

Bert Hinton president of local PC executive

H. H. "Bert" Hinton was elected president of the Acton Progressive-Conservative Association at the annual meeting Wednesday evening in the scout hall. Past president is Fred Dawkins, first vice-president Gail Maltby, second vice-president Ross Ballentine, third vice-president Terry Gwyer, secretary Donna Aitken and the treasurer Marie Shadbolt.

Mr. Hinton was first vice-president the past year.

The slate of officers was accepted as presented by the nominating committee. About 22 attended the meeting, which began at 9 p.m. after the evening's regular activities in the scout hall were over.

Don McDonald presided for the election.

The executive was empowered to elect directors as they see fit.

Sympathy was expressed to the Dawkins family. Doug Dawkins, uncle of past president Fred Dawkins and

Conservative candidate Gary Dawkins, had died earlier in the week.

Bert Hinton read Fred Dawkins report on the year's activities.

Boundary changes

Bob Jones of Oakville, on the federal riding executive of Halton riding, outlined the new federal boundary changes. Some of Erin township will be included in Dufferin; Georgetown will go with Brampton. Nassagaweya will be included.

He will ask all the groups to agree to having eight areas—Acton-Esquesing, Massagweya, Milton, Oakville North, Burnhamthorpe, Oakville South, and three other Oakville areas.

The constitution for the new riding had been passed the night before.

Memberships

There was a discussion on the continuing problem of memberships. People join the federal and provincial associations separately and

there is resultant confusion. The matter has often been discussed with no solution yet.

Broaden base

Mr. Hinton said he hoped to service in the proper manner, building on what went ahead. He would like to broaden the base of the whole area, with special attention to Esquesing.

Halton-Burlington riding president Fran Baines reported and asked for volunteers.

George Gray, Halton-Burlington PC candidate, spoke to the group. (See report elsewhere).

Dr. Oakes asked George Gray if he were kept informed of policies by the Ontario party. Mr. Gray said he is; any departments or ministers are available to him.

Doe Russell and Frank Wilson of Georgetown, campaign chairmen for George Gray, chatted with the members after the meeting.



NEW EXECUTIVE of Acton PC Association: front row left to right, third vice-president Terry Gwyer, president Bert Hinton, second vice-president Ross Ballentine; back row secretary Donna Aitken, treasurer Marie Shadbolt.

Eight grass fires

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tinguish his grass fire. While the men were there, a second call was put in for still another grass fire at Sir Donald Mann park, at 6:11 p.m.

Tuesday was a quieter day for the firefighters, according to Mr. Holmes. There was only one fire at the home of Lou Itokosz, R. H. 1, Acton at 1:55 p.m.

Mr. Holmes said the only things damaged were grass and fences.

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PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE candidate George Gray chats with Dr. Frank Oakes at the PC annual meeting.

Gray says

Time to seek majority gov't.

Our present Ontario government has reached a critical point. Halton-Burlington Progressive-Conservative candidate George Gray told the couple of dozen people at the Acton PC Association annual meeting last Wednesday.

We are approaching an end to the effectiveness of the present government, he said. Added to his fears about the capability of the Liberal government in Ottawa there is now the problem of an elected government in Quebec which is dedicated to separation. Even prominent Liberals are despondent about their leadership.

He said the time is near when Premier Davis should go to the people and ask for a majority mandate in Ontario to provide strong opposition to the Liberal government in Ottawa, and to provide a strong PC government to deal with the government of Quebec.

We have the opportunity to return this riding to the government side of the

House. The riding was only lost by 460 votes. Since then party popularity has increased.

He spoke of the new industrial development commission.

He mentioned the industrial land available in Acton and the availability of labor, and has hopes for new industry here.

He commended Acton's councillors and their dedication to co-operation. He spoke confidently of the expected Senior Citizens housing. The fact there is not one nursing home bed in Halton Hills he termed "disgraceful."

He asked the people present for their assistance to return Halton-Burlington and a majority government to the Conservative party.

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Hydro appeal

Lawyers for residents caught up in expropriation hearings for Ontario Hydro's proposed high power corridor have taken the first step in obtaining an appeal of a divisional court decision.

A legal courier was dispatched last Thursday to Toronto with papers of a notice of appeal.

Lawyers for land owners opposed to the expropriation must meet the dead lines set out by a hearing officer last week in Acton.

The appeal concerns the southern section of the proposed 500,000 volt line which may cross Highway 7 between Limehouse and Acton.

The proposed line would carry power from the nuclear generating station on Lake Huron to a point near Milton Station where a connection would be made with an east-west line.

The hearing officer, Donald Meyrick, told representatives of the landowners and Ontario Hydro that all the paper work for an appeal must be finished by April 22.

The same hearing officer has said he has forwarded a copy of his completed report on the hearings for the 20-mile long middle portion of the line to Energy Minister James Taylor last Wednesday.

Opponents to expropriation all along the line want an independent study

Agricultural society wants cemetery land for parking

Lands around Pioneer Cemetery will be inspected tomorrow by Halton Hills works committee following a request from Acton Agricultural Society to park cars there during the Fall Fair.

The site was put on the agenda of the committee's annual roads tour during the meeting last night.

Committee agreed that the request would be brought forward again.

Agricultural Society secretary John Rowe advised the committee in a letter that a request to use the area around the cemetery was made last year. The request, however, was in September, too late to do anything before the fair.

Pioneer Cemetery is situated in a field bordered on the east by homes, the south by Knox Church and on the west by the tennis courts and

the community centre. It was the original town cemetery. A large cairn now contains the many tombstones. A wire fence surrounds the cairn.

Last space

The Society is asking the town for some attention to its request because the society "lost a great deal of parking space" when the town put in the tennis courts behind the arena, according to the letter.

The letter also expressed a willingness by the Agricultural Society to send a delegation to council to explain the need for the space.

"The area is still consecrated ground," councillor Les Duly told the committee. There would be nothing more degrading than having a parking lot on it, he said.

"I look upon the fenced area as the sacred part," councillor Pat McKenzie said. He asked works committee chairman Mike Armstrong if he would want cars parked on the cemetery during Fall Fair. Armstrong shook his head from side to side.

500 club winners

Winners for the 500 Club Draw of April 9 are: 17 H. Black, 18 Don Ryder, 267 J. Coles, 337 Jim James, 437 Al Clark, 486 V. Hubble. The bonus draw went to 22 Adele Nolan.

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