



Fourteen Speyside youngsters were enrolled into the fifth Acton Brownies last Wednesday in the school. Left to right, front row, Jessie Kee, Jennifer Skeggs, Andrea Akehurst, Susan Melsaac, Laurie Ogden, Venessa Vincent and Pam Lopers. Back row, Tina Oprica, Cathy Britton, Rosemary Findlay, Heather Sproule, Angela Dipersio, Christine Dipersio and Blinda Taras.

"A fascinating study"

Anderson heads committee composed of four mayors

By Rod Lamb
Chairing a committee with four mayors on it is "a fascinating study."

Making the remark was Oakville Regional Councillor McLean Anderson, chairman of the Halton Finance and Administration Committee.

"When I look at you," he said of the mayors, "I am actually looking at 20 to 25 people."

The mayors are Peter Pomeroy of Halton Hills, Milton Mayor Don Gordon, Harry Barrett of Oakville and Burlington Mayor Roly Bird.

Mr. Anderson was referring to the fact mayors are sometimes accompanied by aides, staff and interested parties.

When three of the latter from Mayor Pomeroy's camp showed up, Mr. Anderson referred to them as "henchmen."

The committee is viewed with promise by Halton Chairman Jack Raftis.

With four mayors on it, he said he expected to committee to take a leading role in the 1979-80 term.

Mr. Anderson is again chairman.

As former mayor of Oakville, he said he appreciates the timetables mayors have to keep.

"If you can't make it to a meeting, be sure and give us a call."

Having been a mayor, he is content to allow extensive dialogue between staff and committee members.

"I like dialogue between staff and councillors," he said. "I think it is good."

Yet, he can always rope in the debate if it gets out of hand.

In a polite voice and with a trace of humor, he told Mayor Barrett to "stuff it" and allow newcomer Bonnie Brown of Oakville to speak.

Sitting with his ever-constant pipe behind empty coffee cups, Mr. Anderson listens to everything which is said.

He has a sense of humor. When regional solicitor Dennis Perlin, who is five-foot-five attended, Mr. Anderson said, "Hello, little Dennis."

After Mayor Gordon told the committee Mr. Perlin had attended Milton Council, Mr. Anderson quipped, "He gets around."

A pursuer with Air Canada and the most senior employee on the airline's staff, Mr. Anderson has been to every country where Air Canada flies, and more.

He said the job allows him to look at things objectively. "When I was flying to the west coast with a two-hour turn around time in Vancouver, I would take the Oakville agenda and two cups of coffee and within an hour, I would have everything memorized."

"If I had been at home, it would have taken me five to six hours."

Mr. Anderson was Mayor of Oakville seven years, from 1966 to 1972. He has been involved in municipal politics 16 years, 1962-78.

Being able to get away

from the job allows one to look at it objectively, he said. "It allows you to stand back from the forest and see the trees."

Travelling allows a person to come into contact with different people and new ideas.

Mr. Anderson said he met the manager of Dallas, a city where the mayor and councillors are paid only \$50 a meeting.

"For the past four years, Dallas has reduced its taxes yet kept the standard of services the same," Mr. Anderson said.

"Four municipalities around Dallas want to amalgamate with it."

Mr. Anderson said he hoped the mayors would take time to travel.

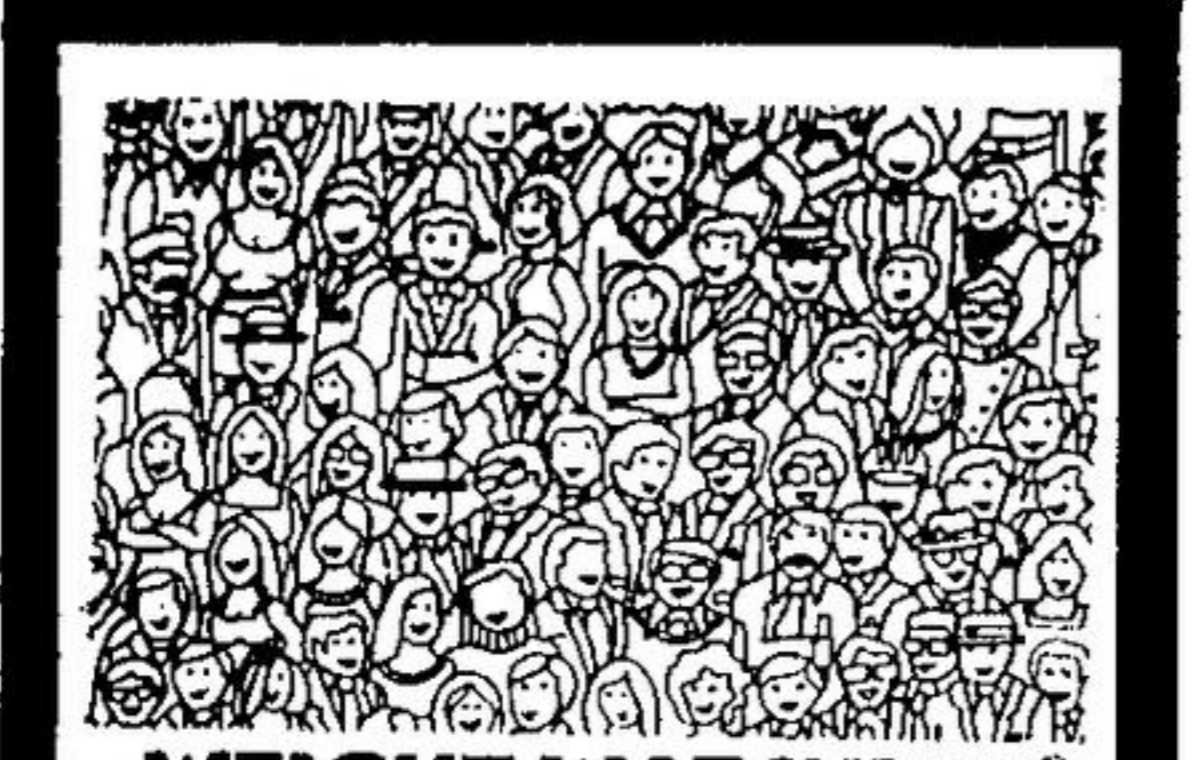
Speaking of Mayor Barrett, he said, "Harry doesn't take a vacation."

"He's afraid the office won't be there when he comes back."

At 53 years of age, Mr. Anderson said he has no complaints with life.

"I enjoy meeting people," he said.

"I guess you can say I am in the people business."



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Foundation boosts special education

Halton Board of Education's efforts to help children with learning disabilities received a \$24,500 injection from a private philanthropic organization.

The Laidlaw Foundation donated the money to the board to ensure another phase in research under the direction of Dr. Adele Thomas of Oakville.

Children for research are being selected at random, according to Halton Superintendent of Special Services R. G. Chapman. The program is to evaluate the effectiveness of teaching responsibility for learning to the children.

Their ages range from nine to 11 years.

Dr. Thomas got on the track of learning disabilities study more than a year ago when she studied for a year in California. A second stage of study was backed by the Educational Development Leave fund.

Chapman told trustees some staff will be hired, but that they will be employees of the foundation. "There will be no cost to the Halton Board of Education since the Laidlaw Foundation has offered full financial support," stated Chapman.

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Nassagaweya ratepayers hold the annual meeting that never was

By Peter Mills
A quick autopsy on the Nassagaweya Ratepayers Association has determined the cause of death—apathy.

Oddly enough the fatal blow, funeral and wake were all held at the same time, last Tuesday evening at the Brookville Hall.

Works crew out Christmas Day

Twenty works crew workers spent Christmas morning out plowing the streets of Halton Hills according to works superintendent Frank Morette.

The men were called to their machines about 3 a.m. the superintendent said, to clear away about four inches of snow from Acton streets and three in Georgetown. They worked until 10 a.m. just in time to go home and

enjoy Christmas morning with their families.

The plows passed one or two cars in the ditch that morning Mr. Morette said. They also worked five hours Boxing Day, which is also a statutory holiday. For their extra work, the men earn double time and a half for the first four hours worked. After that they earn triple time.

The occasion was a scheduled meeting of the organization to choose a new executive. The former president, Bill Johnson, had resigned because of his election to Milton Council.

Invited to speak were Mayor Don Gordon, and Ward Three Councillors Brad Clements and Don McMillan.

A total of eight people showed up; namely Mr. Gordon, Mr. Clements, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Johnson's daughter (Lynn Morey), one reporter and Mrs. Betty Stone.

"If there was an issue, the fur would be flying. We've had some dandy meetings," Mr. Johnson added, "We've also had some bad meetings. There was the time the Ombudsman Arthur Maloney came and only 25 people showed up."

"There was also the time Julian Reid (MPP Halton-Burlington) came."

"Yes, we've had some bad meetings, but this is the worst."

The poor turnout confirmed one of Mr. Johnson's worst fears, that once a specific issue concerning Nassagaweya ratepayers was resolved, interest in the organization would die.

"The Ratepayers Association should not be the type of organization that exists during a crisis and fades away once the issue fades away, only to be revived once a new issue pops up. It should be an ongoing thing, at least

the executive should be," said Mr. Johnson.

Although he is no longer president of the association, Mr. Johnson said he would in all probability call a meeting when an issue came forward and ask someone else to chair the meeting.

He added he was bitterly disappointed at the turnout, especially since he said the association had been the target of some criticism that not enough meetings were called.

Mr. Johnson made light of the situation by joking, "It looks like the people have a lot of confidence in me... there is obviously no criticism of the job I'm doing."

The crack prompted a few laughs until someone else piped up: "Yes, but did you really expect such a fine going-away tribute?"

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