

Water Plans

Build Six New Dams Maintain Present Levy

Acton Council Tuesday evening gave their nod of approval to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority for a projected expenditure of \$5,991,820 for six dams for water conservation and flood control. Acton's cost for the projects will not be increased above the present 90 cents per capita levy paid annually the past three years, Councillor H. Lowe opposed the motion.

At the meeting to explain the program were Authority chairman R. K. McMillan, secretary George Bentley, field officer Ted Spensh and Acton representatives R. R. Parker.

Mr. McMillan told council members the authority had been criticized for concentrating too much on obtaining land for recreation parks and not enough on flood control. He explained the costs for such a plan had been excessive and until a project cost over \$5,000,000, grants from the government were not available. "This project is over the estimated figure and we now hope to receive government support," he stated.

over a 15-year period, he said. Dams have been planned for Orangeville, Cataract (near Alton), Silvercreek, Belfountain, Glen Williams and Georgetown. Mr. Parker told council members the authority is not alarmed about the danger of flooding as much as about a possible shortage of water in a few years. By building the first four dams within the 15-year period, over half the water storage problem will be solved.

This 15-year project would increase the flow of the Credit River by at least 75 per cent, which in turn would mean preservation of beauty and water, increasing the supply of water for municipal purposes, control flooding and do a great deal to control and minimize pollution of streams, according to Mr. Parker.

There are 16 municipalities within the watershed and to date, all but one contacted have signified their approval of the project. Mr. Parker explained the reason for acquainting council with the plan was mainly to have its approval in order to approach both federal and provincial governments for grants.

The present population within the watershed is estimated at

106,000 people and the anticipated increase is six per cent annually. The per capita levy for each municipality would not increase to offset costs for the project, he said.

Deputy Reeve William Denny enquired if there would be additional cost for maintenance of the dams and was told by Mr. Parker costs would not be excessive as the authority has already budgeted for this and has its own work crew for this purpose. He stated it is hoped the first dam, to be erected at Orangeville, could be started next year.

Costs of the various projects, including land purchase, development and dam building, are: Orangeville, \$400,420; Cataract, \$1,188,820; Silvercreek, \$2,861,420; Belfountain, \$791,600; Glen Williams, \$1,394,300 and Georgetown, \$1,144,500.

The estimated cost to the authority for construction of the first phase of the program consisting of the first four dams is \$2,853,000. This amount, spread over a 15 year period plus federal and provincial government grants amounting to 37 1/2 per cent each, would mean the present per capita levy of 90 cents could be maintained.

During a brief discussion on the project, members agreed the program was worthwhile and, in view of the present per capita levy being maintained, they gave their approval.

Report from Ottawa

Opening of 26th Parliament

By DR. HARRY C. HARLEY, HALTON M.P.

(Intended for last week)

OTTAWA: The 26th Parliament has now opened.

The first session opened on May 16 on a beautiful, warm, sunny day—a nicer day could not have been picked. The substitute for the Governor-General, Mr. Taschereau, the Chief Justice of Canada, arrived in an open carriage, surrounded by red-coated Mounties on horseback. The honor guard, in bearskin hats and more scarlet jackets, were drawn up in front of the House of Commons. As one can imagine, this very colorful ceremony was crowded with spectators.

The Throne Speech itself was delivered by Mr. Taschereau, alternating French and English, and not repeating either portion in the other language, which meant the delivery time was cut in half, a good precedent to establish on a sultry day in the hot chamber of the Senate.

The contents of the Throne Speech were as expected. They placed first priority on measures to stimulate the economy. A new Department of Industry is to be established in the first 60 days. It is expected that Hon. W. Gordon will introduce the budget early in June. The House of Commons will probably sit until

late in July before recessing for the summer.

Since the election, there have been many matters concerning the Riding that are being considered. Some of these are the disposal of the old Post Offices in Georgetown and Acton; extension of postal services in several areas; C.N.R. problems, such as various rail rates and Milton bypass; citizenship and immigration applications; N.H.A. approval of some building projects; Unemployment Insurance Commission problems. These are some of the things that have occupied my time.

I wish to thank the newspapers in the county who so kindly carry my columns every week. During the campaign, I had many people mention to me that they appreciated these columns as a means of keeping them in touch with what was going on in Ottawa. It was only with the cooperation of the county newspapers that I was able to do this and I thank them for their kindness in the past and for their intention of carrying the columns again.

I would like to remind the constituents of Halton County that you may write me at any time, care of the House of Commons, Ottawa, postage free.

Harley Finds Tactics Differ On Right Hand

By DR. HARRY HARLEY, M.D.

My seat in the House of Commons this session is, of course, now on the right hand of the Speaker, as a representative of the Government. Across the House sit the Conservatives, Social Credit and N.D.P. The lone figure of Dr. Guy Marchais sits in the furthest row of seats from the Speaker, alone and forlorn as an Independent Social Credit, sitting on the Government side of the House of Commons.

I find it quite different from last session. Now during the question session, the questions are directed to our Members who sit in the Cabinet, where last session, we were the questioners. One has to adjust his thinking and tactics, of course, because the new role is opposite as a member of Government, rather than opposition.

On Monday, the debate on the Speech from the Throne began. The opening speech was from the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Diefenbaker, who criticized the Prime Minister. I found that his speech was a disappointment to me. I had heard him in Opposition before and I was looking forward to a fire-and-brimstone speech.

I was to be disappointed, however, as the speech was not of this character. He asked many things of the Government after the first few weeks which had not been done by the Conservative Government during its six years in power. He moved an amendment to the Throne Speech which stated mainly that he felt the Liberal policies would not do as much for Canada as the Conservatives had done in the past year.

Mr. Thompson, the Social Credit leader in the House of Commons, spoke as usual of the responsibilities of Members of the House of Commons. He had nothing to add in the way of legislation for the Government.

Mr. Douglas, the leader of the N.D.P., moved a sub-amendment to the Conservative amendment. This disagreed completely with the Conservative amendment and criticized the Government for its policy on defence and the acquisition of nuclear weapons. Listening to Mr. Douglas, one was carried back to the election campaign. The old arguments, the old clichés were dragged out again after they had been rejected during the election by the people of Canada.

On the sub-amendment proposed by the N.D.P. against nuclear arms, Mr. Diefenbaker spoke against their acquisition, and this time rose to the type of speech I expected of him, but merely restating all the things we heard in the campaign.

The vote on the sub-amendment was very close and defeated 124 votes to 113. To produce the count, the Conservatives and the N.D.P. voted together (exceptions below) and the Liberals voted against the sub-amendment supported in their vote by four Social Creditors and two Conservatives (one of whom was Mr. Harkness).

Thus the issue of nuclear arms which caused the collapse of the previous Conservative government, produced the first major clash in the new House of Commons and almost the defeat of the new Liberal government.

OBITUARY

George Avery Dies in Guelph Was Campbellville Principal

Former Campbellville public school principal George M. Avery died suddenly Wednesday, May 22, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph at the age of 67.

Born in Arrow, Ontario near Kincardine, he had taught school for 10 years in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. In 1919 he married the former Agnes Marsh in Cadillac, Sask. They moved to Guelph, where Mr. Avery worked as a carpenter in the building trade. In later years, he returned to teaching. His last school was at Campbellville Public School, where he was principal. He retired in 1940.

land Light Infantry and in World War II he was a sergeant in the RCAF on the maintenance staff.

Following World War II he joined the Wings Club in Guelph and served for many years. He was an active member of the T.O. Club, holding many positions in the club and did a lot of work for the men at the Eventide Home.

He had attended St. James' Church, and in later years St. George's Church. He had taught Sunday school at St. James for several years.

Surviving besides his wife are three daughters, Mrs. James Atkinson (Catherine), Mrs. Frank Schmidt (Edna) of Guelph and Mrs. William Dix (Hilda) of Fergus; two sons, Robert P. of Guelph and George S. of R.R. 1, Fergus; and 18 grandchildren.

The funeral service was Saturday from the Towell Funeral Home.

Served Overseas

During World War I he served overseas with the 14th High

New Corporal

Corporal Jack Parkinson, a native of Toronto and a 14-year veteran with the Ontario Provincial Police, arrived in Milton last week as he becomes the 22nd member of the North Halton O.P.P. detachment. He joins a Sergeant and two other Corporals, and 18 constables on the force that serves provincial highways and township and county roads in the North Halton area.

Promoted to Corporal May 1 he earlier served with the O.P.P. at Mount Forest, Goderich and Wingham, serving as officer-in-charge at his last post. Married with one daughter, he expects to move to Milton at the end of June.



GEORGE AVERY
Former Principal
Home to St. George's Anglican Church. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

TOO DEAR
A purchasing agent became ill and called in a specialist. "You will it cost?" asked the purchasing agent. "Twenty hundred dollars." "You'd have to shove your price a little," replied the purchasing agent. "I have a letter bid from the subcontractor."

LEGION NOTES FOR BRANCH 197

By George Ware

The regular reminder to all comrades, that the next general meeting is Monday, May 6th at the usual time of 9:00 p.m.

There is no reason why our branch cannot have larger turnouts for these meetings and by turning out, you are helping the branch. So let's start NOW by attending this meeting and keeping up the attendance throughout the year.

Initiations are held at all the meetings, so if you know of anyone wishing to join, bring him along and show him around the branch.

This Sunday, June 2, is Decoration Day in Acton, and all Legion members will meet at the branch at 1:30 p.m. to march to the station. Keep Sunday open for the parade and we'll see you there.

This year we hope for a larger crowd at Fairview Cemetery and hope more of the citizens who watch the parade will follow to the cemetery.

This Saturday, June 1, is the date set for the annual go at darts between Acton and Georgetown. The tournament, sponsored by Labatts, should prove to be as good as in previous years as these two branches battle it out for dart supremacy. It will be held here in Acton at 7:30 p.m.

The branch's entry in the softball league proved they were no easy pushovers this week as the Firemen had to battle all the way for their 4-0 win. Credit must be handed to the coaches for getting these young fellows into a good working team and only time will tell if youth will pay off. Good work, fellows.

The Zone sports calendar shows the next two sporting events are horsehoses on June 8 and golf on June 22, both in Georgetown. There should be a good showing for these events and let's see if we can't dethrone Georgetown in at least one of them.

Tomatoes All Gone

Late May Frost Ruins Crop

An unusual May frost that struck Halton County and other parts of southern Ontario last Thursday evening, ruined several early crops and caused untold financial loss at several area farms.

Early tomato plantings were the worst hit, as the night temperatures dropped to a recorded low of 20 degrees in Burlington. Potatoes, while they were set back by the frost, were not wiped out. Strawberries were just coming into bloom and lost about 60 per cent of their bloom, but this does not mean a 60 per cent crop reduction as the lower blooms may yet save the day for their owners. Also damaged were grapes, carrots, beans and marrows.

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Department of Agriculture office in Milton, reports it was the latest May frost since the year 1956, when the temperature dipped below 30 degrees on April 25. "We usually say it's safe to plant after May 20," he explained.

Reports from farmers throughout Halton and Peel Counties indicated the Burlington-Millgrove area was the hardest hit, with ground temperatures at 20 degrees and about 26 or 27 degrees at the four foot level. In the northern area, however, the temperatures did not dip so low and less crops were affected.

The farmers who sprayed water over their crops during the frost managed to save most of them, Mr. Muir pointed out. But few farms were equipped with irrigation. Smudge pots appeared to have offered no resistance, he said.

It will be two or three weeks before the damage to tree fruits can be assessed. As for tomatoes, those that were planted represented about one-quarter of the county's total crop, and most were planted on consignments

for soup or packing firms who are expected to stand behind the farmers' losses.

John Hutchinson, Walter's Line Burlington, lost 15,000 tomato plants but fortunately, still had 45,000 unplanted when the frost hit. He also lost seven acres of berries, about 60 per cent of his crop, but saved cucumbers and summer squash by covering them with wooden baskets.

Park Booth Opened First Time Sunday

The weather has been too chilly for picnics, but the park booth has been opened up several times for ball fans. The first open day was on Sunday. Tuesday customers were boosted by children attracted by the merry-go-round set up as a bakery promotion.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hatch and Mr. and Mrs. Art Field were operating the booth this year. They are also proprietors of Acton Smoke Shop.

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