

Health Unit's annual report

Lack of staff termed "chronic problem"

Securing and keeping an adequate number of qualified workers for the Halton County Health Unit was termed as a "chronic problem" by former Medical Officer of Health Dr. Archie Bull in his year-end report on 1966 to Halton County Council.

Dr. Bull, who officially resigned on December 31 after 14 and one-half years of service in the county, said, "at some times it was possible to secure a sufficient number of staff but most of the time our staff has been below base line."

He indicated, "no doubt part of the problem is reluctance on the part of elected representatives to spend tax money to pay salaries above those being offered in other areas. Undoubtedly it is much easier to carry on a good program with adequate staff."

The annual report, which summarized all Health Unit work during the last year, pointed out the drop in the number of clinics and the total attendance figure from those reported the previous year was due to the Public Health Nurses being away from work for an eight-week period following their mass resignation in September.

The payment of \$298,741.46 to Health Unit employees and board members accounted for the major portion of the Unit's expenditures in 1966. The figure included \$15,541 for employer paid benefits. All expenditures totalled \$357,602.79 and there was an estimated surplus of \$2,394.16 on the year's operations.

The figures represented a drop of just over \$8,000 under the 1965 cost of \$365,926.61. The number of communicable diseases reported during

the year leaped significantly to 63, 42 over the 1965 total of 21. Biggest single increase was that of scarlet fever and streptococcal sore throats. There were 36 cases reported in 1966 compared to only seven in 1965. The number of cases of infectious hepatitis was also on the upswing, from 12 to 26.

During the year there were 172 child health clinics held and total attendance was 11,144. The previous year there were 208 clinics with a total attendance of 13,468.

In dental care, 7,505 children were treated and 14,950 were examined. Treatment was completed on 8,684 children and the number of teeth needing treatment totalled 22,425.

It was noted the greatest emphasis has been placed on the preschool and the junior grad-

Stop attempt to change county's nurse committee

A bid by Acton Reeve Herbert Hinton to revise the make-up of the county council committee which will negotiate with the county nurses, was thwarted on Thursday afternoon.

Reeve Hinton sponsored a motion at a personnel committee meeting designating the county personnel consultant R. Rae and county solicitor William Sharpe as the only members of the negotiating committee. At Thursday's meeting, however, the minutes were revised on a recorded vote of 25-7. Deputy Reeve Alan Day of Oakville and Deputy Reeve Charles Menely of Milton supported Mr. Hinton's motion.

Reeve Hinton opposed the idea of having the Warden and the chairman of the personnel committee and board of health on the negotiating committee.

At the meeting's end it was resolved the committee would be made up of the chairmen of the two committees, the warden, the personnel consult-

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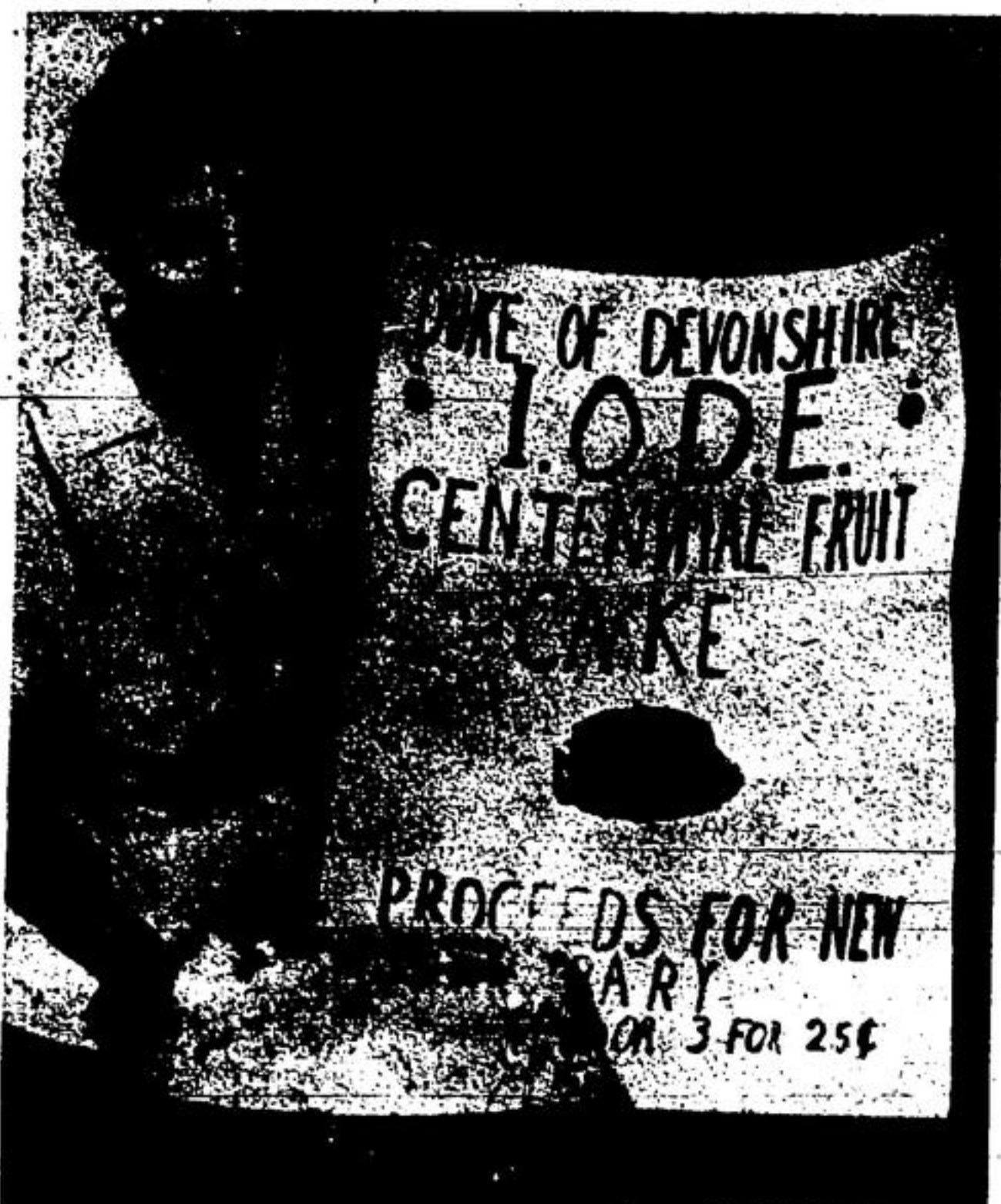
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Problems of flooding answered by Authority

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority has no jurisdiction to step in with preventative measures. Chairman R. K. McMillan told Tom Hill, representative from Esquimaux Township following Mr. Hill's inquiries about flooding at Glen Williams, at the last regular Authority meeting.

"It is up to the Reeve to initiate a plan followed by the EMO if the municipality can not handle the emergency," he continued.

Mr. Hill also inquired about the Glen Williams Channel improvement completed last year by the CVA. Silt has formed an island in the centre of the channel and now the current hits the curve head-on. Field officer S. B. White is to meet Mr. Hill on the site and bring back a report of any action which could be taken.

The members passed a resolution to negotiate the purchase of the Women's Institute property at Meadowvale formerly used as a library. Option is to be followed by appraisals and request for departmental approval. The members agreed that purchase of this property would protect the access to the CVA headquarters immediately across the road.

R. R. Parker, Chairman of the Flood and Pollution Control Advisory Board reported that final engineering plans for the Orangeville Reservoir should be in the hands of the Authority by early May. If no financing problems arise tenders for the dams should be out in June.

The field officer showed the members drawings of the proposed new gatehouse for the Terra Cotta Conservation Area. The entrance to the area will be changed to prevent overcrowding and distribute the parking areas away from the main entrance. The building would provide a park office and staff quarters away from the major crowds in the park.

Following a meeting between CVCA and Township of Toronto, it was agreed that the Authority would study the feasibility of a scheme to relocate the channel of the Credit River at Erindale. Backfill and riprap in the Authority property at the foot of the high bank would eliminate the landslide problem on the rear lots of Credit Heights Drive.

Temporary remedial measures were taken by Toronto Township in 1963 but evidence of slippage is again showing along this bank, above and below the original slide.

The Information and Education Advisory Board has started a program of education in conservation in the schools of the Credit River Watershed. Speakers and colored slides are available to any group interested.

Floors showing CVCA projects are being prepared and will be entered in the Township of Toronto Centennial Parade on May 22. These floats will be changeable and made available for parades in the valley during the coming year.

A seminar, conducted by the Information and Education Advisory Board was held recently at Meadowvale. It was decided to hold two more of these to acquaint the members of the various boards with the work and aims of the CVCA.

U.C.W. unit visits school

Four carloads of members of unit three of the United Church Women visited the Galt Training School for Girls on Wednesday evening of last week. The unit has regularly "adopted" a girl at the school.

The superintendent of the school, Mr. McDonald, spoke to the group and explained how the school is operated.

They were shown the typing room, where they held a short business meeting, the home economics room and went to one of the residences where the girls showed them their rooms and served coffee.

They learned the girls will be presenting a fashion show and some of the unit members hope to return for it. The name of the school will be changed April 1 to Grandview School from Galt Training School.

Mrs. Shields thanked Mr. McDonald and girls and presented small gifts. Mrs. Hugh Patterson on behalf of the group presented a cheese board to Mrs. Dwight Engel, who is moving to Orillia.

Mr. McDonald, who has been superintendent for the past two years, is a brother of Mrs. Wylie whose husband was an O.P.P. officer in Acton at one time.

Let's Play Bridge
by bill coats

Many times when playing a contract at bridge, an important consideration is to whom the lead can be safely given. It is convenient to designate an opponent as a safe and the other as dangerous.

Here is a hand which may illustrate this point. The dealer is West and North - South are vulnerable.

North
S-K Q 3 2
H-K Q 10 4 3
D-7 5
C-J 8

West
S-9 8 4
H-J 8
D-Q 8 4 3
C-7 6 3 2

East
S-A 7 5
H-A 9 6 5
D-10 9 6
C-K Q 4

South
S-J 10 6
H-7 2
D-A K J 2
C-A 10 9 5

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 1H Dblc
Pass Pass Rdblc Pass
2D 2H Pass 2NT
Pass 3NT All Pass

The bidding is very interesting. South makes a take-out double of East's opening heart bid. North, with good hearts, thinks that one heart can be defeated with a trump lead, so he elects to pass.

East's redouble is called a rescue redouble. It asks partner to please rescue to another suit. When West bids diamonds, North shows a good heart suit. A good three no trump contract is reached.

West leads the heart jack and dummy is spread. Declarer must be careful not to lose two hearts, one spade and two diamonds. If East gains the lead too often, he can lead diamonds and get two diamonds for the defense. West is the safe defender, whereas East is dangerous.

In spite of the nice hearts in dummy, declarer should duck the opening heart lead and permit West to win the trick. East cannot afford to play the ace. Now declarer is safe.

If West continues hearts, declarer covers and sets up three heart tricks. If West

10 home permits for Nassagaweya

Nassagaweya Township Clerk Cal McIntyre reports building permits with a total value of \$114,800 were issued during March in the township.

The figure includes 10 houses, a \$1,000 renovation and two small sheds. To date this year township permits total \$392,400.

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