# 200 question 10 at MZB school . . .

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He spoke of the delays in the decision-making process and cited the parking problem in Acton.

He spoke of a specific building which contravenes the zoning bylaw.

Bad timing He criticized the timing of reconstruction. suggested it could have been finished after Christmas or

work could have continued 24 hours around the clock. The merchants lose business at a time they count on increased sales, "Who the hell cared?" Using Wallace as a truck route he termed "insane." Why is the pumping station

breaking down all the time? If the people of Acton are serious and not just bitching they can push to get out of regional government. If not, we've got to make it work better, he said.

#### Les Duby

Tom Hill

Ed Wood

wards one and two. He and

Cleaners. They and sons

He told the audience

Know where stand.

let voters know what's

I am not completely op-

posed to the concept of

central administration, how-

ever I think a decentralized

system would be beneficial to

never been better. The town is becoming aware of the sad

condition we've been allowed to reach. Fortunately for

Acton, concerned citizens

have headed to the council

chambers attempting to get a

Questions

Written questions were

What is your stand on a

Duby: The answer is to

have your support to start

pushing again for a provincial

bypass. He referred to the

time several years ago when

the plans for a bypass were

taken off the drawing board

by the province. Wallace

seemed suitable temporarily;

Church and Bower are not

constructed to take trucks

McKenzie: Most towns

have a bypass; it's time

Acton did too. He would

Dawe: Favors proper

Marks: Good preventative

planning is needed. East of

Churchill is being planned

now; provisions should be

made for a truck route there.

Wood: I would set up an-

information meeting with the

people of Bovis. . . We are all

in agreement a bypass is

needed for Acton. But where?

Now's the time to plan for it.

bypass not going through a

support a proper bypass.

residential area.

better deal for Acton.

truck route or bypass?

answered.

"Our community spirit has

from Halton Hills.

volunteers. . .

Les Duby was on Acton council 14 years, 11 years as mayor and has been the past three years on Halton Hills council. He was president of the Town and Village section of the Ontario Municipal Association, and executive member of the organization of small urban municipalities, and executive member of the former Association of Mayors and Reeves for nine years, hydro commissioner 14 years, served on the board of directors for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for five years, is an RCAF overseas veteran and a past president of the Legion branch.

He also spoke of his experience in industrial and personnel relations. "People are advisory committee for my business.'

his wife own Family He married an Acton girl, and both are active in St. Chris and Danny are all Alban's church. He is a choir active in minor softball member, warden licensed lay reader.

association and he coached in the Legion Minor Hockey "Why am I so concerned about Acton? Because I recall league. so vividly the aspirations and "Regional government has hopes of the residents. . . " "It been a bitter pill for most of was utter irony that in the us to swallow. "We are going year of its 100th anniversary, Acton became embroiled in to have to elect representatives who are not afraid to the regional concept." buck the system, even if it

Retain identity He said he is determined to means removing our town do all in his power to see our town retain its identity to whatever degree possible.

Since citizens rejected the municipal complex he would follow their wishes, and congratulates them on stand- region. ing up for it.

He referred to the delay in senior citizen housing and said he wants to see the new details of planning come to know where you stand, . .

fruition. He will fight the threat of one-tier government.

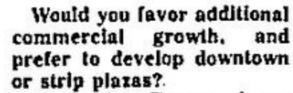
"I didn't know there were this many hang-ups getting things done," Mr. Duby stated.

#### Peter Marks

As an elected official from 1968 to 1973 Peter Marks sat on Acton and county council; he has worked in factories and offices in industrial and business management; he has post-secondary qualifications in business management and engineering and is currently completing his M.A. in Counselling Psychology; he is a community consultant, family counsellor with the Addiction Research Foundation of Ontario. He is married with three children.

Mr. Marks explained his motivation was promoted by numerous comments relaying the frustrations many of us are experiencing in the reduction of our influence to control services, costs and living standards in our town. Although we have received some benefits from regional government, the need has never been greater for preventative 'planning and policies. We need structive alternatives. Regional government is nothing more or less than the people we elect to do the job. . .

In addition to being sensitive to families' needs and their increased limitations on income, I believe I have the administrative ability to develop policy which will



McKenzie: Favors downtown, with offstreet parking, and if that's not sufficient we should go for a proper new commercial plaza.

Dawe: Has no objection to a plaza. The downtown merchant can compete. There's enough business for everybody.

Marks: Favors promoting a strong downtown business core. When downtown cores delinquency increases. When downtown businesses are forced to close down, we lose a large tax

revenue. Duby: Favors the Business Improvement Area concept; results have been seen. Taxes and assessment must be considered. If land is properly zoned, developers can go ahead. What will be best for the people?

Wood: Would favor a plaza in two years. Downtown was formerly like a ghost town. .. now there are new merchants who have banded together and are sold on revitalization. Downtown will be competitive given two years. "We know you're not all shopping in town!" We can make it better for Actonians. How should Acton grow provide our community with

an acceptable quality of over next few years? Duby: Let's get the brakes service we can afford. on and slow to 12,000 after we Authority should be backed by community groups and reach 10,000. He referred to our geographical location and I am qualified in comsewage plant capacity.

McKenzie: Feels 10,000 munications skills. People must have communication to should be the maximum. Sewage disposal plant and get the message across. Black Creek limit expansion. Dawe: I hear all the time, the sewage plant limits capa-Ed Wood served on the city. Is it really true? I have Acton parks and recreation heard the effluent in the board and then the recreation Black Creek is so clean you

> can drink it. He favors home for all incomes, perhaps 15,000 people. When a developer comes in, we should have

control. Marks: There are three main factors-people do not want a community of 10 to 12,000. Costs are a factor; developers must pay adequate lot levies. You have to look to truck routes and community services. Growth rate should not be more than 8 to 10 per cent per annum; he would root for 3 to 5 per cent.

He suggested a citizens facilities for 10 to 12,000 committee to thoroughly investigate the legal and the brakes on right now and economic results of leaving Halton Hills and Halton If elected, he promises to

Would you raise your own Hinton's store. salary if sitting on council? happening. You deserve to McKenzie: No.

lowering it.

Wood: No.

county. He is the owner of The accent is on youth, he said. Education is everyone's



Harry Levy

seen his salary go from \$400 a year to \$5,500 as Halton Hills councillor.

Marks: Said he wished to be frank. To do the job you need 20 hours a week. Lots of people are coming in who are losing money by doing this including myself. Thirteen people are going to administer a \$10 million budget. People pay \$15 an hour for someone to fix their TV, but \$5 for someone handling all that money. . . I would not

support one. Three people are contesting the Ward 1 and 2 seat on the Board of Education.

initiate an increase but would

#### H. H. Hinton

Bert Hinton is a charter member and past chairman of the Board of Governors of Sheridan College, charter member and president of the Association of College of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario, on the Halton county elementary and secondary schools consult-Wood: We don't have the ative committee, belonged to the Association of Canadian

people. I'm in favor of putting Community Colleges, the Canadian Vocation Institute, let Acton grow slowly. If not Ontario, Canadian and world we will find ourselves in an eraft councils, was reeve of even bigger mess than we are Acton and warden of Halton

Dawe: Wouldn't object to business, and rising costs are the concern of the taxpayers. The board is responsible for Duby: No way...he has spending million of dollars.

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He urges a return to basics and sald a diploma should be worth something. Students want to know where they stand. The board has been playing with people and deceiving the public, he accused.

#### Douglas Pierce

Doug Pierce is 47, married with four children, and lives of water finance services for Peel region, was for 16 years Water Commission. active in the community.

He began by saying he would represent both wards one and two. Why doesn't the board go

for all the money they can possibly get through grants? They don't ask for anything extra, he claimed. He felt a student-teacher

ratio of 35 to 1 is too high: some classrooms have over 30 students. Members of the board should be directors, not managers.

Was it necessary to spend a million dollars for an addition administration

Liaison

Over 50 per cent of our taxes go to education; we should be better informed. As well as liaison with the public, the board should have improved liaison with teachers. They can't meet without the administration present.

He favors going back to the

#### Tom Watson

Tom Watson has been on Halton Board Education since 1969, was on the interim planning board which laid the groundwork for the board as it stands. He was on Acton public school board 14 years, and then was Acton public school board appointee to the high school board for four years and was chairman of both. He is a lifelong Acton resident with the exception of the wars years in the RCAF, operated a restaurant for 27 years and is now a printer. He and wife Renee

Walker Lodge member. Tom Watson said the main object of his remarks would on 27 sideroad. He is director be to tell the positive things being accomplished by the Halton Board of Education treasurer of Mississauga and over which he is proud to have had influence. The most president of Peel Credit important is the teaching Union, is a Presbyterian and staff, who have interest and dedication to their job of giving the children the best of

have six children. He's Pres-

byterian, Legion member,

themselves. . . The need for core curriculum has been recognized for some time and it is being developed and implemented. The Primary Task Force is improving the learning process in the early years. . .

Get better The idea seems to be spreading that since there is

increased need for remedial

schools than used to be ex- responsibility. pected of them.

changing bus routes and proving the need for the new high school at Acton should take precedence over Milton. Board of Education candidates answered' several questions from the floor.

next two years. Watson: in no way will they be increased; in all likelihood they will be reduced. This was considered already.

Are you proud Halton has one of the highest pupilteacher ratios in the pro-

vince? Watson: The question must have come from

If the ratio is lowered by

regular oriented teaching job is inferior. I dis- teachers have had a 50 per pute this vigorously-we are cent increase but there is not getting better at recognizing a 50 per cent increase in proproblems and trying to over- ductivity. There's a rationale come them. Many of those to be kept. . . there is a nolsy getting help would have been minority. . . It's hard for us to drop outs in the past. We are distinguish what it enexpecting a lot more of our tails, the principal has

The Board and administra- cost a million-what they tion are not a group of people spent on the administration with set ideas but are most building and they have two co-operative and willing to million in reserve. Children

I have been instrumental in reduced. The money's there.

Would you be in favor of raising the board members'

salaries? Hinton: favors a reduction. Pierce: no increase for the

teacher. . . No one has been able to prove it makes that much difference.

one student, it will cost one million dollars.

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Hinton: This is a teacherquestion.

Pierce: A decrease would deserve to have the ratio

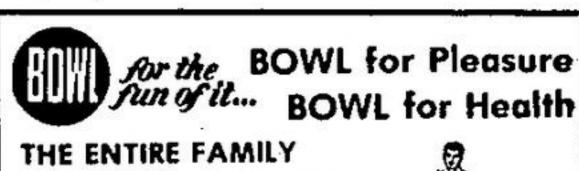
parents have if they do not agree with the subject content of a course?

Pierce: I'd be happy to take any problem to the board. It has to come from the board to

administration. Watson: Parents can talk to the teacher - the principal from there to the board. Or a parent could go to the board ask for a session. . . Some depend on the child's word and don't find out the answers at the

school... (Continued on Page 10)



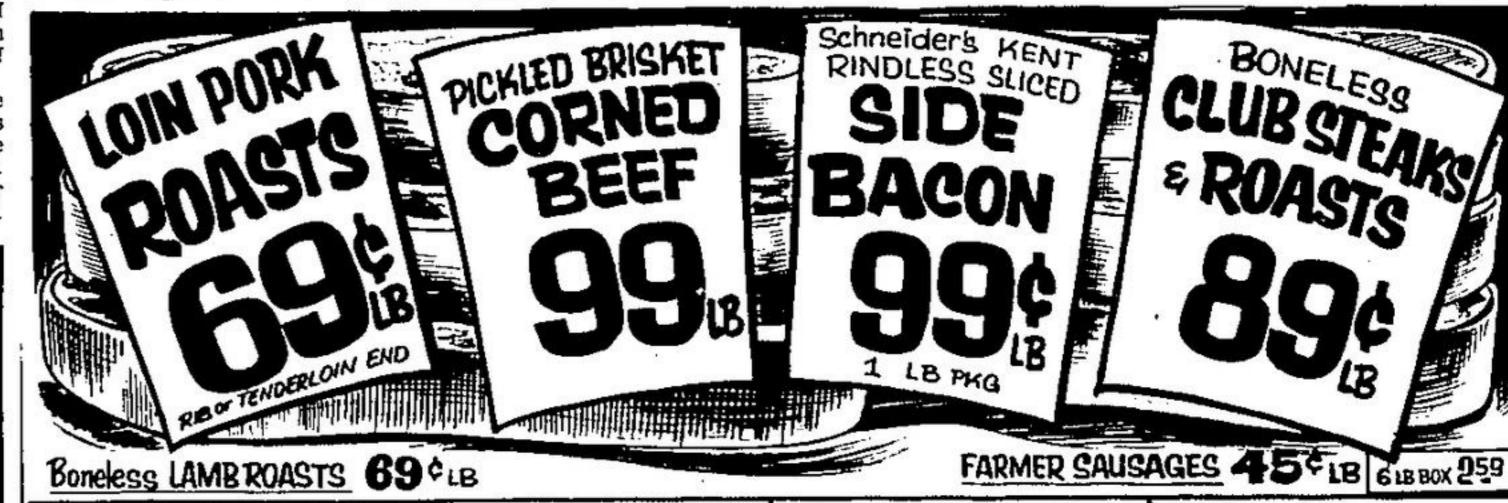




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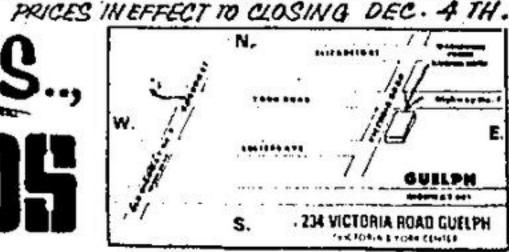
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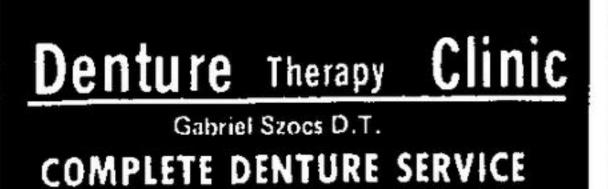
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