



ACTON FIREFIGHTER HERB DODDS helped put our Sunday's grass fire in Nassagaweya. Firefighters had to use brooms to beat out the flames.



ACTON FIREFIGHTERS extinguished a grass fire in Nassagaweya Sunday afternoon. Burning logs were taken from the field to the truck where a hose was used to put out flames. It was in a field off Sideroad 30 between Lines four and five.

Grass fire is put out

Acton volunteer firefighters were called to a grass fire at the home of Mrs. Tremayne, R.R. 2 Rockwood on Sunday.

Fire chief Mick Holmes says there is no apparent cause and no damages received. A passing motorist spotted the fire.

Rain helps few crops too late for grain

Recent rainfall in the Halton district has helped revive pasture and hay crops, but the rain is too late to save other crops, according to the Ontario Agricultural Ministry office in Milton.

"The rain has been variable and it will be hard to say what effect it will have in the Halton area," said Henry Stanley, spokesman at the Milton agricultural office.

Monday night's rain arrived in a steady downpour for several hours in Milton, but further north in Acton, there was scarcely a sign of rain. Rain in the Milton area measured one and a quarter inches for August.

"Some farmers will have real problems," predicted Mr. Stanley, who stated the second hay crop will be very little or none.

Grain corn, traditionally grown as feed and silage for livestock has nearly been wiped out by the drought in the Halton area.

In past years, an acre of land has yielded a usual amount of 15 tons of silage corn. This year, there is unlikely to be more than two tons of the same corn per acre, said Mr. Stanley.

The obvious shortage will force farmers to buy their grain corn from other Ontario

farmers or import the corn from the United States.

The rain welcomed by many is also too late for potatoes and sweet corn.

"Potatoes have suffered," confirmed Ted McIntosh, fruit and vegetable spokesman in the Milton branch.

"There will not be as many and they will be much smaller," he stated.

Farmers with irrigation systems are probably the most fortunate of all, he said,

and will likely have a successful fruit and vegetable crop, despite the lack of rain.

The hot weather has in fact, been of considerable benefit to peppers, and tomatoes, he said, as well as a variety of squash.

Should the rain continue, apple farmers in the Halton district can look forward to a good crop this fall, he predicted.

Ident. badges for police civvy staff

With three shifts of about 50 civilians working daily at Halton Regional Police headquarters in Oakville, the force has decided to institute an identification and security

program. All civilian staff working in the office, communications and records will wear identification badges which include their photos, Halton Police Commission decided Thursday.

The plan has been a year in the making and Deputy Chief Fred Oliver said the security and identification program is operating now and is "effective." He added the identification program isn't unique to Halton police or to buildings where confidential business takes place.

In addition, it was decided at the meeting a time clock will be rented for the civilian employees.

Commissioner David Coons opposed it, saying time clocks are demeaning but administrator Raymond Munro said it was necessary so the force knows when and where people are working. He added it will benefit employees also, since they will have a record of their work.

The time clock will be leased for the remainder of this year and likely purchased next year. The \$150 a week rental will be applied to the purchase price.

Overtime for civilians working in the communications department is up to strength.

Commissioner Harry Barrett expressed concern about people working too much overtime.

Police—commission to meet

Halton Police Commission and Halton Police Association representatives will meet behind closed doors later this month to discuss the controversial association force morale report.

At the invitation of the commission, the association was asked to name dates it could meet with the commissioners. Chairman of the association, Rod Smith, replied in writing they would be ready to meet after August 21.

Youngster hurt

A four-year old tricyclist suffered a slight hurt after being involved in a collision with a motor home last Wednesday morning.

Halton Regional Police state the youngster, Shelley Myers, of 211 Kingham Rd., was injured when she drove in front of the motor home, driven by Charles King of 177 Kingham Rd., on a private lot.

The motor home caught the rear wheel of the tricycle. Damage to the tricycle is about \$10, according to police.

LDC puts Hydro off concerning corridor

Ontario Hydro's bid for four separations along the southern section of the 500 kV power corridor was put off by the Halton Land Division Committee during its August 1 meeting in the 7th Line town offices.

The LDC deferred a decision for a month pending the results of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearings concerning the north-south line through Halton Hills. The OMB hearing, which started July 31, is adjourned.

The motion to defer carried the condition that if the OMB fails to make a decision on permitting the controversial line through the town by the LDC's next meeting, then the committee will have to make a ruling.

Ontario Hydro is trying to lift the block to its towers created by the old Esquimesing Official Plan and bylaws Halton Hills, Halton Region and the Interested Citizens' Group (ICG) are opposing Ontario Hydro at the OMB.

Ontario Hydro property division lawyer Dan Markovic told the LDC the public utility would rather have a decision than a deferral. The four properties for which he was applying belong to people who wish to sell to Ontario Hydro, he said. Ontario Hydro has settled with nine of the 56 land owners along the southern section of the proposed route, Markovic said.

Four other applications from Ontario Hydro will be coming, Markovic informed the committee. Those under consideration were all along the Fourth Line: Helen McDonald part of Lot 15, Edward Chudleigh of Lot 8, Pierre Pilote of Lot 13 and Horace Medland of Lot 30.

There are 41 properties which have not settled, said the Ontario Hydro lawyer. Should we get approval for the four applications, it still means we cannot construct towers, he said.

Ontario Hydro wanted the decision although the committee's hands were tied. The committee has instructions from Halton Hills for the committee to follow the dictates of the old Esquimesing Official Plan, which blocked hydro corridors from the township.

The LDC granted a severance concerning the north-south corridor on the Frank Nagle property near Milton, where the north-south line is to merge with the east-west corridor. An appeal to the OMB, however, turned the LDC decision down.

LDC chairman Brian

Fletcher suggested Ontario Hydro withdraw its bid "if committee was to deal with this, on the basis of previous decisions, there would be a denial," he said.

ICG information officer John Mims reminded the committee of the town's position and informed the committee of an injunction from Halton Hills to put a hold on Hydro work within the town.

Ontario Hydro acquisition practices are normally OK, but it has happened that some landowners have been played off against others, said Mims.

Saturday closing before holiday

Halton Hills libraries may close on the three Saturdays prior to the holiday Mondays in July, August and September.

The library board will consider the question at a policy committee meeting. Librarian Betsy Cornwell pointed out attendance at the library is sparse on these days and advised since the library is closed Mondays, the staff frequently does not get a day off for the holiday.

Board member Betty Fisher suggested the staff juggle hours, so some are on and others off. She argued

there are complaints now about the library being closed on Mondays. She contended Saturdays are the only day some people can get to the library.

Lower flags to mourn Pope

Some areas are reported to have their flags flying at half mast to mourn the death of Pope Paul VI this week. Post office officials in Acton had received no instructions Tuesday to lower the flag.



ROBIN INSCOW IS enjoying his job as sports writer at the Acton Free Press. Robin is well-known in town for his involvement in many school and town sports. He is looking forward to hearing about local sports activities and dealing with those involved.

New sports writer is local sports enthusiast

For Robin Inscow work is a game. Robin is the new sports writer at the Acton Free Press. He has been active in various sports throughout the town and high school and has now settled into writing about his favorite topic.

Robin has lived in Acton all his life, attending M.Z. Bennett and Acton high school before attending one year of Sheridan College where he took Media Fundamentals.

Robin is well-known in town for his active participation in local sports. He enjoys hockey and played on the Acton Sabres both as a Junior C and Junior B team. He has played soccer for the town and many sports representing Acton high. Robin was one of the students who worked together with staff to help form the Acton high school Athletic Society. Robin is enjoying his job and feels at home when

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Library Bd. asks who does hiring

Some members of Halton Hills Library board disagreed with the chief librarian on who has the responsibility of hiring department heads.

Trustee Betty Fisher maintained she understood recommendations would come from librarian Betsy Cornwell but the final decision would be made by the board.

Mrs. Cornwell insisted it was the responsibility of the chief librarian.

Board member Ruth Wilson agreed, claiming the person who has to work with the employee should do the hiring.

Chairman Dick Howitt agreed staff should be hired by the librarian but said a children's librarian is a department head. He assured the board his statement implied no criticism of the new librarian heading the junior section.

The chairman pointed out the town engineer hires staff, but does not hire his deputy engineer. He said this was done by council.

Betty Fisher suggested the chief librarian should narrow the applicants down to two or three, then the board, along with the chief librarian do the hiring.

The policy committee will investigate the board's involvement in hiring.

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