

Meet Tom Plunkett

Halton-Peel Needs Study Commissioner

Thomas J. Plunkett was chosen last year by the Ontario Department of Municipal Affairs, to conduct a local government needs study in Halton and Peel Counties. Public hearings conducted by the special commissioner were held Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in Peel County, when 11 organizations submitted briefs for his guidance.

Halton hearings begin next Tuesday at 9:45 a.m. in the Halton County Administration Building, and are scheduled to last through until noon on Thursday.

Who is Tom Plunkett? He heads the firm of T. J. Plunkett Associates Ltd. which undertakes research and consulting assignments in the field of municipal affairs and public administration and specializes particularly in the administrative problems of municipalities relative to management, organization, legislation, land development and municipal labor relations.

Since the establishment of his own firm four years ago he has undertaken consulting assignments for municipal governments in nine of the 10 Provinces of Canada and also in the Northwest Territories. He has also undertaken international assignments. In 1960 he headed a team of advisors who, under the auspices of the Colombo Plan, carried out a review of the means whereby the administration of the City of Singapore could be integrated with the administration of the

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new State of Singapore. He has also undertaken an assignment recently in British Guiana involving the establishment of local government and development organization in Mackenzie, British Guiana.

Worked in Glasco Mr. Plunkett has also completed consulting assignments for the Government of Canada and some of the Provincial Governments. In this connection he served as a consultant to the Royal Commission on Government Organization (the Glasco Commission), has completed a study of municipal finance for the Province of Nova Scotia, and served as principal technical advisor to the Royal Commission on Metropolitan Toronto. He is currently undertaking an assignment as a Special Commissioner to inquire into and report upon local government organization involving 17 municipalities in the Counties of Peel and Halton.

Mr. Plunkett was manager of Beaconsfield, P.O., from 1954-1959 and was previously Director of research for the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities. In addition, he has served as a sessional lecturer in Political Science at Sir George Williams University, McGill University and the Université de Montréal. He is a graduate of Sir George Williams University and has an M.A. in Political Science from McGill University.

Author of Report He is the author of "Municipal Organization in Canada" which has become recognized as the definitive work of this subject and is used extensively by municipal officers and universities. It has recently been translated into Japanese for use in a public administration training program in Tokyo.

Mr. Plunkett is a member of the International City Managers' Association, the Institute of Public Administration of Canada, the American Society for Public Administration, the Royal Institute of Public Administration (Great Britain), the Public Personnel Association, and the American Society of Planning Officials.

Poor driving conditions Saturday limited the number of motorists normally pleasure driving, but Sunday's fine weather enticed quite a number onto the highways.

Young People of the Presbyterian and United churches held a joint discussion on morality on Sunday evening.

H-O-P-E Starts April 4

Will Train Retarded Adults In Hornby School Workshop

Long desired dreams of training adult retarded in North Halton will become a reality on April 4 when "H-O-P-E" begins in the former Hornby Public School.

At least three retarded adults, and possibly as many as eight, will begin training "to become better and more useful citizens," Harry Isham, chairman of adult services for the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded reported this week.

Mr. Isham explained H-O-P-E (Halton Opportunity Product Enterprises) will attempt to train adult retardates to do useful tasks, so they might someday be able to obtain a job in industry.

He pointed out at a similar workshop in Oakville last year, two trainees were deemed suitable to obtain jobs and were hired by industries.

Name Manager Mrs. Winifred Isham has been named manager of H-O-P-E and will be in charge of the workshop, which will be open five days a week, 50 weeks a year, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Although it is eventually hoped contracts can be arranged with industries to do jobs, no arrangements for contracts will be made immediately. "First of all we have to find out the potential of the trainees," Mr. Isham said.

"and we'll probably begin with reconditioning lawn chairs and deck chairs and maybe hooking rugs." He indicated that anyone wishing to have lawn or deck chairs repaired might contact him.

H-O-P-E will be located in the former Hornby School on the north side of the Base Line, just east of the Seventh Line, Esquering, and already several donations have been made by individuals and companies which will help the trainees and the manager. A duplicator, a work bench, a tennis table and several types of tools have already been donated and Mr. Isham hopes the next donations will be a "hot plate".

No Salaries Although the trainees will receive no actual salaries, they will have an opportunity to do useful tasks and, it is hoped, "receive a sense of fulfillment."

The County of Halton has agreed to a grant of \$300 per year per trainee and \$15 a month will be paid to H-O-P-E by the families of the trainees. Each month the trainee will receive a "wage packet" of up to \$10 which Mr. Isham explained, "will make them feel as if they are earning something."

Although the school (rented to N.H.A.M.R. for a nominal fee by the Esquering School Board) is suitable for present purposes, it is hoped Mr. Isham said, "that we'll be able to build a workshop in a year or two."

Annual Meeting

Breeders' Assoc. Halton Unit

The annual meeting of the Halton Unit of the COCBA commenced with a banquet at Stewarttown Hall on Friday evening, February 25. Chairman of the evening was Duncan Moffatt, Rockwood, R.R. 2, assisted by Craig Reid, R.R. 6, Milton, president of the Central Ontario Unit.

Craig expressed his appreciation for the support he had received as president on the 20th anniversary of the Unit. In 1965, 118,663 cows were bred, down about 1,000 from the previous year. A large percentage of the dairy herders have left this area during the past few months, due to export demands. The Holstein breed accounts for 54 per cent of the cows inseminated, an increase of 2.7 per cent from 1964.

Discuss Fees The possibility of raising the fees to \$6 per cow from \$5 was discussed. Fees have remained at the \$5 level since the beginning, whereas costs have continued to climb.

The guest speaker was Edwin Harrop spoke on his recent tour of Africa, and stated that it was impossible to have a satisfactory

government in South Africa combining the negro and white. It must be one or the other. South Africa is a very wealthy country with the people living in harmony. Henry Stanley suggested that in order to improve production of milk and beef, the easiest method is to improve the breeding system. This could show more economical returns than improvement in care and management, feeding or disease control.

Craig Reid and Duncan Moffatt continue as the Halton directors to the Central Ontario Cattle Breeders' Association.

Inter-Municipal Rivalry Over Speaker Tells CORDA Meeting

Forty-nine representatives of 11 municipalities met in Richmond Hill last week to consider a proposal for the formation of a four-county municipal league.

The days of inter-municipal rivalry are over, they were told by George Knapton, former Newmarket town councillor, now General Manager in North Bay of a counterpart organization of

municipalities, the Northeastern Ontario Regional Development Association. He cited the closing of the Avro Arrow plant in Malton and its effect on towns for 40 miles around, as an example of local economic interdependence.

The York municipalities were told that a four-county committee of 33 delegates have elected an action committee headed by Pickering and Oakville spokesmen to pursue the matter.

The group tentatively called the Central Ontario Regional Development Association (CORDA) is eligible for a \$15,000 annual grant for operations from the Ontario Government, the meeting was advised by A. H. LeMasurier. He is deputy director, Regional Development Branch, Ontario Department of Economics and Development. It is hoped to organize the CORDA inter-municipal league among the 69 municipalities in Halton, Peel, York and Ontario Counties. Nine other such associations cover the balance of the province.

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Midgets Win Two Exhibitions

Acton Midgets won another pair of exhibitions in preparation for the tournament circuit, one by default.

Georgetown defaulted a game to Acton Thursday on their own ice after a verbal rhuubarb with the referees and Acton whitewashed Scarborough 8-0 Sunday here.

Score was 3-0 for Georgetown midway through the second period when the Georgetown official had a tiff with the refs. He was given three minutes to vacate the arena. He refused so the referees called the game.

Two Acton Teams...

(Continued from Page Four) the winner on shots on goal, 2-1. In the other Pee Wee round, Georgetown whopped Fergus 8-0, as Gord Williams in the home town nets had little trouble in keeping Fergus off the score sheet. Dave Irons and Nino Martina popped a pair apiece for the victors, with Doug Guest, Ken Hancock, Jack King and Alec Ovenden adding singles.

Georgetown 8 — Fergus 0. The Pee Wee final was a study in frustration for the local fans, as Gord Williams, the Georgetown goalie, continually turned aside Acton's scoring attempts. It wasn't until the fourteen minute mark of the final frame that Dale Fisher found the range on a pass from Rod Gibbons. Doug Guest netted the home team's first period goal on a pass from Alec Ovenden, and in the last stanza Dave Irons sandwiched a single between set-ups to Jack King and Ken Sproule.

Georgetown 4 — Acton 1. Bantam Fergus came on in the last two periods to wrest a 3-1 decision from Acton in the Bantam opener.

Gord Lashby opened the scoring for Acton on a pass from Clive Stewart at the five minute mark, but Wayne Dow knotted the count on a relay from Rick Fleming and Ken Middlemiss after five minutes of play in the second stanza. Three frame markers by Dow and Ken Fleming gained the win for Fergus, assisted going to Brian Walker, Mike McCulligh and Rick Fleming.

Fergus 3 — Acton 1. Two shots on goal to one by Milton gained the verdict for Georgetown in the other Bantam contest. In an action packed tus-



COACH ILIO MARZO (left) consoles Acton Bantams after they were eliminated by Fergus in Saturday's tourney by handing out crests. Manager Kerwin McPhail (right) looks on.

le, both clubs hustled to a 2-2 standoff. Dave Ward and Elgin Armstrong were the Georgetown marksmen, while Scott Williamson and John Wheelihan replied for Milton.

Georgetown 2 — Milton 2. Georgetown won the winner on shots on goal" — (2-1).

Georgetown battled Fergus to a 1-1 deadlock in the Bantam championship tilt, only to lose the issue by virtue of a 4-1 shot-

on goal verdict in favor of Fergus. Excellent goaltending was the feature of the contest, and many fine saves were made at each end of the rink. Dave Guest scored the Georgetown tally on a pass from Jack Pegnattell, while Mike McCulligh set up Rick Fleming for the Fergus counter.

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Tyke Exhibition The midway feature of the tournament was a tyke exhibition game between Acton and Georgetown. Georgetown carried a major share of the play but Robin Ince proved to be unbeatable in the Acton nets. Russ Van Fleet netted the lone goal of the game at 14:09 of the middle period, to earn the decision for Acton.

Pounding Sports Beat...

(Continued from Page Four) had their catching hands injured but this hampered them very little. They also performed well.

The score was 2-1 for Georgetown as the game drew to a close but the host town rapped in a pair in the last minute to wrap up the title. A tie would have meant an Acton victory since they outshot Georgetown by a wide margin.

The excitement was intense for the kids, many of whom had tears in their eyes when they were on the losing end. When Georgetown was presented with the Pee Wee trophy there was so much excitement someone dropped it, smashing it into many pieces.

Legion minor hockey officials here were pleased with the Acton showing and were quick to shower praise on coaches and managers who handled the team. Bob Armstrong and Al Irwin coached and managed the Novices who thumped Fergus and made it a close final. Bill Knight, Ken Marshall and Harold DeForest were the pee wee mentors while Ilio Marzo and Kerwin McPhail coached and managed the bantams who bowed out to champion Fergus in the first game.

Of course there were also countless hours put in by the men on the Legion hockey executive headed by Bob Louttet. Bill Buchanan, Charlie Thompson and Ted Pope as well as Bob Buchan moved their beds into the community centre during the weekend.

BEAT BITS ★ The No. 21 sweater which the late Jack (Dang) Kentner wore, as a member of the 1939 O.H.A. champion Tanners was again worn by the Acton Pee Wee goaltender in the four town tourney game. "It's more darn than yarn right now," chuckled Josie Kentner and daughter Mrs. Ken Marshall who were down to cheer the Acton kids on Saturday. Joey Marshall, recovering from an operation to his legs, was the recipient of the Acton prize for selling the most tickets for the tourney. It's the second win in a row for the popular young boy. He was wheeled out on the ice by Ted Pope to receive his prize. Georgetown Raiders edged Milton Merchants 4-3 in front of 1,400 fans Sunday to take the first game of the J. C. group semi-finals. It's a best-of-five. Charlie Thomson is recuperating at home following hospital treatment.

Rural Organizers

In a progress report this week from the Halton County Tuberculosis and Health Association, special thanks were extended to those who organized the rural sections of the county for the mass TB survey. These were Mrs. Ross and Haines of Glen Williams who organized Esquering township; Rev. W. A. Lesman of Campbellville who organized Nassagaweya and Fred Near who organized part of Oakville.

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