

Hydro trying to expropriate land for 500 KV line

Ontario Hydro land agents have been approaching land owners in Halton Hills and some are confused.

According to John Minns, a spokesman for the Interested Citizens Group, residents along the proposed Bruce to Milton hydro corridor who did not ask for a hearing may have had expropriation plans registered against their property at Milton since Ontario Hydro has had the right to do so since November 24.

However, Minns emphasized, the land owners still have the right to refuse access to Hydro surveyors and land agents because Ontario Hydro has no right of possession until compensation is accepted by the land owner.

Minns urged land owners not represented by lawyers to attend this Thursday's meeting at Stewarttown hall for a full explanation of rights and obligations. He said one land owner had already been approached and objected to Hydro agents being on his land.

Thursday's meeting at Stewarttown hall will explain to land owners the difference between the two different types of expropriation planned by Ontario Hydro. It will also help to marshal support for further action against the Government's decision to push the line through without an independent study as accorded the east-west corridor.

Disarmament not town business

Halton Hills administration committee feels nuclear disarmament is a bit out of their line, and decided simply to receive and file a resolution from "Operation Dismantle", and the town of Paris, the first municipality to endorse it.

"Operation Dismantle" calls for a global referendum on disarmament and has sent requests to every town, city, and borough in Ontario asking them to hold a referendum on the subject.

According to the notice from the town of Paris, the referendum is getting a 97.7 per cent "yes" vote. It says there is an obvious need for a world without wars, and a world free of nuclear terror.

Councillor Walter Biehn commented, "This is far out of our jurisdiction. It's a matter for world politics."



ACTON HIGH SCHOOL'S registration for night school started last Thursday, and several people turned out to pick their courses. Here Ena Gibson talks to teacher Boris Shean and registrar Stella Bridgen about the course on microwave ovens.

Friday blast just routine

What seemed to be an unusual blast at the Indusmin quarry Friday noon resulted in several inquiries. However, superintendent Len Draper says there was nothing unusual about the blast. "It was probably a freak of nature," he surmised.

CVCA work Metcalfe

Mayor Tom Hill told the town works committee Monday that the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) intends to do some work on the Metcalfe ravine. Halton Hills is the benefiting municipality, Hill told the committee.

Councillor Pat McKenzie asked if the town gets to control the cost of the work. Hill's answer was in the negative.

Strathroy bid filed

A bid by Strathroy Ontario to enlist Halton Hills help in pressing higher levels of government for national regulations for transportation and labelling of hazardous loads, went astray Monday night.

The town's works committee decided to receive and file the request.

The noise seemed louder than usual, and was accompanied by more reverberation. In a second or so, an echo like thunder repeated the noise.

Mr. Draper said a couple of people called the quarry but there was no damage reported.

At the Free Press office, a flag fell off the wall.

In fact Mr. Draper said, the blast was not as large as sometimes, and there was not a low ceiling cover of cloud. All aspects of the blasting are closely governed by regulations. Everything is closely monitored, Mr. Draper pointed out.

Drivers hurt in collision

Both drivers were hurt in a Young Street collision Sunday evening.

Das Sydney of 193 Churchill Rd. S., and Henry Barons of 140 Mill St. W. received minor injuries in the crash, according to Halton Regional Police.

Police put the damage to the vehicles at about \$1,000 each.

Man charged break-enter

London city police arrested Edwin Harold Alkerton, 48, Sunday morning for impaired driving and charged him with several counts of breaking and entering. Halton Regional Police believe Alkerton, of no fixed address is connected with approximately 15 counts of similar housebreaking incidents in Halton Region, according to Sgt. Keith Robertson, senior detective in the Crime Investigation Branch of Halton Regional Police.

A warrant for the arrest of Alkerton was issued by Halton police following a house break and enter attempt at the home of Garry Sterrit, Ten Sideroad, on New Year's Day. Mr. Sterrit returned home to find a man inside the house. When he shouted, the man pulled a gun and told Mr. Sterrit to get inside the house, said Sergeant Robertson.

Police say they have reason to believe Alkerton is connected with similar housebreaking incidents in Peel, York and London regions.

Fix school bus law?

Monday, works committee postponed disposition of a resolution from Sandwich West regarding illegal passing of school buses.

Councillor George Maltby said he would have a reworded resolution by next meeting. He told the committee he thought the law should be changed to make the vehicle owner responsible. He said he wants the licence number of the vehicle to be sufficient for a violation.

"I don't think bus drivers are getting satisfaction unless they get the car's number," Maltby said.

CB unit stolen

A Realistic model TRC 99 CB unit was stolen from a township man's auto sometime between last Wednesday and Thursday. Value of the unit is less than \$200.

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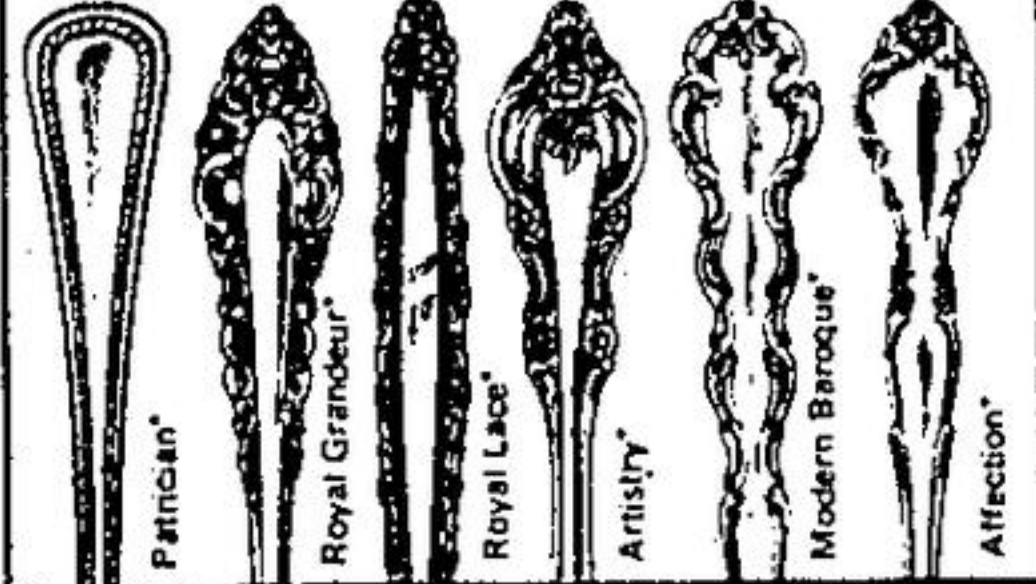
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