 1974 Ref. 6), by Mr. Timbrell, to I.C.G. June 10, 1975, and to the House June 6, 1975 (Ref. 3) and by Ontario Hydro at the E.H.B. meetings in Hillsburgh in 1975 (Ref. 1), that Solandt had rejected Bruce-Essa on a meaningful basis seem misleading and unjustified. Clearly, this study was never done and why Dr. Solandt made these remarks is a mystery. However, it is an obvious case in which a general, unsubstantiated opinion, once written down, becomes established fact.

"One final point: at the present time Ontario Hydro is expropriating land for the first leg of a Bruce-Essa corridor, i.e., from Bruce to Owen Sound, which was proposed by I.C.G. at the Solandt hearings. Therefore, they are expropriating for a major 230 kV corridor, in the exact area that they, the Government and Dr. Solandt said, and continue to say, is unacceptable for a corridor.

"I.C.G. contends that a Bruce-Essa corridor would make Bradley-Georgetown redundant, a wastage of \$50 million.

"Regarding the Essa-Kleinburg corridor, Dr. Solandt stated in his report, 'Ontario Hydro feels it (Essa-Kleinburg

corridor) will be needed for the more important purpose of bringing power from a new generating station on Georgian Bay to the Toronto load centre."

"Since Hydro admitted at the E.H.B. meetings that 1000 MW were currently going north in this corridor, and since evidence was provided at these meetings that even when future planned generating stations were completed in the 1980's, power would have to continue to flow north for an indefinite period, and since this corridor can carry many times its present load, then this statement by Dr. Solandt seems to be somewhat inaccurate.

"Throughout this controversy, other misleading or incorrect statements have been made by Mr. Timbrell. For example, in his statement to the legislature June 6, 1975 (Ref. 3) he said he was providing for a review of a portion of the Bradley-Georgetown corridor "as requested by citizens in this area."

"This was untrue. I.C.G. had asked for an independent review of the whole corridor, and they did not request or wish an incomplete study. This error was carefully pointed out to Mr. Timbrell, and he acknowledged that his statement could be misleading, but he did not change or correct it. Even when the E.H.B. requested that Mr. Timbrell expand the terms of reference of the meetings (E.H.B. Report p. 19 Ref. 1), he refused.

"Mr. Timbrell also provided incorrect information to I.C.G. in the June 10, 1975 meeting in Kitchener, when he stated that Ontario Hydro had contracted scientists from the University of Guelph to conduct studies on the possible health hazards resulting from proximity to the 500 kV lines. He further stated that such studies were in progress, but could not specify who was doing them. Investigation by I.C.G. showed no such study was underway or contemplated by the University of Guelph and furthermore, Ontario Hydro testified at the E.H.B. meeting that they had not contracted such studies. Yet there is evidence that these lines could be quite hazardous. In fact, Mr. Mosher, Project Leader for Hydro warned a citizen (p. 150 Vol. 1 of E.H.B. transcript) that he shouldn't go near the lines because they "will be charged with electricity". Such

statements make our government almost appear dishonest.

"In all their "public participation" meetings, Ontario Hydro throughout 1973 and the first half of 1974 stressed the importance and urgency of getting power to Kitchener from Bruce, Mr. A. Neville, an Ontario Hydro engineer, stated and presented data showing that by 1995 all Bruce power would be going to Kitchener. Yet, Mr. McKeough cancelled the two lines to Kitchener in his July 11, 1974, statement.

"Why? Why cancel these two lines, yet retain the Bradley-Georgetown line which was designed as a security line for the Kitchener lines, and doesn't even go to Kitchener?

"In his June 6, 1975 speech, Mr. Timbrell stated that there was need for power to Kitchener "sometime in the next 20 years". Then, in the next paragraph, he says this problem will be given "serious and early consideration", by the Porter Commission.

"Yet no approved or completed line goes from Bruce to Kitchener. What is the destination of Bradley-Georgetown power? Hydro has variously stated - to the 500 kV grid; to the Sudbury area; to the western Toronto region, but not to Kitchener.

"Mr. Davis, Premier of Ontario, stated in a letter to Mr. Gordon Kidd of I.C.G. that Hydro had not withheld information at the Solandt Hearings since the 115 hv Bruce-Essa corridor was not discussed at the hearings. This was incorrect, this corridor was discussed at the hearings and a brief was presented. This contradiction has never been explained, but it would appear that Mr. Davis did not have a proper understanding of the facts."

I.C.G. has a list of questions which they feel neither Ontario Hydro nor Queen's Park has answered. They claim the methods and motives of Hydro have been suspect as the case developed and dealings are only stiffening the resolve "to fight this injustice" until they have been given "equal rights and fair consideration."

The Ombudsman's decision to take the case, the I.C.G. feels, is another indication they have been dealing fair and square while neither Government nor Hydro have been giving straight answers.



## Youth bowling

By Dale Anderson

The last game line enough to take totals

**Top Ten:** Dave Mills 687 (254), Robbie Bousfield 678 (234), Sue Thomson 632 (291), Pat Storey 605 (268), Ed Couture 604 (221), Kathleen Cheyne 539 (218), Renate Voskamp 528 (193), Dale Anderson 525 (189), Brent McEachern 524 (205), Gary Bousfield 499 (184).

Birthdays greeting this week to Wayne Forté and Kevin Archibald.

Some good bowling was seen in the "Second Step" of the Four Steps to Stardom Tournament on Saturday and Sunday although no Acton bowler made it to the next step. Our Banjam Girls team placed fourth with 2120 as Avondale Girls won with 2458. The Banjam Boys team rolling 1737 were a distance behind Georgetown boys who bowled 2291. Avondale's Banjam Girls single also won throwing a 599 triple with Acton's Teresa Dunn rolling a 469. Stewart Hoy bowling a 436 was outbowled by Brampton Bowling Lane's Banjam Boys single with a 652, with Oak Queen, Oakville taking second place with 2120.

The first shift winners of the Coke and Orange Crush were Kelli Higgins with 45 pins over average and Alan Higgins, not letting sister beat him with 48 pins over average. For the second shift Annie Grein with 42 pins over average and Stephen Sojka with 37 pins over average won for their teams.

## Churchill

**Church well attended family at wedding**

By Mrs. Fred McArthur has just been released from hospital.

Church service on Sunday last was well attended, considering the bad roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binie attended a wedding of friends, Walker-Swims nuptials, at Georgetown Anglican Church Saturday afternoon with the reception afterwards at the Riviera Club in Norval.

Sorry to report John, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lightle, has been a patient in Guelph General Hospital. Glad to say he is improving and we hope he will soon be at home.

Mrs. Fosbury visited her daughter Sheila, Mrs. Colin Bayless and Melinda, Julie, and wee baby Peter last Thursday in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr and the children visited her parents, home, Mr. and Mrs. John Knox of Hampton, where he

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## Tires in slush

Helen Mae Creighton of 108 Acton Blvd. was treated in Georgetown hospital for cuts following a one vehicle incident on Halton Rd. three and the 15 sideroad on February 21.

Mrs. Creighton was southbound when her tires caught in the slushy ice, and the car veered over into the ditch, according to Halton Regional Police. An estimated \$300 damage was sustained to the right front portion of the car, police say.

## Church Services

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA TRINITY CHURCH, ACTON

Rev. Chas. Beaton B.A. B.D. Dr. George Elliott M.A., Ph.D. Director of Music

Sunday, Feb. 29, 1976

10.00 a.m.—Worship Service Sunday Church School and Nursery. Everyone most welcome

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON

Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.—Minister

Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A. Organist and Choir Master

Sunday, Feb. 29, 1976

10.00 a.m.—Minister's Confirmation Class for Teenagers.

11.00 a.m.—Church School—Beginners to Grade 8.

11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship. Sermon Theme: "The Church and Incitements to Wonder." For free transportation, please phone 853-2339 or 856-4608.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR 1872—Anglican—1976

Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Dr.

Rev. Leonard Ewing Rector

Director of Music Mrs. Frank Oakes

Thursday, Feb. 26

7.30 p.m.—Holy Eucharist Friday, Feb. 27

7.30 p.m.—St. Alban's social club will hold a "Movie Night"

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

177 Maple Ave., Georgetown (A Fellowship Baptist Church)

Sunday, Feb. 29, 1976

9.45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages

11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship 6.30 p.m.—Evening Fellowship

Thought—Peace rules the day when Christ rules the mind.

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday, Feb. 29, 1976

Sunday Worship Services at 10.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Pre-school Sunday School during the morning service. Sunday School during the afternoon service.

You are welcome

EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE

P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Rd. N. Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor 853-2715

Continuing—Evangelist L. Barber from Alabama with his "Word of Truth" singing group—Tuesday, February 24 thru Friday, February 27 at 8.00 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 29, 1976

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School 11.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.—Evangelist L. Barber and Party

CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Churchill Rd. N. Minister

The Rev. J. L. McFadden B.A., B.D. and Mrs. Eleanor McFadden, B.A.

Box 731, Guelph, Phone 821-3215

Sunday, Feb. 29, 1976

11.00 a.m.—Worship and Church School.

BABA' FAITH

You are warmly invited to attend a fireside discussion Friday evenings at 8.30 p.m. Phone 878-6138.

"Each great manifestation of God, perfectly reflecting that source of energy and attractive power which men call love, has ever had a threefold purpose: the purification of man's civilization, the purification of his qualities, and the promotion of his happiness in all the words of God."

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NANCY WONG, ROBERT LITTLE school Acton, and Hermanna Viera and Carol Peacock of Centennial school, Georgetown repeated an earlier win, this time against Brampton District, in the Knights of Columbus free-throw basketball contest.

## Present scrolls to honor donors

Blood donor scrolls were awarded at last Tuesday night's annual meeting and awards night of the Georgetown and District Branch of the Red Cross to Halton Hills residents, who have been the most faithful blood donors.

Hugh Patterson of Acton was honored for reaching the 75 mark in donations. Elmer Roszell of Acton and Trevor Williams and J. O'Reilly of Georgetown received scrolls for reaching the 50 mark.

Honored for having made 35 donations were G. W. Cooper of Glen Williams, W. G. Anderson, W. Braam, L. E. Floin, N. Hayes, M. W. Herbert, D. J. Hockridge, L. M. Hulme, M. T. Korbey, I. F. Romano, G. E. Norgaard, P. R. Trueman and H. Wylie.

Appreciation awards were made to Betty Armstrong, Alexandra Bullock, Chris Galbraith, Mary Hornby, Cathie Martin, Donna Massena, Tom Massena, Eva Paulin, Betty Pickup, Lynn Purdy, C. Renwick, C. Sargent Sr., Faye Sherk, V. M. Sinclair, Mary Simpson, Dan Scarborough, Norm Smith, Flo Street, W. Townsend and Sina Van Hoekelen. Louise Roberts of Oakville, representing Ontario division, made the presentations.

Recipients of volunteer pins were Pauline Bartlett, Eric Blaney, Bouk Boone, Mildred

## Special Red Cross awards

Besides the many volunteer pins and appreciation awards presented at last week's annual meeting of the Georgetown and District Branch of the Red Cross, several special presentations were made.

Representing Ontario Division, Louise Roberts of Oakville presented president John Wickens with a certificate of merit.

Erica Thompson, Marg Pope and Sheila Ward received service awards, while Edna Ferguson, Alice Greenaway and Paul Farkas were presented with special appreciation awards for their contributions.

Citations were also presented to the Georgetown Christian Reformed Church, Richard Willis of Irwin-Dorsey and Jean Getty of the Opti-Mrs. for the help they have given the branch.

Elected to the executive for 1976 were President John Wickens, 1st vice-president Marg Pope, 2nd vice-president Ruth Poullis and assistant corresponding secretary Chris Galbraith.

Committee chairmen are: blood donor service—Erica Thompson; loan cupboard—Edna Ferguson; minor disaster—Blanche Goudketting; individual emergency—Sheila Ward; water safety—Kim Fisher; services for seniors—Ruth Poullis; arts and crafts—Pauline Bartlett; first aid—Ross Rennie; women's work—Ivy Simm; Red Cross youth—Marjorie Shrubsole; campaign—Paul Farkas; volunteer services—Alice Greenaway; public relations—Connie Nieuwof; awards—Joyce Clark; nominations—Doug Tucker; drivers—Valerie Cunningham; industrial canvass—Richard Willis and professional canvass—Marg Pope.

Dr. A. W. Ashenhurst is medical adviser, W. J. Soppinka legal consultant, Marg Pope branch representative to Ontario division and Cathie Martin homemaker-committee representative.

Following the business part of the meeting, Independent sports editor Denis Gibbons gave a slide presentation on his physical education study tours to the Soviet Union, Sweden, Germany and Denmark.

## Red Cross sets \$12,000 as goal

The Georgetown and District Branch of the Red Cross has set \$12,000 as its goal for the 1976 campaign, which begins Tuesday, March 9, just 42 less than in 1974. She explained that the blood transfusion service tightened its health regulations and donors were made more aware of the importance of avoiding any medications for 72 hours before giving blood, of being absolutely free of respiratory ailments and of having finished any antibiotic treatments for three weeks. The result: higher rejection rates lowered the collection to a slight degree.

Nevertheless, the September clinic in Georgetown set a record of 550 donors. Clinics held in Acton June 30 and September 16 had a total of 312 donors.

Of the 704 days of service given to the North Halton area by the Homemaker Service under the auspices of the Milton Red Cross branch, 322 days were devoted to Georgetown. Milton received 289 and Acton 93. A total of 75 families with 57 children have benefited from the homemaker service, which was introduced one year ago.

Edna Ferguson, chairman of the loan cupboard, reported that a total of 145 pieces of sickroom equipment were loaned out to the public last year. The branch has cooperated with the home care program and hospitals in helping discharged patients. A unit of the loan cupboard is planned for Acton in the near future.

Four fires were reported to the branch in 1975, with financial assistance under the minor disaster service coming to a total of \$910.86. Individual emergency aid in the form of provision of groceries, lodgings, and tracing relatives was also carried out.

For senior citizens, the branch sponsored a gala evening of entertainment together with the Pentecostal Church, local car clubs and the Red Cross youth. More important, the branch has worked to aid senior citizens along with the senior citizens club, Lions Club, North Halton Contact Centre and Meals-on-Wheels Association and has helped procure appliances for seniors in need of equipment on a long term basis.

Crystal Thorogood conducted a successful first aid course for members of the Red Cross youth branch. In February an adult home nursing course was arranged, but had to be cancelled because of insufficient registration.

In the area of water safety, the branch helped arrange courses in survival, resuscitation and small craft. There was insufficient registration for a course planned in backyard pools.

Red Cross youth made a handsome presentation of furniture to the Georgetown and District Hospital. Mrs. Thorogood is stepping down as chairman of the youth group, after serving faithfully.

Students are looking forward to their mid-winter holiday break in March.

Walk away your excess calories. It's the cheapest, safest form of exercise.

## Principal's assistants

Halton Board of Education approved the hiring Thursday of a principal's assistant for Park School, Georgetown and Sunshine School for the Trainable Retarded.

An assistant will be hired to help Park School principal Allan Leaper operate the trainable mentally handicapped 16 pupil unit slated to start next fall.

Pineview School principal Grant Hutchings will take Sunshine School under his wing and he will also have an assistant. Sunshine School principal Gwen Jeffares is retiring at the end of this school year.

In addition, a resource teacher will be hired next fall to work on trainable mentally handicapped programs throughout Halton.