

Our readers write

Ludicrous conditions attached to Hinton gift

Dear Sirs:
I am sure you will get the desired response you are seeking from Acton residents in reply to your front page article in last week's paper depicting Bert Hinton's offer to the town.

On the surface, it appears very generous of him to make a gift to the town of his house adjacent to Prospect Park. Not so generous are the ludicrous conditions attached to this "gift". It seems reasonable enough to erect a plaque on the

property in memory of Mrs. Hinton, but to demand that the name of the park be changed from Prospect Park to Hinton Park is absurd.

If the park's name needs changing, it should be done in a democratic way with the town's residents submitting their suggestions—there are many other citizens, alive and deceased who may be more deserving of having the park named after them.

If Mr. Hinton did not have a house worth \$50,000 to offer as a bribe,

would the town council unprompted and voluntarily name the park after him? I doubt it very much.

Just the fact that the council is even considering this proposal makes you wonder if money can indeed buy anything. Perhaps I could donate my garage to the town and have a street named after me???

Sincerely,
Lynda Glendenning
120 Poplar Avenue,
Acton.

Hinton request takes gall

The Acton Free Press Dear Sir:

I always believed Mr. Herbert H. Hinton had a lot of nerve, but I never believed his gall could be as ridiculous as his request to the Town of Halton Hills.

BIG DEAL! Mr. Hinton will make a gift of his house to the Corporation but in return, provide him with tax free life tenancy, re-name Prospect Park to Hinton Park and provide a memorial plaque in memory of his wife.

It is my belief that in the past Mr. Hinton look-

ed after only one person, "himself."

There are numerous residents of Acton born and raised in that Community who have in a "silent" manner contributed more. Many have become widowers, but are not asking for monuments. I myself was born, raised and married in Acton. I own a home and pay taxes. Never have I asked for any compensation from the municipality and I have tried to keep my home in a condition I and neighbours can be proud of.

I played baseball in

"Prospect Park" from the time I was 12 years of age. A number of my baseball chums who are dead and gone but who contributed to a Baseball Championship for Acton, would, I'm sure, turn over in their graves at Mr. Hinton's suggestion.

As far as a memorial plaque is concerned, I, like many others in Acton are widowed and as for me, I prefer to cherish the memories of my late wife in silence and with my family.

Dan G. Ryder
93 Bower Avenue
Acton, Ontario

Objects to endorsement

201 Lakeview Street, Acton, Ontario, February 7, 1980
The Editor, Acton Free Press Dear Sir,

I must take strong exception to your editorial of February 6, 1980, wherein you offered wholehearted endorsement of the Progressive Conservative Party and its candidates in the area.

You referred to the economic mess inherited by the new government elected last May. While I don't disagree with your premise, I do ask what has changed since that time?

Under the stewardship of Joe Clark and with the financial fangling of John Crosbie our year end inflation rate soared to 9.8 per cent. Mr. Crosbie budget, by his own admission, would have boosted the rate of inflation to 11 per cent in 1980 and 10 per cent for the next three years and would have further swelled the ranks of the unemployed.

The ludicrous spectacle of millionaire Crosbie warming his tootsies in \$110.00, brand new seal skin boots, while telling us that we must "bite the bullet", was simply beyond belief.

Following the May election, what happened to Joe Clark's campaign promise of a two billion dollar tax cut? What happened to his plans for

a stimulative deficit to get the economy rolling and create jobs? Why were interest rates allowed to climb four times to reach 15 per cent?

Mr. Clark's much heralded mortgage deductibility scheme has turned out to be nothing other than political chicanery. The 18 cent per gallon excise tax on gasoline is the price we were asked to pay to cover this mortgage promise. Unfortunately, however, the proposed increase in energy costs would have pushed the costs of all goods manufactured or produced even higher. In the long run, the mortgage deductibility scheme for those fortunate enough to own their homes would have added up to zero.

The Conservative government's diabolical designs for Petro-Can were, and are, totally incomprehensible. From an initial position of total privatization, Mr. Clark has shifted to a position of giving the taxpayers 50 per cent of a corporation which we now own totally!

If the Tories don't feel they were given a "fair chance to govern", why did Mr. Clark wait for five months to convene Parliament?

Your editorial terms the upcoming election "costly and unnecessary". With regards to the cost (estim-

ated at 50 million dollars—divided by 23 million people), I, for one, am quite happy to pay my two dollar share for the democratic right to vote. As for being unnecessary, I totally disagree. Mr. Clark's government was put into office by 35 per cent of the electorate. The opposition parties in bringing down the government represented 65 per cent of the electorate. Mr. Clark's expressed intent to govern as though he had a majority comes very close to surpassing the arrogance of even Pierre Trudeau.

I must also disagree with your endorsement of the incumbent Conservative M.P. Otto Jelinek.

On October 24, 1979, your newspaper reported on a survey conducted by Mr. Jelinek, wherein he sampled "3,000 business establishments" regarding Petro-Can, unemployment insurance restrictions, interest rates, etc. Why were only the "business establishments" surveyed? I would have thought that Mr. Jelinek was elected to represent all of the people of Halton.

Mr. Clark's Conservative government has proven to be no better than Mr. Trudeau's previous Liberal government economically. Neither deserves your endorsement. Yours truly, Allan Foster

Pat on back from 'Y'

Dear Gord,
Well, here I am again, saying "Thank You" to one of the Acton Free Press people.

The "Y" hasn't been mentioned in the paper so much for such a long time. We are such a small organization and there have been so many troubles in the past. It is a long, hard fight to get going again, but with publicity like this, it makes the fight a little

easier and the way a little shorter.

So again "Thank You" to you and all your staff.

Yours truly
Carol Clark

Betty Kennedy to help Heritage Week

Broadcaster Betty Kennedy will help co-host Halton's Heritage Week at a special presentation Feb. 22 in the Halton Regional headquarters.

Regional Council has

declared Feb. 18-23 as Heritage Week.

The public is invited to the Feb. 22 presentation at the Region which will run from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

On the Leavell

With Helen



The end of an era was marked Saturday as the Acton Hydro Commission and staff held a farewell party. They disbanded March 31, to be amalgamated with Georgetown and Esquating to form a Halton Hills commission April 1.

Saturday night also marked the end of a phase in my journalism career. As a reporter and later as news editor, I covered the commission's meetings for over five years. Admittedly their "electorial lingo" was not always easily understood, but the commissioners were always accessible to my questions.

I covered the commission when Ted Tyler Sr. died three years ago, and when Les Duby passed away last spring.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy summed up my own feelings during his speech Saturday night when he credited the success of the commission to the sincerity of the members. They all called "a spade a spade". Commissioners Wilf McEachern, Bob McArthur and Orville Brown, and staff members Doug Mason, Audrey Urquhart and Marj Loutlet became part of my Acton family.

I'll miss them as a whole, but hope individually we can still be friends—if not, how can I go through life without Doug's succulent roast beef.

I wish them luck with the Halton Hills Hydro Commission.

Acton's lost many fine natives to the 'go west young man' boom of recent years. However, we have lost one former resident who joined the first boom in the early 1900's.

Arthur Martin Zimmerman died in Neepawa, Manitoba, December 22, at the age of 93.

Mr. Zimmerman lived in Acton from 1898 to 1901 as a young teenager, while he learned the farming trade from Thomas Richardson. He went west for a few years, before returning to Ontario. However, the lure of the prairies was strong and he travelled west again.

In 1908 he married Margaret Jane Sayers of Acton, and together they made their home in Saskatchewan.

In the past few years, Mr. Zimmerman was in poor health and was forced to live in a nursing home. His daughter Margaret devoted her life to him until his death.

Mr. Zimmerman was predeceased by his brothers Frederick and Roy, sister Elizabeth, son Charlie and wife (in 1956.) He is survived by daughters Margaret, Neepawa, and Nell in Portage, Manitoba, and son Arthur in Winnipeg.

Tomorrow is Valentine's Day, a day set aside for lovers. A reminder to all those husbands who tend to forget the date—even a card is better than nothing.

Band presentation to George Elliott

The Acton Citizens Band held a special meeting last Wednesday night and the band practice broke off early so that we could review the position of Bandmaster. Band President, Marion Patterson, explained to the newest members that this review should be done every four to five years.

Good Parliamentary procedure was used to ensure a smooth running meeting and allow everyone a chance to speak.

Bandmaster Dr. George Elliott advised the members that he has started a new beginners class on Monday evenings for people who have some musical experience but want to learn a band instrument. There is also a Tuesday night learning group who may be ready this year to join the band.

George explained his philosophy and plans for the band. His aim is to bring the band and its members up to the full potential of their ability. With the turnover of members due to moving, or students going to university, he intends to continue working with the beginners groups and to encourage the band with challenging music and clinicians, who are professional players and will come and work with certain instruments. By playing with groups such as the Georgetown Choral Society, the band is also inspired to greater heights.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Elliott left so that the band members could freely discuss whether or not they should continue with Mr. Elliott as Bandmaster or hire a new person. After a motion by Frank McGrath, seconded by Tony Brain, to continue with Mr. Elliott, many of the members made comments and asked questions. When the vote was finally taken, it was

agreed that we should continue with George Elliott as Bandmaster. This review should be made again in about five years, or sooner if felt necessary. George was called away from his TV set at home to come back to the Bandhall to officially hear the decision. After president Marion Patterson made the announcement to him, she presented a wine rack to him on behalf of the executive, in appreciation for all his hard work in the past. All the members are now more aware of what a big job their

bandmaster has taken on.

The new executive for 1980 is Marion Patterson-president, Bernie Freuler-vice president, Carin Pelka-secretary, Bob Watson-treasurer, Frank McGrath-attendance, Tony Brain-uniforms, Stan Petrichall manager, Jeff Carr and Hugh Patterson publicity, Peter Zions-concert manager, Jim Coles-historian.

The next concert is May 10 and 11 here and in Georgetown with the Georgetown Choral Society.

New CVCA chairman

Huttonville apple grower Howard Stewart has been appointed chairman of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, succeeding Grant Clarkson whose resignation over CVCA policies on spending, became effective February 7.

Natural Resources Minister James Auld announced Mr. Stewart's appointment, suggesting he was a splendid choice because of his background with the Authority. Mr. Stewart has been the Authority's vice-chairman since 1975.

The new chairman joined the Authority in 1969 as a representative for Chinguacousy Township and in 1974 represented the Region of Peel for the City of Brampton.

Mr. Stewart has been associated with the cause of conservation since 1949 when he attended a meeting at the Yellow Brlar Inn, Brampton, where the impetus for conservation authorities were initiated. He represented the Credit Valley Lions club.

He is a Past District Governor of Lions International, member of Peel Memorial Hospital.

At the tender age of 37 J.B. Mackenzie owned both the Acton and Georgetown saw mills.



Ian MacPherson uses a 12-inch jointer on one of the pieces for the Scandinavian work bench he is making during the woodworking night school course at Acton High School.



Laurie Fuller, Rosemary Rd., stirs up the sawdust while slicing some wood on a table saw. Mr. Fuller is in his fourth semester of the night school woodworking course offered by Halton's Board of Education. The course is taught by Evan MacDonald.

Appointments made by Region

A number of people have been appointed to Regional boards and commissions.

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Huss Miller and G. W. McKenzie, Halton Hills. Credit Valley Conservation Authority: Peter Pomeroy, Norval; and M. E. Sergeantson, Georgetown.

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