

News of the district

HILLSBURGH

On Sunday evening, December 3, 1967, members, adherents and friends of Hillsburgh Baptist Church met at the church in a special service of worship and to pay tribute to Honorary Deacon Albert E. Awrey and Honorary Deacon George C. Burt. Mr. Awrey has served as a deacon for thirty-five years and Mr. Burt for fifty years. Rev. Archie Goldie, a former pastor, was the guest preacher.

Members of Cubs and Scouts, and other interested parties met at the Township Building in Hillsburgh to organize a Ladies' Auxiliary for the scouting movement in Hillsburgh. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Eleanor Lane; Vice, Mrs. Marg Myette; Sec., Mrs. Arlene Choyne; Treas., Mrs. Lila Leitch.

FERGUS

The Geography Club at the Fergus High School is sponsoring a three-day field trip in mid-May to the tri-town mining area of Cobalt, Halleybury and New Liskeard. The group, with their staff advisor J.L. Dandy of the Geography Department, hope to include in their itinerary a geological tour of the area, an examination of coming methods, not only extraction, refining and certain unique air compressing processes, but also mining lore in the past, including souvenirs, photographs and early equipment.

Comparative figures on the growth of the town of Fergus were given at a council meeting by Clerk David Low. So far this year, permits totalling \$4,674,703 have been issued. This includes \$3,547,483 for industrial and commercial, \$946,300 for residential and \$90,020 for such things as new garages and renovations to existing properties. Last year, the total to the end of November was \$782,915. Of this, \$748,800 was for residential and only \$16,600 for commercial and industrial.

MILTON

Councillor Brian Best pulled an upset in a red hot Milton election battle by knocking longtime mayor Syd Childs out of the chief executive's job by 41 votes. Fifty-four per cent of the Milton electorate went to the polls in the contest which also saw Deputy Reeve Austin Ledwith retain his seat over a challenge from Deputy Reeve C. Meneff, and School board chairman Ron Harris make a run-away for the deputy-reeve's post with a 1252 to 512 margin over Dr. C.A. Martin. Two newcomers, Bob McCuaig and Colin Smillie headed the voting for council followed by sitting member Charles Fay, another newcomer Bill Ferguson and sitting members Percy Barr and Gordon Krantz. /The lone woman to contest a council seat, Mrs. M. Kernighan was edged out by only two votes. Veteran Councillor Charlie Johnson was defeated.

Dates have been set for Ontario Municipal Board hearings on the controversial Burl-Oak airport project. Oakville and Burlington are making separate applications to the O.M.B. for their shares of funds for land purchase. An Oakville hearing has been set for January 9 and the Burlington date is January 15. It would cost each town \$75,000 for its share of the airport which is proposed to be built on Lots 3, 4 and 5 in the Fourth Concession, North Oakville, at Omagh. Both councils have asked the O.M.B. to allow them to pass the by-law dealing with the raising of airport funds without the assent of the electors or those qualified to vote on money by-laws. Oakville Deputy-Reeve Allan Day said he felt it was unnecessary for council to go to the people every time it wanted to spend \$75,000.

GEORGETOWN

If Esquing township follows through with its plan to pull out of the Georgetown fire area, Georgetown may purchase a second fire engine to replace the one the township will move to its new hall. Mayor Gibbons said he isn't convinced the township will have its own department in the near future.

Miss Barbara Pankenin was crowned Miss Georgetown by Councillor W.R. Smith in a ceremony which highlighted the Centennial Ball at Georgetown Golf and Country Club. One of five contestants Barbara received a centennial coin collection from the mayor as well as other gifts from local merchants.

BURLINGTON

A \$2,310,000 capital budget for the years 1968-1972 was presented to town council's recreation and parks committee.

Major recommendations in the five-year budget for proposed capital expenditures call for the construction of Burlington's first two indoor swimming pools as well as the building of two more enclosed artificial ice rinks.

The first pool is slated for 1969 at the General Brock High School site. The second swim facility would be built in 1971 at Aldershot High School. Each pool carries a \$400,000 price tag.

The proposed budget calls for the construction of an 'ice centre' in 1970 in the north-central area of town, and another rink in the Aldershot area in 1972. Cost of each is estimated at \$350,000.

Nearly 80 Golden Age Club members enjoy Christmas turkey dinner Dec. 1



BINGO PLAYERS listen for the calls after the Golden Age Club dinner at the parish hall on Friday, December 1. The Ladies' Guild of St. Alban's church catered to over 80 for the delicious dinner. (Staff Photo)

The Ladies' Guild of St. Alban's Church catered to a bountiful annual Christmas turkey dinner on December 1 to nearly 80 members of the Acton Golden Age Club and a few of their honored guests. The tables were beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme and tall red lighted candles cast a yuletide glow.

Mr. and Mrs. C.K. Browne generously donated all the ice cream for the dessert again this year.

R.L. Davidson called the executive to the head table consisting of Mr. Jas. Rolston, past president; Mrs. Fred McCutcheon, 1st vice pres.; Campbell Agnew, 2nd vice pres. (and his wife); Mrs. Donald Reed, secretary; Mrs. Rolston, assist. secretary; Mrs. Dougald Kennedy, treasurer. Mrs. Davidson, "the better half" sat beside her husband.

Mr. Davidson introduced several members and honored guests including Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw and Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, who have always been so willing to help out with entertainment.

Rev. McMurray welcomed all, then pronounced the Blessing. Mr. Agnew thanked the Ladies' Guild.

After the tables were cleared away Roy Hindley gave a humorous recitation. The Carpenters entertained with several solos and duets and led in a sing-song. Games were enjoyed.

Winning prizes for euchre were ladies first Mrs. Ferguson; second Mrs. R.L. Davidson; men first Mr. Rolston; Mrs. Lambert.

A very enjoyable evening was passed. Unfortunately some members are still ailing and unable to be present.

away back in the days of La Salle and Frontenac before Wolfe gave up his life to take Quebec for the British nation and if they can't teach French, then what advantage in teaching it at all. Better let Quebec go as an independent nation than penalize the whole Dominion of Canada to keep them in Confederation.

Percy Woods.

— Our Readers Write —

GOD DEAD?
Student Research Bureau
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Director,
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ABOLITION AND FRENCH

Sometimes when you listen to the news from radio or T.V. you have to wonder what kind of men comprise the great body that sit in the Canadian Parliament at

Ottawa. Back a matter of some 10 years ago, two men paid the supreme penalty for murdering a policeman.

One of them took 25 minutes to die. That to some people was an awful thing. It started a wave of abolition of the death penalty. Nobody thought of the days and days Sergeant Tong laid and suffered before he died.

Then Wilfred Coffin shot and killed three men in the northern bushlands, took their possessions, never once said he did not kill them but the kind hearted abolitionists brought out a plea that he might be innocent and that he should not have been punished for it.

Then Peter Truscott was tried and convicted for the murder of a teenage girl. Years later some woman wrote a book claiming he did not get a fair trial. Did she write that book to get fame or was it because of a desire to see Peter Truscott get justice, claiming he did not get a fair trial. If the trial was unfair the fault lays with Canadian Justice.

Bills to abolish capital punishment have been introduced in parliament. At least one came

before the house to retain it only in case a police officer or a prison guard was shot or killed.

Now I have all the regard for policemen and prison guards, but I think that a policeman with a gun in a holster at his side, handy to reach, should not get any more protection than the unarmed citizen. A policeman chasing an armed bank robber or prison guard knows what he is up against.

A little girl on her way to school is not supposed to know that under a bridge or behind a tree, there may be a human fiend lurking there to leave her dead and outraged for her heart-stricken family to mourn over and pay taxes to feed and clothe the heartless wretch that caused it all.

Now we have a conflag on for the French language with a brilliant idea to go to France for teachers.

Now there have been people of French descent in Canada speaking the French language since

Jail gets blast — again called cramped, crude

Halton's antiquated county jail in Milton must be getting used to criticism. Another grand jury levelled another blast at it again last week, following an inspection during the supreme court winter assizes.

The jurors found it "cramped, badly lit, suffering from crude sanitation and inadequately served for libraries and recreation." They urged the construction of a new jail as soon as possible.

A new one is on the drawing boards, but when it will be built is still anyone's guess. It will be a regional detention centre serving Halton and Peel Counties and the site selected is on the Ninth Line at Highway 401 in

north Oakville.

Halton and Peel County Councils were working on the project, in co-operation with the Department of Reform Institutions, until a few months ago when the province announced it would take over complete charge of all reform institutions, including the new detention centre.

The grand jury's report was presented to County Judge Alan B. Sprague and will be passed on to Halton County Council for consideration.

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Schedule inquest in train fatality

An inquest into the death of four teenagers who died in a tragic car-train accident near Campbellville, Nov. 25, will be held Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. at the Court House on Brown St., Milton. Crown Attorney Peter K. McWilliams will conduct the inquest.

The four boys, all 17 years old were Lorne Miller, Ronald Boers and Terrence VanBuskirk, all of Campbellville and John Newell of Kitchener, formerly of this area.

They were killed when the car they were in, a 1938 Plymouth, rammed into the side of a train at the Canadian Pacific crossing on the First Line of Nassagaweya north of Five Sideroad.

Name first women Ambulance group

Mrs. Altes Bogue, owner and president of Royal City Ambulance, Guelph, which has an Acton contract, is the first woman to the executive of the Ontario Ambulance Operators' Association. She was elected vice-president at the annual meeting in Oakville.

LONELIEST DAY

For those in prison, Christmas may be the loneliest day of the year. Yet the visits and gifts of Salvationists bring a measure of cheer and comfort — perhaps, even the courage to start a new way of life. More than 42,000 men and women in correctional institutions are visited each year by Salvation Army members.

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