



HALTON CLERKS AND TREASURERS, at a regular meeting heard Thomas J. Plunkett, the commissioner who is conducting the Halton and Peel Local Government Review, outline the basis of his studies and some long range views on government generally. Mr. Plunkett is shown here on the right with Acton Clerk-Manager Jack McGeachie and Lionel Feldman, research assistant to Mr. Plunkett.

August Target Date for Needs Study Plunkett Plans March Public Hearings

Target date for completion of his report on a local government review in Peel and Halton is next August, Thomas J. Plunkett, commissioner, told members of the Halton Clerks and Treasurers' Association during a dinner meeting at Hornby Golf and Country Club on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Plunkett announced public hearings would be held, probably in March. Submissions will be welcome at that time from individuals and groups either in brief form or orally. Notice of the intent to make submissions would probably be required by January. It is expected the hearings will be held in Brampton and Milton.

All Inclusive
Reviewing terms of reference of the study, authorized by the Department of Municipal Affairs, Mr. Plunkett noted one was quite all inclusive permitting study of any related matters affecting the local government structure.

Turning to his topic on changing patterns in local government, he emphasized his comments did not relate to Peel and Halton since his study here was just beginning.

Rapid Change
Noting that most government was organized before the automobile he suggested we were now living in an age of rapid technological and social change more rapid than ever.

Reviewing areas of change he suggested boundaries of municipalities will be altered. Urban sprawl has made many boundaries meaningless now. On the structure of government Mr. Plunkett explained the Municipal Act was adopted in 1849 and while it had been amended it still maintained the same basic structure. Other agencies had been added at the provincial and municipal levels in trying to make the rural structure fit urban needs. He indicated there was a suggestion in Canada of larger units of government such as Metro.

Drastic Changes
On the subject of administration Mr. Plunkett suggested it was woefully behind times. "We must work out new relationships between council and its officers," he suggested municipal employees would play an increasingly more important role in advising councils although council's won't have to accept the suggestions.

Dealing with the financial structure of municipal government, Mr. Plunkett emphasized the feeling property tax is inadequate under the present structure. Municipalities are more and more dependent on a host of grants from the provincial government. He suggested he was not sure the solution would be in more grants. Rather he suggested the kind of responsibilities assigned to the municipalities should be re-examined. "It is desirable to have a set of responsibilities that are managed at the local level," he concluded.

"There will undoubtedly be a need for change but what will happen in Peel and Halton will remain a question mark in my mind for some time to come," he stressed.

In a question and answer period after his talk, Mr. Plunkett said he was not optimistic about finding another source of revenue other than real estate tax that could be administered locally. He noted Manitoba, however, levied a flat mill rate on municipalities throughout the province for education and the province made up the balance.

Refuses Comment
He refused to comment on the problem of establishing a regional unit or the major water works program undertaken by the O.W.

Night Classes
Night school classes began in Georgetown last week with 380 adults registered. Among the instructors are two former Acton night school teachers, Frank Black who'll teach oil painting and Mrs. Black who instructs in millinery.

Welcomers
The "Hi Neighbor" service representative, Mrs. Laura Dittich, has begun contacting newcomers to Acton and making calls on behalf of participating merchants and services. The "Welcome Wag" service was previously established here.

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R.C. in Peel County. "I can't start making pronouncements on various projects," he told the questioner.

Asked if Peel and Halton might be considered a pilot project, the commissioner said he would receive his report or recommendations.

LISTEN HERE:
Gordon Sinclair

"KEEP INFORMED..."

Some people disagree with "Six," not many miss his twice daily assault on injustice, hypocrisy and anything else that comes into the sites of his news blunderbuss. Like the best baseball umpire, Sinclair calls 'em as he sees 'em and if toes are trod on... well, that's life. The comment you hear most about Sinclair is "I can't afford to miss him because I never know what he's going to do next." He's heard at 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. (as if you didn't know) — and with his "Let's Be Personal" at 11:45 a.m. and "Show Business" at 8:45 p.m.

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ONTARIO'S FAMILY STATION

Plan First Test Series Driver Education Class

The high school driver education course is well underway with 13 students enrolled. The initial phase of the program has been completed and during this weekend the young drivers will be taking their tests on special equipment loaned by the Department of Transport.

These consist of a vision test to determine sharpness of vision, a distance judgment test, field of vision test to determine ability of driver to see objects approaching from right and left sides, a steadiness test to measure muscular control, glare recovery and night adjustment test and brake reaction time to show the driver's speed of reaction in an emergency braking situation.

In addition to the student driver's being tested, the equipment will also be used by a local car club and anyone wishing a test

may have it without charge by making appointments with Bernie Freuler or Gerry Ockenden.

Beginner's License
Student drivers will be taken to Guelph on Friday to be tested for their beginner's license which is extended in their favor to 120 days instead of the usual 90 day period.

The Driver Educational car will soon be supplied, stated Frank Toth Jr., and will be seen around Acton at various times during the week. If you meet it, or overtake it on the street, please be patient. The young drivers will not inconvenience you for long and they will appreciate your consideration.

There have been many requests by adults who wish to enroll in the course and the board will welcome your interest and advice.

Mrs. Holmes Hostess Devonshire Chapter

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I.O.D.E. met at the home of Mrs. H. F. Holmes, with the reports were presented, with a special display for the Services at Home and Abroad sale arranged by Mrs. Holmes.

For World Affairs Mrs. Force gave an outline of the character of U Thant and the problems confronting him at the United Nations. A particular mention was made of the recent visit of Pope Paul to that body.

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Over 150 See H. and S. Film

Boys from grades 7 and 8 of M. Z. Bennett, Robert Little, Speyside and Limehouse schools (and a small percentage of high school boys), many accompanied by their fathers, were very impressed with the excellence of the film "Boy to Man" sponsored by the M. Z. Bennett Home and School Association and shown by arrangement with the Halton County Health Unit at the Robert Little auditorium on Tuesday, October 5.

The introduction to the film was handled by Phillip Elliott, while closing remarks were contributed by the Rev. Dwight Engel, who thanked the association on behalf of those present for putting on the film.

Special thanks went to the school staffs for their part in

the project, to Mr. Smith for obtaining the film and Mr. Dubois for running the projector.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the meeting by social convener Mrs. A. Cooper and her assistants.

John Barr Promoted Divisional Director

John R. Barr, son of Ernest E. Barr of Acton, has been appointed director of the Division of Sanitary Engineering of the Ontario Water Resources Commission. He was formerly supervisor of sewage works and assistant director of the division of Sanitary Engineering.

He is a graduate of Acton high school and the University of Toronto, is married and lives in Toronto with his family.



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