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AHS GREASER DAY rediscovered shirt tails and bobby socks on the best dressed of the "older" generation which included these grade 9 students. Denise Paton sits on the front left in front of Sherry Halladay and Beth Grein. On the right sit Lillian Graham, Melody Youmans and Janet Agar. Kim McDowell tops the row.

Corridor in this area

Solicitors question credibility of hydro expropriation hearings

Ontario Hydro hearings of necessity began Monday at the Legion hall in Acton and are expected to continue until today (Wednesday). The hearings will decide on the right of Ontario Hydro to expropriate property for a high voltage corridor in this area. The line would cross Highway 7 between the Fourth and Fifth lines.

On Monday, several attempts by the Interested Citizens' Group to delay the expropriation hearings failed.

Georgetown lawyer Dick Howitt, representing many of the landowners facing expropriation, requested evidence supporting availability of other routes be permitted. He said he wanted a ruling to use all evidence on another route that could have been used.

"This issue is very basic to this hearing," he said.

Hydro's lawyer, T. C. Marshall countered with arguments supporting Hydro's position that the Bruce-Milton route was already decided.

"That decision has already been made," he declared, stating evidence of alternate routes wasn't applicable.

"We don't propose to get into discussion of an alternative line, we're here to discuss individual properties. We may talk about shifts on the route from A to B but points A and B are already decided," he said.

Leon Paroian, lawyer for Walter and Glenna Scott, R.R. 3, Georgetown received enthusiastic applause with his impassioned plea to Hydro to prove theirs was the only route to be adopted. He felt for the purposes of justice exploration in the broadest terms should be allowed.

Chairman Donald F. Meyrick Q.C., a hearing officer for five years, deferred the question until he had the chance to examine previous expropriation cases for precedents.

An earlier attempt was made to halt proceedings by Paroian when he discovered the hearing officer and Hydro's lawyer were based in the same ministry.

"This is certainly not the place to have it resolved," chairman Meyrick said after admitting it's the first case

he's heard of where the Attorney General's office supplied a hearing officer and a lawyer for one side in the same dispute. He suggested the courts might resolve the matter.

"I must agree, the situation is novel. It certainly is to me," commented the chairman.

"It all looks too easy to my clients," said Howitt.

Paroian went on to declare his clients received word of the hearing too late to prepare a case. He wanted the hearings adjourned till Wednesday for the necessary five days allowed for preparation.

After discussion, Paroian's case was deferred till Wednesday but hearings continued. Paroian remained at the hearing Monday and stayed very active.

Councillor Howitt brought up the point of the restrictive planning zoning by-law in the Esqueping Official Plan,

formulated between 1970 and 1973, which did not include a clause exempting utilities from the restrictive bylaw.

Hydro applied to the municipality for inclusion of the exemption clause and ended by taking the application all the way to the Cabinet, according to Howitt. He ended saying Hydro did not yet have exemption from the municipality to construct the 500 kV line.

"These proceedings are premature," he stated.

Hydro lawyer Marshall countered explaining zoning had no bearing on expropriation powers. On November 10, 1976, Cabinet had confirmed the decision of the OMB and passed the question of exemption back to the municipality, said Marshall. Hydro would now make application to Halton Hills for the exemption, according to Marshall.

Howitt pointed out the Cabinet could have overruled (Continued on page 3)



CHECKING INTO JUST WHERE Ontario Hydro's multi-million dollar power corridor may slice through Halton Hills are three of the many people taking issue with Hydro's planned expropriations. Leon Paroian, lawyer for Walter and Glenna Scott, R. R. 3, Georgetown, examines a document with Mr. Scott and another Georgetown resident, Gordon Kidd. The hearings continue in Acton's Legion.

B.I.A. designation notices now out

People in business along a 16-block area of downtown Acton received in the mail notices of intention of designating a Business Improvement Area.

The area is designated "for improvement, beautification and maintenance of municipally-owned lands, buildings and structures in the area" beyond what is provided at the expense of the whole municipality.

Unless a petition signed by at least one-third is received objecting to the improvement area, council will in all likelihood pass the required by-law. Deadline for filing petitions is January 17.

Merchants and business people in the area will be assessed the cost of specific improvements.

The downtown business people have been considering this designation for a couple of months, and asked council to proceed with it.

Glaring error

However, the information which came to Acton last week included an explanatory note reading "The council of the town of Halton Hills has received a request from the directors of the Downtown Business Men's Association (Georgetown) to pass a bylaw."

All a mistake, explains clerk-administrator Doug

Pritchard. The same preamble used for the similar designation in Georgetown was included in the Acton proposal in error. He said letters of explanation subsequently went out to the 90 people involved.

The area includes the two full blocks north and south of

Ban parking on Kingham

Parking is being banned on the north-west side of Kingham Road between Main Street and Doby Road.

Halton Hills works committee approved the ban Monday.

Councillor Ern Hyde

Mill from the tracks to Park Ave., and the three full blocks bounded by Main, Willow, Agnes and St. Alban's Dr. Homeowners and landlords do not receive notification, only the people who would be assessed for the improvements and business promotions.

Meet tonight MZB school

Acton's Meet the Candidates night is tonight (Wednesday) at the M. Z. Bennett school auditorium. The program is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Halton teachers. Contestants for the seat of mayor, region councillor, area councillors for ward one and Board of Education for wards one and two will all be there to speak briefly, answer questions and meet the voters.

"Short cut"

Joe Hurst asks light for bridge at park

Councillor Joe Hurst thinks a light should be installed on the bridge joining Lakeview subdivision area with Prospect Park.

He told Halton Hills works committee a number of residents have asked for the light and noted it wouldn't be costly to install. He pointed out the lighting situation is fine when tennis court lights are on but after they are out it is pretty dark in the bridge area.

Mr. Hurst admitted he was wary of the request since if it is met the town might later be expected to put in a sidewalk and do some snow plowing.

Shortcut
Councillor Ern Hyde expressed concern about lighting "shortcuts" and suggested by putting a light in it would make the shortcut almost a legal street.

Committee chairman Mike Armstrong noted people used the path and bridge during the day so why shouldn't they be able to use it safely at night?

Hyde warned the town could end up lighting shortcuts all over the municipality.

Engineer Robert Austin said it was similar to the

walkways in Georgetown and in some cases light have been approved for them and lights have been rejected for others.

Committee members will take a look at the situation and consider the merits of a light before making a decision at the next works meeting.

Man found dead

A Rockwood resident, who was missing for more than six hours, was discovered dead a mile north of the village Tuesday morning.

Henry Crocock, 84, of Gzowski Street, was pronounced dead on arrival at Guelph General Hospital by coroner Dr. Walter Scott. Re-

sults of a post mortem were unknown at press time.

Father Olinsky reported Mr. Crocock missing to Guelph OPP at 2:50 a.m. Tuesday.

Ontario Hydro workers made the discovery on Wellington County Road 27 shortly after 9 a.m., police say.

Paving may begin today

Paving could begin today along the first three blocks of Mill, stretching east from Main. Tuesday an additional water main was laid between Gordon Dawe's real estate and the TD bank, and rollers made their final runs up and down the road bed. Curbs and gutters were all installed and ready. Repairs to water mains were made Sunday.

The temperature must be above 32 degrees for paving, and the weather today (Wednesday) was expected to be cooperative.

The road will be passable almost immediately after the paving is laid.

The first three blocks will be ready for traffic today or within the next two days.

The next three blocks will be completed soon, certainly before the deadline of Friday, December 10. The Santa Claus parade is due to come down the newly-surfaced road on Saturday, Dec. 11.

Merchants along the route are jubilant. Business has suffered badly during construction.

"At least the workmen smoked a lot!" said optimistic Helen Jaque at the smoke shop.



ENGRAVED CLOCK was presented to a 48-year member of Acton fair board R. L. Davidson Friday night. The annual fair board dinner and dance was renamed "Bert Davidson night" this year. With him are his wife and grandson Brent Marshall, first vice-president of the board.

McKenzie - Smith new school name?

A letter suggesting the name McKenzie-Smith Middle School for Halton Board of Education at their meeting last Wednesday. The letter was signed by Mrs. Kathy Sanford on behalf of over 400 interested citizens.

Many had signed in favor of the new name at the fall fair in September.

Director of Education Em Lavender said the board should give serious consideration to the name suggested, and other possible names as well. He added that the board has plenty of time until the end of the year to name the two new schools in Acton.

In her letter Mrs. Sanford

says: "The new middle school, due to open next September in Acton, has been a topic of conversation among many

people in Acton. Among other items of interest is the name for the school.

"Many of us feel that the school should have a name that has special significance to the people of this town. Therefore we are suggesting to you and the Board that the new school be named the McKenzie-Smith Middle School in honor of two long time principals in the elementary schools of Acton. Over 400 people had indicated that they support this suggestion.

"For over 30 years, G. W. McKenzie and W. D. E. Smith guided Acton children through the important years of their elementary education. Both men were also very active in their community. When these men retired in 1973, hundreds of their former students and staffs gathered

to honor them and wish them well. This was just a small token of our appreciation to two men who gave so many years of service to others.

"It may be unusual to name a school after two people, but we feel it is appropriate in this case. Pat and Elmer worked together as a team, when they were both at Acton Public School, and later at Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett. For this reason, we would like to see their names together on the new school, as their names have been linked together in education for so many years.

"We trust that the Board will find merit in this suggestion, and decide in favor of this name. If you wish, we would be pleased to have someone appear before you and or the Board to discuss this suggestion."

Consult Authority

Downtown parking council topic again

Halton Hills works committee decided Monday not to take any further action to remedy parking problems in downtown Acton while Mill Street is being reconstructed.

Councillor Joe Hurst, who has called for a complete review of parking in the downtown area once the work is done on Mill Street, suggested two hour parking should be enacted on Willow, Bower and Mill.

He noted merchants have indicated they won't invest in off street parking until something is done about people who park all day in the same place every day. Mr. Hurst said church parking lots aren't being fully utilized.

Councillor Ern Hyde said the problem would only have to receive a ticket once and they would obey the law.

Not much hope
Mr. Austin said he is in favor of two hour parking and has been pushing the idea for some time without much success and noted he doesn't hold out much hope of being able to talk the parking authority into supporting his view.

Mr. Hyde said while the crisis situation exists in the downtown area because of Mill Street reconstruction the police have the authority to limit parking on side streets to two hours the same as they do for funerals and snow plowing.

Engineer Robert Austin said both of those items were covered in the town's parking by-law and questioned whether the police could limit parking just because of reconstruction.

Mr. Hyde wondered if the police had the manpower to enforce the two hour limit even if the town did enact it and Mr. Hurst suggested

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He noted the crisis, which has never been established as an emergency, will be over soon.

Mr. Hurst noted under the town's by-law the police can only limit parking to two hours on Mill and Main Streets and it is pointless on Mill Street and there aren't a lot of parking spots on Main Street anyway.

He wanted to have the parking authority attend the next works meeting to discuss parking in Acton.

Mr. Hyde said before any by-law changes are made the parking authority must be consulted and the police advised.

Consult

Committee chairman Mike Armstrong said as long as the town has a parking authority it might as well be consulted and suggested they be asked to attend the next works meeting on December 13.

Mr. Austin said he would try and have some kind of by-law put together outlining the streets where parking should be limited to two hours.