



ENCASED IN ICE, the dredge cleaning Fairy Lake sits offshore waiting for ice to break up when it can continue the job it started during the summer. (Staff Photo)

## New steel desks for town office

The renovated town offices in the Y.M.C.A. will have at least some new furniture, council decided at the last regular meeting. They passed a resolution authorizing purchase of three steel stenographer's desks and chairs and a desk and chair for the assessor. Estimated cost of the furnishings is \$1,000.

Opposed to the motion was Reeve Hinton who felt the items should be budgetable, dealt with on the basis of ability to pay.

"It's time the town office had a crack at the town funds," he admitted, "but it should carry its own weight in the budget." "It poses some interesting estimates on what's going to happen to the mill rate this year," commented the reeve.

"Well, Mr. Gloom!" exclaimed the mayor, "a trifle annoyed at the reeve's observation."

"We should take another look when we see the budget," the reeve went on.

"Ridiculous," snorted Councilor Charles Perry. "You're going to have a new office and a bunch of junk in it! How much is it going to cost?" The clerk

worked it out at \$997.50, including sales tax but Mr. Hinton felt several extras would be included.

"Over the years we've had problems in the works department bringing equipment up to date but through persistence it was done," admonished the mayor. No. 2 committee decided the office needed new equipment and it's got to be done he intimated. "The reeve has one point well taken," admitted the mayor, "it's the effort of all to spend money in the right place."

"The office has never taken snow blowers and then, throw them out either," charged the reeve. "Past councils have. The office has received no recognition. By the same token you don't go for everything in one year."

"If you open a new office you must have furniture in it," remarked Mr. Drinkwater. "You discuss a \$300,000 school, a \$50,000 library with no trouble but when it comes to \$1200 you renege," he charged the reeve. "We can't deprive the town of things we need."

Mr. Hinton said he was concerned the mill rate would go "hog wild" this year since even government was backing up.

Clerk-administrator J. McGeechie, sitting back listening to the exchange of ideas, said the reeve was prematurely alarmed at this year's budget. "Several items in the budget will be lower this year, (before) payments drop and there could be a fair surplus from 1967." He reminded the reeve present furniture in the town office was a hodge-podge picked up in second hand stores.

"When will the town offices be ready for occupancy? In about three weeks," said the clerk. For Councilor Earl Maslango, the matter of how furniture was cut and dried. "When people buy a new house they don't sleep on the floor," he observed.

The reeve's attempt to refer the new furniture purchase to the budget committee as an amendment was lost. Council passed the original motion with the reeve the only dissenting vote.

## Garbage on roadsides brings police warning

Several complaints about people dumping garbage on township roads in north Halton have been registered with the Milton Detachment of the O.P.P. The O.P.P. patrol all township roads in Esqueving and Nassagawaya.

"Section 98 of the Highway Traffic Act deals with littering the roads, and a penalty for this offence is up to \$50 for a first

offence," Sgt. C. J. Parkinson warns. Residents should visit the townships' garbage disposal areas during open hours or make arrangements for the sanitary disposal of garbage.

Frozen foods were invented by Charles Hirtz who discovered that for the best results food had to be frozen fast.

# BELL LINES



by L. G. Denby  
your telephone manager

Have you ever spent timelessly frustrating time searching around through stacks of old papers, (diapers or matchbook covers for a telephone number) that you wanted to keep and now need? Then, sometimes you're lucky, you find it written on a crumpled grocery list or envelope panel?

Well, it's really easy to keep all those important numbers all in one place and close to the phone. We've redesigned our handy booklet in which you can keep all your telephone numbers and it's called the Personal Directory. It's smart and modern looking, though compact in size, and it's large enough to hold all the numbers that you call frequently. It has space for names, addresses, Area Codes and telephone numbers.

Just inside the front cover is a special spot for emergency numbers. It might be a good idea to note your Municipal or Township Office, Police and Fire numbers here. And we've included space for important dates you want to remember, such as birthdays and anniversaries. I'd like you to have your free copy, for I'm sure you will find it as convenient as I do. Just call our Business Office and we'll be happy to send you one — or two, if you need them.

And while I'm talking about telephone numbers, perhaps it's the right moment to include a reminder of a special number list. When you're going out for the evening, here are a few suggestions that may help you and the baby sitter relax.

Take a few moments to write down the names and telephone numbers of the places you are going and the approximate times you'll be there.

Have emergency numbers, including the family doctor's, written down, too.

Chances are the baby sitter will never need the list, but you and she know it's right beside the phone if needed. Having taken these precautions, step out and have a relaxing, fun-filled evening.

Recently we heard about a telephone repairman who had been up a pole doing some work on the telephone line. When he started to come down the pole, he saw a large, ferocious dog growling and waiting for him on the ground. The repairman didn't panic. Instead, he just climbed back up, hooked onto a line and called the police on his test set. An officer came, pulled the menacing Rover away, and the telephone man climbed down in safety. This is just another example of how people get help quickly and easily with their telephone!

*Lloyd Denby*

## Halton Mutual returns officers

# \$42,633 claims; company shows profit

Directors and shareholders of Halton Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Campbellville, looked back on an excellent year during the company's 78th annual meeting held in Acton Library recently. While claims totalling \$42,633 were paid during 1967, the company showed a net profit of \$45,966. There are presently 2,066 policies in force with a total insurance value of \$37,812,553. The surplus fund has been built up to \$178,746 and assets currently total \$267,935, the meeting was informed.

Officers were all returned for 1968. They include president Lorne E. Chamberlain of Hornby, vice-president Thomas J. Brownridge of R.R. 2 George-

town, secretary-treasurer A. T. Moore of Campbellville and inspector Robert W. Shortill of Milton.

Directors for 1968 include H. Craig Reid and Norman Cantelon of Milton, James T. Fisher of R.R. 3 Georgetown, Cameron M.

Kitching of R.R. 2 Rockwood, Calvin J. Aitken of R.R. 3 Acton, R. M. Bardon of Hillsburgh, and E. Ross Segsworth of R.R. 2 Burlington.

Largest single claim in 1967 was a \$16,163 loss of a barn and implements by fire in Esqueving Township. Claims were paid for fire losses, damage and thefts. Among the claims were payments totalling over \$2,600 for 19 farm animals killed by lightning, including cattle and pigs.

Drug Directorate has been given authority to increase its staff to make the necessary inspection services on imported drugs available. The Government has agreed, because of the very real concern over the question of safety, that they will very carefully study any proposed amendments made by any Member of the House of Commons.

## Harley to Halton

by Harry Harley M.P.

At the present time the House of Commons is considering the Income Tax Act which will implement the Mini-Budget proposed by the Minister of Finance the Honourable Mitchell Sharp,

sometime ago. The following week will see consideration of spending estimates of various Government Departments which is expected to take up all of the next week.

## Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

What do you do if the opponents bid your best suit before you get a chance to? If you are a good player you pass reasonably quickly and hope that partner will help you out. This hand was dealt at the Acton Bridge Club last week.

The dealer is North and North-South are vulnerable.

NORTH  
S - 97  
H - A J 3  
D - K J 4  
C - J 10 8 6 4

WEST EAST  
S - 52 S - A J 10 8  
H - Q 9 7 5 2 H - K 6 4  
D - 10 9 6 3 D - Q 8 5 2  
C - 9 7 C - K Q

SOUTH  
S - K Q 6 4 3  
H - 10 8  
D - A 7  
C - A 5 3 2

The bidding:  
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST  
Pass 1 S Pass Pass  
2 C Pass 3N, T, All Pass

Opening lead - 5 of hearts.

Both East and South have fine hands but East managed to bid spades first.

There is nothing that South can do but pass. I sat North and when the bidding returned to me I

wasn't prepared to sell out cheaply. I really should double but I decided, since we were vulnerable, to bid clubs.

South came to life and took a chance on three trump. Little did South realize that the most valuable card in his hand was the heart ten.

The opening lead was ducked in dummy and East won with the King. Faced with leads up to ten aces in dummy in the red suits, East got off the lead with a spade, won by declarer. The club ace was taken and a low club was led. East won and again led a spade won by South.

Declarer led a heart and finessed, winning the trick. The heart ace was taken and dummy's clubs were run. Poor East had to find three discards. One diamond and one spade were easy but what about the third discard?

Finally East parted with a diamond and declarer had no trouble winning three diamonds. We were the only pair to be in game. One pair passed out one spade which went down two for a top to East-West. Other North Souths played in clubs making three or four. At duplicate no player in North's seat would sell out to one spade on ten points.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, Jack Coats and Bill Coats; second Mrs. P. Jeffares and Cam Sinclair; third, Mrs. Kay Campbell and Mrs. Mary Manning; fourth Mr. and Mrs. F. Hampshire.

## Can attend most meetings

Councillor Bill Williams, at his first council meeting since he resigned and subsequently returned to the post, notified council he would now probably be able to attend most meetings.

His employer read of his plight in the paper and granted permission to attend regular committee and council meetings. Mr. Williams thanked council for their consideration and made it clear there had been no pressure from Dr. Oakes for him to return. Dr. Oakes was delegated by council to review Mr. Williams' resignation with him.

The human body has approximately 2,500,000 sweat glands with about 2,500 per square inch on hands, forehead and the soles of the feet where they are most numerous.

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