

# Hear Annual Report on Activities Receive \$9,200 for County Work

The annual meeting of the Halton County Advisory Board of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind was held in the Milton office of the chairman, G. P. Thompson, recently. The members were advised that a complete financial statement showing receipts and expenditures for the year would be presented at the spring meeting. The treasurer submitted an interim report showing direct disbursements of \$408.26 to assist the blind in Halton county.

In his report, Wesley Stanley, field secretary, noted that there were 30 registered blind in the county, ranging in age from three to 90 years. He pointed out that the C.N.I.B. was anxious to extend their services to these persons but could do so only with the help of the Board and other interested parties.

The annual campaign, thanks to the members of the I.O.U.E. in Acton, Georgetown and Milton was quite successful, he said. Contributions were: Acton \$702.70; Georgetown \$655.30; Milton \$1,301.20. These, together with a grant of \$500 from the county, an allotment of \$8,500 from the Oakville-Trafalgar - Brant's Good Neighbors Fund, and the proceeds from the Burlington campaign, now in progress, provide the revenue for the care of our less fortunate citizens. Receipts from the sale of Blind C.A.I. Products at the Milton and Georgetown Fall Fairs were \$188.58 and \$101.11 respectively.

There has been good response in connection with the "eye bank". Only a small percentage of the 30,000 blind in Canada can benefit from the transplanting of cataracts, but to those who can, it means restoration of sight or greatly improved vision.

The resignations of Mrs. M. M. Bush and S. C. Fearman were accepted and the following new members elected to the board, Mrs. Harold Richardson, John F. Isard and Sandy Best, M.P.

Officers re-elected were: chairman, G. P. Thompson, Milton; first

# Complete Meetings Vote on Issue Soon

Eleven meetings have been held in Eramosa schools in the past two months giving the ratepayers in the township a chance to hear the two proposals offered by the present school board.

Generally the attendance has been good but more have come out in the schools below No. 24 Highway, the largest percentage of the population being centred from Lot 12 down. It has been suggested that 75 per cent of the ratepayers are in this lower part of Eramosa township.

At each of the meetings, Board members, headed by Chairman Dufresne, have addressed the audiences. Following this, when the explanations were made, the ratepayers were invited to ask questions concerning Centralization.

Probably every question that can puzzle a taxpayer has been asked during these meetings. They range from "Can the Township of Eramosa stand the issue of debtures?" "Can the buses, if the second proposal is used, be operated for 22 cents a mile?"

Costs of repairing the existing nine old schools have been discussed showing it to be an expensive undertaking.

Even more expensive is the building of a new school and the addition of rooms to three existing schools. The board members point out however, that when the debt-free period is ended, Eramosa Township will have good schools but if the old ones are repaired, they may need still more fixing.

Cameron Lush feels that the modern trend is toward Centralization and whether we, as ratepayers, like it or not, we will have to conform. The population is steadily rising and there must be accommodation for the children.

The Eramosa School Board deserves much credit for the great amount of work done to present the two proposals to the people in the township. Whether they choose to repair the old buildings, some of which are close to one hundred years old, or to try and have Centralization, they have at least had the two propositions offered in a way they could understand.

One thing the meetings have done is to air the views of many and clarify many misunderstood situations. Ratepayers have visited schools not in their own action, but taking advantage of the opportunity to hear the ideas of others.

# Councillor Approves Plan For Building Promotion

GEORGETOWN—Approval in principle of the plan of North Halton Builders' Association to promote industrial and commercial building through formation of a stock company, was given by council last week.

Council, however, gave no commitment that it would consider releasing more land in the Dixie area for house building without further study of the plan proposed by the builders' group.

While a unanimous vote recorded the approval, at least three council members spoke their

# Oakville Okays Salted Sand To Stop Skids

OAKVILLE—In a move to relieve the congestion of traffic over the Sixteen Mile Bridge on Calburne St., Oakville council last week authorized the erection of electrically controlled lane indicators over the bridge.

From 4 to 7:30 p.m., the indicators will designate "westbound only" in the centre and north lanes. The remainder of the time, the centre and south lanes will be designated "eastbound only". The installations, which will be made next year, will be based on recommendations made by the Oakville Suburban Planning Board two weeks ago. At that time Traffic Consultant W. E. Ewens reported more than 3,100 vehicles cross the bridge in an hour of peak traffic.

**NEW ATTACK**  
WINNIPEG (CP)—University of Manitoba imported 130 gambusia fish from Chicago to be bred indoors this winter and set out next spring. They are a type of minnow which feeds on mosquito larvae.

**MORE AWARDS**  
SHERBROOKE, Que. (CP)—Four normal schools in Sherbrooke diocese have received scholarships from the St. Jean Baptiste Society. The school principals will distribute the funds to deserving students.

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# Halton's Lorne Scots New Role Is Home Defence - Col. Charters

The new role of the Lorne Scots (P. D. and H. Regiment) in this era of atomic war thrust into the light its broader aspects on Sunday morning by Lt. Col. S. R. Charters at a conference of the regiment's officers at the Brampton Armoury.

The fact that nuclear weapons could be launched against Canada tomorrow was sufficient reason for the regiment to give its most enthusiastic support to civil defence preparation.

"There is no need for contracting the blues and certainly no need for panic," declared Col. Charters, "but there is a real need to accept the fact that the militia must prepare itself for a new concept of warfare."

He said that while military training would not be neglected, a large portion of the future syllabus scheduled for 1958 would embody a thorough training in all phases of civil defence.

**Co-Ordinator Named**  
He urged the closest co-operation with civilian defence groups and welcomed the news that Toronto Township Fire Chief Jack Braithwaite had been appointed Peel's Civil Defence Co-ordinator. Already he and Maj. E. F. Conover have extended the regiment's offer of full co-operation.

In the event of atomic war on the Canadian scene, a much greater degree of militia discipline is indicated, for without such discipline and efficiency, a disorganized civilian population would throw the country into complete disorder and choke off vital services.

Rescue, search and evacuation would be top-priority assignments, it was suggested, and familiarization with atomic weapons, fall-out and decontamination are "musts" for everyone in the regiment.

# "Little" Accidents Cause Pain, Distress

Each year, "little" accidents which seldom make the headlines, cause injury and distress to hundreds of Canadians, according to the All Canada Insurance Federation.

Many of these accidents occur during the winter, and most could be avoided through care and attention. The Federation, which represents more than 200 Canadian fire, casualty and automobile insurance companies, makes these recommendations for winter safety around the home:

1. Keep sidewalks shoveled and clear of ice and snow at all times.
2. Check exterior stairways and entrances for loose boards, nails and other dis-repairs which might cause injury.
3. Clear large icicles from eaves. They can cause serious injury when they fall.
4. Make sure that snow shovels, garden rakes, children's toys and similar items are kept clear of walks and not hidden under a deceptive layer of snow.
5. Cover gas-stove, steam and hot water pipes which might cause burns to the unwary.
6. Keep children away from portable heaters, stoves and fireplaces.

**At Ladies' Night**  
Col. Charters touched on the theme of civil defence when he was guest speaker last Friday night at the First Annual Ladies' Night of the Sergeants' Mess. On this occasion, he expressed the hope that war would be averted and that the world's diplomats would "exercise the greatest wisdom and diplomacy in maintaining peace."

"It is my unofficial opinion however, as a private citizen, that a bomb could drop here tomorrow," he said.

Col. Charters gave the officers a resume of the recent exercise which he and his Second-in-command Maj. A. Kemp of Burlington, recently attended at Haileybury. This was the first exercise involving the militia in which simulated atomic bombing was featured. The reasons for this at Haileybury will be imparted to officers, NCOs and other ranks during the coming training year, and a start has already been made on the salient aspects.

Certain details of civil defence, particularly involving liaison between the military and civilian authorities are in process of clarification, the C.O. said.

The natural tendency in time of home-front disaster is "family survival first," it was admitted. It was therefore necessary to develop a plan of operation which would be built on the theme of "Save the Nation." Co-operation, teamwork and above all, discipline, would be needed to avert chaos.

Col. Charters said that the civil defence program would also be designed to cope with peacetime disaster such as that created by Hurricane Hazel as well as war-born calamity.

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# Farm Forum Reviews Farm Credit Subject

Ontario Farm Forums discussed "Farm Credit" on November 11 and reviewed farm credit from several points. What was the minimum needed to farm, what percentage should be obtainable in the form of credit, would local dealer credit be a good thing and would government credit subject to supervision of the farming operation by the lending agency, serve a useful purpose.

The forums said between \$20,000 and \$52,000 was needed to start farming in most areas of Ontario, but pointed out the amount would vary according to size of farm and location. Farmers should be able to obtain from 80 to 90 per cent of the total value of their farm in credit, was the opinion of many forums.

Churchill East farm forum in Lambton County said, "We do not think that local dealers provide satisfactory short term credit. Local dealers' rates are too high and that credit unions could provide more of the short term credit."

When discussing government credit granted when farming operation supervised by local lending agency, 95 per cent of the forums agreed this would be a good thing and many were in favor of a plan similar to that of the Veterans Land Act.

Wolf Island no 1 forum in Frontenac said, "We feel that supervised credit is very satisfactory for young farmers starting out. We feel that an experienced farmer, if he has the ability, should have less supervision and more freedom to practice his own farming ideas."

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