

Protesters pack drop-in centre Thursday to plan assault on council

With the support of about 80 townspeople packed into the senior citizens' room Thursday, decisions were speedily made to take up petitions, have a brief prepared and meet again Monday night to attend council's special meeting on the fate of the Acton town hall.

A hastily-organized public meeting, just announced in last week's paper and through posters, brought out an enthusiastic and sometimes angry crowd. Extra chairs were brought in from the fire hall during the free-wheeling discussions.

Chamber of Commerce president Louis Charlebois chaired the meeting and said the Chamber's aim was to see that the people were informed. All seemed to agree as he said we realize the firefighters need better accommodation and parking, but we want to make sure all the facts are out. "It is the people who will decide, not the politicians."

Volunteers
Dr. George Elliott, long-time resident and former Citizen of the Year, agreed to present the brief to council Monday, and urged everyone there to come out. Dr. Elliott, a biochemist, is a professor at the University of Guelph and bandmaster of Acton Citizens Band.

Volunteers speedily set up a petition system, to be coordinated by Yvonne (Brunelle) Rosenquist. A former Actonian, she returned recently to live with her husband and family in the Kenney home on Church St. E.

Newcomers to town joined long-time residents, students and members of the Golden Age club in protesting the decision.

Several firefighters also attended and Phil McCristall spoke briefly.

Historical
John McDonald, president of the Esqueving Historical Association, pledged support and said he would be at the council meeting Monday with more members. Through the Ontario Heritage Act, he said, a bylaw will be coming up through the planning department to create a list of historic sites. The town hall would probably be the prime site in Acton, he said. He sympathized, since Georgetown lost its town hall through neglect and fire.

"It is very imperative to save these buildings," he said.

Vic Bristow made an impassioned plea for the town hall, ending up by declaring he would miss Lions club meeting for the first time in years to be at council. This led to the revelation that John McDonald of the Historical Association was to be the guest speaker at the Lions meeting Monday, so that whole segment of the meeting was hastily postponed in favor of council.

Vic Bristow drew great ap-

M.P.P. helpful

"I wish you every success in this endeavour" M.P.P. Julian Reed wrote Actonians as he forwarded information and booklets from the Ontario Heritage Foundation this week. Although expecting former Liberal leadership candidate Dave Peterson in Halton Hills Monday night, he said he would try to make it to the special meeting of council.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT Louis Charlebois addresses about 80 people in the town hall last Thursday. The meeting was called to muster support for a drive to save the 19th-century structure. Plans were made to

attend a special meeting of council Monday night. Several citizens spoke about the need to preserve the red-brick building from destruction.

plause when he praised the fire department. "We've got the best dam fire department in the country!" he exclaimed. Others also mentioned they did not want to have the firefighters end up losers.

School support
Fred Allen and Barry McKerracher represented high school students considering the town hall during the urban studies course. They said

they and more students and their teacher Mr. Mahatoo would be at the meeting. They were organizing petitions at the school.

"The school is behind the cause," they said.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT Fred Allen addresses the town hall meeting Thursday.

Dismiss charges

Charges of rape against four Pefferlaw men have been dismissed in Burlington provincial court.

Charges were laid after an incident which allegedly took place in Acton, April 26, 1976. After interviewing the alleged victim during a recess, Assistant Crown attorney Dave Price asked for the dismissal of charges during the third day of a preliminary hearing in Burlington. A recess had been called during cross-examination of the alleged victim by one of the three defense lawyers after her second day on the stand at the hearing.

Mistakes
"I have seen so many mistakes made in Acton," said Katherine Kelly, mentioning the fact the senior citizens housing could have been in the former Legion building,

where her Rest Home is now. Why do three councillors speak for all of Acton? Why push this through so rapidly? Another emotional appeal which was enthusiastically applauded was made by Nino

Ladies' Auxiliary makes donations

by Fern Shultz
Many donations were given to charities and community organizations on Thursday evening at the monthly meeting of the legion ladies auxiliary.

They were the friends in deed; the senior citizens;

Flowers of Hope; Branch 197, and cheques to be given to Robert Little and M.Z. Bennett pupils at their graduation for high proficiency.

Two new members were voted on for initiation next month. Ann Richards won the

pot of money. Decoration Day was discussed and if the other organizations are not taking part this year, it was felt that the Legion men and women would still decorate their comrades graves on the Sunday. The final word had not been given at the meeting. The bus trip will be on Aug. 27 this year. If anyone is interested see Grace Townsley or Doris Fitzner before Aug. 13 as this is the deadline for members then open to anyone. The general meeting will be held on June 9, and there is a school banquet on our ordinary meeting night. The zone will be holding their 50th anniversary supper for the auxiliary in Acton on Sept. 10, served by the branch.

Men volunteer for cancer study

by Mrs. D.G. Robertson
The afternoon meeting of Acton Golden Age Club was attended by 57 members. O Canada was sung and words of welcome were extended by president R.L. Davidson.

Mrs. K. McGillivray, from the Cancer Society, was present and asked for male volunteers of various ages, for surveys being conducted for bladder cancer. Names were received and these people will be contacted by the society. David Robertson, of the transportation committee, reported on trips, and a trip to Rockton Lion Safari, and dinner in Guelph was arranged for June 7.

At the next evening meeting the entertainment will be provided by Mrs. J. Carpenter's dance group.

Cards and crokinole
Following the business, cards and crokinole were played.

The euchre winners were Mrs. M. Milne, Mrs. M. DeVries, Mrs. L. Dennis and Ivan Lillycrop.

Crokinole winners were Mrs. M. McNabb, Mrs. C. Watson, Mrs. M. Spear and R.L. Davidson.

The birthday song was for Mrs. M. Milne and Mrs. L. Dennis.
* Wedding anniversary

greetings were for Mr. and Mrs. J. Hargrave. Tea biscuits and jam along with a cup of tea, were enjoyed, and a social time followed.

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Brida. We want our young people to be proud of Acton, he declared. He didn't like someone who has no stake in Acton telling us to tear down a landmark. He referred to the station and post office, but they were not owned by the town when they were razed. When there's a turnout in numbers like this, council must listen to them, he predicted. He said Acton Agricultural Society must move their meeting room from the arena, and he felt the restored upstairs would be ideal.

Peter Papillon let his annoyance with regional government show when he spoke, and again drew applause from the sympathetic audience. He objected to councillors' way of making the decision and the impression Actonians were given that councillors' minds were already made up.

As the only Halton Hills councillor present, George Maltby unexpectedly got some of the flak from the partisan crowd. He defended council and said "are you willing to come up with the money?" He said again the decision was the one that involved the least cost. He lingered after the meeting, willingly talking to residents. Councillor McKenzie was at another engagement.

Councillor Duby was at a conference; Councillor Marks could not be reached, so none were at the public meeting. Councillor Maltby is from Esqueving.

Impressed

"I think the building should be preserved," declared Progressive-Conservative candidate George Gray after touring the town hall on Willow St. last Friday. He looked over all sections of the building including the upstairs hall, and admitted he was "impressed." He felt it could be fixed up for reasonable cost and said he would like to offer advice, through his experience in buildings.

He suggested it would be a good idea for the town to move immediately and buy the adjoining house.

Dr. Elliott pointed out the band practiced in the town hall regularly several nights a week until 10 years ago, when the music centre was built as a centennial project by the band.

Betty Eastwood, one of several people who met last week with Doug Cook of the Heritage Foundation, reported his opinion that the building was worth saving. (He later contacted George Elliott to pursue the matter.)

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AND WHEREAS the problems of crime touch and affect all segments of our society, undermining and eroding the moral and economic strengths of our communities and their citizens;

AND WHEREAS there is still a reluctance on the part of many citizens to involve themselves in actions to insure the protection, rights, and well-being of their fellow citizens;

AND WHEREAS the Halton Regional Police Force continue to implement and release programs aimed at combatting crime and fostering better relations throughout the year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, THOMAS JEFFERSON HILL, Mayor of the Town of Halton Hills, proclaim the week of May 15 through to May 21, 1977, as POLICE WEEK, and ask that all citizens of Halton Hills (Georgetown) do take advantage of the opportunity to assist the police in creating a stronger partnership in the enforcement of law and the administration of justice.

Executed under my hand and seal, this 5th day of May, 1977.

Thomas Jefferson Hill
Mayor of the Town of Halton Hills