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Disposal Plant Overloaded . . Seek New One

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WHAT COUNCIL DID

Delrex Asks Town Honour Agreement Made In 1954

Renewal of a request by Delrex for release of land near the Sykes Tool Co. plant on which construction of 300 semi-detached bungalows is planned, is closely allied with a sewage disposal problem facing Georgetown according to information conveyed at recent meetings of the town council.

Delrex claims that the existing disposal plant is overloaded and incapable of handling present requirements, an opinion shared by the Ontario Water Resources Commission which has been in touch with the town by letter asking what is planned to relieve the situation.

Under the 1954 annexation agreement, Georgetown agreed to provide trunk sewage mains and watermains on existing roads in Delrex, as well as necessary lift stations and adequate sewage disposal facilities. "None of this has been done, says the company in a brief submitted to council, which is reproduced in its entirety in another section of this week's Herald.

The annexation agreement also tied the Delrex company to maintaining a 40% industrial-commercial assessment ratio, while allowing preliminary house building on the H. Craig Reid farm. This ratio is far out of balance at present, and house building on any other part of the Delrex property is impossible unless the council relents on the contract. In the Delrex brief, figures are

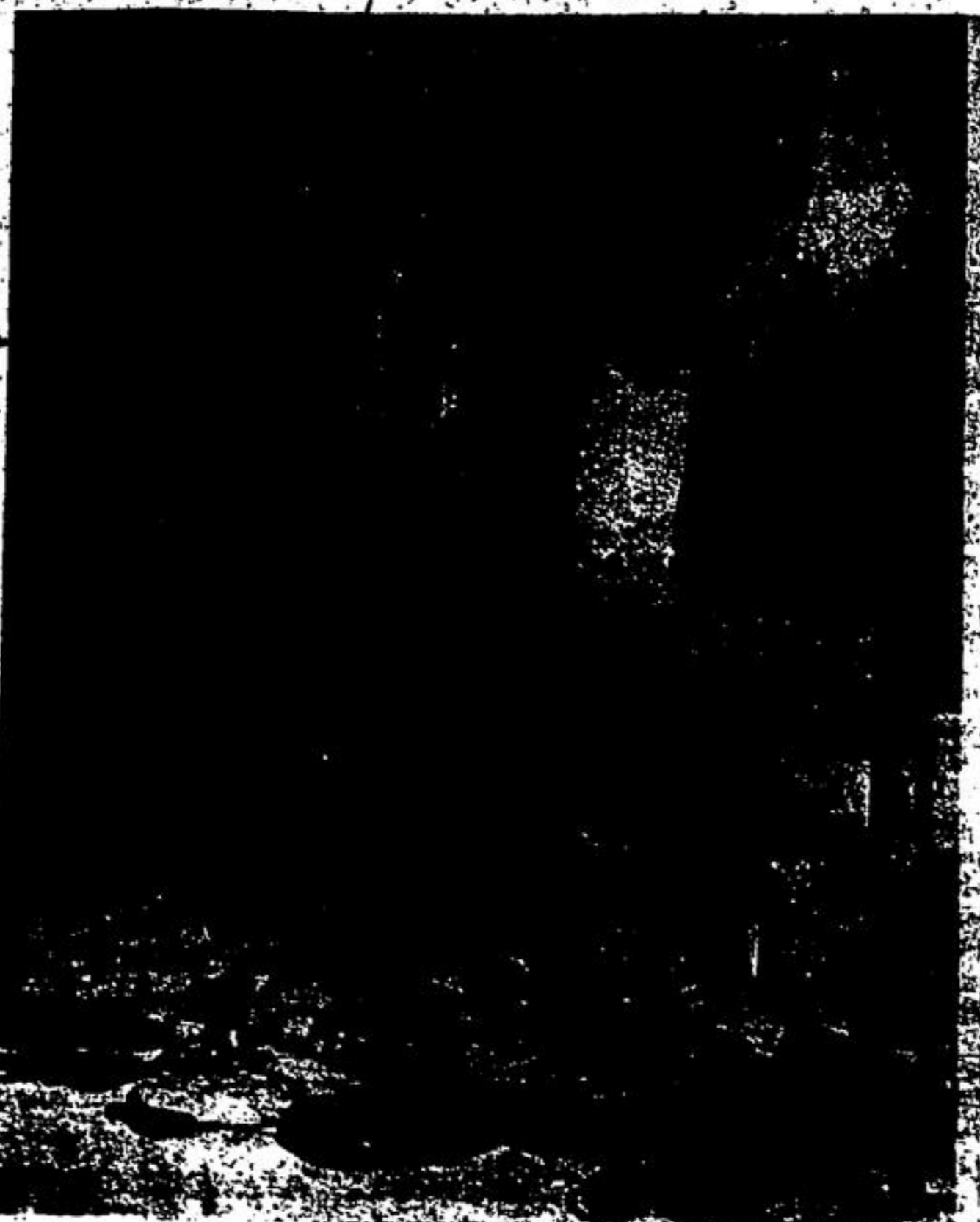
presented to show that construction of the 300 houses will more than pay its way in taxes. The company says that there would be a surplus of some \$50,000 in yearly tax revenue which could be applied against a sewage disposal plant. In fact, says Delrex, if all residential lots in the whole subdivision were built upon, there would be a yearly tax surplus of \$164,000, not counting industrial or commercial assessment at all.

The company points out that, if Delrex did not exist in its present form, Georgetown would have a tax rate 6 mills higher. In schedule D of the brief, all costs to the town of the area are balanced against tax revenue, and the latter shows a \$49,000 advantage.

"There is apparently some misconception that annexation has imposed a tax burden upon residents of the former town of Georgetown. Such is not the case," says the company. Delrex has installed certain watermains and sewage facilities which were the town's responsibility, costing over \$40,000; made an outright \$40,000 cash donation to keep tax rate steady one year; and has installed sidewalks and boulevards in all developed residential sections at its own expense.

Presenting the brief to council, Harold Baird, general manager of the company, said that principal payments on the sewage disposal plant could be stalled for five years, if necessary, by arrangements which can be made with the

GOLDEN WEDDING



ON APRIL 21st, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Hancock, Jr., celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage, with family and friends extending good wishes on the happy occasion. Residents of R. R. 4, Georgetown since 1915, they first farmed at Mount Pleasant. Mr. Hancock came to Canada in 1906, and a year later returned home to bring Annie Charlotte Salvadge here as his bride. They have four sons and three daughters; 20 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Georgetown Gives \$1834 To Cancer Society Work

A total of \$1833.97 has been donated by residents of Georgetown and district for the work of the Canadian Cancer Society in a campaign conducted recently by North Halton Unit of the society. It was the first public fund appeal conducted.

Figures issued this week by Ernie Alcott, secretary of the unit, show that in Georgetown, residents gave \$1458.26 in the campaign. In addition, there were donations from Limehouse, \$140.20; Glen Williams, \$101.01; Norval, \$82.00; and Stewarttown, \$54.50.

The society is most grateful for the public support accorded their work and to the men and women who canvassed for money and distributed literature in the fight against cancer.

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W. J. WALKER, Weed Inspector

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LOCATION:
A curve on Highway No. 35

TIME: 7:20 p.m.

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Passenger killed, Driver seriously injured.

This car was travelling north at high speed. The driver, not familiar with the road, failed to make the curve. The car crossed the highway and wrapped itself around a tree. The driver's wife was crushed to death and he was badly injured. When he recovered he was charged with careless driving and his licence suspended. This is just one of the countless accidents caused by excessive speed. Think about this picture the next time you start to press your accelerator past the safe limit.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—ONTARIO

Water Resources Commission

Correspondence from the resources commission under signature of Dr. Berry, was also read at the council meeting in which Dr. Berry expressed concern with overloading of the disposal plant and asked council give an answer as to whether a definite program has been decided upon.

"Overloading, which is polluting the Credit River, must be discontinued in the immediate future" is Dr. Berry's warning, and either a new plant or improvements on the present plant will be required.

By majority decision, council decided to invite the commission to send a representative to a future meeting to discuss the question, and to explain what financing arrangement might be available.

John Henley, 40 Bairdrow Crescent, voiced strong objections to the Delrex proposal at both council meetings at which it was discussed. (June 12 and June 17).

Mr. Henley claimed that installation of sidewalks and boulevards had been charged into the cost of the houses which have been built, and that people who bought homes had paid for them.

His main complaint, however, was about building 36 semi-detached homes on McIntyre Crescent. That area has been rezoned from R3 to R4 since a proposed zoning map was published in the Herald last fall, he said, and he fears that people who bought homes in the area where he lives will suffer property depreciation.

"There was no zoning or even a proposed zoning by-law when your home was built" answered Mr. Bairdrow. "We assured people the area would be residential and it still is."

"I've heard many people say they have bought property which has been misrepresented" said Cr. Ern Hyde. "It's not our problem but they are trying to make it our problem."

"It isn't only people in Delrex who say things like that" answered the mayor. "We have no control over what people might

believe when they buy property until there is a zoning by-law, the fact is that anyone can build anything anywhere."

The problem isn't new, he said. In 1922, Georgetown council loaned money to a firm to start a tannery beside the house in which he was living.

Cr. Hyde objected to any talks with the Water Resources Commission before council made some decision on what it intends to do about sewage disposal.

The mayor and some other council members were of an opposite opinion, feeling that council should learn what financing arrangements are available as these would have an influence on a council decision.

Cr. Hyde claims that council should take the offer of C. R. Hagey, who designed the Georgetown sewer system, to provide a report at a nominal cost showing the cost of extending the present sewage disposal plant. The plant was designed to serve a much larger population and Cr. Hyde feels Mr. Hagey has an obligation, to make the system work.

Harrison Wood, 28 Bairdrow Cresc. appeared at the June 17th meeting to express concern about semi-detached houses being built in his district.

He suggested that council control the situation by refusing to issue permits until a zoning by-law has been adopted. Mr. Wood claimed that he had bought a house believing the area was zoned a certain way, and that construction of semi-detached houses will depreciate his property.

As the situation stands at present, council has taken no action on the Delrex request, and until some decision on sewage disposal facilities has been made, it does not appear likely that any discussions on the housing will be finalized.

OAKVILLE OPPOSES TAX EQUALIZATION

Often a thorny problem in Halton, equalization of assessment among the ten municipalities has run into a snag again this year.

The equalization by-law was adopted last week over objections of Oakville, whose Reeve, William Card claims Oakville has lost some land and the assessment has jumped up.

Assessor Ford Rogers explained that there is a difference in frontage rates of residential land on the Oakville - Trafalgar boundary. He said that although there is a disparity in actual land values, the total of land and home values balances favourably. The cause is land use restrictions in the township, he said.

Oakville is now allowed to appeal the by-law in court, if the town so desires.

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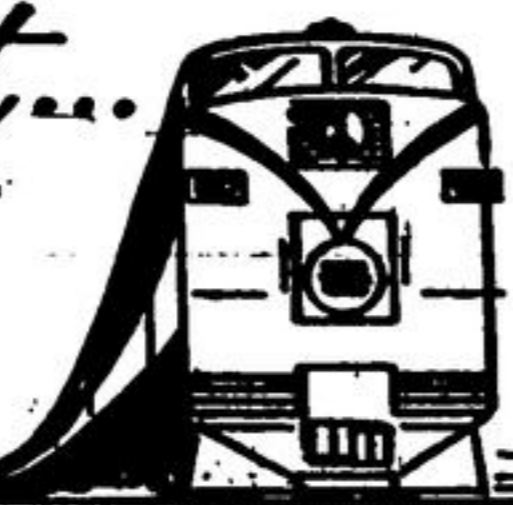
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