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unhappy about testifying at a hearing and then finding not one mention of their concerns in the hearing officer's report. Only the aggregate producers' views were reflected in the hearing officer's report. The hearing officer had pointed out to them that the final decision were made by a "higher authority" and Mokryski wanted to know who was a higher authority than the people.

People were sick of trying to participate and finding they were talking down a tunnel and nobody was listening. What is the voice of the people worth anymore?

Halton Hills citizen Peter Branch said people have heard the "same double talk" from Queen's Park on the aggregate issue as they have on so many other issues.

Referring to the fact the province says municipalities will make decision but Queen's Park policies must be followed, Mayor Peter Pomeroy said it was hard for people to understand the system and it was unfair that there should be one set of rules for the people who make the rules (Queen's Park) and a different set of rules for the people who pay the bills, (the taxpayers).

Pope had told the audience before the new aggregate bill, which is to be unveiled in the next few weeks, becomes law there would be public input. In fact he said he was in Acton to hear people's opinions. However, Claudette Miller, Mayor of Cambridge, said she felt the aggregate policy was being implemented now and that the message from a senior official of Pope's ministry was that there would be no more public input, there has already been enough.

A citizen told Pope that agricultural and industrial interests in the rural area, but not residents' interests, are considered by the province. A man's home used to be his castle, but not anymore in these days of political manoeuvring. Residents felt they were not being considered and if they happened to live over aggregate it was just "too bad." The slogan on licence plates is "Ontario, Keep it Beautiful," but beauty was way down the list of provincial priorities.

Chairman of the meeting, Jim Kenize, observed, Pope had inherited a "legacy of mistrust" when he became Minister of Natural Resources.

After the meeting MPP Reed said the expression of loss of faith in the public process was "unsettling." Restoration of the "public trust" in the government will be a major election issue the next time Ontario goes to the polls, he predicted.

The sense of resentment people feel goes beyond simply carrying placards, people feel public participation means nothing because the government has already made its decision, Reed observed. The aggregate question is a more fundamental issue than past provincial acts of "arrogance" like pushing the hydro corridor through this area, because aggregate was being covered by legislation.

Detectives transferred

by Rod Jerred
The Halton Police Association claims the transfer of 16 plainclothes detectives back to uniform duty is a cost-cutting measure which will increase the workload of the remaining criminal investigators.

But senior police officials say the financial savings from the transfers are secondary to the force's shift towards community proactive policing policies. Last Monday, 16 detectives—four from the North Halton district and six each from Oakville and Burlington—transferred to uniform patrol duty.

Across the region, the criminal investigations complement will be reduced by about 25 per cent, according to deputy police chief Bob Middaugh.

The transfers will save the force about \$48,000 a year.

But Inspector Matt MacPherson, of 11 division believes it will benefit uniformed officers to handle minor criminal investigations on the spot instead of referring them to the detectives. "Now uniform men will get the experience of seeing a criminal case from start to finish," he claimed.

The detectives would handle all major criminal investigations such as armed robberies, homicides and sexual assaults and assume the role of case managers pin-pointing problem areas in the town.

Middaugh notes this is in line with the recommendations in the Hickling-Johnston report on the Metro-Toronto Police force.

The deputy police chief believes this will reduce the number of "redundant" follow-ups to the detectives for minor crimes and improve the quality of policing.

"If you don't solve the crime within the first 24 hours, your chances of solving it have lessened considerably," Middaugh said.

Staff Sgt. Les Graham of the CIB11 Division said he did not believe this to be the first step of phasing out the CIB section of the force. "We'll still be doing homicides, attempted homicides, robberies, serious sex offenses, assaults and serious frauds," he said. "The remainder will be handled by uniform."



Cy Jenkins of the Halton Escarpment Heritage ratepayers' group discusses the meeting with Clark Muirhead of the Foundation for Aggregate Studies.

Andy King transferred

Rev. Don Mathieson has been selected to lead the Acton Trinity United Church commencing September 1. He will be replacing Andy King, who is being transferred.

Rev. Mathieson is currently an associate minister with St. Paul's in Brampton. He has his Master of Arts in history and Masters of Divinity. He also has a musical degree from ARCT, (Associate of Royal Conservatory of Toronto) and is a native of Saskatchewan. He was ordained in 1977.

Mr. King received word last week that as of June 1 he will be transferred to another church in the Toronto Conference, and will probably be located in Malton, although that is not official. He will be ordained June 1, at Century Gardens Arena, Brampton.

Mr. King is an interim minister in Acton, replacing Rev. Chuck Beaton, who was transferred to Hamilton in June, 1982.

Keys in ignition truck is stolen

Guelph OPP are investigating the theft of a pick-up truck from an Erin Township residence.

Police say sometime between midnight and 7.30 a.m. Sunday, someone took off in a truck owned by John McLeod, Lot 1, Con. 7. The keys were in the ignition according to police.

The vehicle was recovered later that same day in a field at Lot 11, Con. 9 Erin Township, still in good condition.

The truck is being held for expert examination.

Meanderings

by Mabel Barkman

Help! You may have guessed by now that the ants are arriving in the house a lot sooner than they did in previous years. I guess we can call this the topsy-turvy year. Or perhaps it will be the year of the ant and instead of the pig.

Anyway all my tried and true remedies are failing me now—the vinegar on the counter, the bay leaves scattered around, the sliced cucumber in every path, the ant traps up high out of reach of children. I keep killing them one by one, it may take me the whole summer to get rid of the ant hill where they live.

I shall pursue 'household hints' columns in the newspapers looking for a sure-fire method of control. I shall listen in to the conversation of friends hoping it will turn to the extermination of ants. In the meantime, my only hope is to keep one step ahead of them.

Pardon me, I see on on the kitchen floor!

Three grass fires put out this week

Volunteer firefighters put out three grass fires this week, one at the rear of 196 Churchill Rd., South on Thursday at 6.58 p.m., another on Highway 7, ¼ mile west of the First Line of Nassagaweya at 12.43 p.m. Sunday. The third fire was Monday at 1.02 p.m. on Poplar Ave.


Gives false name

A 23-year-old Acton man has been charged with possession of stolen property, and obstruct police, after an incident on March 18.

Guelph OPP say the man was arrested while the passenger in a stolen car from Toronto. He identified himself with a false name, which was not known until this week.

When police investigation uncovered the deception, the man was charged with obstruct police in addition to the original charge.

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