

NEWS of the district

House price tag

OAKVILLE—Oakville Real Estate Board is disputing claims that the average home price in that town is \$33,546. The \$33,546 figure appears in a report prepared by the Canadian Association of Realtors. The board says the average price of 131 resale Oakville homes thus far this year is \$30,118. Lowest priced subdivision homes are listed at \$27,300.

Full time mayor

BURLINGTON—Mayor George Harrington of Burlington has indicated he is willing to become a full time mayor if a proposed move by council is successful and brings him a \$14,000 annual salary. "If my council was prepared to pay me that kind of salary," said Harrington, "it would allow me to spend my entire work week in town hall working for their behalf."

Weavers workshop

GEORGETOWN—Nine weavers from this district were among 125 present at the Five County Hand Weavers annual seminar and workshop.

In the morning there was a workshop in macramé, a type of twinning, and in the afternoon the guests heard Mrs. Libby Crawford of Detroit speak on Christmas in April, the topic title taken from her display of hand woven Christmas cards, gifts and ornaments.

Each guild represented had a display of the work of their members.

Members of the Georgetown Arts and Crafts group attending were Mrs. H. Bessem and Mrs. W. Beatty of Acton, Mrs. M. Bird, Miss L. Treble, Mrs. R. R. Corbett, Mrs. D. W. Baxter, Mrs. Elizabeth Carney, Mrs. D. Charles, and Mrs. M. Otte.

No deer season

WELLINGTON—There will be no open season on deer in the county of Wellington again this year, county council decided.

This was the recommendation advanced by the agriculture committee of which Reeve Allan Ross, Harrison is chairman.

There was no discussion on the matter, but council was told that Waterloo County has also made the same decision.

Little pig didn't go

Reversing the old nursery rhyme, Mrs. Irene Saunders of Hornby ran into a little pig that DIDN'T go to market. The animal fell off a truck on Trafalgar Road and Mrs. Saunders saw it happen. She took the bruised but alive pig home and called the Oakville Humane Society which sheltered the pig in a bed of clean straw while waiting for the owner to claim it.

To big for the pan

MILTON—Frank McLaughlin, 312 Meadowbrook Drive, caught a lovely 19 inch brown trout in Milton mill pond and when he got it home it wouldn't fit into his frying pan. The trout weighed about a pound and a half. Dozens of fishermen have been yanking stocked speckles and rainbows out of the pond since the 1969 fishing season opened, but this was the first good sized brown reported there.

EBENEZER

Family Sunday, U.C.W. in news of district

The vice-president Mrs. Earl Ward presided at the May meeting of Ebenezer U.C.W. Mrs. M. Hayward gave a most interesting paper on "Health". Mrs. Early was the hostess and Mrs. S. Norrish and Mrs. P. Kitching served lunch.

Family Sunday was observed at Ebenezer with the junior choir in attendance. Norman Moore presided at the organ and Mark Munro sang a solo.

Bradley David, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Boler and Donald Cameron, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Munro, received the rite of infant baptism.

Congratulations to Susan and Jim Chapman on the birth of a son, Andrew Clark, a wee brother for Elizabeth Anne.

Annual tree ring growth variation can be used to find out the date of past forest fires, insect outbreaks, cutting operations and climatic changes.

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No change in Wellington boundaries says McKeough

There is no plan, at the present time, for changing the existing boundaries of Wellington County, county council was advised by the minister of municipal affairs, Hon. W. Darcy McKeough.

The assurance was forthcoming from the department in regard to strong opposition voiced at the last meeting of council by Warden Norman Rozzell, Paulinich.

"I am encouraged by the warden's report of new interest in the topic of regional government on the part of Guelph and Wellington County," the minister wrote. "I emphasize

that the province has no plan in mind for this area at the present time."

"Temporary proposals, such as that in Peel-Halton are purely my own responsibility and are advanced to ensure that discussion on regional government is maintained with the full participation of the municipal officials. Such tentative proposals are open to adjustments to suit particular circumstances which cannot always be anticipated.

"The province does have a keen and legitimate interest in the capacity of the municipal structure to finance and plan for

the services demanded by the municipal ratepayers.

"More than 50 per cent of the cost of providing municipal and educational services in Ontario are met from the revenues of the province. The Ontario committee on taxation provided convincing evidence that, in many cases, an inadequate and out-of-date municipal structure is frustrating the development of equitable fiscal policies that would be conducive to orderly development and growth.

"The position of Guelph and Wellington County is still indefinite in the over-all program of regional government. I anticipate this situation will begin to clarify in the near future. The county boundaries will not necessarily be for the limits of the new regions. Therefore, I look forward to challenging and direct relations with county council when the future structure of local

government is being determined."

Wellington Council is advising the minister that it is preparing a submission to be presented to his department pertaining to regional government in the Guelph-Wellington area.

Council will also take action to convene a meeting of the three area planning boards that now exist in Wellington County. Wellington County has joined numerous other areas in objecting to the announced plan for taking over all assessment functions of municipalities on Jan. 1 next by the provincial government — a move given to similar resolutions from other counties.

It is suggested that this policy will contravene the plan of regional government which is to return more power to local elected bodies. It could be more economically administered at the county level.

County endorses free rabies clinic

A free rabies clinic on a county-wide basis was approved by Halton County Council Tuesday. Dr. Frank Read of the Canada Department of Agriculture noted there were 40 cases of rabies in Halton during the past year. He proposed the county sponsor clinics for the free vaccination of dogs and cats.

While the Department would provide the vaccination and serum, he asked the county to provide the clinic buildings, advertising and a clerk to record the animals processed.

Four municipalities indicated they had already supported the idea of a local clinic. Earlier, the county had referred the service of the Department to the towns and townships and Dr. Read was asked if it could be handled by the local municipalities. He expressed a preference for a county-wide program.

It was pointed out in one county that junior farmer groups had agreed to staff the clinics in municipal buildings on a volunteer basis, and the county's cost was only for the required advertising. Members agreed to support the program on a county basis.



NORM BEATTIE manages to elude the tag as the ball bounces loose in an Eden Mills ball team practice recently. Jim Barden is on the left, George Bruce centre and Don Legate on the right. The team is getting ready for the season opener. — (Photo by Jim Jennings)

Billion dollar city edges Esqueusing township

Plans for a \$1 billion futuristic satellite city of 47,000 population just east of Georgetown were unveiled by architect R.P.G. Pennington, at Chinguacousy Council meeting.

The 2,200 acre site owned by Ar-Jel Developments Limited, Weston is bounded on the south by Highway 7 near Norval on the north by Sideroad 16, west by the Esqueusing Town Line, and east by a line in the centre of the 4th and 5th Lines West.

An additional area to the west adjoining is in Esqueusing Township.

Council, in approving the plan in principle, passed the presentation to planning board for its comments.

The unique radial core community has been designed by Mr. Pennington to eliminate cars entirely from a central area which will house 25,000 people, schools, theatres and commercial development.

"This will be one of the first real attempts to 'cut down construction costs' he said. "Land space needed for parking adds \$1,500 to every property built," he said. "It adds 12 per cent to construction, and 10 per cent to rents."

Transport within the radial core, which will have a central commercial and civic area, surrounded by medium and high-rise high density residential

properties, will be by electric rail type vehicles covered by plastic bubbles, or by commuter service vehicles similar to the trains which carry passengers around the CN, which will pick up and deliver from all parts of the community.

"The first road should be turned on this project within two years" said Mr. Pennington. "Just outside the central core will be a green belt to divide the high rise homes from single family dwellings."

Schools will be built adjacent to the green belt "allowing" said Mr. Pennington, "every child living in the central area to get to and from school without ever crossing a highway."

Senior citizens will be specially catered for, in an area close to the city's core, close to what Mr. Pennington hopes will be a commuter GO train station on the existing CNR tracks, "so that the senior residents will be able to take an active part in everything that is happening."

A three-acre covered market will be in the central area, as will an arts centre consisting of live and movie theatres.

A golf course and considerable open space is planned to give the residents room in which to relax. Properties planned will range from townhouses to a luxury home section.

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