

Forfeit Salaries for Tax Reduction Says Ex-Mayor

30 Main St. N., year's \$29,000 deficit. There is also a mistake in addition of exactly \$50,000 in the 1961 audit. I have stated publicly that I am unalterably opposed to over-spending the budget, and the Municipal Act provides that members of council are to be held personally liable in fairness to everyone I should like to make a few observations and in this type of over-spending, discuss frankly some facts which I believe are of major importance to the citizens of Georgetown.

Dear Mr. Editor: In view of the fact that what is now commonly known as 'sniping' has had considerable publicity in the local press, I think it is fair to everyone I should like to make a few observations and in this type of over-spending, discuss frankly some facts which I believe are of major importance to the citizens of Georgetown.

Soon owners of property will receive in the next few days their tax bills, showing by far the largest mill rate in the history of this municipality. Why? Did the mayor not promise during the election campaign that even with a deficit of \$40,000, he would hold the tax rate for 1963. Now it is the taxpayer holding the bag. What I ask this council, are we getting for our unprecedented taxes (certainly, we look for more than sniping and I suggest that all owners, whether CHEM mortgage or not, should insist on receiving a tax bill.

In the recent past 'Deficit' municipal financing seems to have been the most recent subject frequently mentioned by council. Reeve Elliott said in council, after he had been appointed chairman of the Finance Committee for 1963, that he had been handed a tough job. Now if the situation were not so serious, that statement would be amusing indeed. Does town, it is placing an all time Mr. Elliott not realize that as high tax burden on home owners, a member of the 1962 Finance Committee, that he, Hunter and Emmerson plus the Mayor and all the defeated members of last year's council cannot escape their full share of last Masterpiece, on 'Education'



A SNIP AND THE HALL'S OPEN
THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF Agriculture, Mr. Ron Beggs, gets set to cut the traditional ribbon and officially open the new Ballinfad Community Hall, as the chairman, John Hancock, watches the operation. The hall was packed for the Friday night official opening.



THE CAPACITY CROWD in the modern Ballinfad Community Hall watch a variety program which inaugurated the new stage. The grand opening offered entertainment, a quilt auction, lucky draws and a dance.

Virginia Honeymoon For Caledon Couple

Laura Anne Mae Gummerson and Ian Walter Woollett were married in Knox United Church Caledon on February 2nd. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lorne Gummerson of Caledon and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Woollett of Norval.

Rev. D. A. Stiles officiated at the ceremony. Margaret Deadman of Brampton was soloist and sang "Because," "The Lord's Prayer" and "Through the Years" accompanied by Mrs. J. Phillips of Caledon. In a setting of associated giving flowers, the bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a floor-length, uppermost in the minds of the municipal council, in one year the allowance to the present Mayor, the mayor of 1962, and present Reeve, Deputy Reeve, and councillor James Emmerson was raised in one year approximately 60 per cent to the mayor, approximately 150 per cent to members of the council.

This increase was voted to themselves by themselves just as simple as that; so I wonder if any teacher at any time benefited to that extent in any one year. I submit to the council it would be a fine gesture on their part in view of the fact that they are all employed to rescind the tax by-law and apply their salary to tax reduction which would amount to approximately one mill. One member of the present council has publicly stated, although accepting the money - that he doesn't need it.

I am going to ask everyone who reads my rambling remarks to please believe me when I say there is no animosity towards either of my opponents in the last election. I have been in many contests, trying to win of course, but at the same time prepared for defeat. I have made an effort in this letter to make it constructive criticism and avoid personalities. Many voters may remember a letter that was delivered a day or two, before the last municipal election in which was stated that one of the candidates was a 'Black Horse'. I am sure that that description did not fit any of the candidates and I am also sure that I would much prefer to be a horse of any color rather than just that end of the horse closest to the buggy.

Now that the release of residential land, which I always opposed and always will, until there is sufficient industry to provide work for all the people who live in Georgetown, and this policy should apply to not only one, but all subdivisions. Now that this subject appears to be a dead duck, the council now should give their attention to an equally serious matter of the terrific tax burden and if I should be a successful candidate next year one of my promises will be to maintain civic services and reduce taxation in 1964 or resign from municipal council.

—Joseph Gibbons.
No Fixed Address.

Chief Explains Why GVAS Approves Rate Structure

6 Weber Drive, Georgetown, Ont. Dear Mr. Editor: With the inception of new rates for the use of the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service, I thought it might be an opportune time to discuss the matter of the Service from the standpoint of the drivers and attendants who operate it.

As you know, we are strictly a volunteer group, receiving no one cent of pay for our services from the Corporation. We do receive a grant each fall for the cost of our annual dance which is provided free for all the members interested in dancing. Several of our industries and business concerns do pay our men their regular wages if they are called out of work to take a duty run, and we are most grateful for this consideration for without this excellent cooperation from the industries and business firms, we simply could not provide the 24 hour day in day out, year in year out service as we do. While we have no jurisdiction over the rates charged for transporting patients, we are naturally vitally concerned as

Yours very truly,
—Dan Scarborough.

Choose Fred Barnes As Junior Farmer Chairman

The Halton Junior Farmers Association held their Annual Meeting at the Boyne School, on Thursday, March 7th, at 8:15 p.m. Each of the four local Clubs (Norval, Milton, Acton, and Palermo) were represented at this meeting, when all officers were filled for the 1963-64 season.

Retiring president, Ed Segs worth of the Palermo Club called the meeting to order and acted as chairman for the evening. Reports from each of the following retiring executive members were presented and adopted: Marilyn Wrigglesworth, Secretary; Tom Hunter, Treasurer; and Bill Marshall, County Director.

The major award in the Halton Juniors year is the "Inter-Club Scoring Championship". The clubs are scored on their participation in the various County activities, by a committee from the county organization. Bill Wilson, chairman of this committee, announced the results, which were as follows: 1st, Norval Jr. Farmers; 2nd, Milton Jr. Farmers; 3rd, Acton Jr. Farmers; 4th, Palermo Jr. Farmers.

The results of the 1963-64 election of officers were as follows: Past President, Ed Segs worth, 4058 South Service Rd., Burlington; President, Fred Barnes, RR 2, Georgetown; 1st Vice President, Joy Hayward, RR 1, Acton; 2nd Vice President, Marilyn Wrigglesworth, RR 2, Georgetown; Secretary, Lillian Finnie, RR 1, Hornby; Treasurer, Kaye Marshall, RR 1, Milton; County Director, Ed Segs worth, 4058 South Service Rd., Burlington; Marion Hunt and medical offices.

Reeve T. McCollum of Port Credit told fellow Peel county citizens that maximum security was not needed for all local prisoners, and a minimum security, or farm type institution would be the ideal. Halton County Council has been approached about the matter, but has not yet launched a study of the idea.

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Chose Three Last Night

Ten public school orators from around the township vied for positions on the Esqueping public school speaking delegation to the Inspectorate finals in Georgetown when they aired their eloquence in front of a crowd in Stewarttown Hall last night. The results were too late for publication.

This year the top three speakers will go on to the next level, a departure for past contests in the township when just two, the best boy and the best girl speaker, progressed. Just who is up to the panel of three judges. The top speaker got further recognition, the R. J. Cunningham Trophy. Mr. Cunningham, for whom the trophy was named is the township school board chairman; it was presented by a member of the board, Mr. Robert Armstrong. The chairman of the program was Mr. Alexander Dickson of Limehouse School. The consolidated schools were allowed to send two speakers and the smaller one and the two room schools were allowed to send one speaker each. Not all the schools were represented.

Speaking on behalf of the Glen Williams School were Jill Kemshead, and Gregory Moody for Limehouse School, Linda Foster, and Janet Klooster; for Milton Heights, Christina McTrash; for Norval School, Barbara Youmans; for Speyside, Diane Brown, and Gregory Duncan; for Stewarttown, Bryan Reynolds and Sharon Wuerch.



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Peel-Halton Consider Combining on Jail

The possibility of erecting a new jail near the Peel-Halton County boundary to house prisoners from both counties, is presently being studied by members of Peel County Council. The action follows repeated criticism of the 96-year-old Peel jail in Brampton, which is overcrowded and outdated. Halton's jail is more modern however, and facilities for women prisoners have been added in the past few years. It is presently being expanded to give needed room for jail Press Reporter, Marion Hunt and medical offices.

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