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THEY SEIZE AN 'OPPORTUNITY' TO HELP

MRS. W. R. McMURRAY, 63 Main St. S., (left) was convener of an Opportunity Sale by the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Above she inspects some of the articles of clothing donated for sale with fellow member Mrs. P. L. Windh. Funds from the sale will of course go for something needed by the hospital. The sale realized approximately \$200.

SPOTLIGHT ON HORNBY

401 Will Accelerate Growth of Village

by James Lodge

Hornby: This is one of those small villages that could have developed into a blooming little town but for some reason or more probably a combination of reasons, it has remained largely static since the turn of the century.

Static that is as far as physical expansion is concerned, but not necessarily static when it comes to activities. In fact it has a reputation for being energetic when functions have to be organized.

OUTSIDE CROWDS

In the summer the ball diamonds in Hornby park attract large crowds to the games. The crowds come from outside of Hornby but residents have a large share in making the park so popular. The garden parties in particular attract large crowds, up to 1,500 people.

The park is operated by a board and is financed by Oakville and the Township of Esqueping. It was built about 10 years ago when the Township of Trafalgar was responsible for the southern part of the village.

SPLIT PERSONALITY

With the township line running through its middle, the village has something of a split personality. The old maps show Hornby divided into two. East Hornby was clustered around the end of the Seventh Line on the Township Line and West Hornby half a mile down the road around the other 'T' intersection.

Now new construction is beginning to join the two. The intervening road is being built up with new houses. The split still remains, however, but at present it cuts the north from the south rather than the east from the west.

HAS GROWN

Children to the south of the road are taken by bus to the Percy W. Merry school on the back concession road, while those from north of the road in Esqueping — still attend the Hornby School.

The Halton Atlas of 1877 gives the population of Hornby as 150 and travelling through the village today it hardly seems to have grown at all. This is not the impression of the people who live there. "It seems to me we have almost 150 school children," said Archie King, who has lived in the area all his life.

HAD HOTEL

In 1877 the village had an hotel and two temperance boarding houses but they all seem to have disappeared at the turn of the century. "I seem to remember there was a hotel at the corner where the general store is now but that must have been 50 or 60 years ago," Mr. King said.

The village store is operated as a family unit by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thompson, with the help of their two sons, Ben, 21, and Paul, 12. They came to Hornby from Orion in 1944. In addition to selling everything a traditional country store always sells it is also natural that it is the post office and the focal point of the village.

REDUCED TO TWO

Churches as well as hotels have suffered a decline since the early days. The four noted in the 1877 atlas are now reduced to two. The Baptist church

is gone and the Presbyterian church has been closed. The Church of England remains, a mile outside the village, and the old Methodist church still operates as the local United Church.

The brewery, Hornby's only industry in 1877, is also a thing of the past. Situated a mile east of the village it would boast of being the only brewery in Halton County. Founded in 1945, by 1877 it was using 10,000 bushels of barley, 8,000 pounds of hops, 40 tons of coal, 300 cords of wood, and was producing between 4,000 and 5,000 barrels of beer a year. It employed 10 men and 40 horses.

LINK WITH PAST

The Orange Hall is a link with the past that still serves its original function. The Orange Order has always been strong in the district and meetings are still held there.

The new Highway 401 which runs half a mile south of Hornby has made the village easily accessible to the outside world and the outside world easily accessible to people from Hornby. It will ensure Hornby's place in future expansion and accelerate the tempo of development in the area.

Women's Council Chooses New Committees for 1963

Committee chairmen for the year were named at a meeting of the Local Council of Women held on February 15th at the home of Mrs. J. W. Wyatt, 24 Prince Charles Drive. Named to Posts: Appointed to the posts were Mrs. F. W. Johnson, education; Mrs. Clarence Hayes, arts and letters; Mrs. R. T. Paul, health; Mrs. Robert Jones, immigration and citizenship; Mrs. A. M. Nielsen, laws; Mrs. D. W. Baxter, economics; Mrs. J. W. Kerr, radio and TV and Mrs. Val Stein, trades and professions. Mrs. Wyatt conducted the meeting as president and following a prayer-poem, Mrs. Hayes read minutes and Mrs. Florida Nodwell gave the treasurer's report.

Following a report on social welfare, a discussion took place on the need for revision of Canada's divorce laws. The president reviewed several bulletins including those from national and provincial council headquarters. Mrs. Nodwell presented the C.A.C. report in the absence of Mrs. Baxter. It dealt with further investigation into the matter of detergents and sales promotion in their marketing. It was pointed out that hazards still exist to children through misuse of plastic bags — in 1962 eighteen infants were victims.

Protect Consumers: Mrs. Johnson spoke of the value of the C.A.C. in its campaign to protect consumers through banning of deceptive devices used in merchandising. Tea was served by Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Ern Thompson and Mrs. Sam Walker and Mrs. Paul moved a vote of thanks to the hostess.

SUGAR INCREASE

The Soviet Union plans to increase its sugar beet production to 80,000,000 tons by 1965.

FARM NEWS

Growers Discuss Soil Management

From Monday to Wednesday last week 48 growers came to learn the complexities of soil management and fertilizer use. Palermo Hall was chosen as the central meeting place for this conference of fruit and vegetable growers in the Toronto-Halton area.

Subjects covered ranged from the background of soil development from the tree axes to the present soil classification and outlined and tied in with land use planning. Special emphasis was given to the soil types found in this area. Principles of soil management and irrigation provided those in attendance with a more complete understanding of practices that had proven practical but may not have been clearly understood.

As the convention progressed theory led into practical applications. Nitrogen and mineral requirements of plants, and the methods of determining nutrient needs of plants were explained and concluded with the placement of fertilizers and the materials that can be used to maintain and build up our soils for future generations. Dr. J. F. Archibald and Dr. R. A. Cline, Research Scientists at the Horticultural Experimental Station, Vineland, gave the lectures, assisted by Mr. K. A. Clarke, Extension Specialist in Agricultural Engineering.

Arrangements and direction of the sessions were provided by Mr. E. F. Muir, Extension Specialist in Fruits and Vegetables, in the Milton office of the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture.

Consulting Firm Tries For Solution on Voting

A truce was declared in Halton County Council's renewed battle between the north and the south when the 'North' (the five northern municipalities of Esqueping, Nasagaweya, Acton, Milton and Georgetown) agreed to engage a consulting firm to try for a solution.

Two special meetings of the five northern municipalities called by Warden C. A. Martin was the spark that reignited the verbal battle. In asking for County Council's approval of the reports, the North was really asking for support of an Associated Counties resolution which would, in effect, give Oakville and Burlington combined twelve votes, and the northern areas eighteen. However, after strenuous southern objection, they agreed to delete this portion.

At present the two large southern towns have a bill before the legislature which would give them a 17 to 16 voting majority. Council also agreed to delete the section on obtaining legal aid for the north's fight against the Oakville-Burlington sponsored bill.

There is no indication to date, however, that the north have given up this plan.

"The county is dividing along the Mason-Dixon line," Reeve Ryckman of Burlington challenged. "I strongly object to committee fees being paid Reeve Herb Merry, 'We never for a meeting to which Oakville and Burlington were not invited,'" he concluded by warning county council that if Trafalgar, and Bronte merged these actions lead to Oakville and Burlington, and Burlington leaving the county thus losing us ten votes," Deputy Reeve Merry pointed out

Reeve F. Hinton of Acton hurriedly stated he would recommend that fees not be paid and assured both Oakville and Burlington that the other municipalities were not working against them but merely trying to find a solution.

Request for Control: George Leshe, Esqueping Reeve, stated: "I understand the South has made request for control of the County. As long as you want control, I can't go along with it."

Retorted Oakville Deputy Reeve Herb Merry, "We never asked for controlling votes. We did ask for a return of the voting power lost when Nelson, Oakville and Bronte merged with Oakville and Burlington, thus losing us ten votes." Deputy Reeve Merry pointed out

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that only four men with 8 votes from the south represent 85,000 people, who pay 82 per cent of the County bills, against 16 northern votes paying the remaining 18 per cent of the bills.

Warden C. A. Martin denied he had called a secret meeting. "This was a meeting to start a counter proposal," said the warden, "since I was told in no uncertain terms that Oakville and Burlington would get what they want or pull out." "Very disappointing" and "noncompromising" were the words used by the Warden to describe the south's attitude.

The Warden stated that the Private Bill would probably not be acted upon till 1965, but if Council would agree changes could be effected for 1964.

Obviously irked by the Warden's remarks, Reeve Alex Phillips retorted: "I resent the Warden's insinuation that we refuse to negotiate. You (the Warden) told us our Private Bill had no chance of success. We refuse to accept the Associated Counties Resolution."

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Organize Lady NDPs For Socials, Funds

At a meeting held in the home of Mrs. Bill Cumpsty, 40 Main St. S., in Georgetown, a member of Georgetown ladies launched Halton's first NDP Women's Committee.

The object of this Committee is to organize the NDP social functions in the area and also to act as a fund raising committee. On the fund raising issue, it was decided to introduce the coin envelope method of collection. Three delegates were elected to attend the NDP Metro Toronto Women's Committee convention held in the Park Plaza. At the next meeting a report will be given by delegates Mrs. W. Cumpsty, Mrs. Atkinson and Mrs. Portet, who represented Georgetown at this convention.

For information regarding this club and enquiries pertaining to the setting up of similar committees in other Halton areas, please contact Mrs. Bill Cumpsty, 40 Main St. South, Georgetown.

FOX RABID

A fox killed by Charlie Thompson, R. R. 2, Acton, has been determined rabid as a result of tests at the Dominion Laboratory, Hull, Quebec. The fox was killed near the barn two weeks ago and last weekend, veterinarian Dr. Frank Oakes received the positive result.



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