

High School Operation Is Half Million Project

The Georgetown high school board have estimated it will cost \$556,732 to operate the high school during 1964. That's the total expenditure figure in the maintenance budget finalised recently.

The total amount to be raised through taxes is \$226,853. Georgetown's maintenance levy is \$228,213.06 and Esqueping Township's \$58,439.96.

Provincial grants will make up \$250,424 of the total revenue. The balance will be raised by fees from other boards and individuals (\$5,900) and through night school fees, sales of instruments and gym rental (\$4,065).

For comparison here are the budgeted amounts for 1964 and the 1963 costs.

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| Teachers' salaries | \$4369,812.00 | Curr. Year '63 Actual | |
| Teachers' salaries | \$389,812 | \$329,960.50 | |
| Instructional supplies | 38,800 | 23,864.80 | |
| Adminis. | 23,721 | 22,931.92 | |
| Plant Oper'n Maint'nce | 56,826 | 35,958.48 | |
| Auxiliary services (prizes, conventions, etc.) | 4,811 | 4,078.82 | |
| Fees to other boards | 5,901 | 8,810.87 | |
| Transp'n | 14,060 | 17,220.00 | |
| Expen. | \$556,732 | \$465,280.28 | |

4-H Clubs Choose 1964 Executives

J. A. Francis performed one of his few remaining tasks as the Agricultural Representative for Halton County, when he officiated at the 1964 elections for 4-H Club executives.

Leaving May 1st to enter a farming venture in Northern Ontario, Francis will be replaced by Henry J. Stanley of Lenoark County. Stanley assisted Francis during the elections.

Elected to the East Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club were: John McGee, president; Arthur Lawson, vice president; Doreen Carney, secretary; Alex Finnie, press reporter; West Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club, Wm. Sinclair, president; Murray Dawson, vice president; Marions Hunter, secretary; Lois Hunter, press reporter.

Elected to the Halton Jersey Guernsey-Ayrshire Calf Club, were Margaret King, president; Jeffrey Nurse, vice president; Joan Beatty, secretary; William Alexander, press reporter; Halton 4-H Beef Calf Club, Larry

Cardhouse, president; William Jackson, vice president; Wayne Mitchell, secretary; Charles Twist, press reporter; Halton 4-H Grain Club, Harold Thompson, president; Margaret Hester, vice president; Murray Dawson, secretary; Verne Thompson, press reporter.

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GEORGETOWN DELEGATES EXAMINE RETARDED'S WORK

Paul Armstrong (left), Dr. Harry Greig, Mrs. William Treahy, Dr. Ken McCauley, and William Treahy, all of Georgetown, examine work done by the Ontario Association for Retarded Children. They were delegates to the eleventh annual conference of the Ontario Association for Retarded Children.

— Peter Jones Photo

HARLEY TO HALTON
WEEKLY OBSERVATIONS BY DR. HARRY HARLEY, M.P. FOR HALTON

The past week has been a momentous one in the political life of Canada. Events in and out of the House of Commons will affect the life of every Canadian. There are three matters I would like to mention this week of particular interest.

The first must, of course, be the Canada Pension Plan. Here of course the diplomatic hand of the Prime Minister is very evident. This is the type of political activity in which Mr. Pearson excels. The compromise plan, between the Quebec and the federal plan is apparently well received by the Premier of Ontario and expected to be welcomed by the other provincial premiers. We are not disappointed that our original plan has been changed three times—if we can improve the Canada Pension Plan even further, we should be flexible and change it again if it will benefit the people of Canada. It is surely better to bring in a plan, analyse it and change it to suit as many as possible than to bring in an inferior plan or none at all.

The second matter of importance and interest to all the veterans in the riding was

the two-day debate during a supply motion on the question of the possible transfer of DVA hospitals to other authorities. It has been recognized as far back as 1959 that a serious problem was developing in the DVA hospitals. The Conservative answer then and their attitude is now "hands off our veterans hospitals." We do not believe this is the best solution for our veterans welfare. The problems are there, let's recognize them and do something about them before they reach serious proportions. The problem has been developing because of the increasing number of long-term, chronic illness type of veteran patients in these hospitals. At the present time 75% - 80% of patients in DVA hospitals do not require active treatment centres for care such as is given in normal general hospitals.

This invariably restricts the kind of medical services which are available. Professional people naturally move to hospitals where they have the broadest opportunities. This is reflected in the downgrading of the DVA hospitals by the College of Physicians and Surgeons in the teaching pro-

grams. Because of this reduction in training it will be difficult to attract medical personnel.

We must ensure not only that the Veterans have a hospital when they require it, but that the best medical care is available to them. Therefore the Department is investigating the possibility of integrating in some manner veteran patients and general hospital patients to ensure that the best of care is available, and that the veterans who need hospitalization will find it available without question. The welfare of the veterans must be safeguarded and as well we must be able to provide the best of medical care.

The third matter is that the Procedural Committee of the House of Commons has made some trial suggestions for speeding up the routine of the House of Commons. These recommendations concern the question period. At the present time they are working the question period has been reduced to one-third of its previous average. We hope this improvement will continue and that further changes will continue to speed up the business of Parliament.

KERR'S COLUMN

M.P.P. REPORTS TO GEORGETOWN FROM QUEEN'S PARK

by GEORGE KERR

The most welcome legislation presented to the Provincial Legislature last week was an act to amend the Retail Sales Tax Act. The Bill is to extend the exemption for sales tax to all bequests of personal property instead of just to bequests between certain close relatives. Provision is also made whereby municipalities, school boards, hospitals, universities and certain similar institutions may buy materials for construction of buildings for exempt from sales tax instead of paying the tax and later applying for rebate.

This amendment will become effective June 1st next and will lessen the administrative burden of the organizations referred to above.

Buses used to provide public transportation within the municipality, purchased on or after March 1st, 1964, are now exempt from sales tax.

The present regulation requiring non-resident contractors to provide a deposit for their sales tax liability is being expanded to provide alternatives and it is being incorporated into the Act.

New Attorney-General The Honourable A. A. Wisart, Q.C., Ontario's Attorney-General, spoke last week in his new role as indicated in a general way, his opinion as to how his department should deal with the recommendations contained in the report of the Ontario Police Commission.

In his remarks to the House during debate last week, he referred to one section of the "Crime Report" which reads as follows: "The Commission holds that it is admitted that the law enforcement agencies

in the United States have experienced difficulty in coping effectively with organized and syndicated crime of the Mafia-like type in that country; that conditions in the years since the Kefauver Report of 1951 are worse rather than better than they were at that time, and that criminals have gained control of many aspects of legitimate as well as criminal operations in the field of business and labour, and influence in politics and law enforcement."

Check Yackle Box On the lighter side, I note by a Department of Lands and Forest release that the trout season opens on May 1st. All

BALLINAWAD

Move to Georgetown, So Friends Have Presentation

A presentation was held in the hall recently for Mr. and Mrs. Switzer who have moved from this district into Georgetown. Mr. Tom Gibson acted as chairman for the evening and an address was read by Mrs. William McLean. The gifts presented on behalf of neighbours and community were a pair of table lamps and a telephone table. Mr. Switzer expressed his thanks and the remainder of the evening was spent playing euchre and dancing.

The Scout Mothers' Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. R. Shortill Jr. on Tuesday night of last week. Reports of the regional conference at

so, that pickerel and pike seasons below the French River open May 9th, and above the French on May 15th. There is no closed season for blue pickerel except Lake Nipissing which opens on May 18. I hope that the ardent anglers in the county have checked their fishing tackle and have inspected the contents of the tackle box. Winter fishing, attractive as it is, is little consolation to the man who prefers the fly rod, bait casting, or spinning rod under open water conditions. I predict that this will be one of the best springs on record for cold water fishing. Don't forget your rain coats, and good luck!

There were 21,000 fires in Canada last year, and besides the 290 Canadians who died in these fires, \$32,000,000 in property damage resulted. Consider this tragic loss next time YOU take a chance on fire, urges the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau. Be especially careful of fire during the dry Spring season, Bureau members urge. Carelessness breeds fire, and fire breeds tragedy.

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