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Approve \$57,290 Building Permits for Commercial Use Council Provides \$20,250.00 for Streets and Roads in '58

WORKERS ARE SHOWN unloading steel for the new H. K. Porter building on the former J. J. Stewart property. Over 100 tons of steel was unloaded on Wednesday morning (yesterday) as two cranes and a crew of 12 steel erectors were kept in full swing. This photo and the one directly below were taken from the same angle a few hours apart.

Expect 45,000 Haltion Voters

Returning Officer Alex Cooke said this week there were 42,158 eligible voters prior to revising the lists that began this week. It is estimated there will be close to 45,000 eligible voters for the March 21 federal election.

Three Cases in Acton Of Reported Diseases

Haltion County Health Unit announced a summary of reported communicable diseases for the month of February showing a total of 15 cases contracting six types of disease.

In Acton it was revealed there was one case of German Measles, one of mumps and one of Scarlet Fever during this period.

Baptist Ladies' Group Hear Talk on Bolivia

The Women's Mission Circle of the Baptist Church met at Mrs. C. Hall's home on Howford Terrace Thursday evening, March 6th. The president, Mrs. J. Chapman opened the meeting with hymn 485 "Jesus keep me near the Cross" and the Lord's Prayer repeated in union.

Mrs. H. Curtis gave a most informative and interesting resume of the medical work in Bolivia as part of the Reading Course.

Mrs. Jessie Cole gave an interesting talk on "The Church in The Gleanings and Grandmas' Easter Story" after which members joined in a season of prayer, especially remembering Home and Foreign Missions. Roll call was answered by each member quoting their favorite scripture verses.

After a business discussion the meeting closed with prayer. A special hour was enjoyed. Mrs. H. C. Heilig and Mrs. D. H. Hutchison acted as hostesses. A vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. Bullie for loaning her home for the meeting.

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LAST MINUTE RUSH for 1958 markers is pictured outside the issuer's home on Arthur Street. R. J. Hargrave, local assessor reported 450 applicants went through his office yesterday (Wednesday) with 50% from far distant places. Cars were lined up on side streets as well during the day as drivers awaited their turn. The office was open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Plan to Spend \$310,000 On County Roads, Bridges

Haltion County will spend a total of approximately \$310,000 on road, bridge and culvert construction and maintenance during 1958. It was estimated this week as council gave readings to the by-law authorizing the work at the Tuesday meeting.

Road maintenance at \$108,000 is the highest item in the engineer's proposed budget with \$59,000 earmarked for road construction. Bridge and culvert construction was estimated at \$24,000, while maintenance is expected to total \$4,000. Miscellaneous expenditures were estimated at \$24,000.

Council spent \$500,000 on road last year and at Tuesday's meeting gave the clerk and Warden permission to petition the Minister of Highways for the statutory grant available.

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Add In Assessment
An amendment to the 1957 revaluation by-law was read, incorporating the East Flamborough assessment of \$13,346,500 into the figures for 1958 taxation. It meant slight changes in the percentage of county levy each other municipalities paid.

Approval in principle was given the granting of \$1,140,000 to Oakville and Trafalgar over a 20-year period of four per cent to cover hospital debenture grants on the existing 100 bed Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital.

Study Railways
Haltion's new county planning committee submitted a report on a meeting with Department representatives and explained a Department of Highways representative will attend a future meeting to explain its stand on railway crossing protection.

An expert on planning from Great Britain is to attend a future meeting, and members noted Haltion County is also considering a county planning scheme. John Pearson of the Department was present and congratulated Haltion's committee, explaining the group as a "pioneer group" was being closely watched in its progress.

Civil Defence Chief
The appointment of Bogard G. E. R. Smith as part time county Civil Defence co-ordinator was reported by the civil defence committee. A levy of five cents per capita will be made to meet the annual costs for 1958. Appointment of a treasurer for the organization was also suggested. Plans for a county weed essay

contest among grade six, seven and eight public school pupils were outlined in the agricultural committee report which also recommended purchase of 1,000 weed pamphlets and 200 weed control posters for distribution. Weed inspector Vernon MacArthur's plans for the contest include 10 first and second prize municipal winners and a grand champion in the county. There is also a pen and pencil set offered by Warden Card to the teacher of the champion essayist.

In Course Subsidy
Following up on a letter from Gerald Sullivan read at last month's meeting, the road committee proposed a study of the Second Line north of the Queen Elizabeth Way in view of correcting a hazardous stretch of road. The committee also recommended no action on a petition from Wellington County asking a 50 per cent government subsidy on safe driving courses in secondary schools.

Cut Down Fire Loss
District Forester Roy Hummel reported to council that training sessions would soon be established to train personnel in prevention of forest and grass fires in the Southwestern Ontario area not presently included in what is known as "the fire area". He noted Haltion should be interested as the county has 24 wood-working plants employing 636 persons who earn \$1,800,000 yearly and produce four and one-half million cubic feet of lumber.

Re-Issue Permits
Authorization was given the building inspector and town clerk to re-issue 17 building permits to Thomas and Thomas Construction Co. at a cost of \$200 per \$1,000 cost of building.

Prior to approval being given for re-issuing of these permits, council discussed the matter thoroughly and clerk J. McGeachie read a report of the special meeting held by the committee on by-laws and buildings, which was formed this year.

The letter explained the reason for the meeting was to discuss the need of an overhaul of existing by-laws on fire prevention and building construction, including the transferability of building permits and their valid time limits.

The following motion was passed by the special committee:
"Where a building permit has been issued to one party for a building on a specified lot, and this lot is sold to another party, the building permit shall be revoked and a refund of a percentage of building permit cost, equal to time of issue (six months or more months) to six months shall be granted. A new permit shall be issued to the new owner or applicant at the full cost of the permit. The reason for this is to cover administration costs."

Discuss Action
It was recommended further in the report that the 17 permits to be re-issued be transferred from firm to firm at prevailing rates.

Reeve W. Wilson inquired if it was possible to rebate the permit purchaser a portion of his original cost and re-issue the permit at full cost at the time of re-sale.

The clerk explained it was and pointed out the cost worked out at \$25 per month.

Councillor B. Rachlin inquired if it was fair to stop a person from transferring a permit and Mayor W. Cook suggested it was a method to stop trafficking in permits. Councillor Goy's question, "How are we going to control this if we don't have some hold over the builder?"

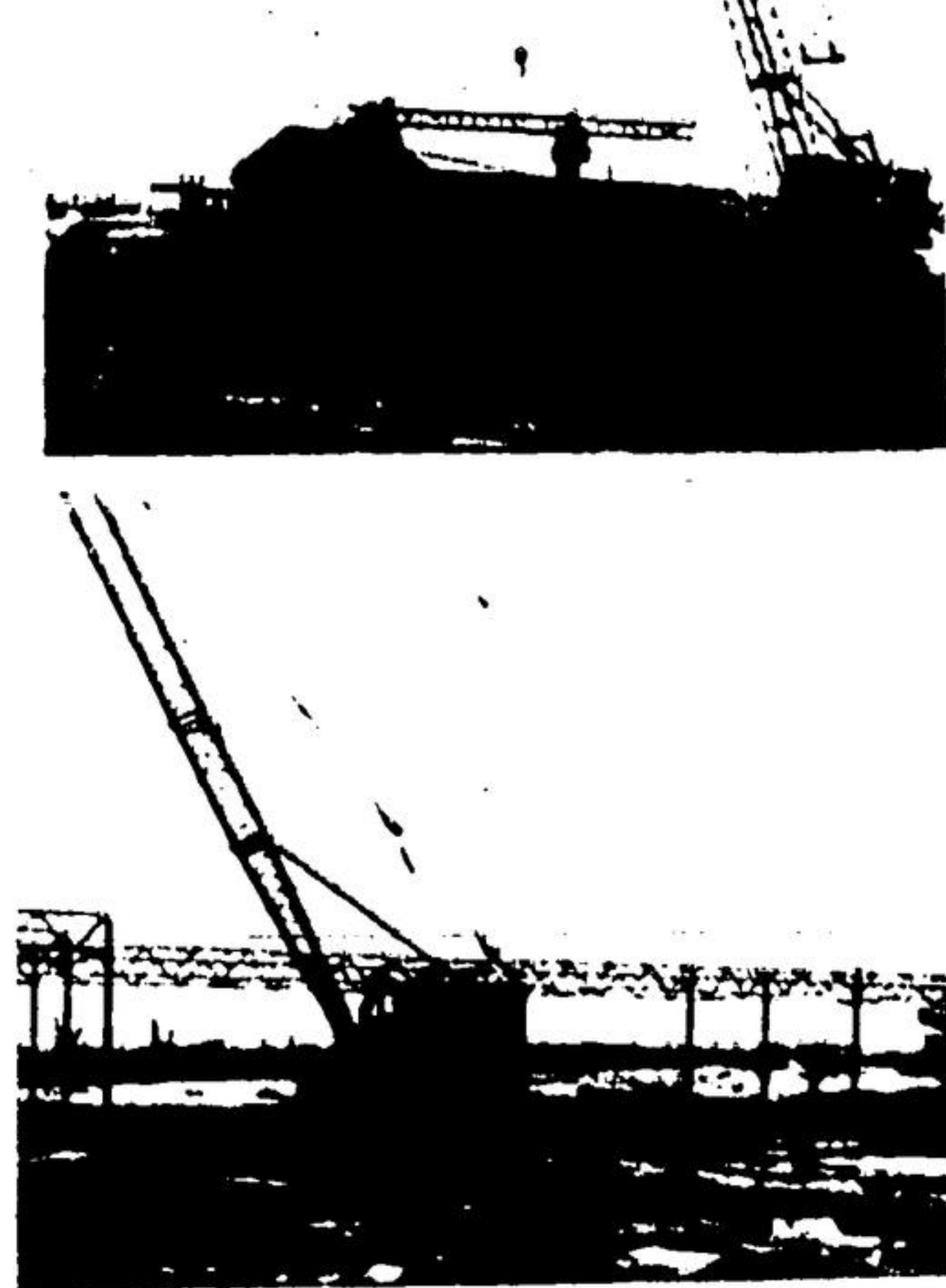
Mr. Rachlin stated that it was up to the building inspector to keep an eye on it once the permit was issued.

The clerk was authorized to have an amendment to the building by-law prepared by a solicitor regarding transferring permits, as recommended by the building committee.

A refund amounting to \$260 for a building permit purchased by S. Brunelle in January of 1958, was authorized, due to the quashing of the fees specified in the by-law. This was the only permit issued at the \$200 rate.

The quashing of sections of the building by-law resulted after Robert Hudson Co. had contested the legality of the by-law in the Supreme Court.

Highway Survey
Council agreed to have the Department of Highways conduct a survey at the corner of Mill St. and Highway No. 25 and at the corner of Young and Queen Sts. A request had been made to the Department to investigate the potholes.



THE ABOVE PICTURE shows the results of three hours work with two cranes and 12 steel erectors. Twenty tons of steel was erected in this time as the skeleton of the new Disston Saw plant takes shape. Supervisors on the job stated a priority would be given the building with an all out effort to complete the job quickly.

Over 100 Tons Steel Arrive on Site Steel Erectors Begin Plant Skeleton

Steel erectors moved into the Wednesday morning (yesterday) and within three hours 12 workers and two cranes had erected over 20 tons of the steel.

George Hatten, erection foreman for Disston Steel Company, contractors, reported that over 100 tons of steel arrived at the site on Wednesday morning (yesterday) and within three hours 12 workers and two cranes had erected over 20 tons of the steel.

Thirty more tons of steel are expected to arrive today and officials of Disston Steel Company and Robertson and Yates Company stated work on the construction of the new building will progress at a rapid rate.

It was further reported the rail yard siding installation is expected to be completed sometime in July and arrangements for the gas installation for heating may be finalized this week.

Recommends County Try New Assessing Manual

County Assessor Ford Rogers recommended to Haltion County council Tuesday afternoon that the Department of Municipal Affairs Manual be adopted for use throughout the county. The comparative new system of assessing all properties is recommended, he said, because Burlington and Oakville assessors were deserting the present county method in favor of the newer method, and two separate assessing systems cannot operate in the county.

Uncontroversial Point
Mr. Rogers noted that for the past three years adoption of the DMA Manual has been a controversial point in this county. He said the urge toward a change in assessing has not been supported by faultily inequitable assessments. On May 14, 1957, the county committee on assessment had favored the present system, 7-1 and the complete council had adopted their suggestion to retain the system.

However, he said, Burlington's assessor had formerly been working with the East Flamborough department using the DMA Manual system, and the 1958 Burlington council had given permission to use the new system in assessing the town. "I am given to understand that the assessment commissioner of Oakville will now complete his plans to assess on the DMA in 1959," he added.

Perhaps Mandatory
Mr. Rogers noted regional offices set up across the country by the DMA would be of assistance to counties undertaking their system of assessing, and hinted of the possibility that in the very near future, application of the DMA Manual will be mandatory. This, he said, seemed to warrant beginning the system on a county wide basis for use in 1959. He said Haltion's remaining assessors had pledged their co-operation in whatever decisions were made.

Reeve William Hourigan of Burlington rose to point out his municipality's reason for changing was that the Ontario Municipal Board had requested changes in assessing and they figured the only way to do it would be adopting of the DMA scheme.

At the suggestion of the Warden, the matter was to be brought to the attention of each municipality.

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\$72,000 Debenture Issue Sold at \$98.26 for School

K. C. Lindsay, Esquire, Township Clerk, this week reported sale of a \$72,000 Stewarstown Public School debenture issue. The 3% debentures were sold at \$98.26 to the J. L. Graham Company and Canadian Bank of Commerce.

The debenture issue covers the construction of the new five town school at Stewarstown.

An original tender of 3% at \$100.47 yield was also submitted by the successful bidder.

Mr. Lindsay pointed out that eight firms had tendered for the debenture issue and six of the tenders on the 3% rate were over \$90.

Construction on the new school began about one week ago stated the clerk.

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A. Pringle, Was Newspaperman Now Artist, Displays Paintings

Acton's first one man art exhibit held by a professional artist drew several viewers from the district on Saturday, March 8, as Alex Pringle of RR No. 1, displayed his oil paintings on Mill Street.

Mr. Pringle, a former newspaperman with some forty years experience, while night editor of the old Mail and Empire, studied art at the Ontario College of Art and later at the Student's Art League in New York City.

The artist is a charter member of Ontario Art Club in Toronto and for fifteen years had considerable success doing posed figures in the school.

Since his retirement from the newspaper business, Mr. Pringle has made his home on the Blue Springs road on the outskirts of Acton and won honourable mention in a poetry contest held in Phoenix, Arizona, while on a visit two years ago.

Plans are being made for an art exhibit in Kitchener and Hamilton, in the near future.



ONTARIO WEEKLY NEWSPAPERMAN OF 1958 was honored during a staff dinner at Hilltop Lodge last Saturday evening. Those who assisted in the presentation are: Mrs. D. Ryder, when members of the Free Press and Canadian-Champion held a surprise presentation for their Editor-in-Chief, G. A. Dills. Mrs. G. A. Dills, G. A. Dills, M. Scoybe and H. Coles.