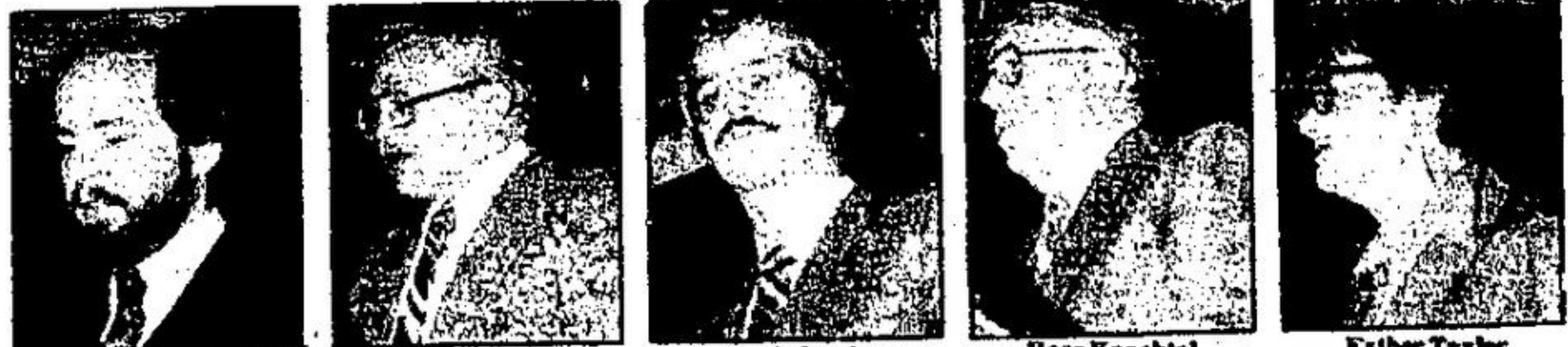


Our readers write

Reader warns of threat of aggregate industry

Dear Sir:
It appears that north Esqueping residents are to become a community of swamp dwellers, according to a sketch that some enterprising civil servant has had prepared in order to enhance a monumental money grab for aggregate developers.
These aggregate firms are mostly U.S.A. subsidiaries, so one can be very sure that the aggregate industry has no thoughts or worries about the people of this area, or of anybody else in Ontario for that matter.
If this so called plan is endorsed by Queen's Park and the Ontario Municipal Board, show us an order in council and let the chips fall where they may, don't give us a signature of the Honorable Allan Pope.
If Mr. Pope handles the aggregate industry lobby in Ontario as he has handled the fish and game portfolio, God help the residents of the Acton area with the passage of this encroachment. Acton and Esqueping could become one very large quarry and lake, stocked with no fish, or just Spikale.
It seems strange that land on the south-east side of the Third Line and south of Highway 7 has been passed

by in the sketch shown in favor of lands further north, possibly these lands are held by developers with a powerful lobby of their own.
No testing of property north of Highway 7 has ever been done to my knowledge in the 28 years that I have lived here.
Ontario residents need no further problems or harassment in these times of no development and high taxes.
It is quite evident at this time that the people of Ontario had better not put their faith in any elected politician, just get up and fight for what's right on their own. Form a ratepayers' association, or go on strike, whichever. We do not have to take this lying down if we have a democratic society.
Assuring irate citizens that no expropriations would take place because of this so called land freeze is just letting the tail wag the dog.
If there are to be no expropriations, why have the freeze in the first place?
We hear very little input from elected administrators or from would be runners-up on this problem. Could it be that regional politicians are afraid of the mighty hand of the OMB?
Lorne Fletcher



Rick Bonnette Bruce Cargill Dennis Devine Ross Knechtel Esther Taylor
Area council race Decision '82 All-candidates meeting

Candidates probe many issues

The five candidates for the two area council seats; Rick Bonnette, Bruce Cargill, Dennis Devine, Ross Knechtel and Esther Taylor raised a number of issues at last week's all-candidates meeting including policing, the recreation department, municipal spending and quarries around Acton. Two people will be elected.
Rick Bonnette
Rick Bonnette believes Acton needs more policemen working here each shift and that an officer should be in the station 24 hours a day. The police are doing a good job, there just aren't enough of them, he declared; adding Acton has a severe vandalism problem.
The promises of today are tomorrow's taxes, and with the economy in such sad shape, Bonnette feels all the municipality can afford is essential services. He says he will be positive and sympathetic to industry, pointing to their worth not just as employers, but also their community contributions.
Bonnette says the Acton works yard is being wasted for storage when snow plows should be kept there so workers don't have to drive to Georgetown to punch in and so snow plowing will be done here sooner. He says bringing trucks up to Acton from Georgetown is not just a waste of time, but also wastes expensive fuel.
If waste spending was eliminated from the recreation department, Acton wouldn't be in the position of still having just one ball diamond with lights, 17 years after the lights were installed.
Bonnette doesn't feel tax dollars should be spent to restore the town hall, but he does support giving the building to the restoration groups to see if they can save it.
He noted volunteers built the Band Hall and Scout Hall successfully.
He said giving Georgetown councillors what for wasn't the way for Acton councillors to go. He noted Acton and Georgetown are political bed partners so they have to make Halton Hills work and scratch each other's back.

and answer period Cargill said he was pleased to hear Mayor Peter Pomeroy say the municipality is looking at gates for Fairview Cemetery.
He said better cemetery security to curb the vandalism problem was an issue he will raise at council if he's elected. He warned gates won't be "absolute" solution, and the Town is going to have to spend money for other security measures.
Cargill noted for years we heard Acton couldn't grow, but now Acton can grow to 10,000 people and with land which can be developed all around town, once there is more housing there will be more stores.
Council can't stop property taxes going up, but the rate of increase can be slowed, according to Dennis Devine.
A local businessman who is currently living in Georgetown but will be moving to Acton next month, Devine said police protection must be beefed up and a good way to start would be more foot patrols and more police efforts in the area of crime prevention.
The threat of quarries surrounding Acton concerns Devine, who says he is worried about property rights and the lack of compensation for rural residents as well as Actonians.
Lack of growth in Acton is another concern, Devine said, adding this is the critical time to plan Acton's future.
Council must show fiscal restraint and get better value and services for its money. Budgets must be developed from a business view.
Devine pledged to find out where Actonians' tax dollars are going.
He says it is time for some new blood and new ideas on council. He said he is used to hard work and he has the time to devote to council business. Council needs people who are willing to put their neck on the line and Acton needs a strong voice on council.
Local business can't survive unless there are more people here so the only way to build business is to increase the number of homes and the population, he said.

Esther Taylor was bitten by the political bug a long time ago and the virus has flared up again. She told the audience this election is the last fling for the "old girl."
She said she can't promise she will be an expert on finances like Ross Knechtel, who she predicted will top the polls, but she has experience from sitting on council for two years in the 50s when councillors really lived dangerously because they were putting in sewer lines and building streets at the same time. Taylor said she acquired some "hard experience" during her previous terms on council.
Taylor said she will be a plain speaking councillor and deal with the issues as they arise. She said she'd like to see costs cut, but can't promise it will be possible since Halton Hills only gets a little over 30 cents of each tax dollar while 54 cents goes to the school board and nearly 16 cents to the region. Thirty cents out of each dollar isn't a lot to run all the municipal services like libraries, street repairs and recreation.
People can talk loosely about spending cuts, but it will be very hard. Taylor noted she isn't recreation minded like some of the candidates, but she does realize there is a danger the recreation officials could become empire builders.

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Voting yes a beginning

Dear Sir:
It is encouraging to note the rising interest in the community with respect to the disarmament question and especially the quality of the letters to the editor supporting a "YES" vote.
One aspect of the argument that has not yet been touched upon is the connection between the arms race and world hunger. Military hardware sold by the rich developed countries to military juntas (El Salvador is one example) protects Western vested interests but is used to oppress and disposes the poor. Such money spent on arms is a theft

by the rich from those who lack proper food, health care and the right for self-determination. This is violence of the most insidious kind.
It is becoming more and more apparent that we cannot leave it to the bureaucrats and militarists to reverse the arms race. Most of them have a vested interest in the status quo and all profit in some way from the armaments industries.
The initiatives to restore sanity must come from the average Joe on the street. We can make a beginning by voting "YES" for global, nuclear disarmament.
Sincerely,
Eldon Comfort

Thanks for Fall Fair coverage

Dear Sir:
The Directors of the Acton Agricultural Society would like to express our sincere thanks to all those who worked to cover the Acton Fall Fair, and give us the coverage that we received.
Our thanks to those who worked on the paper, and to those who worked behind the scene, and helped to make our fair the success that it was.

We hope that it will be possible to do the same in 1983, but with things changing as quick as they are today, we will just have to wait and see when the time comes.
Once again, thanks to all.
Yours Truly,
John B. Rowe
Secretary-Treasurer
Acton Agricultural Society.

"Neighborhood watch" works

Dear Sir:
Thanks for again providing me with an interesting segment for one of the weekend "Report From the Country" intervals.
Life in the small town provides so many benefits that I never tire of marvelling at, not re-telling them. Your item about the Rosemary Road neighbors who noticed smoke coming from a home, called the fire brigade, and then went over and put the fire out, provided me with another welcome opportunity. City

folks, encouraged by their police, are just now starting "Neighborhood Watch." Small towns have been at it for a century!
If things went as scheduled it will be the final of three items in the late Saturday show, October 16.
And again thanks for keeping your most excellent weekly product coming my way.
Yours faithfully,
Arthur Carr,
CKCO-TV's
"Country Editor."

Keep "Outside factions" out

Dear Sir:
RE: Acton Town Hall
I live in Alberta, far away from Acton and all the controversy concerning the Acton Town Hall. Yet, I still feel as if I have a right to comment on it, as Acton is and always will be my "home".
All that I was about to say has already been said, and quite nicely, by Lynn M. Hamlin and W. E.

Hamlin, of Ottawa, Ontario, in the September 29 issue. I agree completely.
If only the "outside factions" would stay outside, Acton would be fine.
Please put me down as an "Acton Town Hall Supporter."
Sincerely,
Diane Cox
Airdrie, Alberta.



Julie Waring, Kelly MacDonald, and Melanie Roque sold baked goods at Saturday's First Acton Brownies sale at the Scout Hall.

Land swap closer

Halton Hills has moved a step closer to acquiring property across from Lakeview Villa (senior citizens' apartment complex) on Elizabeth Dr.
Monday night council passed a bylaw allowing the mayor and clerk to execute an agreement between the municipality and Bru-Ben Construction to swap land on the south side of Elizabeth Dr. for recreation and parking for Town owned land which was Letshman

Park, where homes will now be built.
In an interview Mayor Peter Pomeroy said this deal has been in the works a long time and has now been delayed about four months because Bru-Ben is still trying to nail down clear title to the land. As soon as Bru-Ben's title problems are solved the deal will close.
Pomeroy said planning for the property across from the seniors apartments is still in the preliminary stage, a master plan will be needed, and development of the property will be phased.
The Town is looking to expand parking for the seniors both beside Lakeview Villa and on the new Town land across the park.
The municipality is working with the Rotary Club to develop a park which might include a soccer field, a passive park area and some land where seniors can do their own gardening.
During the question

Dennis Devine

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Bruce Cargill

Vandalism of private property as well as public property like the cemetery has become a serious concern here, according to Bruce Cargill. Loitering is also a problem.
Existing deterrents are not sufficient, so Acton needs more police and more police foot patrols. Cargill says the town deserves 24-hours a day police protection.
Recreation is a showcase for community skills and talents as well as great entertainment, Cargill said, but the municipal recreation department has been mismanaged and so have facilities.
Cargill called for the elimination of the user pay philosophy. He believes the registration for sports in Acton will double if user pay is dropped.
By strictly scrutinizing the recreation department budget user pay fees can be dropped because less money will be wasted. He'd like to see better facility maintenance, noting better maintenance would include things like turning the tennis court lights off when nobody is playing tennis.
Cargill also feels the recreation department must be monitored closely to make sure all staff is being fully utilized.

Ross Knechtel

There is no such thing as a perfect councillor; a councillor can't be everything to everyone, according to Ross Knechtel.
The Halton Hills budget is a "human document" and covers every little expenditure. A councillor must wade through the huge budget and review it line by line.
When he's at council, Knechtel said, he thinks like a taxpayer and has become an expert on budgets. To review the budget properly requires a lot of time and energy.
Another important municipal document a councillor must understand, he said, is the new Official Plan. A councillor must be able to "understand" future development options and he noted he knows the "score."
Councilors only make \$6,900 and no expenses or pension, which isn't unduly expensive. Knechtel noted he has the time, energy and expertise for the job of councillor.
He told the audience he won't make promises he can't keep and will tell them the price tag for promises he does make.
Policing isn't a Halton Hills concern and council has no influence in the matter, Knechtel

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