

THE LEGISLATURE IN SESSION

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If you have a small garden, pipe-lines and their routes won't be of too much concern to you, but the farmers of Halton whose livelihood depends on the land must be glad to know that last week in the legislature some action was being taken towards eventual control of pipeline routes in Ontario.

The latest development in modern methods of transportation is the cross-country pipeline. In one township in Halton County alone easements totalling nearly 400 feet have already been provided

for the transportation of gas and oil below the ground. Although it is true that the lines are laid below the surface, quite often they affect the way in which a farmer can use his land. The committee on Government commissions of the Provincial Legislature has recommended that the Ontario government should take measures to control the location of gas and oil pipelines. As a first step the committee endorsed a resolution asking the Ontario Fuel Board to seek power to make it compulsory for pipeline companies to obtain a permit for the location of new lines. At present a company wishing to lay a new line does not have to seek government approval unless it is necessary for

them to expropriate land. A great deal of important work is carried on by these parliamentary committees which are empowered to examine and enquire into all aspects of a specified problem. The committee on education for example is set up at each session to review all those problems which arise in the field of education, and then to bring in their recommendations to the Legislative Assembly. Last week this particular committee heard a request that schools for retarded children be taken over and run by local school boards. At present schools for retarded children are run by voluntary parents' associations (with some financial help from the Provincial Govern-

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Local Ambulance May Serve Esquesing Too

Meeting jointly with Esquesing Township council March 11th, the Georgetown council offered to have

the ambulance committee of council prepare an estimate of what the town would charge to extend the new ambulance service into a portion of the township, while the township council will decide on the area to be serviced. The two councils will later meet to finalize details.

Mayor Armstrong explained at the meeting that a fire area, in which town and township share the costs has worked successfully for several years, and felt that Esquesing might also want to take advantage of ambulance service too.

Reeve George Currie said that at present, a Milton firm is serving the entire township, but that Esquesing might consider a Georgetown arrangement in the heavily populated area surrounding the town.

It was pointed out that the telephone-exchange system is usually a criterion for making ambulance calls. Asked what a cost sharing basis might be, opinion was that this should be based on population, and that the ambulance might serve some 3,000 Esquesing residents and 6,000 local.

Reeve Allen explained that the ambulance volunteers must also be consulted before any arrangement is finalized for making out-of-town calls.

Clarence Benham became the new town clerk, treasurer and tax collector on March 18th. The necessary by-law was passed, appointing him to this office.

Reclassification of three members of the works staff was ordered, one man being raised from \$1.15 to \$1.21 an hour, and two

from \$1.21 to \$1.27.

Mayor Armstrong said that the administration committee recommended deferring decision on any other salary increases, and also that discussion on salary adjustment for department heads be in open council in future, rather than in committee. He read a letter from assessment commissioner Joseph Gibbons, in which Mr. Gibbons asked for a salary revision, pointing out that his salary is the lowest received by any county assessor. The letter was filed without discussion.

Mayor Armstrong reported that at a meeting of the council ambulance committee last week, Reeve Allen had been voted to remain as committee chairman. The reeve had asked last week to be relieved of this office.

AT ESQUESING COUNCIL

ASK TENDERS FOR TOWNSHIP GRAVEL

At a meeting of Esquesing township council on March 4th, road superintendent William Townsend was instructed to advertise for tenders for 40,000 yards of gravel, to be crushed and delivered to township roads this year.

A total of 62 foxes were shot by hunters in the township in February, and bounty payments of \$3 each totalled \$186. Bounty was paid to: John Verlis, Norval, \$30; Clifford Stover, Milton, \$30; M. Whitney, Milton, \$24; John Chisholm, Acton, \$18; John Buck, Milton and Harold Deforest, Terra Cotta, \$15 each; Frank Jones, Acton, \$12; Doug Leslie, Hornby, \$9; R. J. Braida, Acton, \$6; and \$3 payments to James Carson, William Tuck, Clare Wilson, Arthur Morris, Georgetown; Donald Hancock, Glen Williams; Alf Bridgen, James Hamilton, Hornby; Alvin Moore, Mervin Nessett, Acton.

Accounts included \$85 for burial of indigents at Glen Williams and

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Milton; \$300 for fire area calls to Acton and Milton; and road accounts of \$9,963.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Committee chairmen were appointed by Chairman Harold Baird at a dinner meeting at the Chamber of Commerce executive last week at North Halton Golf Club.

R. R. Hamilton heads the membership committee, on which Ed Wiener and Harold Marshall will also serve. Other chairmen named are: Jack Crichton, industrial; Dick Licata, civic; and Walter Biehn, publicity.

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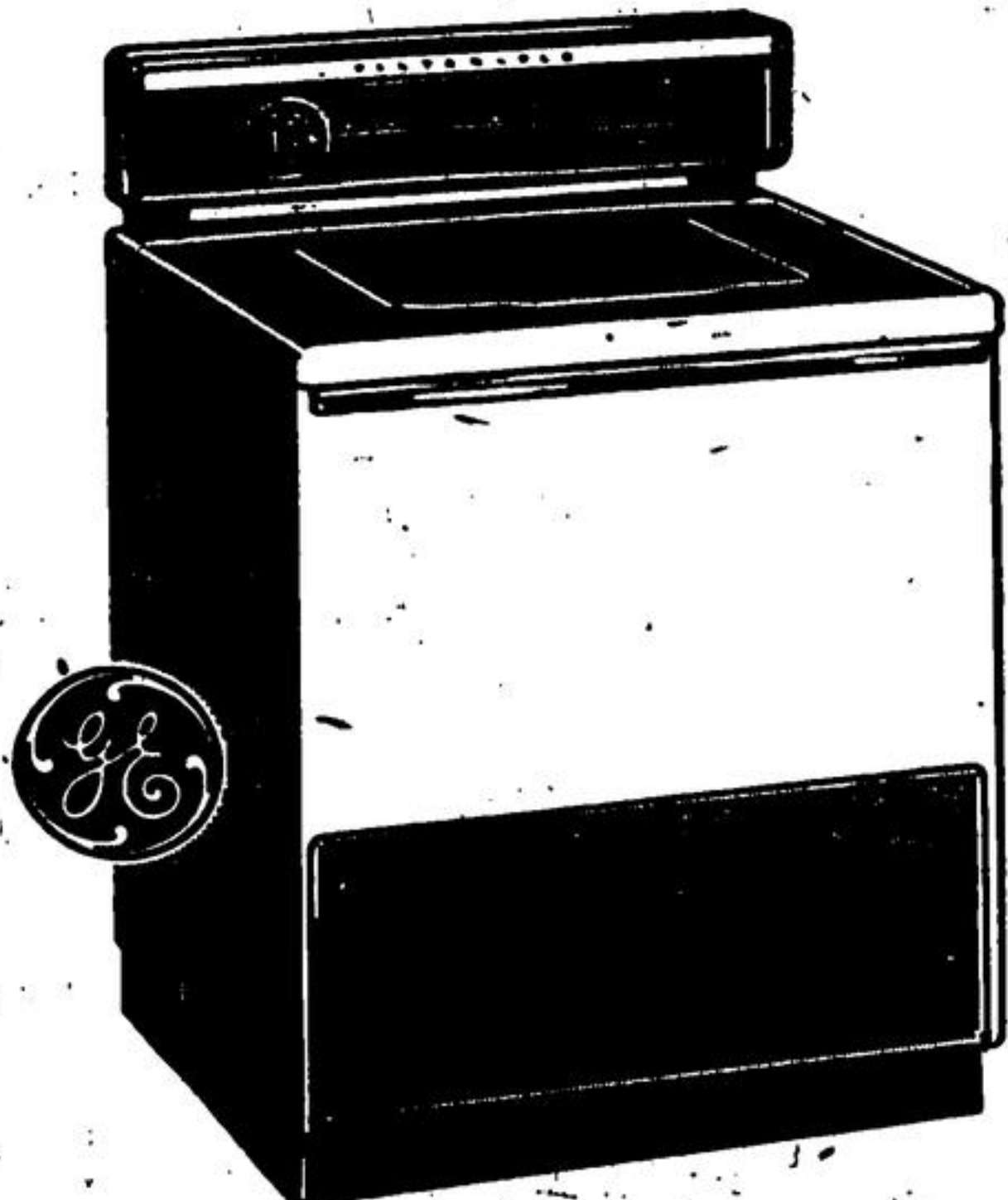
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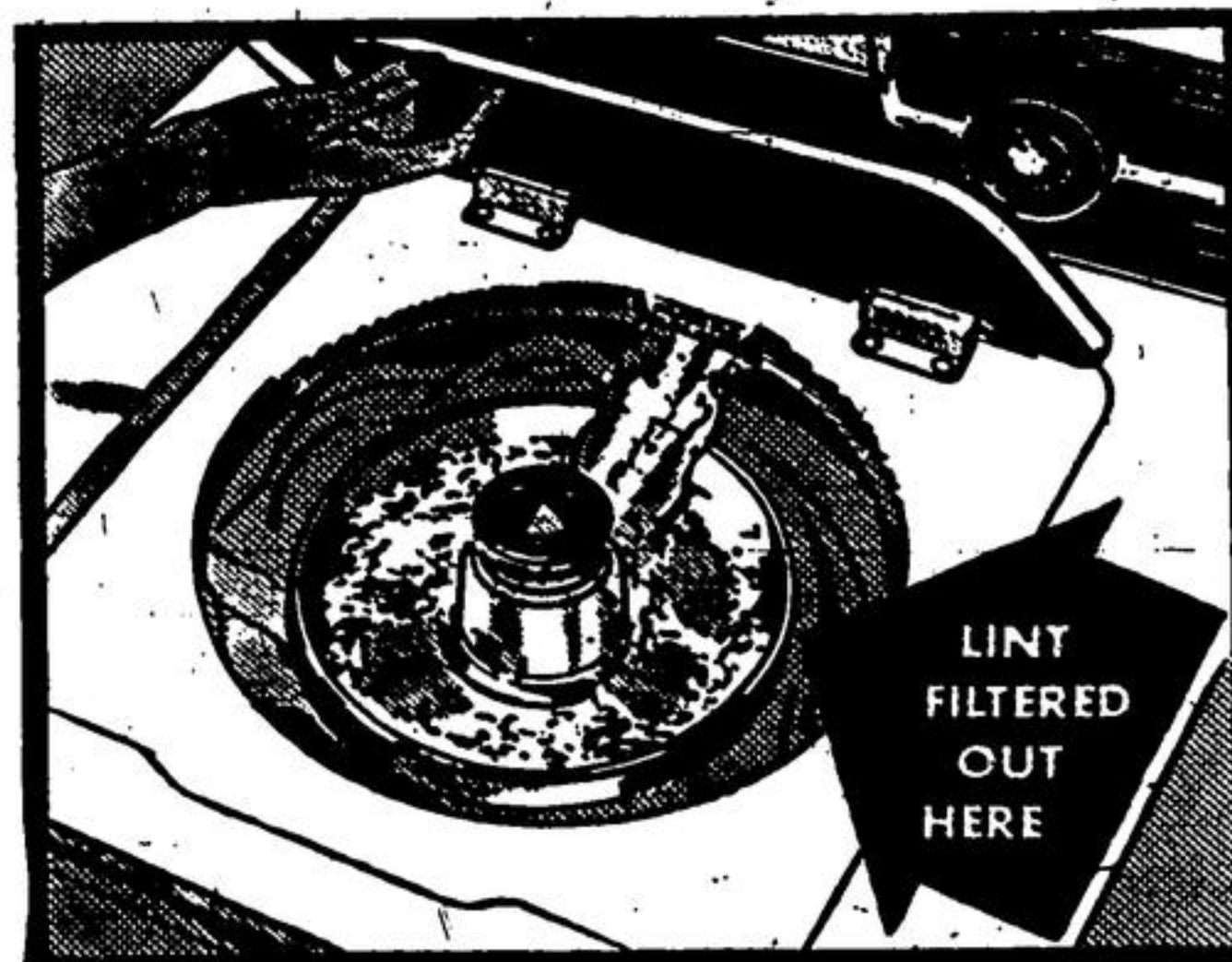
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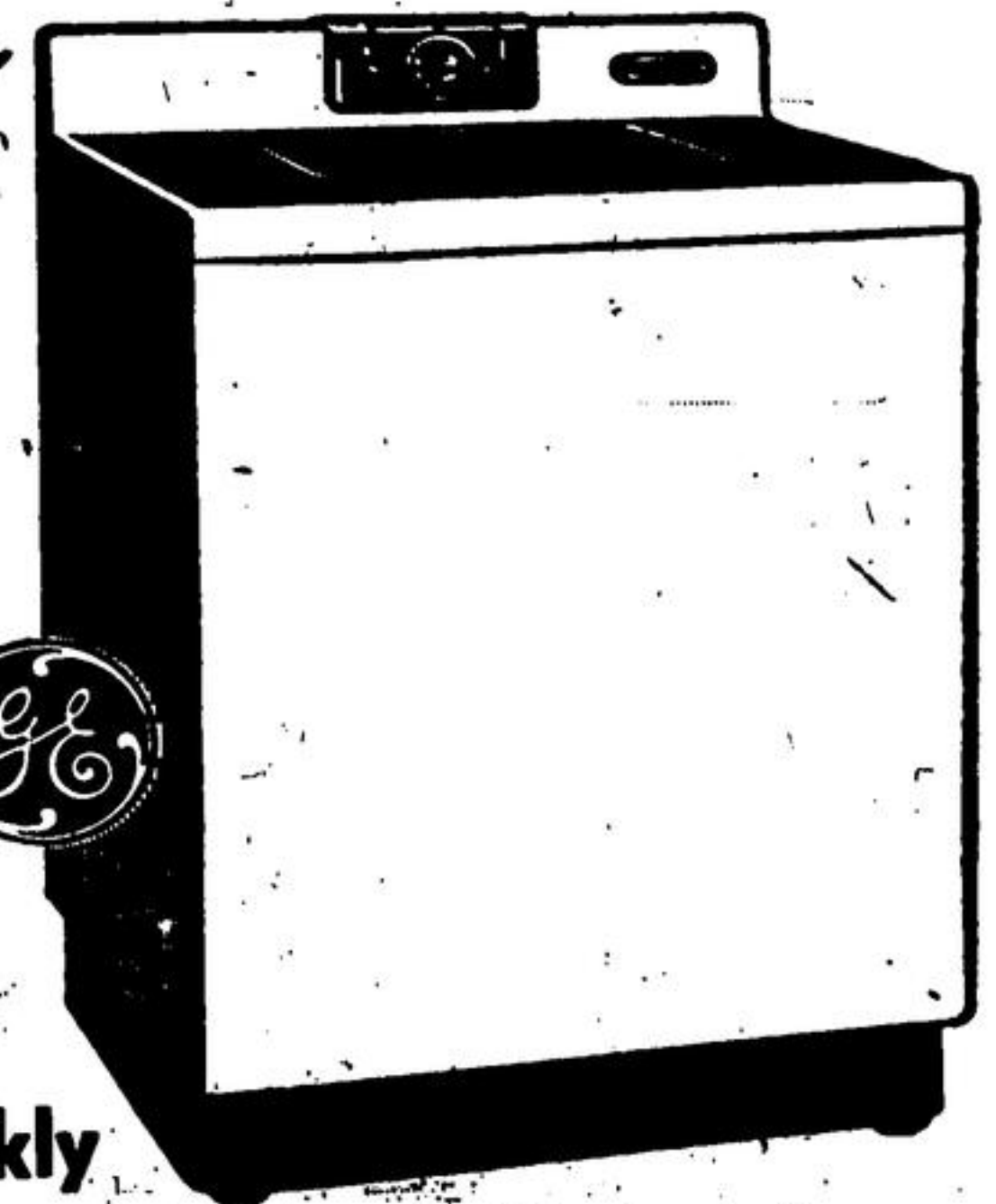
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