

Stewarttown
News

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Herald correspondent

Members of St. John's Anglican Church held their Annual Vestry meeting following the evening service on Feb. 6th.

The Rev. D. Mac Lean opened the meeting with prayer and the reports of the different groups were given.

Rev. Mac Lean appointed Mr. John Mills as Rector's Warden. Other officers elected for 1977 are as follows: Vestry Clerk, Mrs. Walter Doupage, People's Warden, Mr. T.H. Briggs, Lay Delegate Mrs. George English, substitute delegate Mrs. Harry Clarke, Treasurer Mrs. James Ross, Sidemen Chairmen Mrs. H. Harris, Sunday School Superintendent Mr. Briggs, Choir leader Mr. Mills, Auditors Mrs. Anne Watkins and Mrs. Fred Armstrong.

Elected to the Parish Council along with the Rector were Mr. R. Gracey, chairman, Messrs T.H. Briggs, J. Mills, R. Harris, H. Savings, J.A. Thompson, Mrs. Doupage, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Clarke, and Mrs. T. Clapham.

At the close of the meeting Mr. T.H. Briggs on behalf of the congregation presented an engraved silver tray to Mrs. C.A. Grant, who had resigned last year after completing 25 years as Treasurer of St. John's Church.

St. John's Anglican Church Guild Members elected officers for the year 1977.

Past President, Mrs. Anne Watkin, President, Mrs. George English, Secretary Mrs. Thomas Clapham; Treasurer Mrs. Carl De Forest; Caris Committee Mrs. C.G. English, Mrs. A. Chamberlain, Buyers, Mrs. C. Smith, Mrs. J.C. Murray, Mrs. A. Chamberlain, Mrs. C.D. DeForest Linen Custodian, Mrs. J. Ross.

Auditors: Mrs. A. Watkins and Mrs. T. Clapham.

The members made plans for their annual pancake supper to be held in the church basement hall, Tuesday, Feb. 22nd.

The regular meeting of Esqueving Women's Institute was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Beckett on Thursday evening February 11th. The President Mrs. D. Godden presiding.

The meeting opened with the Hymn "Ode and the Mary Seward" and the singing of "Exchange a home made valentine with the person on your left."

The motto "Give a helping hand, but keep a still tongue".

The members dealt with several items of business, Mrs. B. Beckett convener of Citizenship and World Affairs presented her program in the form of two very interesting readings "They don't make that any more" and "The pits".



FAREWELL TO PASTOR LOHNES

The congregation honored Pastor and Marilyn Lohnes with a farewell reception Saturday night, at Georgetown District High School. Pastor Lohnes is leaving Maple Avenue Baptist Church to become a

The Victorian Era - Or the law working to rule

By RICHARD E. RUGGLE
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You have all heard about working to rule. That's when the boys in the union are so strict about observing every tiny detail in their regulations that everything goes down, and nothing gets accomplished.

The Victorian age seems to be the great era of law, at times the law seemed to work to rule. It was then that Dickens in exasperation suggested that the law might be an ass. It certainly appears foolish when judges or governments stick to the letter of the law, even when their action frustrates its spirit.

In England a century ago, the age of consent was 13, and young girls were easily drawn into prostitution. A Congregationalist minister, an Anglican archbishop and a Roman Catholic cardinal decided to back a plan which would move public opinion to improve the law. With their encouragement the editor of the "Pall Mall Gazette" was to show how easy it was to procure a girl, and then campaign in the newspaper for reform. In this one instance, however some legal technicalities, and the editor spend three months in prison. At the same time, the hundreds of people who had led London girls astray were ignored by the authorities. Happily, parliament was moved by the furor which the case caused to reform their legislation. But here was a situation where the reformer was prosecuted while the offenders were ignored.

We have our own self-defeating rules today. The Canadian government has guidelines to prevent American takeover of Canadian companies. But because of the way they are applied, they may have the effect of forcing a

company here to give up its Canadian operation and working completely out of the United States. It would still sell to us, so instead of keeping a business, we've lost it.

The Romans developed a fine legal system, but they recognized its limitations. Their jurists said that to apply the law too strictly would be dangerous to rely simply on the letter of the law, for the letter kills.

There are other ways in which we rely too much on the law, when we allow it to think for us. It is said that you cannot legislate morality, but a lot of people don't believe that. They like a good, reliable set of rules, such as the law provides. For them, what is legal is the same as what is moral. I knew a sergeant-major in the Black Watch who claimed that beer must be good for you, because if it wasn't the government would not allow you to drink it. He had great confidence in our government!

But the laws passed by government are designed to preserve order, to protect us from what we would do to one another if we didn't have those laws. Sometimes they seem to go too far, so they have to be applied with common sense, at other times they don't go far enough, so they leave a vacuum between what is legal and what is moral. There are

people who live by the book, but, oh boy, do they ever love to find a loophole. Hardly a week goes by without some company making the headlines for the legal, but rather shady and questionable tactics that have been discovered. The cancer society asks us smokers to think whether our elegant vice is right, considering what it does to our health. My sergeant-major's beer may be legal, but the addiction researchers warn him and his family if he can't control it. Abortions under certain circumstances are legal, but a mother still has to ask herself if it is the right thing. When European banks and governments refused to lend money to Chile because of the regime of torture here, Canadian banks rushed in to sell them loans, and excused themselves by saying, "Well, our government has not forbidden it."

Jesus got into trouble by trying to raise people's vision off the ground, so they could see higher laws. The law is necessary, but it cannot make our moral decisions for us. Religion can help to guide us here, as long as we don't narrow it down, so that we only apply the letter of another set of laws. Jesus summed up the law as loving God and loving our neighbour. And the spirit of love does not fit itself to regulations or look for loopholes.

Opposition expected today to industrial commissioner

Strong opposition is expected today to a proposal by the Halton Chambers of Commerce for the creation of a regional industrial commissioner working in co-operation with the four area municipalities.

Administration committee last week approved the recommendation which will be tabled before council this afternoon following the presentation of a nine-page brief from the Chambers of Commerce.

"If the proposed industrial commissioner's office would not have any bearing on industrial closings," Georgetown Chamber President George Gray said. "It may find new industry to go into the Donmar premises and new industry we are not aware of."

He said he hopes to see such a position created and functioning within three months.

Unless industrial assessment is brought to Halton to provide jobs for unemployed and those being placed out of work through plant closings, residential taxes will "increase quickly and go quite high," Mr. Gray said. Keeping people working locally would also reduce energy consumption.

The intent of the Chambers of Commerce brief is to show a need to keep people living within the municipality employed within the municipality. And, Mr. Gray added, to reduce the tax burden of the homeowner.

"We are not by any means telling the region what to do and how to run it, but we want a man in place to search out industry."

The brief says new approaches will have to be initiated

if new industry matching the region's goals and physical attributes is to be found.

Assessment ratios across Halton, according to the Chamber report, has been dropping rapidly and placing the burden on the homeowner.

"In Halton Hills, the 1966 ratio was 52 per cent industrial, 48 per cent residential. The 1976 ratio was 20 per cent industrial, 80 per cent residential."

The report shows that Acton population during the same period increased to 6,872 from 4,490 while industries only increased to 24 from 19 and employed only 1,240 employees up from 1,100.

Figures for the other three regional municipalities are similar. "The result is an increasing tax load on shelter

to cover inflation, and costs increases for municipal government, schools, fire and police, and engineering, and roads and parks," the report states.

The Chambers believe it is mandatory to have more serviced industrial land made available to keep costs in line, but makes no recommendation on how to offer such land at reasonable costs.

Serviced land costs have risen more than 100 per cent in four years "due primarily to a shortage of zoned and serviceable industrial land, and it would appear this is the result of placing a freeze on development in certain areas or retarding or killing it by complex approval procedures."

Halton Hills in 1976 had 500 acres of zoned industrial vacant land and 50 acres of serviced industrial land.

Opposition to the proposal is expected from Oakville Coun. Carl Erikson who declared last week that no industrial commissioner would have been able to stop plant closings in Halton Hills. He also sees a conflict between the official plan proposal for preservation of farmland and the need for further industrialization.

Hydro objectives narrow Divisional Court hears

Ontario Hydro's objectives in trying to expropriate land for a 500 kilovolt corridor through Halton Hills are too narrow, a lawyer argued before Divisional Court, Feb. 8.

Speaking before Mr. Justice Robert Reid, Mr. Justice Horace Krever and Mr. Justice Robert Lufferford of the Ontario Supreme Court at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, Leon Paroian, a Windsor lawyer, who with the Georgetown lawyer Dick Howitt represents affected landowners on the

proposed route, said Hydro's real objective is to link up a power grid.

Ontario Hydro's objective in this case, however, is to expropriate land between point A and B between Lamhouse and a transformer station at Milton, Mr. Paroian said.

"How can a hearing officer conduct hearings fairly if the expropriating authority has defined its objectives so narrowly?"

Donald Meyrick, the hearing officer whose suspension of hearings of necessity in Acton until April 4 led to the ap-

pearance before the three man tribunal, ruled that the objectors to the line could not cross-examine or introduce evidence of alternate routes, evidence that Ontario Hydro itself introduced, Mr. Paroian said.

He said hearings of necessity are the only time people can be heard and they should be allowed to ask if there is an alternate route. If Mr. Meyrick's ruling stands, a landowner will be limited to only what part of his land could be expropriated, "not if his land can be taken at all."

The purpose of the hearings of necessity are to show that the expropriation of the land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary and Mr. Paroian's argument indicated that Ontario Hydro has not explored alternate routes to achieve its objectives with the result that expropriating land in Halton Hills is not fair, sound and reasonably necessary.

Ontario Hydro lawyer, Thomas Marshall, on loan from the Attorney-General's department, argued that since the order to expropriate is a result of cabinet decision-in-council, the hearings of necessity are only to hear whether the line would go, for example, over a swimming pool or sugarcush, only minor relocations.

Speaking for the court after five hours of argument, Mr. Justice Reid said that decision on the issue was reserved, "in view of its breadth."

Either renting or buying, French fries make a profit

Finance Administration committee Monday asked recreation director Glen Gray to find out whether it is better to buy or rent a french fry vending machine for the Gordon Alcott Arena.

Either way the machine will turn a profit back to the town but as the committee had only one bid, \$5,000 it followed treasurer Ray King's recommendation that the purchasing department obtain other prices for outright purchase and for rental only.

Coun Roy Booth told committee that projected profits were \$10 per month for purchasing machines outright and \$275 per month on a rental.

"If we were to rent as opposed to buying outright," he said, "by the end of five years we would have enough to buy two machines."

Coun Walter Behm was also in favor of renting. "If the machine conks out," he said, "your profit's gone. This is a constant profit."

Coun Russ Miller said he had received complaints from persons who found the smell of

French fries offensive.

"It stinks the arena," he said. Unless the machine is properly vented, he said, he would be against the machine.

But the smell of french fries didn't bother Coun Pat Patterson. "Isn't that the nostalgic 'smell of hockey'?" he asked.

Mayor sets date

Mayor Tom Hill has been asked by finance administration committee to set the date when the town will formally recognize a number of Halton Hills residents for outstanding achievement in recreation.

Clerk negotiates

The town's clerk administrator Doug Fritchard, has been appointed chief negotiator and spokesman for Halton Hills in upcoming contract talks with Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE).

Finance administration committee approved the appointment Monday after expressing disapproval with the results of elected officials who, subject to the whims of the voters every two years, could not provide continuity in the post.

Councillor felt that having an elected official as the chairman was a disadvantage to the town, for the union, besides four members, has a full time CUPE representative who can enter direct negotiations.

Coun Booth pointed out as well that an elected official

was facing a potential voter across the bargaining table, thus "putting his neck on the line."

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