# Hydro land expropriation hearing adjourned until courts clarify issue

(ICG) took its "Greatest step can accept certain evidence forward" against Ontario and allow cross-examination. Hydro's proposed Bradley-Georgetown power corridor step forward we've made", when an expropriations of- Bill Mann, ICG chairman, ficer decided, Thursday, that sald after Meyrick's decision. the courts should clear up It shows that the evidence some legal points before he we've been producing for could continue.

Hearing officer Donald native routes, he said. Meyrick adjourned expropriation meetings in Acton's Legion until April, at the happy because the Exprolatest, after he received a priations Act is being unanimous request from all amended", John Schneider, concerned, except Hydro, to another ICG spokesman, said

Interested Citizens' Group have the courts decide if he

"I think this is the greatest years justifies a look at alter-

following the adjournment of the three and a half day hear-

Ontario Hydro solicitor ICG lawyers attacked be-Z.C. Marshall said that he could only point out the cost in time and money to his client from the nearly five month postponement.

ICG lawyers challenged the hearing officer's ruling Thursday morning that he "Basically we're quite could not accept evidence critical of Ontario Hydro's choice of route or hear cross-

Ontario Hydro previously introduced evidence which it termed historica', but which cause it opened the door to other questions on how the

was chosen. Hearing officer Meyrick told the Legion meeting that under law his jurisdiction was limited, but that because Hydro was allowed to introduce a type of evidence and the ICG was denied to ask questions on it, the law ap-

proposed corridor between

Halton Hills 4th and 5th lines

peared to favor Hydro. Hydro

"It has the practical effect of appearing to defend the objectives (of Hydro) and having done so, is it not right to attack it on the basis it was introduced", Meyrick said. ICG lawyers weren't satisfied with Meyrick's interpretation of his ruling which he said would allow them "to explore" evidence as long as such probings did not steer him into making a Judgment on the merits of various alter-

native routes for the corridor

Hydro.

Expropriation hearings were called for by Ontario Hydro to meet objections of area land owners whose properties Hydro wants for a 500 Kilowvolt transmission line from the Bruce nuclear generating station on Lake Huron to a transformer station near Milton.

The Acton hearings were the second of three slated along the 144 mile long line. Durham was the site of earller hearings at the northern section's hearings have yet to particular land owners".

None of the nearly 70 members in the Legion audience opposed the ICG bid to take the matter to court. Meyrick asked if anyone was opposed, then rephrased the question to see if anyone wished to proceed with the hearings instead of going to court.

After no one, except Ontario Hydro, objected, Meyrick said: "That is important to me. I would not be able to entertain a motion to adjourn

or into challenging Ontario end of the line. The middle if there was an objection from Exceptional

> "This is a most exceptional proceeding", the hearing officer said. "This issue has high public profile." It was agreed to among

both groups of lawyers, Ms. Susan Tanner, Leon Parolan and Dick Howitt for the ICG and Hydro's T.C. Marshall that the hearings would adjourn until next April 4, or earlier in 15 days notice from

Counsellor Howitt told the

hearing officer that the ICG expects to move an action before divisional court within a couple of weeks of adjourn-

The adjournment topped off the morning's attempt's by the ICG lawyers, notably Paroian, to expand the hearing officer's ruling so that it would include crossexamination of Hydro historical evidence.

At first Paroian attempted to undermine the findings of the Solandt Commission (Continued on Page 5)

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90th BIRTHDAY was celebrated at Nobleton Saturday by former Acton resident Roy Agar. The spry gentleman shows the plaque he received from Premier William Davis. He grew up in Kleinburg, farmed in Saskatchewan and was in the coal business in Acton.

**HALTON HILLS ELECTIONS** 

TOM HILL

LES DUBY

PETER MARKS

HARRY LEVY

MAYOR

COUNCIL

WARD 1

(Acton)

Regional government knocked

## 200 question 10 at M.Z.B. school

Dissatisfaction with regional government emerged as a main theme at the Meet the Candidates night at the M. Z. Bennett school Wednesday night. About 200 people heard candidates for the posts of mayor, area and regional councillor and school board speak in turn and answer questions.

Region council candidate Ed Wood stands on an anti-regional government platform; he favors a citizens' committee investigation of the legal and economic results of removing ourselves from Halton Hills. Incumbent regional council member G. W. McKenzie also referred to a meeting already held by a group of concerned citizens to review the town's position.

Mayor Tom Hill told the they are not interested in attentive crowd he has the changing Bill 151. support of the mayors of Oak-

ville and Milton in his hope to have a private member's bill presented in parliament asking that changes be made in regional government, such as return of control of regional roads to the areas. To regain control of water and sewers "we'll have a battle," he predicted.

Harry Levy, who is challenging Mayor Hill, agreed a private member's bill should be tried but said the province made it clear

Different candidates mentioned their frustrations as a result of the three-year span of regional government so

Sponsors Meet the Candidates night was sponsored by Chamber of Commerce and Halton teachers.

Teacher Bill Coats chaired the first part of the program when Board of Education candidates spoke and were questioned-incumbent Tom Watson and challengers H. H. "Bert" Hinton of Acton and

Bill Pierce of Terra Cotta. Then C. of C. president Louis Charlebois took over for the council and mayoralty candidates. The talking

lasted till after 10.30, but the audience was attentive, polite and willing to send up a steady supply of written

questions. Refreshments were served in the hall afterward as candidates and voters chatted about the issuer.

Mayoralty candidates Tom Hill and Harry Levy spoke last on the program. Mayor Hills has had surgery on his foot, and Mr. Levy helped him up onto the platform.

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### Petition for compensation

A petition seeking com-pensation for lost business is being circulated by Mill St. merchant John Coniglio this week, and 16 have signed al-

It states that the merchants whose names appear "feel that some kind of compensation in terms of tax cut or rebate should seriously be considered by the town of Halton

Mr. Coniglio says he will take the petition to council next Tuesday evening.

Any merchants who wish to sign the petition may contact him at his store, Mr. Coniglio

says. Detrimental The petition states: The last week in October 1976 brought upon our main commercial area (Mill St.) in the town of Halton Hills (Acton) a reconstruction of (Continued on Page Two)

### First section paving done

Paving of the first three blocks of Mill St. was done by the weekend, and traffic was able to move along that portion of the street. Now the excavated section of the street has moved down to the next three blocks, making impossible and driving walking somewhat hazardous.

The work is proceeding well as far as King Construction is a million dollars.

concerned. Sidewalks are being patched up to be serviceable for the winter; the new interlocking paving walks will be laid in the

The last coat of paving is also scheduled for spring.

The upheaval has caused a noticeable drop in business downtown. One merchant estimates the loss to the whole street as probably half

#### Two-car accident

Two unattended cars took off on their own last Thursday and travelled about 100 feet before coming to a stop. The bizarre accident happened on Church St. W. where both vehicles were parked on a downhill grade. One vehicle struck the other, and then they were both mobile. They went downhill and across Church St., one of them coming to a halt when it encountered a shed door.

Then they both stopped! The truck involved was owned by Fred Allen, R. R. 3, Acton and the van by Gary McEarchern, Acton. Both had estimated \$500 damage, according to police, but their owners were able to drive them away.

Damage to the shed door was set at \$25.



He called it off.



Hydro lawyer Marshall He's unhappy.

Esquesing gets more

### All voters get liquor ballots

All voters in Halton Hills ballot on Monday.

voters in Acton and Georgetown, who have already voted on two of the questions in past years, will only receive one

The voters in Esquesing, who have never had a liquor question before, will receive three ballots each.

The initiative for the vote came from the Halton Hills office, so agreement would be general in the town. Clerkadministrator Doug Pritchard explains there has been no specific application which produced the vote this year. There are no immediate plans for dining rooms with entertainment.

Entertainment All the Halton Hills voters will receive the question asking if they are in favor of the sale of spirits, wine and beer under an entertainment lounge license for consumption on licensed premises. This refers to entertainment in dining rooms.

The other questions being asked in Esquesing are

voters are in favor of the sale will also receive a liquor of spirits, beer and wine under a dining room license · The voters of ward two for consumption on licensed (Esquesing) will be asked premises where food is availthree liquor questions. The able, and if they are in favor of the sale of spirits, beer and wine under a lounge license for consumption on licensed premises.

Applications for licenses go to the Liquor Control Board of Ontario and are strictly regu-

Both Georgetown and Acton passed liquor questions in 1972. Now the same questions are being asked in ward 2 (Esquesing).

## contest.

Children ages five to ten years old living in the area served by the Acton Free Press are invited to enter the "Santa Coloring Contest". For more details, please

### turn to page B 17.

800 cables

There are about 800 cable television connections in

Wolves suspected

### Several sheep dead—confirm rabies

Two Erin Township resiparking and level access. In dents are currently underthe past there have been going anti-rables shots neighborhood polls in homes following separate incidents

Smith Griffin, R. R. 2, good phone communications Acton, Fifth Line of Erin twp. for obtaining the results on started his series of needles yesterday (Tuesday) after Election headquarters is in several of his sheep died of Gordon Alcott arena in rables. Mr. Smith told this newspaper he used to keep a flock of sheep on a farm he owned on Highway 24, but brought the animals to his other farm farther south after five had been killed by wolves. He pointed out he was sure wolves had done the killings from the type of mauling and other factors. These kill-

ings took place from Thanks-

The killings started again in August on his Fifth Line farm when four more sheep were molested.

On November 18, Mr. Giffin said, he first realized it was morning of the 15th to check most completely devoured. died.

Heal quickly 16, one of the three was found of Animals office. Brain

giving to December of 1975. sick, and couldn't get on its feet. It also had a very high temperature.

Mr. Griffin treated the sheep with antibiotics, but it was found dead the morning of the 18th. On November 21 a rables. He went out in the second ewe which had not been suspected of being his flock and found three molested went lame. Veterinanimals slightly torn. He ex- arian Dr. B.J. Wingrove plained that these molestings, checked it over, but did not were different from the suspect rabies (because of others, which happened one the early stage it was in.) A at a time and the sheep al- few days later, the animal-

At this point, Mr. Griffin Of these three sheep, the started to suspect rables as Erin township resident said the second dead animal did were treated and seemed to not respond to treatment, so heal quickly. On November he called the Federal Health

samples were taken of the ewe and forwarded to laboratories in Hull, Quebec. The next day, Mr. Griffin received the call back that the

animal had died of rables. Yesterday, three more sheep died of the disease, and Mr. Griffin started the shots himself for added precaution. In the meantime, he has quarantined his entire flock. Discriminating evidence

The farmer feels sure his sheep caught the rabies from wolves. All the evidence points to it, he said. The wolves had been molesting the flock, and had been seen acting strange.

The Guelph detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police

coyote just before Mr. Griffin's trouble started, and neighbors had been complaining of the animals coming right up on their verandas, running beside cars, and nipping at school bus

great danger for children coming in contact with the and tests proved it was rabid. rabid animals. He hopes It was after reading in this nature will take care of the newspaper the dog was rabid problem and kill the animals that she herself decided to get before they can do any fur- the shots. Both of the dogs ther damage.

The farmer said when the wolf bounty was lifted in 1973, to get rid of some of these bounty should be brought in.

had shot and killed a rabid wolves which have been killing farm animals, and now spreading rables. More shots

Mrs. Gayle McPherson, a neighbor of Mr. Griffin, is also undergoing the shots. Her dogs had been mauled by a wolf, which kept returning Mr. Griffin feels there is a to the house. A few days later the wolf was shot by the OPP

had been inoculated. "Do we want to protect wolves or do we want to proit was a step backward. He tect human beings?" Mr. thinks it should be reinstated Griffin said, insisting the wolf

#### WARDS 1 and 2 (Acton · Esq.) **DOUG PIERCE** TOM WATSON 1 to be elected WARDS 3 and 4 DON LONG (Georgetown) BARRY SHEPHERD HALTON 1 to be elected SEPARATE WARDS HARTLEY SHERK 1, 2, 3, 4 SCHOOL TOM SIMMONS BOARD

elected **EDWARD WOOD** WARD 2 1- to be BILL HUNTER (Regional) (Esquesing) RUSSELL MILLER **NICK HUNSLEY** 2 to be GEORGE MALTBY C. F. (Pat) PATTERSON STEPHEN SAXE WARD 3 **ROY BOOTH** 1 to be (Georgetown) FRED (Tut) HARRISON (Regional) **ERNIE SYKES** WALTER BIEHN 2 to be ERN HYDE PETER POMEROY **DAN TIMMONS** WARD 4 - (Acclamation) RIC MORROW (Georgetown) (Regional) MIKE ARMSTRONG **CEC MARTIN** elected PETER MORRIS MARILYN SERJEANTSON HALTON 1 to be elected **BOARD OF** H. H. (Bert) HINTON **EDUCATION** 

GORDON DAWE elected G. W. (Pat) McKENZIE (Regional) 4,500 voters Acton's 4,500 voters will all vote next Monday at four locations only. There will be five polls at the Legion hall, five at the M. Z. Bennett school, three at the Robert Little school and two at the

United church. In Esquesing, there are three polls in Stewarttown school, two in Limehouse school, two Ballinafad hall, two at St. Alban's hall in Glen Williams, two in Speyside school, two in Norval community centre and three in Pineview school, a total of 16.

Clerk administrator Doug Pritchard explained he looked for locations with phones, good lighting, good and other smaller locations. on their farms.

These locations will provide Monday evening.

Georgelown. In Georgetown many voters will also go to the local school to vote. There are about 22,300 eligible voters in all of Halton

Hills. Results will be broadcast Monday evening on cable TV. Oakville and Burlington radio stations.



ALEX CHIDLEY, a Kitchener resident who works in Acton, uses his CB radio to avoid traffic trouble on his round trip to work. There's a

feature story on the CB craze on page B16.