DISTRICT NEWS

Bigger Georgetown

Allow 582-Home Development

GEORGETOWN — With three councillors still dissenting, the Stewart Home Delivex request was okayed last week when council gave third reading to an agreement by law allowing construction to commence.

The reading followed a defeated motion supported only by Cs. Hyde, Harrison and Elliott that the third reading not be presented until there was a vote of the people as provided in the 1954 Delivex agreement, or until the 1954 Delivex agreement had been complied with in regard to the commercial assessment of the town be fulfilled.

Points in the motion which some opposition was also expressed by those supporting it, Councillor Hyde was spacked a question put to the vote was Tom Ferguson and Humphrey Marten.

During the debate which preceded passing of the measure, C. Hyde who had been an outspoken critic of the Delivex project said he had consulted a solicitor who gave the opinion that the 1954 Delivex agreement had not been complied with in regard to the commercial assessment, as far as the [illegible] ratio was concerned because nothing in the Municipal Act covers such a situation.

It's quite a blow to me to realize the town can't force Delivex to do what they claim, he said and I think the town should get legal opinion as I did before going any further in this matter.

Mr. Harrison said he felt as the council representing the voters and ratepayers have shown that voters are not in favor of going ahead with the outside opinion. The present sewage disposal point is overtaxed he said and any more building should be delayed until the new plant is underway.

I'm not sure Delivex, said Cr. Harrison. I want to know who the town is on the right path, however and I'd like to know if the Municipal Board will sanction septic tanks before we proceed.

Cr. Elliott said council had been petitioned for a vote and if this had been accepted when first requested there wouldn't have been much time lost.

Burlington Has Chair Of Office

BURLINGTON — Mayor Lloyd Jackson of Hamilton accompanied by the City Clerk John Bell, visited the council in much at the inaugural meeting of the Burlington Council in January when he presented Mayor John A. Lockhart with a chain of office last week.

The city originally intended to present the Mayor with a chain of office but as the Chamber of Commerce had already done this Hamilton came forward with the chain.

The heavy chain complete with the Burlington coat and motto Stand Be — arrived a few weeks ago but the official presentation took place with both Mayor Lockhart and Mayor Jackson wearing their chains of office.

Eden Crest W.I. Elect Officers

The annual meeting of the Eden Crest Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. John Turner, Guelph, recently when following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Mrs. F. C. Abram; first vice-president, Mrs. N. Marshall; second vice-president, Mrs. Wesley Dunbar; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. G. Inglis; assistant secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Nesbitt; district director, Mrs. J. Turner; branch directors, Mrs. McPherson, Mrs. A. Gibson, Mrs. H. Walker.

Convenors of standing committees: historical research and current events, Mrs. Boulton; home economics and health, Mrs. D. Kidd; education and citizenship, Mrs. M. Berlanguet; agriculture and Canadian industry, Mrs. E. Perry; resolutions, Mrs. N. Marshall, Jr.

Auditors, Mrs. G. Stevenson and Mrs. Nesbitt; courtesy, Mrs. G. Stevenson and Mrs. A. Gibson; cards and flowers, Mrs. F. Wood; hostess, Mrs. J. Bard; press reporter, Miss M. Berlanguet.

The beaver has been known to build dams in Canada up to 14 feet high and several thousand feet long.

OBITUARY

Widow of Former Minister Mrs. J. C. Wilson Interred

Mrs. J. C. Wilson, who formed Knox Church manse here for 16 years during the ministry of her husband the late Rev. J. C. Wilson, was laid to rest in Fairview cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, April 30, beside her husband who passed away in 1924.

Mrs. Wilson was before her marriage Mary Elizabeth Duff, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Duff of Drayton. She was born at Drayton in 1868.

Mrs. Wilson had been ill for the past five months and passed away in Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Toronto on April 26. She had resided in Toronto for the past 44 years.

Two daughters and three sons remain to revere the memory of a beloved mother. They are: Miss Jean at home; Mrs. J. F. McGillivray (Margaret) of Wetburn, Sask.; Dr. Duff Wilson of Kitchener and Calvin and Finlay of Toronto. Two brothers, S. F. Duff of Calgary, Alta. and W. F. Duff of Saskatoon, Sask., also remain.

Mrs. Wilson was a great helpmate in the pastorates of her husband at Stouffville, Acton and Wetburn, Sask. She was most active in early years in the Women's Missionary Society, other church organizations and in the Red Cross. She was a member of Bloor Street United Church in Toronto and had many warm friends in Acton.

The funeral service was held in Toronto Tuesday evening, April 29 with Rev. E. M. Howse officiating. Interment was in Fairview cemetery, Acton. The pallbearers were her three sons, two grandsons, R. J. Muir, D. J. F. McGillivray and a nephew, Ian Duff of Toronto.

Two Year Term Is Thrown Out

BURLINGTON — One job the Town Solicitor won't be doing within the next week is preparing a by-law to initiate a two-year term for Burlington Town Council.

Councillor Bennett's motion for such a by-law was withdrawn and several councillors spoke against it for introduction at this time.

It noted that Section 77 of the Municipal Act permits a municipality to change their term of office from one year to two years by an ordinary motion in council.

However, I had to introduce the change in two times — with a public plebiscite — finally making it possible. The same trouble arose in Toronto.

Perhaps the moves would be better if they shot it — him and their actions.

Tips on Touring

By Carol Lane
Woman's Travel Authority

A sleeping man at the wheel lets his car wander onto a soft shoulder. A motorist becomes hypnotized by the white line. A drowsy driver nods over the wheel as he approaches a sleep-lure.

These results of driver fatigue are frequently responsible for motor vehicle accidents, according to the nation's safety experts. Even a momentary relaxation of vigilance brought on by physical fatigue can make you completely lose control of your car.

Driver fatigue, with every [illegible] so-called hypnotic of the white center line, the glare of the sun on the car [illegible] windows, a dirty windshield, climatic instability or the pressure to arrive at your destination.

You can combat your own drowsiness when you take your summer trip by stopping frequently en route. To keep myself alert at the wheel, I have devised what I call a 10-minute formula. It's a simple practice which I always follow of stopping the car and relaxing for five minutes every four. It clears away that drowsy daze.

Driver fatigue is [illegible] of the many causes of traffic accidents. The safety women are playing an increasingly important role in educating the public to this and other causes and methods to eliminate them.

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Pits at Lake Superior Are Baffling Discovery

Were the stone pits of Lake Superior built "to combat the Sioux Indians when they were on their massacre tours?" Or were the stone depressions found during the past few years along the Superior coast dynamite storage pits dating back to the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway?

How far do they extend to the east from the Bering Strait where once the Mongolian peoples crossed to North America?

These are questions now being pondered by rangers, conservation officers and foresters of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests who are reporting discovery of new pit in Northern Ontario.

Long Long Ago

Originally the pits, elliptical depressions of about nine by 11 feet, were found beaches of the lake were discovered by Colin MacMillan of Macalbum and investigated subsequently by experts from the University of Toronto and Royal Ontario Museum. The Lands and Forests Department was supplied with photographs and material about the pit and asked to join in the search for others which may establish that the Mongolian people, according to the experts, travelled into Eastern Canada between 5,000 and 10,000 years ago and possibly longer.

Since June, when officials of Macalbum Corporation, the University and the Museum made the first intensive search of the Lake Superior shore for the pits and found nearly 200, Lands and Forests pilots and rangers have been photographing the area and searching for more.

Nomad Shelters?

Only logical explanation for the pits, it is believed, is that they were used as crude and primitive shelter by the nomad from Asia and were built by the Mongols who overturned their skin boats atop the pits and rested, perhaps briefly, during storms on Lake Superior.

Lands and Forests report a pit on north Lameslum Island west of Pacey Sound. It has evidently been there for a considerable period as indicated by the mature growth on the site. There are some stories relating to Indian battles fought at the Lameslum Islands, the Department reports.

Meanwhile, another has been reported some distance up a river in the Pays Plat area. (Most of the ones discovered have been on the shore the raised beaches of Lake Superior.) In the Pays Plat area local Indians say this one and another nearby were built to repel the Sioux. Still another has been found on Pie Island in Lake Superior while another northeast of Red Rock is now under investigation.

Dynamite Cache

A much larger pit found in the Jackfish area is believed to have been a dynamite cache used by railway workers during the construction of the CPR.

Discovery of the original pits aroused such scientific interest that sketches and photographs were sent to scientists in all parts of the world by Dr. J. Norman Emerson and Prof. T. F. McIlwraith of the University of Toronto and by Dr. V. B. Meyer of the Royal Ontario Museum. So far, however, they believe there is nothing exactly to resemble the stone structures in other parts of the world.

Mongols Used It

Dr. Emerson reported to the Department recently that since the early summer exploration tour an additional 100 or more of the pits have been found indicating the Mongols did use the north shore of Lake Superior shortly after the glacial period in their travels to the east. Some of them it is believed remained in the Arctic and eventually crossed into the Eskimo peoples, others went farther south to become the ancestors of present day Indians.

A Place to Call A Home--Board

OAKVILLE — The Oakville Public School Board may come up with an answer to the prayer of Oakville Council — a place it can call its own, a home.

At a meeting of the Board the trustees voted in favor of giving Council a room of its own in the new Elmwood Public School. Superintendent Allan Fish said the room could be used by Council and become its permanent home.

Mr. Fish made his recommendation after Chairman Jack Bedford suggested that Council could use Oakwood Public School as its chambers. He had suggested that a clear night be arranged on which Council meetings could be held.

Seems Stupid

"It seems stupid," he said, "that Council should have to spend rent money or build temporary quarters when they can come down here and meet whenever necessary at no cost. After all we are spending the same tax dollar," he concluded.

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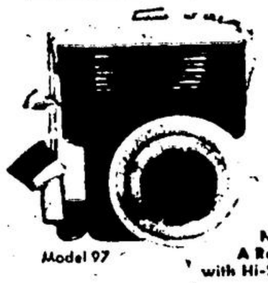

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