



**ST. JOHN'S WILL ADD TO AUDITORIUM**

CHAIRMAN OF ST. JOHN'S United Church building committee, Tom Niven, stands beside the artist's sketch of the proposed two-story addition to the church and auditorium which will be started in the spring. The addition will cost an estimated \$52,000 and will include added seating capacity to the sanctuary as well as enlarging the existing hall. The display board above is on the church lawn.

**THE MAIL BAG**

**Replies to Mayor on Reservoir Criticism**

R. R. 1, Georgetown, February 16, 1963

Dear Mr. Editor: The photographs of the Silver Creek Reservoir in last week's issue of the Herald clearly indicate that no called criticism was correct. Silver Creek Reservoir is still connected to the Town's water supply. The pipe is still clearly visible in your photograph and of course is still a possible pollution threat.

True, the water has been drained from the reservoir, 375,000 gallons which has normally been used to serve in the event of a major breakdown of the Maple Ave. plant in January. I wonder how many people realize that the electric pumps are now kept operating 24 hours each day at the Maple Ave. works in order to maintain the water pressure. With the balance of feet of Silver Creek Reservoir gone there is no alternative but to run these pumps. Hundreds of thousands of gallons of water are being daily pumped to waste by a water system which is running at a deficit in its budget of some \$14,000.00 annually.

What of the time in 1950 when the water chairman of that year was not convinced that the Town has a construct a reservoir in order to properly maintain adequate supplies for the Town. He ran the whole town for two or three years on water from Silver Creek as an experiment. Silver Creek was just as polluted then as it is now.

Does our Mayor's Council realize that Georgetown does not have compliance with the Standards for Municipal Fire Protection laid down by the Canadian Firefighters Association. They could have a very serious effect on the fire insurance premiums of every person, busi-

ness and industry in Town. What will happen when the demand for water in the summer months is double what it is right now. There is just not enough pumping equipment at Maple Avenue to satisfy the demand and pump water to waste.

As I previously stated, polluted samples were taken in the North end of Town, all came from the one house on Ewing Street. This does not give a picture of general pollution as the statements now being made are trying to indicate.

Main Street culverts still seem to promote a lot of discussion. I shall I say attempts at this and some other. These culverts were designed by a Professional Engineer and his approval is required by the D.H.O. A matter of discussion arose as to the depth of the culverts, which in the normal course of events would have been cleared up between the heads of departments, now in the hands of rampus matters becomes political football.

Similarly with the Ambulance Garage. A Town garage was approved under the water works program. I note the amphibious nature of referring to it as the "Ambulance" garage when I applied for the water works subsidy payment last year. A town's small matter which could be shared up by a head of a department and has never caused any doubt as to whether the subsidy would be paid or not.

The make-do-and-mend policy has plagued Georgetown long enough. True, the coat must be cut to suit the cloth, but let's make sure that it is cut in a manner which will make the laundress result of some use. A good sewage disposal plant was allowed to literally fall apart at the seams because of lack of proper maintenance by the personnel responsible, and this is not only my opinion. Similar observations were made in a report to Council by Consulting Engineers in 1954-55.

**Museum Curator Has A Shopping List**

In his report, Halton County Museum curator Major Hal Newman of Georgetown said he's cleaning, restoring, writing descriptions and histories, estimating the value of all his items. He had 900 already on file and 600 to go at the moment. It appears to him most of the donations and loans are coming from Burlington and Esqueping. Spring official opening is planned.

**Check Your Attic**

He had a shopping list of things he wants most right now: wooden or copper milk pails, walnut or iron-handled spoons, a sap bucket, surveyor's transit, well covers and candlesticks of copper, iron or wood, lamp chimneys with fluted tops (he has some lamps), steel grindstone picks, iron-bound or copper-bound leather trunks, saddle bags, bed warming pans, tinder boxes, sheets and rags.

The last two don't need to be antique. They're for covering furniture for protection from dust and for refinishing old furniture.

Many people have difficulty finding the museum and board members settled its address will be R. R. 3, Milton. Other choices were a Campbellville rural route, Eden, Milton or Milton Heights. Maps will be printed later.

Detailed plan of the museum's property showing future roads and a pond will be drawn by the curator. Open hours were set as follows: winter, Saturday and Sunday, 2 - 6; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 1 - 5; summer, Saturday and Sunday, 2 - 7:30; weekdays 1 - 7:30. It will be closed all day Tuesday.

Several groups have inquired about conducted tours and fees will be set. Special arrangements have to be made for tea etc. An old outdoor oven on the property, in use years ago, will be rebuilt.

Hildebrandt on his taking note of Main Street traffic lights. If anyone believes that they are set at 60-40 rounds (familiar) I would suggest they take the trouble to time them. They are hopelessly out of the Saturday last I waited for three complete changes of lights before being able to cross from Main Street to Mill Street.

Thank you Mr. Editor for your column space. I have no desire to criticize in an unconstructive manner. I will say however that before any more "ammunition" is fired Council makes sure the gun is fully cocked.

G. R. BLIGH

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**OLLIE BECOMES ONE OF THE 36,000**

MISS DONNA BOOTH discusses the PSI program with Oliver Browne, Jr., 26 College St. Mr. Browne, Jr. and the PSI office at 25 Main St. North, to get a copy of the plan and complete the application card for the PSI-sponsored Halton County Community Health Plan.

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