

Shot(s) fired

Confrontation between campers and youths

Halton Regional Police are investigating a confrontation between a group of about 30 campers and another group of youths at the Breezes Trailer Park late Saturday evening in which three youths were injured and at least one shot was fired.

According to Staff Sergeant Les Graham of the Criminal Investigations Bureau, the police received a report at 12.20 a.m. Sunday that a group of youths carrying clubs were going through the campgrounds and one shot was reportedly fired. (Some people living in the area say there were two shots.)

When the four police officers arrived on the scene they found 30 people milling about, with most of them carrying pieces of wood. The people carrying the wood were apparently members of the campground, the staff sergeant said.

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Helen Jocke, of the Lakeside Chapter of the IOOE, helped observe Decoration Day Sunday by planting flowers at the graves of deceased members.

Create new federal seat of Halton North

Halton Hills, Milton and north Burlington are expected to be welded together into a new federal riding in the future.

Last November the Electoral Boundaries Commission hatched a plan to merge Halton Hills, Caledon and part of west Brampton into a new seat called Halton Hills-Caledon. At the same time urban Milton, Nassagaweya and north Burlington were to join Flamborough Township to form the new seat of Halton-Wentworth.

Both of these new ridings have been dropped after the commission heard strong protests from the region. Halton's municipalities and Halton MP Otto Jelinek at hearings in January.

Last Wednesday new plans for Ontario riding redistribution were tabled in the House of Commons and the new riding of Halton North was unveiled.

This new riding is virtually identical to the existing provincial riding of Halton-Burling-

ton. However this arrangement of the new federal seat being the same as the present provincial riding may not last long, not even for an election at either government level.

Jelinek warned Halton North won't exist until after the next federal election, it may not come into effect until an election in 1988 or '89 if the next national vote produces a majority government.

Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed has said in the past that provincial seat redistribution is looming on the horizon and his present riding is likely to be broken up. He has warned Halton-Burlington as it exists now may disappear before the next provincial vote.

Jelinek said he was delighted with the changes now made in his riding. Jelinek currently represents Halton riding which consists of Acton, most of Esquesing, Milton, Nassagaweya, and Oakville, Georgetown and the surrounding area of Esquesing is represented, along with Brampton, by John McDermid. The City of Burlington is a separate seat.

After the new ridings become law at least one year must pass before there is an election using the new seats and since a new federal vote must be held by the early winter of 1985, Jelinek feels there is no possibility Halton North will exist until after the next election.

Plan addition on east side of Glenlea plaza

An addition is planned for the small Glenlea Plaza.

Plans for the expansion were outlined last month to Halton Hills Committee of Adjustment and call for Royal Variety to expand from its small shop to include the adjacent Glenlea Beauty Salon.

An addition will be put on the side of the

building to house the new Glenlea Beauty Salon.

Halton Hills Site Plan Committee approved the expansion in February, but required a minor variance also from Committee of Adjustment.

The expansion will result in a reduction in

the number of parking places at the plaza on Queen St. from 50 to 22 and eliminate the loading area. Also the sideyard setback will be reduced from 9.14 metres to 8.30 metres.

Committee of Adjustment deferred the matter pending submission of a full minor variance application.

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Citizens tell Halton Hills Hydro

Don't change any bill paying services

There should be no changes in the billing services for Acton from Halton Hills Hydro, citizens told two commissioners at a public meeting Thursday.

About 50 citizens, mostly long-time Actonians, turned out at Robert Little school to pepper Acton commissioner Doug Mason and hydro commission vice-chairman Murt Allison with questions about planned bill service changes.

In late May Mason and commission chairman Bill Smith revealed plans to move a veteran of the local hydro office (Marge Louttet) and a computer terminal head from Acton to Georgetown this month. This move has gone through.

Smith also announced plans to just have a student in the Acton hydro office for the summer and then cut back to no personal bill paying service in September. People paying cash would have to go to Georgetown; people paying by cheque would have to either put their payment in a tray on the office counter or through a mail slot; all bill questions would have to be referred to Georgetown; and bill stubs wouldn't be stamped paid after the end of August.

However, a week later, Mayor Peter Pomeroy who also sits on the hydro commission, told councillors and the public he'd stepped in and new arrangements were going to be made so that as of the fall Acton and area hydro customers could pay their electric bills at the same place they pay their taxes and water bills, the Mill St. municipal office in the Y building.

Pomeroy's announcement seemed to defuse what was building up as an explosive issue, but didn't completely satisfy all hydro customers in Acton and area as evidenced by the crowd at Thursday's meeting.

Repeatedly Allison and Mason were asked questions about the role of the computer terminal which was being removed from Acton, as well as for specifics on expected cost savings.

The pair couldn't answer many questions and indicated several times that all they know about the change was what they had been told by hydro staff. Mason said hydro manager Jerry Trudell predicts cost savings and says not many people pay their bills at the Acton office anyway.

Mason said he and Pomeroy and Allison had banded together and were almost certain now there would be an office someplace in town where people could pay their hydro bills. He added people paying electric bills downtown would help local businesses because people would stop and shop too.

Allison said staff has told them the computer terminal head formerly in Acton will be used to its full capacity, it will be more efficient, in Georgetown.

Many in the audience said the commissioners' answers were "ridiculous" or "political nonsense." Ted Tyler noted Mason and Allison were saying things like they had "been led to believe" in response to questions Tyler said the commissioners should know why things are being done and shouldn't be allowing staff to make policy statements to the press.

Allison said moving the computer and one staffer out of Acton was an "internal" move, but the billing office arrangements was another matter. He said it was unfortunate that the staff proposal supported by some commissioners was made public before the matter was settled.

Eather Taylor noted the hydro building was a Centennial project of the community and it shouldn't be closed and used simply as a works yard after just 13 years. Allison noted Halton Hills hydro is making the best

use of its real estate by using the Acton building as an administrative centre.

Mason was asked about computer services for the works and engineering department here, and John Allison suggested a computer terminal head will still likely be needed in Acton. Mason again answered he didn't know the details so he couldn't answer the question. He added all he knew was "what's being shoved down our throats."

Chairman of the meeting, Tom Watson, said he had asked Mason to have staff here, and it was unfortunate Trudell hadn't come. He said it was evident Mason and Allison now had to bring some tough questions up at the next hydro commission meeting and then make sure the answers were made public.

Peter Papillon objected to comments made by commission chairman Smith in the Free Press on May 25, he didn't care for the way some commissioners were trying to dictate to the community. He suggested if the commission really wanted to save money something should be done to end the problem of tennis court lights burning late at night in the rain and fog. He also thought money could be saved if letters explaining new billing arrangements were sent out with bills and not to customers separately, as Smith had said would be done this summer.

Mason promised the Acton building will continue to be used, more land has been bought for storage structures and only Credit Valley Conservation Authority approval was delaying the expansion. He noted all 106 square miles of Halton Hills was mostly being served from the Acton building now, all the vehicles and equipment are in Acton.

Acton's commissioner said people can still go to the local hydro office with questions about their bills and the student will call Georgetown to get the answers.

Several citizens suggested hydro has added to its costs, not saved money, by centralizing works in Acton and handling all administration in Georgetown. Extra time, energy and miles were being wasted for staff and equipment by operating all works out of Acton. Allison said the only equipment kept in Georgetown now is for emergency service.

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Time to remove your coat

With the warm weather finally arriving residents of this area can shed some of the heavy clothing they've been wearing through an unusually cold spring just like this one at Bronte Creek Provincial Park. The clipping here of a thick woollen coat is being done by old-fashioned, arm-powered clippers wielded by John McKinnon, the farm manager. Electrician Herb Wilson supplies the power. The park and its farm are now open to visitors.

—Photo by Irvin Mintz

Speyside residents take on new camp

The 120 member strong Speyside Ratepayers' Association is tackling the International Peace Camp issue.

Spokesman for the 10-year-old ratepayers' group, Colin Muspratt, R.R. 1 Acton, revealed in an interview this week that their group is taking on the proposal to develop the old Twin Lakes property between Highway 25 and the Town Line just south of Speyside into a major multi-ethnic recreation and cultural centre.

This is the first time the Speyside Ratepayers' Association has branched out from its original mandate, to raise questions and fight the gravel pit issue. Until now the ratepayers' body has stayed away from other issues, Muspratt noted.

The decision to tackle the International Peace Camp issue came at a ratepayers' meeting on May 26.

Currently the group is busy circulating a petition on the issue to only the people living in the immediate vicinity of Twin Lakes. There are already about 30 signatures on the petition, Muspratt said. He expects this aspect of their campaign should be completed in a couple of weeks and then the petition will be taken to the Niagara Escarpment Commission and Halton Hills and Milton councils.

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A road across International Peace Camp belongs to the Town. Turn to page 3.

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The cost of living went up another 1% a bottle.

Super Loto draw gives cars to two local winners

Lightning struck twice in Acton last week during the Super Loto May 29 draw, and left behind two brand new Grand Prix cars.

John and Janet McCutcheon, Mill St. and Ed and Lee Crimless, Elmore Dr., held winning tickets in the car draw portion of the \$1 million lottery. They won Grand Prix autos, although there were other types of cars also to give away. There were a total of 500 up for grabs.

The McCutcheons purchased their tickets at Village Variety, one of only two or three tickets they have ever bought, according to Janet.

John's friend Kent Kentner also won a car in another Super Loto draw several months ago, and like Kentner, John plans to sell his brand new car, although as of yet he has no offers.

The other winning ticket was actually bought by Lee Crimless, from her husband's store, Ed's 'N' Out. Co-incidentally, that's

where Kentner acquired his winning ticket also.

Unlike the McCutcheons, Lee plans to keep her windfall, which Ed estimates is valued at around \$13,000. It comes fully equipped, except for air conditioning, he said.

Lee notes that she bought two tickets, and got two free ones. Unfortunately, she did not keep track of which ones she got for nothing, so does not know if she even paid for the winning ticket.

Ed says the two local wins have been very good for business. He notes just last week he sold 48 Super Loto tickets, and usually in that time only about 10 are sold. "Everyone is trying to get their ticket early," he said.

Rumors around town that a third winning ticket showed up in Acton can not be substantiated by the Ontario Lottery Corporation. Either the tale is indeed just a rumor, or the winner just has not notified the Corporation.



Ed and Lee Crimless held a winning ticket in last week's Super Loto draw, and will soon have a new car for their investment.



John and Janet McCutcheon and wife daughter Sarah proudly hold a voucher for a brand new Grand Prix car they won in the Super Loto draw last week. They plan to sell the car.