

Debate regional government at Urban Board gathering

Regional government figured heavily in discussions at the North Halton Urban Board last week, but members found it a difficult subject to tangle with. The tri-town board members from Acton, Milton and Georgetown all indicated they had not yet had detailed council discussions on the subject.

Board chairman Sandy Mackenzie of Georgetown suggested comments on boundaries proposed in the Minister of Municipal Affairs plans might be a starting point. Mayor Brian Best of Milton stressed the importance of keeping Burlington in the Halton

area and urged other councils to appeal to the Steele Commission reviewing local government in the Hamilton area, to leave Burlington with Halton. He noted Milton is currently serving a major portion of the north Burlington area with fire protection, mail service and telephone service. Two Milton municipal wells are also located in north Burlington.

Deputy Reeve T. Tyler of Acton noted his town's preference for a Halton regional unit rather than Halton and Peel. A gradual transition and change in boundaries was proposed, rather than a sudden upheaval. Deputy Reeve A. Speight, Georgetown said his council was awaiting discussions at a joint meeting with Esqueping and Acton but would prefer Halton to remain as a separate unit.

Councillor Mackenzie suggested Georgetown-like Highway 401 as its south boundary rather than the Aishgroe sideroad as proposed by the Minister.

Mayor Best criticized county council for not having shown more leadership in adoption of county welfare and county assessment, which would have indicated county willingness to enter into more regional-type projects which might have made the move to regional government unnecessary.

Turning to subdivision agreements, Councillor Mackenzie sought discussion on the topic. He noted Georgetown had grown about 15 per cent in the last year and its percentage of industrial assessment to residential was dropping "dally".

Members tackled the subject of capital levies or lot levies and learned Georgetown did not have one. Acton's was discussed at \$500 and Milton's at \$650. Consultants are currently advising Georgetown on the content of subdivision agreements it was reported, because a further major residential development has been proposed which would accommodate 11,000 people.

BALLINAFAD

Scouts camp out in snow trace early history Roszel's

By Mrs. R. Shortall

We are sorry to hear Mrs. Earl Jackson (Mrs. Marlene Drydale's mother) fell and suffered a very bad wrist fracture.

The cubs and scouts with their leaders and some of their parents had a trip to Toronto to see the Ice Capades.

Our Scout group under the leadership of Ernie McKim is having an interesting time this winter. Last weekend they enjoyed a winter camp-out. They went on Saturday and with tents, sleeping bags, tent heater and slept out Saturday night, returning Sunday. The scene took place in Mansel Neth's bush.

A winter camp out earns the boys a badge. The five scouts who took part were Gordon Smith, John Snow, Gregory Snow, Randy Wilson and Donnie Matthews. They enjoyed every minute of this winter camp with leader McKim.

Mrs. Catharine Matthews is now associated with Don Holdst Real Estate of Hanover. We wish her every success.

Mr. and Mrs. Jensen, Lorne and David moved to Acton on Saturday. They have been living in the Snider apartment. New tenants are coming this week.

These Canadian Industry Convention, Winifred Smith took over the meeting calling on Mrs. Ady Kirkwood for current events, and Mrs. Janeson for the topic Mrs. Jesse McEnery gave a liquid embroidery demonstration, giving each one a quilt block to try her skill. A valentine contest closed the program.

During lunch hour, which was in charge of Mrs. Aggie McEnery and Mrs. F. Smith, and exchange of home-made Valentines contributed a merry note. On Thursday night the Scout Mothers held a euchre in the community centre.

Thirteen tables were played. Ladies' first and second prizes went to Mrs. Teneychi and Mrs. Freeman. Man's first and second J. Farnell and Edward Snow. Travelling prizes went to Mrs. Howie came in 1821. On reaching lot 1, Con 7, he met Mr. Roszel who entertained him for the night. Then Mr. Roszel accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Howie who had the deed for lot 21, Con 7 to find their property. He then helped them build a shanty, completed in three days, before returning home Mr. Roszel saw the Howes settled in their crude home.

The Browne Pack met in the church basement Wednesday night with Mrs. Hibbert in charge. The 4H Club met in the Community Centre Saturday morning with all members present. It is with interest we note that our newly appointed warden of Wellington County Norman Roszell is one of a pioneer family, 6th generation who first settled here in Ballinafad.

The following is an excerpt taken from an early history of Erin township written and published by the late C. E. McKim.

"Nathaniel Roszel the first white settler came in the year 1820 and settled on lot 1 on the Seventh Line. The first white child born in Erin township was Benjamin Roszel, father of John and Charles Roszel of Hillsburg. Nathaniel Roszel, who was determined to do his share in populating the land of his adoption was the proud father of 17 children. They were all hard-working, frugal and friendly and did their utmost to assist those who desired to make Erin their future home. William Howie came in 1821. On reaching lot 1, Con 7, he met Mr. Roszel who entertained him for the night. Then Mr. Roszel accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Howie who had the deed for lot 21, Con 7 to find their property. He then helped them build a shanty, completed in three days, before returning home Mr. Roszel saw the Howes settled in their crude home."

This same lot 1, Con 7, forms that corner of Ballinafad whereon the cemetery has its place. He donated this land for church cemetery and other facilities. Here on this same corner are a score of dwellings as well as a lovely new community centre, which situation replaces the old temperance hall and the former Methodist Church.

In view of all this read with interest the story in the Acton Free Press sent in by another descendant of the Roszel patriarch.

OSPRINGE

Ed Stewart takes first in snowmobile races

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson

Murray McKittrick was a member of the Jury for first place in the snowmobile races at Hillsburgh on Sunday. A number from here attended and participated in the events. Symphly is extended to Stuart McKinnon in the passing of his mother, Mrs. A. McKinnon, of Hillsburgh, following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. C. Pinson, 3rd Line, is expected home Monday following a vacation in Mexico. Mrs. Golding, Brian and friend of Toronto visited on Sunday with the former's daughter and son-in-law Aleck and Mrs. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mann, Trenton, are busy renovating their home on the Second Line, prior to moving into it the end of the month.

Mrs. B. Coyle, Toronto spent the week end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Newman.

Mrs. Byron Bruce was hostess for the meeting of the Ladies Aid Mrs. E. Fisher presided and Mrs. H. Parkeat read the minutes. Subject for the devotional was "A Good Samaritan," given by Mrs. Gordon Aitken.

A solo by Mrs. B. Bruce accompanied by her daughter Brenda, was well received. Mrs. Parkeat conducted a contest "T.V. personalities" won by Mrs. S. Fuller and Mrs. B. Clarke.

During the business portion, a hot beef dinner, prepared by the men of the congregation was announced, for early in March. Following the benediction refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. G. Aitken and Mrs. B. Clarke.

NASSAGAWEYA Township Council NOTES

During the February meeting of Nassagaweya Council Monday evening, the Council:

• Referred to Planning Board a number of applications for re-zoning including one from George Goldstraw on behalf of O.K. Van Sickle in the west half of Lot 6, Concession 4; and one from J. C. Contractors on behalf of Ontario Plastics in the west half of Lot 32, Concession 6.

• Received notification from James Robertson of R. R. 6, Milton that he didn't wish to continue duties as a fence inspector.

• Heard from Councillor James Watson about the obstruction of vision caused by Town of Burlington signs at the Base Line-Guelph Line Intersection.

• Requested a grant under the Highway Improvements Act from the Minister of Highways for Nassagaweya's expenditures last year of \$104,065.62 on roads.

• Received an invitation for Eileen W. A. Hoey to participate in a snowmobile race from the mayor of North Bay. The Reeve declined.

Lawson heads region study

Trustee William Lawson was named by the County Board of Education to chair a committee studying the implications of regional government on the newly-formed County Board of Education during Thursday's meeting.

Mr. Lawson noted recent proposals for regional government made no reference to education. He expressed concern that there seemed no relationship between Halton education and the regional development of the county.

The possibility of the Halton Board having to deal with three regional governments, if current plans are finalized, was raised by the Esqueping trustee.

Recommend expanding VON service to five North Halton municipalities

Members of the North Halton Urban Board will urge their municipal councils of north Halton to give serious consideration to the establishment of Victorian Order of Nursing service in the area.

The resolution of recommendation came after representatives of the VON outlined the service, an estimate of the costs, and the possibility of the present Oakville branch extending to cover additional areas in the county.

L. L. Skuce, a director of the Oakville Branch, explained to the representatives of Georgetown, Acton and Milton councils that the Oakville branch was not pressing to extend the service, but was willing to co-operate in meeting the needs of the area.

Miss Jean Cline representing the VON outlined that the order carries on skilled nursing care in the home on a visit basis. The availability of the service frequently permitted patients to be discharged from hospital sooner for home convalescence periods. The service is available regardless of ability to pay, on a 24 hour, seven days a week basis.

VON is not in conflict with programs carried on through health units where the emphasis is on preventative work. The work of the VON is carried on under local boards who are responsible for obtaining the

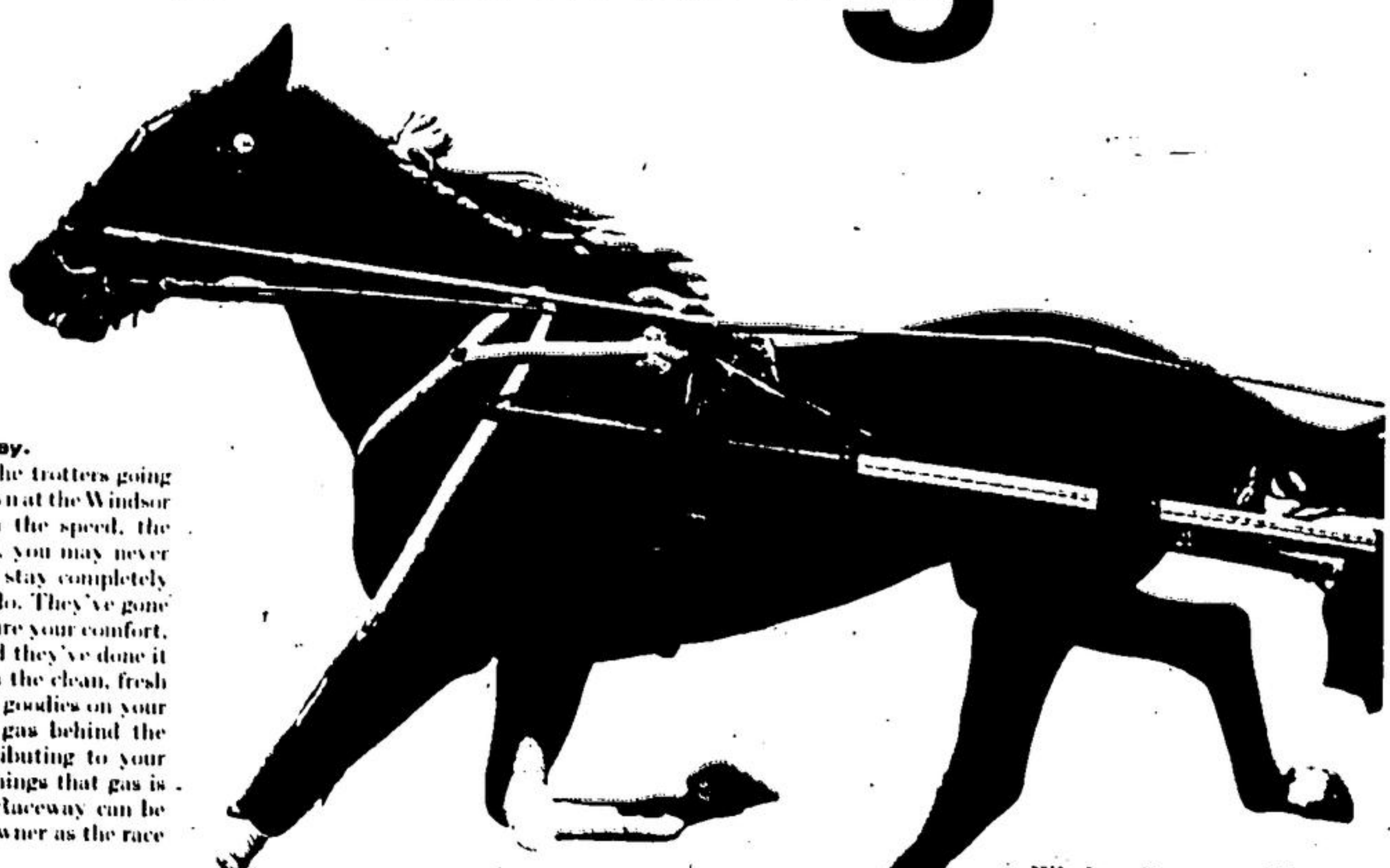
operating funds. The cost per visit is calculated each year and is waived or reduced where patients cannot meet it.

Projecting the costs of extending VON service to north Halton municipalities, Miss Cline suggested a budget of \$5,000 would cover operations from April to December if the plan was inaugurated. She suggested this might be broken down at 10 cents per capita for participating municipalities. A car is often provided by a local service club, she noted.

A sub-office would possibly be required in Milton or Georgetown with a main office in Oakville, Miss Cline suggested. Estimated costs to municipalities would be Acton \$460, Esqueping \$860, Georgetown \$1,451, Nassagaweya \$304 and Milton \$672. It would be possible to offer the service in the urban municipalities only, if the townships did not care to participate Miss Cline said in reply to a question.

Asked to define the difference between VON and Homemakers service, Miss Cline noted VON nurses are qualified registered nurses, many with public health qualifications. A Homemaker is one who comes into the home, often while the father works, and cares for the home until the father returns. Board members later agreed to have a representative of the Department of Welfare speak to the Board on establishment of Homemaker services, but in the meantime to recommend to each council serious consideration to the adoption of the VON service.

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