

News of the district

Endurance by walker, mayor

GEORGETOWN — Eighty-year-old Charlie Burns walked the 30 miles of the recent Oxfam Walk, scarcely winded, not once but twice.

A week before the Oxfam stroll he accidentally strolled the entire route — but in the wrong direction. When he found out his route was that of the marathon he decided to enter the official list.

"It's a small day when I don't walk 15 miles," the veteran stroller confessed.

Mr. Burns has never owned a car. Obviously, he has no need for one, comments The Georgetown Herald.

Georgetown's 17 man police force has been formed two over the strength needed by some councillors. Mayor Joe Gibbons defended the force's present strength and budget as well as his council record when he was challenged to resign over the issue.

The mayor said the 17 man force was necessary because the Ontario Police Commission insisted there be one man for every 750 population. Defending attendance at meetings Mr. Gibbons said he had never missed a regular council meeting in seventeen and a half years as mayor, nor had he ever been late. "I never saw fit to get up and leave when things got rough, either," he added.

Reeve Hunter said Burlington only had one policeman for every 1,200 population.

Challenged to answer five questions on the police budget or resign, the mayor stated flatly he wouldn't resign.

Milton Kinsmen fold up

MILTON — After 13 years of successful operation in Milton, during which time members estimate they have raised about \$30,000 — all of which has been poured back into the community in the way of financial assistance to dozens of worthy causes — the Kinsmen Club of Milton is surrendering its charter and closing down the club's operations.

President Dan Pegg blamed a lack of membership for the service club's demise. "At the present level of active membership, the club is no longer in a position to function. Unfortunately, a ready solution to the problem is not apparent," he said.

Milton Chamber of Commerce voted to scrap the store hours by-law to halt the dollar drain from the Main St. business section. Several members in fact, expressed a feeling the day was soon approaching when stores would have to be open six days a week as well as Thursday and Friday nights.

Chairman of the Chamber John Bartlett said the need for consistent store hours is evident — five shopping plazas, all with more than 40 stores, built within 15 miles of Milton by 1970. Burlington Mall is the first of the five complexes. It will be open September 10.

Taxes not as bad as expected

FERGUS — The waiting is over and the news about the 1968 tax rate for Fergus isn't as bad as people expected. Reeve W. K. Denny announced that in spite of a 6.3 mill increase this year on residential taxes for public school supporters, the new shelter exemption help from the Ontario government will mean that those homeowners with an average assessment of about \$3,500 will actually pay about \$30 less on their tax bills this year.

The actual tax rates for 1968 are: Public school supporters — residential 99.50; commercial and industrial 109.67; separate school supporters — residential 110.30; commercial and industrial 121.67.

Last year, the rates, in the same order, were: 93.20, 101.70, 105.20, 115.00.

An average householder with a \$3,500 assessment will have a \$22 increase in taxes.

U. of G. conducts study in Eden Mills

GUELPH — A 10-year study of the earth's water resources and their management, the International Hydrological Decade, has been commemorated by the issuing of a new postage stamp.

Two projects being conducted by the University of Guelph's department of agricultural engineering are tied in with the world study.

R. W. Irwin, associate professor in agricultural engineering, explained the experiments, one in Eden Mills and the other near the junctions of Highways 86 and 7.

The Guelph tests are designed to measure the water running off a square mile of land that forms a natural watershed in the agricultural land north of the city.

Prof. Irwin said that his department is attempting to measure the change in the amount of water that is discharged from the surface of the land as it is developed from agricultural to urban industrial use.

Data from this test is expected to prove extremely useful in the design of sewers and gutters for cities of the future and will act as a guideline for all projects involving the general handling of run-off water.

The Eden Mills project is a joint venture with the botany and soils department of the U. of G. to study both the quantity and quality of the Blue Springs Creek watershed, considered to be typical of most rural drainage areas.

With the Ontario Water Resources Commission measuring the quantity of water in wells in the area and the agricultural engineering department measuring the flow in the creek, a true inventory of both the quantity of water and its rate of removal from the land can be compiled.

The water quality and the degree of pollution will be determined to round out the complete picture on this watershed.

The International Hydrological Decade, officially launched in 1965, by the United Nations Scientific and Cultural Organization, is of special concern to Canada, the country that is estimated to have one-seventh of the world's fresh water in her lakes and about a tenth of the world's fresh water in her rivers.

Of the world's total water supply, an estimated 97 per cent is in the form of sea water. Another two per cent is immobilized in polar regions and glaciers. From the remaining one per cent man depends for his fresh water.



FOREIGN STUDENTS from India look on as Frank Papillon pieces together the various sections of leather to show from what area of the original hide they came. The students toured Micro Plastics, Beardmore and Co., and a farm when they were in Acton, guests of United church families. (Staff Photo)

Sand beach, new trails, dock Rockwood park improvements

A record number of visitors is expected this year at the six major recreation areas operated by the Grand River Conservation Authority, Lake Bolwood, near Fergus; Byng Island, near Dunnville; Lake Conestogo, near Elmhurst; Elora Gorge Park at Elora; Pinehurst, between Galt and Paris, and Rockwood, east of Guelph. The parks are now open for the summer.

Last year about 250,000 people visited the parks and paid \$101,000 in admission and camping fees. Receipts last year were 25 per cent higher than in 1966.

The authority is planning to spend about \$280,000 on improvements to the six parks.

The beach area at Rockwood has been increased in size by about four times with fresh sand and sodded slopes leading to the beach. Other work in the \$15,000 program includes road improvements, new trails, a dock, provisions of water supply to the camping area and reforestation.

Elora Gorge Park, the most popular of the six areas, will have an \$80,000 beach house added to existing facilities. It will include showers, change rooms, washrooms and concession facilities.

The beach house will embody a new design which will be used in all future buildings erected in authority conservation areas. The new design will result in

buildings blending into the surrounding landscape and create an architectural character for authority buildings.

The beach area at Elora will also be extended and camp area roads will be surfaced.

At Bolwood, \$10,000 will be spent on road improvements and another \$15,000 on general work, including hard surfacing of the boat launching area.

A new dock and boat launching facilities are under construction at Lake Conestogo, where \$56,000 is being spent this year. Rebuilding and surfacing of roads and some reforestation are also planned.

The \$54,000 earmarked for Byng Island will be spent on improving the water supply, a new footbridge, a new concession booth, improvements to the Sulphur Creek channel, and purchase of additional property for future expansion.

A camp washroom will be built at Pinehurst in addition to road and water supply improvements included in the \$41,000 budget.

The admission charge to authority park areas is \$1 a car. A season's permit may be obtained for \$10. Camping fees are \$1.50 a day, plus park admission.



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Set Nassagaweya rate increase 9 to 18 mills

A record 1968 budget was finalized last night (Tuesday) by Nassagaweya Township Council. Slightly changed from the forecast figures printed two weeks ago, but still representing a nine to 18 mill increase for township taxpayers this year.

Since earlier budget predictions of a 10 to 16 mill increase, Council has received C.M.B. approval to transfer \$15,000 from its capital reserve fund to offset increases in general township expenditures for 1968.

Major increases in the budget is still attributed to the education costs. The township school area board requires \$181,492 from township ratepayers this year; Milton high school \$69,476 and Acton high school \$19,992. Other expenses include County \$34,417; township general \$28,515; township roads \$52,108; Eden Mills \$1,540; Campbellville \$2,801; Acton fire area \$3,286; Milton fire area \$5,833; and separate schools \$933.

Total general and roads expenditures this year were \$172,987, with anticipated revenue of \$97,380 leaving a balance of \$75,607 to be raised by taxation. The road costs take up \$105,100 this year, the largest single item in the portion over which the council has control.

The Acton fire area rate is the only decrease in the township's budget this year. It is down .40 mills from last year.

Ontario's new basic shelter

grant will help to offset the tax increase this year. It is estimated to be worth \$30.82 in the Milton end of the township and \$30.51 at the Acton end. Councillors agreed a letter should go to all taxpayers, explaining the increase and the shelter grant.

The following is a table showing the combined rates as they will affect those in the various areas of the township:

	1967	1968	Increase
A.H.S. & A.F.A. Residential	63.22	71.49	8.27
A.H.S. & A.F.A. Commercial	70.55	80.56	10.01
A.H.S. & M.F.A. Residential	60.97	70.77	9.80
A.H.S. & M.F.A. Commercial	69.30	79.84	10.54
M.H.S. & M.F.A. Residential	56.55	73.26	16.71
M.H.S. & M.F.A. Commercial	64.39	82.61	18.22
M.H.S. & A.F.A. Residential	57.80	74.02	16.22
M.H.S. & A.F.A. Commercial	65.64	83.37	17.73
Campbellville P.V. Residential	55.70	71.67	15.97
Campbellville P.V. Commercial	63.54	81.02	17.48
Edon Mills P.V. Residential	64.91	78.44	13.53
Edon Mills P.V. Commercial	73.24	85.51	12.27
Separate School Residential	56.55	73.26	16.71
Separate School Commercial	64.39	82.61	18.22

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McQuaide's — 2-pie Pkg. — Heat & Eat **MEAT PIES 4 for \$1**

FRESH PRODUCE DAILY

U.S. No. 1 — Large Heads **LETTUCE 2 for 39¢**

U.S. No. 1 — 2-lb. Bag **Carrots 19¢**

Libby's — 18-oz. Bottles — (Save 15¢) **CATCHUP 2 for 59¢**

Libby's — 20-oz. Tins — (Save 48¢) — Crushed **PINEAPPLE 4 for \$1**

Proctor and Gamble
24-oz. Bottle — (Save 18¢) **IVORY LIQUID DETERGENT 79¢**

Aylmer Assorted — 19-oz. Tins — (Save 10¢) **PIE FILLERS 39¢**

Swartz — 15-oz. Plastic — (Save 35¢) **PEANUT BUTTER 3 for \$1**

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Tree Brand — 19-oz. Tins — (Save 45¢) **TOMATOES 5 for \$1**