Baetz turns down review of 500kV hydro corridor

Neither the 500 kV hydro corridor or the Ontario cabinet are being moved by a plea for a rerouting of the line to cheaper and what some experts considered a better route than proposed from the Bruce generating station to Milton.

In a letter to William Mann, chairman of the Interested Citizens Group Tuesday, Energy Minister Reuben Baetz said the Ontario cabinet this week reaffirmed its decision to run the corridor from Bruce through Limehouse and connect with the east-west corridor near Milton. The cor-

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Speakers take

Acton students swept the Georgetown Optimists public

In the girls' competitions there were four speakers. In first

grade five student. In second place was Janet Reast, a grade

place was Victoria Rodriguez of M. Z. Bennett school, a

four student at M. Z. Bennett school, In third place was Mary

In the boys' competition there were three speakers and in

Doug Magwood phoned the Free Press at 10.45 p.m.

first place was Steve Saxon, a grade eight student at M-

Smoke detector

alerts residents

What could have been a smoke. A complete search of

At approximately 4 a.m., a room has a detector but only

the premises revealed no fire,

or sign of one having taken

place. They reset the detector

and left. Fire chief Mick

Holmes pointed out each

one was set off. He still does

not know what activated it.

nurses should be commended

for their quick thinking. Had

there been a fire, he said, the

two would have saved many

lives. Jeanette Fernandes,

owner of the home, is also

very proud of the women.

Within 10 minutes of the

buzzer sounding, all were

sale by the door ready to

Mrs. Fernandes also

commended the volunteer

firefighters and Mr. Holmes

for their quick service and

efficiency upon their arrival.

escape into the night.

Mr. Holmes said the two

speaking contest at North Halton Golf and Country club

top honors

Vito of Holy Cross school in Georgetown.

major disaster early Sunday

morning was professionally

averted by two nurses at

Jeannette's Home for Senior

burst of smoke caused a

smoke detector in one of the

bedrooms to buzz, alerting

the night shift of fire in the

Sandra Ross, registered

nurse, and Doris Jones a

qualified nurse, woke up all 32

residents of the home and led

them to the sitting room

where they sat prepared to

fighters arrived at the scene

seven minutes after the

alarm was put in, but were

unable to locate any fire.

although they could smell

Commission will read water

meters for the Region of

Halton outside Acton limits-

Volunteer Fire-

Hydro employees to

the

building.

leave

necessary.

for a fee.

Tuesday so the good news could be published.

Tuesday evening.

cKenzle-Smith.

ridor with its 160 foot high towers will march up the middle of the Fifth Conces-

sion of Halton Hills, The minister said the letter would be dis-

appointing and frustrating for the ICG but he said it was impossible to turn back the clock far enough to reroute the line, a theme used for the last four years both by Ontario Hydro and the Government.

Baetz said the cost of replanning and rebuilding the line on a different route would be so large he couldn't in good conscience recommend a basic change.

Bill Mann, chairman of the ICG, said he was naturally disappointed by the decision. He said he could understand the minister's feelings that the clock could not be turned back, but, "We've been working on this for four years now. . . they keep changing the game and changing the ministers. . . if they had realized the errors they recognize now,

this line would be in the correct location." The ICG was given some consolation. Baetz in the conclusion of his letter, said, "For whatever consolation it might be I do believe as one who has been active in

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citizen organizations for many years that your citizens' group should sustain as articulate efforts have made a permanent impact on the planning and routing of future transmission power lines. Therefore, while in your view you may have lost the battle, you have contributed enormously to winning the war of increased citizen participation in public decision making."
The full text of the letter follows:

March 13, 1978. "At the conclusion of the meeting with the

Interested Citizens' Group on March 6, 1978.

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called to enable you to discuss the Slater report with representatives of Ontario Hydro I said I would respond to your request for a review of the alternatives to the Bruce to Milton transmission line no later than today.

"As I promised I have given the matter top priority and have reviewed in detail the sequence of events and decisions made in respect to the line. I have also personally flown alowly be helicopter over the whole length of the line as well as much of the alternative transmission line routes which

have been proposed at one time or another. "As you know since February 14, 1978, I have met with the ICG on two occasions and I have had an opportunity to appreciate your concern and to learn of the alternates which the ICG would propose to the Brad-

ley-Milton line. "I hope you would agree that the meeting on the Slater report provided ample opportunity for everyone present to question both Ontario Hydro officials and Mr. Slater on

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Will not assume liability

Department declares town hall not safe

passed out to the three members of council attending finance-administration meeting Monday night. Clerk Delmar French distributed copies of the report saying the Ministry had "condemned" the old town hall.

He suggested the town pass a resolution saying they will not assume any liability from now on, and councillors agreed. The recommendation will go to full council next Monday.

Councillors Booth, Biehn and Miller attended the meeting with Mayor Hill coming from the works committee meeting later. Councillors Patterson, Marks and Morris were absent.

Councillor Booth said the police will have to find somewhere to go immediately.

should not assume liability and suggested the treasurer and chairman of the finance meet with committee members of the police commission right away to rent the Y building. The police have been considering moving in to

Committee

George Malthy said he was concerned that they were just going to write, and suggested they find another location, perhaps the downstairs room

Councillor Booth said their major concern is to advise them and said they want to

safety inspector. They wrote "Acton town hall (old town hall) shall not be occupied until direction No. 0379 has main beams to the roof area been complied with in ac- are all overstressed under cordance to the recommendations of Alan Zeegen Associates (consulting engin-

Direction No. 0379 reads: "Every owner of an industrial establishment shall ensure that any floor, roof, or other part of a building or structure owned by him can safely support the loads applied or likely to be applied

Alan Zeegen's report, referred to by the Department inspectors, was made

Jan. 25, 1978 and reads: "During the additions and alterations to the Acton Fire Hall, it was possible to observe further structural deficiencies to the Town Hall building, since some demolition of the building was necessary. These conditions were noted briefly in jobsite inspections for the Fire Hall project, item No. 7 of Report No. 2 and item No. 4 of Report No. 5, copies of which are enclosed. "Roof Structure"

addition, the main beams at high level were not bearing on the wood post supports. There is a gap of about 1/2" between the bottoms of the beams and horizontal movement of about 1" between the beams and the posts has also occurred.

Calculations indicate that the current code of practice live loading conditions. "Wood Columns" "The central portion of the roof is supported on four wood

columns which run from the bottom of the ceiling beams down to second floor level and occur at the east and west walls of the building. During demolition of the stage area, it was noted that the columns were bearing on the brick walls at second floor level and that the columns were not connected to the wall. This means that an unstable condition exists between portions of the roof and the second floor. The lateral movement of the roof, which has

caused by this lack of stabil-L. Woodcock, media liaison for the Department of Labor

already occurred, would, to

some extent, have been

in Hamilton, was contacted Tuesday by the Free Press and said the inspectors felt (Continued on Page 3)

Council aims for \$5,000 grants cut

aiming for a \$5,000 cut in the grants budget, which has been tentatively set at \$23,000

the same as last year. In a brief discussion at finance committee Monday night, Chairman Russ Miller said the town would have to

"bite the bullet" and bring it down to \$18,000. The largest items on the grant budget are \$4,860 to the Acton Citizens' Band, \$5,438 to Acton Community Services Centre, \$4,334 to Halton

Helping Hands, and \$2,500 to North Halton Contact Centre. A request from Acton

Halton Hills council is Alricultural Society to up the grant from \$700 to \$1,200 was questioned by Miller who compared it to Georgetown Agricultural Society at \$450. He also suggested they query the amount to Acton Citizens' Band, and suggested they speak to committee.

Councillor Walter Biehn said they could spend hours cutting bits from everyone, but perhaps the easiest way was to cut one thousand from each of the five largest grants.

The grants were discussed fully at a budget meeting in camera Tuesday night.

A report from the Department of Labor saying the it's their responsibility. rot evident to all areas of the town hall is not safe was Mayor Hill said "We're not roof, including sheathing, telling them to get out, just rafters and main beams. In that we'll not assume any responsibility. The report from the Industrial Health and Safety Branch of the Department of Labor followed an inspection the tops of the posts and a Monday by an engineer and a

Mayor Hill agreed the town

the front of the Y building for

some time, sharing space with the town offices. members agreed a letter should be sent to the senior citizens who use

the building, telling them of the report.

in the arena. "They will have nowhere to go."

on a quilt for their teacher's new baby. The quilt was presented to teacher Mary Shier this morning (Wednesday). Front row, Jenny Farrugan, Melissa Harrington, Tammy Landry, Judy Eaton, Catherine Reed, Beth Cameron and Students make

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS of Speyside

school have been working for almost two months

they needed more money per house than the 27 cents they were now receiving. Hydro superintendent Doug Mason suggested the workers

At the present time, hydro employees read the meters at the same time they do the hydro meters. However, they only cover meters in town. Many homes on town water up Churchill Rd. N. and in a few other sections of the outer town limits are serviced by

Ontario Hydro, meaning the Acton workers do not read their meters. Halton Region sent Acton mileage. They decided even Shier has been off on a leave Hydro a letter requesting at this rate, it would still be of absence from December to read the other meters. The commission was

read water meters Acton Hydro Electric willing to have their em-

> read the extra meters once and take note of their additional time. In this way, the region can be billed according to actual time instead

cheaper than the region trucks out just for the job.

quilt for teacher Wee Cathy Shier does not However, this morning know it yet, but she is the (Wednesday), Mrs. Shler recipient of a gift sure to be returned to visit her students treasured by her mother and and was presented with a herself for generations to handmade quilt, with 20 blocks. different Cathy was born on design on each block in The commission decided to February 1, to the Speyside crayon, and then it was charge the region 27 cents per school kindergarten class ironed into the material. It

> The children have been working since February 1 on and will return to the class room after the March break.

student drew a different teacher Mary Shier. Mrs. will be given to the teacher on behalf of the baby.

and

Regional Chairman Ric

Take hammering over region budget

Lee Ann Munday. Middle row, Colin Akehurst,

Ryan Weaver, Stacey Sproule, Laila Kahn,

Jennifer Lamon, Todd DeForrest, Darryl

Maxwell. Back row, David Henderson, Jason

Seads, Tommy Tenjis, Shawn Court, Brett

Gillett, Steven McDonnell, and Geoffrey Kosa.

that have been building up for months were ushered to the fore last week during a heated meeting of Halton Region's Administration Com-

The meeting exploded when members of the committee battled in an effort to come to grips with the proposed \$33,000,000 budget.

Regional

Treasurer Don Farmer absorbed the brunt of the attack by committee members. Oakville Councillor Carl

Eriksen charged that there is a credibility gap and a lot of distrust between council and the chairman and the Eriksen said there could be

no trust placed in reports coming from the staff after what council has experienced with recent reports. "I see no leadership at the

top, only confrontation and the chairman adds to this at every opportunity," Eriksen

Burlington Mayor Mary Munro supported Eriksen's contention and said the budget had been presented in a dishonest fashion.

When Chairman Morrow protested and took issue with Munro's charge of dishonesty, committee chairman Mac Anderson sug-(Continued on Page 3)

Harry Mainprize 90

A resident of Acton since per shop. He retired in 1962 - 1920, Harry Mainprize cele on his birthday - at the age of brated his 90th birthday 74. Thursday, Mr. Mainprize was well-known as a barber, with his business since 1938 in the shop adjoining their home at the corner of Mill and John

Orillia. Mr. Mainprize from Montreal for the birthworked for Sandy McLean day celebrations. before opening his own bar-

They have three children. Bill Maintrize lives at home, and daughter Helen Egan in Guelph. Their son Jack of Montreal is presently working in Brazil, but his wife They came to Acton from Ann made a surprise visit

The Mainprizes have six

grandchildren and one greatgrandchild. They will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary next Christmas.

Long life runs in the family. Mr. Mainprize's father lived until he was 101.

They are members of the Presbyterian church.

Friends dropped by last week to extend congratulations.



EARNING WHILE THEY are learning. Rockwood Centennial students who live in the Eden Mills area cross country ski to school and back daily. As they go, they earn awards from the Canadian Ski Association for the amount of

kilometers skied. Left to right, Sarah Brown, Dave Levi, Mark Godding, teacher Bob Love, Don Godding, Dave Van Rhijn and Brad Billings. They ski a total of 12 kms a day. For story and more pictures see page 9.



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HARRY MAINPRIZE celebrated his 90th birthday Thursday at his home on John St. His wife of 59 years wishes him "Happy Birthday".