

Our readers write

No favor Hinton's gift

Dear Sir:
Please Mr. Hinton don't do us any favours! Wouldn't it be interesting to know how many citizens of Acton would donate their homes to the town, be tax and insurance free for the rest of their lives. Yes, and if they subset, pocket the

money. Our town couldn't stand too many "gifts" like this. Streets in our town bearing family names, have they been bestowed graciously by our council, or bought by the family? A fitting tribute I'm sure would be made by naming the house "Mary Hinton House" without

any demands. How about signs on the outskirts of town reading "See Hinton House, guided tours". The revenue of course handed to Mr. Hinton. There will always be a Prospect Park. Mary L. Rider 115 Elizabeth Dr., Acton, Ontario

Long live Prospect Park

To the editor:
The Acton Free Press:
The decision regarding Mr. Hinton's "unselfish" idea to "turn his house over to the town" is a matter which should be considered at length. If he remains in the house, what possible good is it going to do the town? Will he allow preschoolers to run and play under the supervision of

qualified people while he reads his paper? Will he welcome the senior citizens or teenagers who need a warm place to gather and socialize? I doubt it very much—so what's the real issue here if the town supports his house? If he didn't occupy the house, if there was a plaque over the door stating that it was "The Mary Hinton House",

and if the premises were used for community services, then Mr. Hinton might deserve to have his name on the entrance to Prospect Park. There are too many "ifs" here and I feel that Mr. Hinton would find these suggestions and conditions as ludicrous and selfish as a great many people find his offer. Long live Prospect Park. B. Smith

Water rates hurt seniors

124 Tides Ave., Acton, Ont. L7J 1V6 Feb. 11, 1980
The Editor, The Acton Free Press Acton, Ont.

Dear Sir:
I have been waiting with some measure of impatience, for letters of protest to your paper from tax-payers of Halton Hills, re the ridiculous system of water rate assessments which have been imposed upon us by our councillors, who promised us, that, under the new plan, rates would be lower. Probably the silence is

due to the fact that many like myself feel that such protests are useless. I do, however, write this letter to ease my own conscience. On our last bill we paid \$8.01 more than before. Another householder, who uses three times the amount we use in our home, has laughingly given me the figures of his assessment and has urged me to write this letter. Here are the figures I, therefore submit:
My Assessment: Water \$7.50, Sewer \$10.84, Net \$18.34, Gross \$19.09
Penalty late payment. His Assessment: Water \$8.86 plus \$1.36, Sewer

\$12.81 plus \$1.97, Net \$21.67 plus \$3.33, Gross \$25.56 plus \$3.47, for three times more. Once again the senior citizen is the one who suffers the most, especially the one who lives alone. We ourselves find it no great hardship to pay the extra \$4 per month, but \$4 to some poor widow may seem considerable. A similar situation obtains with regard to hydro rates. At the gasoline pump one pays the same amount per gallon, whether he buys 10 or 30 gallons. Respectfully yours A. Walter Fosbury

Put Acton in both books

54 Mill Street East Acton, Ontario February 15, 1980
Bell Canada Surveys Group Floor 22 1 Dundas St. West Toronto, Ontario, M5G 9Z9

Dear Computer:
None of your proposals for directory listings are satisfactory and as such are merely a red herring to cloud the issue. As a subscriber paying a monthly rate for the extended calling privileges to the Acton, Rockwood, Guelph, Campbellville, Milton and Georgetown exchanges I will be short changed until I and the subscribers in all these

exchanges have a directory which includes all the telephone numbers for which I and we are paying. If Acton is moved to the Halton Peel directory Guelph and Rockwood subscribers will not have access to my telephone number. If on the other hand Acton remains in the Guelph directory subscribers in Georgetown, Campbellville and Milton will not have access to our telephone number. The only way you can give Acton subscribers the directory service for which they are paying is by 1. Listing Acton telephone numbers in the Guelph directory 2. Listing Acton

telephone numbers in the Halton directory and 3. Provide a directory for Acton subscribers which includes Acton, Rockwood, Guelph, Georgetown, Campbellville and Milton subscribers' numbers. I am sure you can imagine the public uproar which would ensue if Bell decided to drop the listing of one of the Guelph exchanges from the directory. This is a very simple parallel is what you are doing for the Acton subscribers. Yours truly David R. Dilis c.c. Editor, Acton Free Press

Recalls Women's Institute

Feb. 12 80 R.R. 1 Limehouse Dear Editor:
Some time ago I glanced over an article which grieved me to learn that the Women's Institute was closing its doors after 77 years of social service in the Town of Acton. I might say that their dedication to this organization was simple and sincere, their manner and courtesy a charm to the fall fair from year to year.

Back in the early '40s I brought soft-drinks from Glen Williams to their booth at the fair at the request of Mrs. Fred Anderson. She was a very humble person that I always liked to meet. She passed away many years ago but the sweet memories still live on in the hearts and minds of all who knew her. So it is a bit sad to see all these old customs fading away from our midst and nothing much to replace

them. Only our arrogant society, such as the women's lib, that the future of this fair land has to depend on for survival. God bless them all. They were a great inspiration to all of the women in their day and took a great interest prevailing their service to all at the fall fair with courtesy that they displayed in their time. Yours sincerely George Graham

Congrats from Premier

February 12, 1980 Dear Don:
I never fail to notice the consistency with which the members of the Inland group continue to sweep the board in awards and acknowledgements for their professionalism. The Acton Free Press is certainly no exception as it has continually provided excellent and accurate news and information. Congratulations on receiving the Ontario Weekly news award in your class for Best Front Page. As a member of the Inland group your paper, as always, exercises an ongoing and tireless effort to further improve the excellence of your publication.

May I both personally and on behalf of the Government and people of Ontario commend you and your staff for a very fine effort and extend to you wishes for continued success and growth in the years to come. Sincerely, William G. Davis

Capital projects slated for Acton

The town is planning spend \$468,500 on five capital projects in Acton this year. Monday night Halton Hills council gave preliminary approval to a capital budget of over \$1.9 million. The capital budget will be finalized with the operating budget, so changes might still be made. The town will finance capital

spending with \$908,450 from the 1980 tax levy, \$841,650 from provincial subsidies and \$190,000 from the reserve fund. No debenturing will be needed. The initial draft capital budget started at \$2,303,100 and cuts of \$373,000 were considered but trims fell \$108,450 short of the target. The town plans to

spend \$141,500 on phase two of the Lakeview subdivision storm sewers project and \$259,000 on Main Street South reconstruction. Renovations for the Acton Community Centre lighting system worth \$16,000 are on tap as well as a \$12,000 construction project for a new intermediate ball diamond at Prospect Park.



Conceding his defeat to Progressive Conservative MP Otto Jelinek is Liberal Bill Ferras. He arrived shortly after 11 p.m. to congratulate the winner at a victory party held in Richview Golf and Country Club.

On the Leavell

With Helen



March break is less than one month away for hundreds of school children across Halton. It's also the busiest season for Florida resorts, with Canadians leaving millions of dollars behind at their southern Mecca. For those planning a trip south there are many ways to secure a home from would-be thieves. The most important way is to make sure your house doesn't look empty. Have a neighbor collect your mail every few days, and stop all paper deliveries. Give a youngster a few bucks to shovel the driveway if it snows, and ask a friend to park his car in your driveway. Put a timer on your lights to come on and off at different times. If this isn't possible, leave a light on. Those with a patio door should insert a strong board or pole between the sliding door and the wall to insure it can't be easily broken into. There are many other ways to secure a home. It's best to call the police and ask for their tips.

After seeing some Liberal election signs in Acton and area being defaced recently, I was relieved on a recent trip to my folks in Collingwood to see a Progressive Conservative sign splattered with paint. It just proves there are vandals in all parties. Did you know there are 11,436 condominium associations in southern Ontario district. Acton is included in this figure. Amazing eh? The southern Ontario district includes Niagara, Norfolk, Haldiman, Brant, Wentworth and Halton. Rotary International, including the Acton Rotary Club, celebrates its 75th anniversary Saturday.

To those heading south, have a good holiday. For the first time in several years I'm not vacationing in Florida this winter, so you'll be sure to get good weather. Every time I go the temperature rarely hits 79. Orville Brown trekked down last month and reported the mercury was steady in the 80s.

Ever been sailing along life and all of a sudden been hit by something that makes you realize you're adding on the years, and life is changing. It happened to me last week and I was hit by both barrels. As a "teenybopper" in the '60s, I was mesmerized by the beach movies, starring Annette Funicello and Frankie Avalon. I saved allowances from one

OSSTF urges rejection Halton board's contract

by Eric Hlstone
Halton's 1,165 high school teachers will vote tomorrow (Thursday) on the latest contract offer from the Halton Board of Education. Teachers' executives have urged rejection of the offer.

Teacher negotiators also disputed the number of teachers the board is talking about. The number 15 was presented by Bill Lawson, the chairman of the board's salary negotiation committee, at a press conference last week.

OSSTF officials said later they could not find such a figure in the more than 60 pages of the contract offer presented to them by the board. Instead of adding teachers the board may be heading to drop some, according to the OSSTF.

Teachers will vote on the entire board offer under the supervision of the provincial Education Relations' Commission. On February 7 teacher negotiators asked the board for its final contract offer, a term which means all teachers have a vote.

In addition to the federation executive, the negotiators for the teachers plus the 17 member district council recommends rejection of the board's offer, according to OSSTF.

Halton Board of Education is offering a non-retroactive contract, to take effect on the day it is ratified. According to the board, there is a six per cent increase in pay for teachers, not including a 2.4 per cent increment based on the previous year's contract.

OSSTF indicates that the six per cent figure is based on a new salary which would be for the whole contract period—a school year.

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One of the major issues separating the two sides is the retirement gratuity which teachers have been receiving as a benefit for long service. Board negotiators hope to get teachers to phase out that benefit in return for the hiring of 15 new teachers during the next two years.

Negotiators for the teachers are not in favor of linking the two issues. "We don't see that they have offered anything," said Munro.

gratuity plan a teacher needs ten years service to qualify. The most the sum can amount to is 50 per cent of the final year's salary. Both sides have indicated a preference to negotiate a settlement. After tomorrow's vote, if the offer is rejected, teacher negotiators indicated they will try to schedule more meetings with the board.

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