

WHAT COUNCIL DID

**ACTION STALLED ON GASOLINE PETITION**

Action on a petition to throw out the garage closing by-law was stalled for a second time last night by the town council.

Lawyer Maurice Manderson and garage operator Fred Harrison represented five operators who seek to return to a free system of open hours. Mr. Harrison had presented the petition last week, and council action was delayed pending advice from the Dept. of Highways as to which firms have gas handling licenses.

Mr. Harrison noted that two council members were absent, Reeve Stan Allen and Cr. Irwin Noble, and said he thought such an important matter should be decided by a full council. Mr. Harrison, who had first asked for a decision, withdrew his request until next Monday, in view of this. An answer had not yet been received from the highways department.

Mr. Manderson said that he interpreted legislation under which the closing by-law was originally passed, as excluding truckers who have gas pumps for their own use and who might sell small amounts of gas to their employees. It was quite sure that the five signatures on the petition comprise over one-third of those to whom the by-law applies and that the petition complies with the law.

Asking for a taxi stand in front of his Mill Street office now that he is operating a taxi, W. O. Brownridge was told that there is nothing in the taxi bylaw to allow this.

Taxi operators who put up such signs have no legal backing, although the public usually respects such an area used by a taxi. There are 7 cabs in town, said the mayor, and it would not be wise to permanently remove seven parking areas in the congested downtown district.

Answering complaints by Mr. Brownridge that cars have parked in front of his office for more than the allowed two hours, the mayor told him to report these to the police who would deal with offenders.

BALLINAFAD

**Floyd Shortill Is 4th Generation Farmer**

Floyd Shortill and his bride Edna Douglas of Clifford, who were married on September 3rd will be the fourth generation to farm on the Shortill homestead at Lot 30, Concession 8, Exquesting.

The farm has been in the Shortill name since 1831 when John Shortill and Joanna Cowin, who sailed from Tipperary on the same boat were married in Montreal on June 25th, 1931. After a short sojourn in Montreal, they moved to Halton and raised a family of 6, John, twins Richard and Ann, twins Joseph and Mary Jane, and William Henry. The latter married Jane Bennett of Ballinafad on January 9th, 1868 and settled on the homestead.

They had a family of eight, Wilhelmina who died at the age of 7, Cowin, Joanna, Hettie, William, Agnes, Robert and Fred W.

Fred W. married Ida Robson November 17, 1920 and he in turn stayed on the homestead to farm. Their daughter Joanna, Mrs. Kenneth Ridler lives in Sault Ste. Marie and their son Floyd and his wife, who are settling on the homestead will be the fourth generation of Shortill farmers.

**COUNTY HOLSTEINS IN SHIPMENT TO PERU**

300 head of pure bred Holsteins left Oakville, Ontario, on September 30 on the first leg of a 6,000 mile journey that will take them to a new home in Peru. The cattle, all first calf heifers, will board ship at Montreal.

This is the first large shipment of Canadian Holsteins to Peru and is the largest single shipment of pure bred Canadian Holsteins made since 1940 when 400 head were sold to Chile.

The animals selected were first calf heifers. All are sired by high record bulls and all are in calf to high record sires. Health standards are high, all being certified free from Tuberculosis and having been officially vaccinated and found negative to the blood test for contagious abortion.

Assembled by International Livestock Exporters and Hays Farms of Oakville, Ontario, they were inspected and approved by Fernando Lira Zerpa of Lima, Peru. He is a representative of El Banco de Fomento Agropecuario del Peru, a Peruvian bank that is loaning money to the farmers of that country to make the purchases. The bank is interested in improving the quality of the cattle in Peru and thru Mr. Lira, has handled the entire project.

Before leaving Oakville, the cattle were inspected by G. M. Clemons, of Brantford, secretary of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada who expressed the view that they would be well received by the breeders of Peru. Mr. Clemons has twice judged the National cattle exposition at Liffie.

Holstein breeders in Halton county who contributed animals to this shipment included M. and W. Grennius, Clarkson; J. C. Bell, Burlington; Barbara Y. Boyle, Oakville; Clayton May, Milton; Ross Greeniaus, Sheildan; J. M. Wickson and Son, Bronte; Dryden Bros., Burlington; R. M. Heslop, Bronte; E. F. Brain, Hornby; Elton McLean, Oakville; Harold Bingham and Son, Georgetown; A. Hancock, Jr., Georgetown; A. M. Sherwood, Burlington; A. G. Hunter, Burlington; W. H. Robinson, Georgetown; Clarence J. Hunter, Burlington; Anna Meagher, Oakville; Fred W. Hamilton and Sons, Burlington.

**Milton Businessmen Speak for Hospital**

The opinion of Milton physicians that the Milton district urgently needs a hospital, is shared by local industrialists and businessmen. When this latest community project begins to take tangible form in bricks and mortar in the spring of 1956, both industry and citizens will benefit. Among the prominent Milton men who think this way are Roger H. Ptolemy, vice president and general manager of the P. L. Robertson Manufacturing Co. Limited, D. T. Green, general manager of the Milton Brick Co., Ltd., Dr. C. A. Martin, president of Milton Milling Co., Ltd., and others.

There is no doubt in the minds of these industry and business heads, that a hospital should be considered as the most important building in the district and that it is long overdue. The ever increasing calls on the surrounding hospitals — Brampton, Guelph, Oakville and Hamilton — and the industrial upsurge in the com-

munity has made the need for the new Milton General Hospital imperative. One person in seven in Ontario goes to some hospital every year. The crowding into hospitals, and the need for beds in Halton County has become a bottleneck. There even exists the astonishing situation of one long-established surgeon-physician in the county having to send his patients to a distant hospital, and then, owing to distance and other factors, being unable to attend them there.

Dr. C. K. Stevenson, who runs the 15-bed hospital, the only one in the Milton area, expresses himself as wholeheartedly in favour of the project. The health of the three thousand families in the community simply cannot be taken care of by a 15-bed hospital and clinic.

Building of the new 50-bed Milton General Hospital is planned to commence in the spring of next year on a five-acre site donated by a local development company.

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