

AGREEMENTS CAN'T BE FOUND

Hydro denies effort to reduce ICG

Rumors that Ontario Hydro is demanding that property owners withdraw from the Interested Citizens Group (ICG) before they can claim compensation for land expropriated for the 500KV Bradley to Milton transmission corridor are untrue says a Hydro spokesman.

Community relations officer Peter Webster says that some

property owners named as plaintiffs in the court action to invalidate the expropriation have decided to settle with Hydro and these people have been asked to sign in writing that they are dropping their part in the legal action before they receive their money.

These landowners are preparing the letters voluntarily, he says, and even they are not

being asked to drop out of the ICG, just out of the legal battle.

Jo Schnieder, wife of ICG co-chairman John Schnieder says she has checked reports from property owners in Erin who claim Hydro has come to them with a form in one hand and the compensation check in the other demanding that they sign the form withdrawing them from the ICG before they can get their money from Hydro.

"All sorts of people say the form exists," Mrs. Schnieder says, "but no one can produce a copy of it. Nor are they allowed to keep it over night."

Mr. Webster explains that Hydro uses a standard acknowledgement form in all its expropriation dealings and property owners signing it merely acknowledge that they have accepted "without prejudice," the compensation offered them under section 25 of the Expropriation Act.

However, the fact that divisional court cases are still pending on the Colbeck to Limehouse and Limehouse to Milton sections of the line has forced Hydro to add a special clause to the form for property owners on this corridor, he says.

The special clause states: "In the event that the expropriation is ruled invalid I/we hereby agree to grant to Ontario Hydro the easement rights over the land as set out in the said plan of expropriation, without prejudice to the determination of the compensation therefore or to return to Ontario Hydro the said sum of \$... whichever it may direct."

Some owners signing the agreement are changing the "it" to "I", Mr. Webster says, so that the choice will be theirs rather than Hydro's if the court rules against Hydro.

Mr. Webster could give no explanation why owners were not being allowed to keep copies of the form they signed.

"It looks like an oversight on our part," he admits. "The forms usually come in duplicate but these are only single. Maybe our property agents didn't have carbon paper with them to make out duplicates. I don't know where their forms would be, in Acton or here in Toronto. All I can suggest is that people wanting copies of the forms they signed call the property agent in Acton and we'll authorize him to get them copies."

Ontario Hydro reports that temporary construction stoppage for spring break-up has given work crews time for general clean-up and maintenance work on the Bradley to Colbeck section of the 500 KV transmission line under construction from Bradley to Milton.

Negotiations with about 75 per cent of the property owners in this section are complete and selective tree cutting is also complete in this section. Seeding and disturbed lands has been done in areas where construction is finished.

Negotiations have been completed with approximately 50 per cent of the landowners in the Colbeck to Limehouse section of the line, Ontario Hydro says, and tree planting is continuing and should be completed in the middle section by the end of July.

The Niagara Escarpment Commission has granted Ontario Hydro permission to work on the Limehouse to Milton section of the transmission line on lands under its jurisdiction subject to certain conditions and possible appeal by affected landowners.



CADET INSPECTIONS

Col. B.W. Robertson stops to chat with an air cadet during his inspection of 756 Air Squadron. It was the 10th annual inspection of the air cadets and took place Monday evening

at Georgetown Memorial Arena. Col. Robertson is commanding officer of No. 1 Supply Unit, CFB Toronto.



Col. John R. Barber, honorary colonel of the Lorne Scots Regiment, inspected the 676 Lorne Scots Army Cadet Corps at the Georgetown Armouries last week. During the annual inspection a number of awards were made to cadets. They included awards to Cadet Tom Rutledge for best first year cadet,

Cpl. Blain Stead for best second year cadet, and Sgt. Wayne Gale as best senior cadet. Marksmanship awards went to Cdt. Ron Bell, best first year cadet, Cpl. Blain Stead, best second year cadet, and Sgt. Wayne Gale, best senior cadet.

Health unit checks pesticide use

By GEORGE EVASHUK Herald staff writer

Health unit inspectors will be present at Braeside Farms Ltd. of Norval this week to observe how a highly toxic pesticide is used.

The observation comes about after a warning issued by the health unit after four employees, who had been working in a greenhouse where the pesticide, Temic, had recently been sprayed, complained of nausea and were sent to hospital for check up.

Braeside Farms Ltd. is owned by Peter and David Hughes and sells indoor plants to supermarkets. Neither partner was available for comment.

Neil Pattullo, senior inspector with the Health unit, said in an interview yesterday (Tuesday) that Temic is a "systemic poison" in granular form which is put on the plants and watered to get the roots to take it up and deliver it to the leaves. Insects eat the leaves and die, he said.

The plants are not to be handled for 48 hours after being treated with the pesticide, and then only with rubber gloves, Mr. Pattullo said. He added that they are not to be sold until four weeks after the treatment.

Asked what control there is over the four week wait bet-

ween the treatment and sale in a supermarket, Mr. Pattullo replied he didn't know how that would be controlled. "You'd have to hope they (the garden nurseries) are responsible."

The first symptom a person exposed to the pesticide would feel is nausea, he said. This could be followed by blurred vision, numb tips, rashes, and difficulty staying awake. But once an infected person is removed from the source, the symptoms disappear, he said.

Temic is a "schedule five insecticide for farm and greenhouse use," Mr. Pattullo said. "You don't need a license to use it but it is one you have to be quite careful with and follow the instructions."

Mr. Pattullo said he thinks the May 1 incident where the four employees were taken ill was a single incident. The employees went into work Monday morning but the greenhouse, which had been sprayed earlier, was not properly ventilated.

He said Peter Hughes had told him that the employees who use the pesticide on a regular basis have never been sick from it.

The case of the four ill employees came to light while the health unit was investigating another complaint against the farm, Mr. Pattullo said.

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Open House at hospital

"It doesn't hurt," seven-year-old Martha Darling said Friday as she sat in the physiotherapy room at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital during an open house "Hospital Day."

Her head was in a traction device but sitting on her head was her Brownie hat. There was also a Brownie hat on the head of nine-year-old Shannon Marshall who lay on a bed with both legs in braces. She wants to become a candystriper when she's 14.

The girls were members of 14th Georgetown Brownie pack part of the streams of people who toured the hospital from

top to bottom and in almost all the nooks and crannies.

The tour got underway at the front entrance where members of hospital auxiliary greeted visitors and took them on tours or directed them into the candystrippers.

Marion Booth, president of the auxiliary, said about 20 members were on duty that day. There are about 142 volunteers in the auxiliary but only about 100 are active and more are needed, she said.

Anyone who wants information about joining the auxiliary can call membership director Lena Johnston at 877-6257. Mrs. Booth said



Martha Darling suffers for the pain-in-the-neck photographer while Jean Davis looks on in the physiotherapy room at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

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