



WITCHES flew into Pine Valley Garden Market for the grand opening Halloween party Saturday and Sunday, where owners Bob and Elaine Crawford treated kids to wagon rides through the cornfield, samplings of witches brew, taffy apples and popcorn. Daughter Kelly, 14, and Sandra Cooley, 5, of Hornby, dressed up for the occasion.

Battle among yourselves for Esquesing hall

Community groups in Halton Hills will have to fight among themselves for the right to use the Esquesing town hall in Stewarttown, decided the general administration committee Monday.

Councillor Eric Morrow made the recommendation that the various groups represented at the meeting, and other groups interested in the future of the building should attend a special meeting at the hall to discuss the possibilities.

He added that a report should be prepared by the town engineer to see if the proposed renovations are feasible, as well as having each of the interested groups bring facts and figures, concerning their use of the building in the past, and in the future.

"You're the people who are going to be best served," he said. "If you can't reach an agreement then it will be up to council to do what's best."

Representatives of the Georgetown Little Theatre and various other groups including the Ashgrove Women's Institute and the Stewarttown Women's Institute attended the general administration committee meeting to discuss the possibility of converting the hall into a mini theatre.

Derek Joyes of the Little Theatre presented a brief to the committee outlining the group's requirements and plans for the future of the building.

He said the Little Theatre has been in Georgetown for 14 years and produced over 6,000 entertainment hours of live theatre.

"We are not an inward looking group of selfish people," he said. "We are a viable group of citizens who wish to enjoy themselves and share that enjoyment with others."

He added that survey taken during the beginning of 1973 listed a theatre complex as the third most important building, after an indoor pool and arena. Only the theatre is not being built by council because of a lack of funds, he said.

"With major modifications, this hall could provide an excellent permanent theatre," Mr. Joyes told the councillors. "We are asking to be allowed to take over the administration of the building, not to usurp others for it."

Mr. Joyes added that the Little Theatre wanted administration control to justify spending large sums of money for the modifications, which include adding more room to the stage by tearing down the rear wall and rebuilding it.

In opposition to the Little Theatre's proposal to take over the administration was the Ashgrove Women's Institute with Doris MacNabb their spokeswoman.

Mrs. MacNabb told the committee members that the 50 women in the organization often use the building for their eueches and dances. She added that the Esquesing Townhall should always be readily available to the public without any one organization holding a monopoly on it.

"We don't object to it being rented to the Little Theatre, or to their use of it," she continued. "But it belongs to the community."

She added that the Ashgrove Women do not use the building very often, and not more than three to four times a year. "But, we like to feel that it's still available to us," she said.

The final outside speaker was Denny Charles, one of the board members. He said the structure, built in 1948, should remain as it is.

Mr. Charles added that the board does not object to the Little Theatre using the building, but is against any preferential treatment.

Mayor Tom Hill argued against the Little Theatre taking over the building pointing out that their renovations may not be approved by the Ontario Government because the rear wall is a fire wall.

BOOZE SIX DAYS

Halton Hills council agreed to a request from the Acton Liquor store and the Acton Chamber of Commerce to support a motion to allow the town's liquor store to remain open for six days a week.

Councillor Joe Hurst said that the store has applied to the Liquor Licensing Board of Ontario for the permission but did not want to do anything unless council agreed. He added that stores in Georgetown, Guelph Erin and Brampton are already open six days a week.

Davis will discuss school re-opening

Does Bill Davis have something up his sleeve? The Premier has decided to meet with the Halton School Board executives this Friday to discuss the re-opening of the Norval School.

"Mr. Davis must have something in his head, or he wouldn't be wasting his valuable time on this," said Julian Reed, a spokesman for the Norval group who met with the premier in his office on October 18. "If something occurs that's positive it will certainly indicate that democracy is still intact and that people still can control their own destiny," he added.

Mr. Reed pointed out that the final decision rests, not with Mr. Davis, but with the school board. Attending the meeting will be Halton's Director of Education, W. J. Priestner; vice-chairman, Mrs. J. Alexander and MPP James Snow.

Mr. Reed said the Norval Ratepayers Association are pleased with the real genuine interest Mr. Davis has shown. "It's the first time I ever came out of a political meeting with the feeling that I haven't been kissed off," he said of the October 18 meeting.

Vandals strike at graveyard

An early Halloween prank at the Glen Williams Cemetery last week proved to the cemetery board that gates will not deter vandals.

Thirteen headstones were knocked over in one section of the cemetery, and a gate, recently installed to prevent break-ins, was broken.

"Here we thought our troubles were all over. I couldn't believe it," exclaimed Mrs. Tom Haines, secretary-treasurer of the cemetery board. She said the damage was reported to her early Saturday morning by Mrs. B. Norton of Brampton.

Mrs. Haines immediately notified the board chairman, Mayor Tom Hill, and another member, John Doherty who went to the cemetery to survey the damages, along with the Ontario Provincial Police.

Mrs. Haines said it looks as though it might have been done by very young teenagers. "It was that kind of damage. Some of these kids have no respect for the living, so why would they have any more respect for the dead?" she commented.

Esquesing-Ashgrove Proposed, New GARBAGE DUMP

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