



The Catholic Women's League recently elected its new executive for the coming year. They are, front row, left to right, treasurer Kathy Curran, 1st vice-president Mary Tucker, and president Suzanne Lorito. In the back row, from left to right, are secretary Pauline Miller, 2nd vice-president Jackie Labine and 3rd vice-president Agnes Lawrence.

CWL executive elected

The Catholic Women's League held its election for the new executive recently at the home of Suzanne Lorito. Mrs. Lorito was elected president, with Mary Tucker, Jackie Labine and Agnes Lawrence elected as first, second and third vice-presidents, respectively. Pauline Miller was elected secretary and Kathy Curran is the new treasurer.

There were nine positions as heads of committees to be filled as well. Mary Ellen Van Chead will convene the Church Life committee. Terri Lacoursiere will head up the organization committee, which is responsible for membership.

The Christian Family Life committee will be headed by Mary Tucker, while the Community Life committee will be headed by Agnes Lawrence. Jackie Labine will convene the Communications and Public Relations committee, with Carol Poswell in charge of the committee for the news letter.

Suzanne Lorito will head the committee for resolutions and legislation. Barbara Layne will be in charge of the Cultural Life committee. Mary Adam will be in charge of the planning committee.

Trail association opposes plan expropriation

The Bruce Trail Association will recommend that the Niagara Escarpment Commission delete expropriation as a means of securing land for the trail. In a recent press release the association said the trail should continue to be secured by "voluntary co-operation" with the landowner wherever possible. If this is impossible the association recommends that "an appropriate government agency" begin immediate negotiations to end the landowners' uncertainty and secure the trail through "mutually negotiated agreements".

The association also listed four other recommendations it will make to the NEC. The extent of the planning area can be reduced. The narrow scarp protection area is critical to the conservation plans for the escarpment and the association recommends that no development be permitted in that area and existing lots be bought up as they become available. The width of the footpath should be flexible, they say, and cannot upset normal land uses by the landowner. They also recommend suitable liability legislation to protect landowners along the trail.

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Expropriation removed

The threat of land expropriation in the protected Niagara Escarpment was removed Monday at least temporarily.

Jane Brunelle, provincial secretary for resource development, said the government has no plans to expropriate land within the escarpment at this time.

That statement precedes an expected government announcement of reduction of land under escarpment protection some time this week.

Brunelle said Friday there will be a drastic cut, as much as half the land in the escarpment. He was expected to make an announcement Monday. In an interview the minister said he planned to make a statement in the legislature Monday but was unable to prepare it at this time.

The government will face debate Thursday on a private member's bill introduced by Bob McKessock (L-Grey) to reduce the planning area to the escarpment face itself with a buffer area of 30 meters on each side.

Brunelle said he hopes to make a statement before debate on the second reading of the private member's bill. The minister said there has been a great deal of misunderstanding by farmers in the 12 million acre escarpment that the government planned to expropriate.

The commission established in 1971 has been gathering opinions from the 55 municipalities in the escarpment and is expected to make its report soon.

Brunelle admitted there has been considerable opposition expressed to some of the proposed plans of the commission but said the report would contain only recommendations that could be accepted or rejected by government.

McKessock's bill calls for the government to buy land at fair market value if it is not going to allow development and to allow appeals of commission decisions by the Ontario Municipal Board instead of the ministry.

Despite assurances by Brunelle that there will be a reduction in the amount of land saved, McKessock says he plans to go ahead with second reading of the bill.

No need of worry, says Booth

Private citizens concerned over what to do with certain properties owned in Halton Hills, says a regional councillor.

Ward 1 Councillor Roy Booth says that a group of concerned citizens has been working with the regional staff and the landfill operators to solve the problem of dumping certain types of waste such as auto repair parts and materials, tires, and other items.

The group was to stop the dumping of these items in the area. Booth says that the regional staff has been instructed to stop the dumping of these items in the area. Booth says that the regional staff has been instructed to stop the dumping of these items in the area.

27 permits in March

The number of building permits issued in March by Halton Hills building department almost doubled over the first two months of the year.

Twenty-seven permits were issued in March with a value of \$704,250. Fees to the town were \$2,436.

The March figures bring the total for 1978 to 51 permits with a value of \$704,250. Fees to the town were \$2,436.

There were five permits for single family dwellings, nine permits were for alterations, three for swimming pools and two for garages or carports.

NEC awaits cut in area

Niagara Escarpment Commission is waiting as expected, until everyone else to learn the results of the government's decision to cut back the size of the protected area of the escarpment, the commission's chairman told The Herald Monday.

"The commission said that there should be a substantial reduction in the area put under escarpment controls," Ivor McMullin said, "but we'd like a chance to go over the area they propose to cut to make sure that sufficient land has been maintained to preserve the escarpment's character."

Mr. McMullin wasn't sure whether conservation lands included in the NEC maps could be cut from the planning area without changes in the act. If such a move were contemplated he would want a chance to sit down with the eight conservation authorities in the escarpment area and look at their plans.

"Some of them have grand ideas of buying up huge tracts over the next 30 years while others have been very sensible in their plans," he said. "I don't think land should be put on a map or zoned for conservation until the government or the authority is ready to buy it within the next few months or a year. I don't think farmers should be left with only one buyer and that's what happens if their land is zoned for conservation."

Mr. McMullin feels it is unfair to try and do all the conservation work that needs doing in our lifetime because "we can't afford it." It should be spread over the next hundred years, he says.

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Town growth report

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"If the assessment is considered in constant dollars, it is evident that although residential and farm properties are obtaining a reduced assessment and tax burden, the general assessment has not kept up with inflation. Hence, higher mill rates are required to generate the needed revenue."

Halton Hills council received and filed the report.



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