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## Ambulance Service a Necessity

Discontinuance of ambulance service by funeral homes in the county poses a problem for the various municipalities involved, and one for which Georgetown council, like others, must seek a solution.

Ambulances are something which we, for one, take for granted, and it was shock, when the news was announced at a council meeting this week, to realize the implications of being without them. There are not many families which haven't availed themselves of the service. We had one fast ride ourselves a few years ago, when an appendix was on the point of breaking, and we have been grateful ever since to the careful attention and driving skill rendered by the McClure firm.

It was a hard decision for funeral directors to make, we are sure, for they more than anyone else, know how necessary ambulances are. Contrary to popular opinion that ambulance service can be a part of funeral home work, however, they have found the reverse to be the case. Apart from the fact that it is not a profitable part of their business, a major reason for dropping the service is that they have been severely criticized at times for not answering calls instantly, when

it is impossible because of personnel being engaged in funeral work.

The problem is one, perhaps, which needs solution on more than the local level. A good percentage of ambulance calls are to highway accidents, and should properly come under the highways department, rather than on a local level.

Such government action would be unlikely unless action of Halton operators spread to a majority of the province, and until this happened Georgetown alone, or in cooperation with neighbouring municipalities must carry the ball.

Perhaps the first step would be to ascertain if some private individual could attempt the job. A privately operated service would be preferable to any which would throw one more burden on taxpayers.

If no such person is found, second best would be to subsidize a private operator to the extent needed. And if no volunteer could still be found, then it might be necessary to establish either several municipally operated ambulances in the various towns, or combine under one central authority like the health unit or the tri-urban board, to provide a service so necessary.

## Clear Thinking Needed

A wave of public sympathy in Canada for Hungarians and their brave stand for freedom against Russian tyranny has led to our federal government throwing the door open to a large number of refugees.

It is a fine Christmas present that we offer these hapless people, and we must strive not to mar it with such statements as were attributed in a daily paper last week to councillors in another town, who reportedly turned thumbs down on any cooperation in ascertaining if housing or positions were available in their district for refugees. (It is hoped that the report was twisted, as is too often the case with the dailies in their daily search for the story with a punch.)

Remember, the request from the central coordinating committee asked merely for information, with no implication that any town is expected to shelter people if it has no houses or no jobs for them.

A similar request locally was met with the proper action by the Georgetown council — estab-

lishment of a committee which will make such a survey and report their results to the Toronto office.

It is understandable that when sympathy subsides it is understandable that when sympathy subsides country when large scale immigration takes place. And we should expect that our federal government would take all precautions to make sure those arriving from Hungary, or any other country, will be decent citizens.

We should keep two things in mind. Canada needs more people. A handful of fifteen million people cannot forever enjoy living in a country with our land area, while other countries are overpopulated, with low standards of living.

And our country becomes the greater because of the blending of all racial strains. So it is, that we should look kindly on our newest Canadians who will take their place as Canadians with those of British, Dutch and Italian ancestry, German, Ukrainian and French, Polish and Scandinavian.

## J. Riley Brethour Dies at Hespeler

J. Riley Brethour, managing director and vice-president of Simplicity Products, a Hespeler manufacturing concern, died suddenly December 21st. He was 66. Born and educated in Hespeler, he was once manager of the Hespeler branch of the Dominion Bank. He was vice president of South Waterloo Rotary Club, an official of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children and secretary of the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen. Mr. Brethour was a frequent visitor in town a few years ago when his son Riley operated the dairy business now owned by Irwin Noble. Riley, Jr. is now a member of the Brethour & Morris real estate firm in Toronto.

Besides his son, he is survived by his wife Ilda Edmonds, a daughter Joyce of Malaga, Spain and a brother Eldon of Toronto.

The funeral service was held on Monday in St. James Anglican Church, Hespeler, with interment in Hespeler cemetery.

## GETS ARMY DISCHARGE "BUD" HARDMAN HOME

After serving six years with the Canadian Army. Cfn. "Bud" Hardman has received his discharge from service and is back in town with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hardman, 8 Normandy Blvd.

Bud, who was with the RCME, is working at Harrison's Garage. During his army service, he was stationed in Germany, and at various camps in Canada including Camp Borden, Regina and on the east coast. His last posting was in Vancouver.

## CORE TAKES ACTION ON NORVAL TIE-UPS

Disturbed about repeated traffic tie-ups in stormy weather near Norval, Reeve C. Carman Core of Brampton last week sponsored a move by Peel County Council to overcome the chronic condition.

On a motion of Mr. Core, seconded by Deputy-Reeve Fred Kline of Brampton, Council decided to petition the Minister of Highways to set up a different system of sanding in the area. The petition suggests that "a stock-pile of sand be placed at the bottom of the hill and a trucker in the village of Norval be hired to look after these hills."

Mr. Core told Council that the nearest stock-pile at present is at Acton. During snowstorms traffic is tied up for two or three hours on the Norval hills, he said; the result was frequent collisions and cars in ditches.

On December 2nd a heavy snowfall tied up traffic for hours at the approach to Norval, and Mr. Core said there were two resulting car accidents.

## Notice to Creditors

In the Estate of MARY MABEL CAMPBELL, late of Georgetown, in the County of Halton, Spinster, deceased.

ALL PERSONS having claims against the Estate of Mary Mabel Campbell, late of the Town of Georgetown, in the County of Halton, spinster, deceased, who died at the city of St. Petersburg, in the State of Florida, United States of America, on the 19th day of February, 1956, are hereby notified to send their names and addresses and full particulars of their claims, duly verified to the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of January, 1957, after which date the administrators will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice.

DATED at Georgetown, Ontario, this 14th day of December, A.D. 1956.

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CHARLOTTE KENNEDY, late of the Town of Georgetown, in the County of Halton, Spinster, deceased.

ALL PERSONS having claims against the Estate of Mary Agnes Charlotte Kennedy, late of the Town of Georgetown, in the County of Halton, spinster, deceased, who died at the Town of Georgetown in the County of Halton on the 21st day of July, 1956, are hereby notified to send their names and addresses and full particulars of their claims, duly verified to the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of January, 1957, after which date the administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice.

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## REX HESLOP PRESIDENT NORTH HALTON BUILDERS

Newest star in the NHBA firmament is the North Halton Builders Association. At an organizational meeting held recently, the following officers were elected:

President, Rex Heslop; vice president, Bill Hamilton; secretary, Harold Baird; treasurer, Harold Fohert; directors: Mac Osher, Sam Silverstein and Joe Pacholok.

A second meeting was held at the home of Mr. Heslop in Delrex, Georgetown, on the afternoon of Thursday, December 27th. Builders from Acton, Milton and other centres in North Halton were invited to attend.

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