

Planning Areas Too Small, Farmers Say

Express Ruralite Views at Workshop

Dissatisfaction with Planning Boards, Planning Acts, and restrictions on land use was the reaction evidenced by the farmers at the Regional Planning Workshop, Thursday night.

Mincing no words, the first speaker, Mr. Paul Fisher, of the Ontario Conservation Council, claimed that Planning Boards and Planning consultants had taken the authority away from elected officials, and "in some cases have become dictators." He suggested the planning area should be defined by the Province, since municipalities are too small. He held up the Conservation Areas as examples. "Consideration should be given to having the Act changed to include ten or twelve rural municipalities, thus doing away with planning on one boundary and none across the road."

Voicing a grievance, later repeated by two other speakers, he said "You can't tell a farmer his land is frozen for twenty years, unless the state or the municipality is prepared to compensate him." He concluded by advising municipal councils to keep planning boards, and professional planners strictly in advisory capacities, and let the elected officials make the decisions.

Unfair Share

"Do farmers pay an unfair share of municipal costs?" was the theme of the second speaker, Mr. Roy Coulter, Secretary of the Halton County Federation of Agriculture. He maintained that the farmer has to pay for services he does not want and does not use. He felt that the farmers as a whole did not object to the increasing school costs, but the endless demands of urbanites for increased fire protection, police protection, recreational facilities, parks, libraries, town bands, etc. was more than they had bargained for.

He warned that amalgamation or over all local government inevitably leads to a diminished voice for the farmer. He also discussed the current assessment practices, whereby a farmer on one side of the line in one municipality may be paying one third the taxes of a farmer across the road in a bordering municipality.

The strongest case for the farmer was made by Mr. M. W. Robinson, editor of "The Grower", and vegetable farmer. He listed three factors as the major causes of dissatisfaction: 1. The ability of professional planners to become overlords. 2. Failure of municipal councils to keep planning officials and boards in their true advisory roles. 3. The manner in which municipal officials and councils have raised planning as a means of raising tax revenue.

Put his own case as an illustration, he said, "I can't sell my farm as a farm unless, at a sacrifice. Although I am 74 years old, I must continue to farm, for the moment I cease the farm is assessed as real estate."

Can't Dispose

He continued "I can't dispose of my farm for any other purpose than farming because it is zoned residential, and no development is allowed until such time as the essential services are provided all at the whim of the municipal council."

He told the audience that at his death the farm is assessed for death duties, not at farm value, but at realty value. He severely criticized the \$450 per lot charge for subdividing in his municipality. He claimed that the tax was scheduled to go into a municipal fund providing municipal services incidental to development, but is now being misused. "Instead it is used to keep down the general tax rate," he opined. He felt that the buyers do not realize that they are being taxed to pay for the services when they buy the lot and are again taxed for the actual services.

Land Freeze

As with the other speakers, his major grievance was the land freeze, whereby land is zoned for specific purposes which may not take place for years. "There can be no parcel with a permanent freeze, if the freezing authorities are prepared to buy the land in question," he stressed.

To the problem of assessment and taxation, he suggested a solution of a common land assessment for all farms, with a conversion tax collected by the municipality when the land is disposed of for any other purpose than farming. "This, he felt, would give the farmer a tax structure he could live with, and then, in the case of sale of land, would contribute to the municipal pot."

In a very brief address, Don Middleton, Director of Properties, for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, posed the question "Will farmers support planning?"

Inadequate

The result of the group discussion, which was broken into four sections, disclosed:—That the present Planning Act was felt to be inadequate for the rural people; 2. That the farmer does pay an unfair share of municipal costs; 3. Although not unanimous, a conversion tax was endorsed, but fixed farm tax left in doubt; 4. A much qualified maybe was the answer to the question of farm-

STEWARTTOWN

Stewarttown Boy on Local Hockey Team

We in Stewarttown are proud of Gary Briggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Briggs, a member of the Hantam All Star Hockey Team, which eliminated the Toronto Marlies in the Semi-Finals at the Georgetown International Tournament on Saturday afternoon, with a score of 3-2.

The team played hard, and it was a tired group of boys that met Galt in the finals, Saturday night. The game was tied at the end of the third period, but Galt scored in the sudden death overtime period, making the score 4-3 in their favour. Thirty-five teams entered the tournament and were divided into four divisions. Georgetown Hantams were the winners of C Division, eliminating Newmarket, Tillsonburg, and Preston.

Following the Saturday night game, both teams were driven around Georgetown by the Firemen, and later enjoyed a social hour in the Rose Room where they were treated to food and drinks.

We congratulate Gary and his teammates for a game well played.

Mrs. Andrew Rensler, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Underdown, and daughters Cathy and Patricia of Collingwood, were weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lawson.

Mr. Underdown was guest soloist at Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown on Sunday morning.

Streetsville Host For Orange Paraders

The town of Streetsville will play host this July to the Orange parade for the first time in 57 years. The last Orange parade in Streetsville was held in 1905. Last year Georgetown hosted the event.

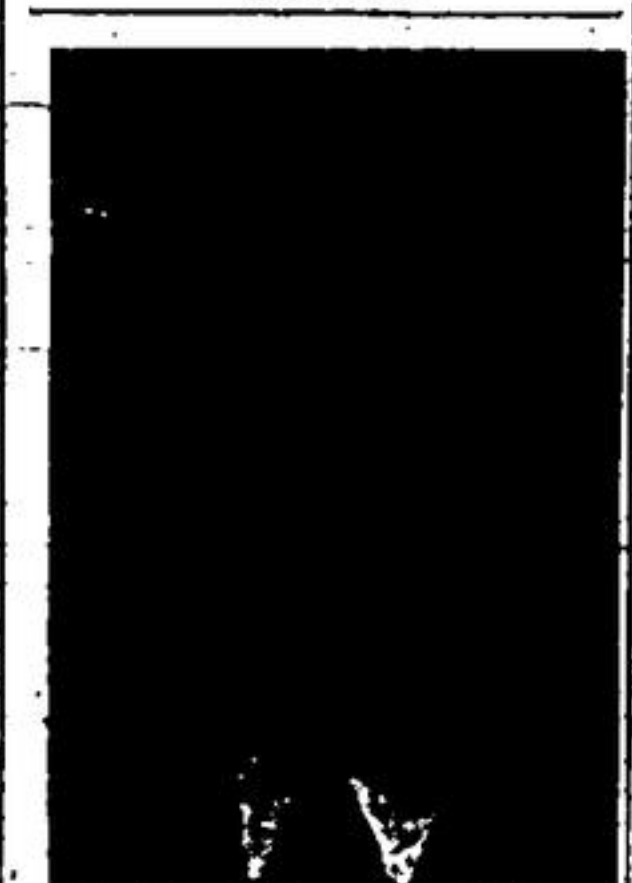
A committee of the Chamber of Commerce and other interested groups will meet in the near future with the organizing body of the Orange Lodge to work out details of promotion and arrangements for the parade.

Notice to Creditors

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Elizabeth Leslie, Executrix of the Estate, of Harriet Ann Leslie, by her Solicitors, Hewson, Ord & Hewson, 5-17, Georgetown, Ont.

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DATED at Georgetown this 24th day of April, A.D. 1962.
HARVEY CHAPPEL and KERRY JEPSON, Executors of the Estate of Edna McGibbon, by their Solicitors, Dale, Bennett, Lattimer and Baines, 23 Mill St., Georgetown, Ont.

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CAPTAIN DON GOSLINGO (right) and First Mate Lou Pankenin are not zeroing in on an enemy sub, although here it appears they are doing just that. Fact is, they're shutting off the flow of brine through the pipes under the arena ice surface and officially putting an end to the 1961-62 skating and hockey season.

CHATting with M.H.B.

How We Women Suffer

- If you ask me — it's highly over-rated. . . . this business of buying a new hat to cheer you up —
- For gals, it's supposed to be a time-honoured remedy for the blues. One thing's sure — if you haven't got them when you start out on your little expedition, you're almost certain to have a case when you come back.
- However, thinking about buying a hat is a diversion, you might say. It does get your mind off yourself. You just don't tally forth with the vague idea of buying a hat. It has to be a particular hat. One of a certain colour, and type, and style. That all takes thought. And imagination. And it's when your imagination starts to take over that your spirits start to lift. That new hat is really going to do something for you!
- If only we had the sense to leave the "buying a new hat" business right there. But no. If just thinking about it makes you feel that good, actually buying one should make you feel that much better. So, away we go
- And into the first hat shop. "What colour?" asks the salesgirl. We tell her the colour of our dream hat. Well, they simply aren't showing "that" colour this season. But perhaps at the back of one of their cavernous drawers-full she can find you a hat, or even, with luck, two or three, to try on.
- With tender care she seats us in front of a table equipped with triple mirrors. It's a good job too — that we're sitting down, I mean. Because those mirrors are lit, front, top sides and bottom with the most brilliant bluish white fluorescent possible. That first glance into them is a revelation. Those lights — surely, they were designed once for a scientific experiment, say in watching the atom being split, than for flattering a woman into buying a hat! Right away we decide we should never have come out on a shopping expedition anyway. By the looks of us in those mirrors — what we need is a good week's rest in bed, instead of a new hat.
- But we're trapped by this time anyway — and the trying-on phase begins. "Do you always wear your hair this way?" the salesgirl asks sweetly, as she sits a balloon-type cloche atop our pulled-back-from-the-ears hair-do. Humbly, we answer "yes". And knitting her brows, she goes off in search of something to suit such a peculiarity.
- By this time said hair-do is anything but smooth, and neither is the expression on our face. We are showing signs of wear in both departments. Why is it that nobody can really put a hat on someone else properly. Just a tip too far to the back, front or side makes you look utterly ridiculous.
- Finally, the unexpected happens. We try on a hat that looks just like the one we're looking for. But — we do look awful under those lights and our hair's a mess and we've come to dislike the salesgirl intensely — anyway the price is kinda high, and it's still early and perhaps we'd better look around more. After all — this is the first store we've been in. Just think of all those wonderful stores just waiting to be explored.

- So we tell our tired salesgirl we can't quite decide. We might be back.
- And off we go exploring. Into all the hat shops we go till we are goggle-eyed, and look literally can't bear to look at another hat. What's more, we can't get that first one we liked, out of our mind. None of the others have been nearly so becoming. And come to think of it, that salesgirl really was quit obliging. We were just a little out of sorts, that's all.
- Almost without realizing what's happening, we find ourselves trudging back to that first hat shop. This time, not delving to even so much as glance in those mirrors, we tell the salesgirl we're back to buy the hat we'd been looking at first thing this morning.
- Tired but triumphant we bear it home, secure in the knowledge that if the hat looked all right on us in the store, we should look positively ravishing in our softly lit mirrors at home.
- After we've had that week's rest, of course.
- Buying a hat can be a very tiring business!

Georgetown Nurse At Toronto Meeting

Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital was represented by Miss Zina Hopwood, Superintendent of Nurses, at the annual meeting of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario on April 26, 27 and 28 in the Royal York, Toronto.

More than 2,000 nurses representing all branches of nursing service and education and from almost every community in Ontario attended this meeting to assist with the planning of their professional association's course for 1962-63 and to bring themselves up-to-date on those matters which are of importance to them in their daily work.

A number of special speakers participated in the conference. The Honourable Matthew B. Dymond, Minister of Health for Ontario, discussed "Recent Developments in 'Education'." Harvey Adams, director of information services of the Department of National Health and Welfare and national president of the Canadian Public Relations Society, Inc., will discuss "P.R. Pulse" and Isabel M. Laird, assistant professor of psychology, Queen's University presented "The General Staff Nurse — Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Dr. Sheila B. Eastman, formerly of the Department of Political Economy, University of Toronto, discussed Socio-Economic Welfare.

Dog Controller Also Serves Streetsville

Cecil Robertson of Glen Williams was appointed canine control officer for Streetsville at last week's council meeting. Mr. Robertson is already employed by Georgetown, Glen Williams and Georgetown Ywp. In this capacity.

Until now the control of dogs in the town has been under the jurisdiction of the police department. Council agreed that the dog population has been getting out of hand in the past and after some discussion on the matter decided to hire Mr. Robertson.

Recipes!

Let's use the onion this time.

ONIONS
Best boiled in two or three waters adding milk the last time.

TO MAKE AN OMELETTE
Fry two or three sliced onions in butter till they are quite done, add two yolks of eggs, and a little chopped parsley, make two small omelettes without salt, put the onions and a few fillets of anchovies upon them, and roll them lengthways, have some pieces of bread cut like toast and fried in butter, cut the omelettes according to the size of the bread, and place thereon, pour a little melted butter over, and strewn them with bread crumbs and rasped parmesan cheese, give them a good colour in the oven or with a salamander; serve what sauce you please.

TO PICKLE ONIONS
Put a sufficient quantity into tall water for nine days, observing to change the water every day, next put them into jars and pour fresh boiling salt and water over them, cover them close up till they are cold, then make a second decoction of salt and water and pour it on boiling. When it is cold, drain the onions in a hair sieve, and put them into wide-mouthed bottles; fill them up with distilled vinegar, put into every bottle a slice or two of ginger, a blade of mace, and a teaspoonful of sweet oil, which will keep the onions white. Cork them well in a dry place.

STEWARTTOWN

Rector, Leader Entertain Choir

A pleasant evening of fellowship was enjoyed by members of St. John's Anglican Choir, when they were entertained by choir leader Mr. Tom Barnes and Mrs. Barnes, and the Rev. J. E. and Mrs. Maxwell, at the rectory on Tuesday evening of this past week. After a good supper, Mr. John T. Armstrong of Georgetown played several recordings of sacred music for the young people, which were very much enjoyed by all present.

A most interesting film "Holiday in the Maritimes" was shown by David Smith, President of the choir. The men of the choir also made several tape recordings for future use.

Mrs. T. H. Briggs and daughter, Alice and Phyllis visited with her mother in Ploverham this past weekend.

Mr. John Harris, who has been confined to hospital and home for several months, returned to Toronto General Hospital this past week. The cast on his leg has been removed, but another cast is necessary. He is expected home this coming week, where he will be confined to bed for another two months.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hog. Williams, who recently received word of the birth of their granddaughter Gwyneth Jill born April 21st to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams of Milbrook, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Humphreys along with daughters, Mrs. Morris Cook and Mrs. Harvey Clark and grandchildren, notoriety to Agincourt recently to visit Miss Annie Brown.