

# It Was The North Against The South And All Against The County Council

A friendly meeting of mayors, reeves, deputies and councillors from all parts of Halton County last week didn't turn into a North-South war, but it didn't miss by much.

For more than an hour and a half, representatives from Georgetown, Acton, Milton, Esquesing and Nassagaweya in the northern part of the county battled it out in an unscheduled strenuous debate with those from Burlington and Oakville in the south.

The men and women — more than 80 of them — were invited by County Council to a get-together in the county administration building on the Base Line.

Following the banquet the head of each municipality was to give a short address on his views of county government.

It proved to be an explosive subject as mayors, reeves, deputies, and councillors all took pot-shots at their hosts.

The ones from the north did not like what the southern municipalities get, and the representatives from the south felt the north has been taking advantage.

Following the meeting, Warden H. H. Hinton said he was pleased to see such a "vigorous exchange of views."

Georgetown Mayor Joe Gibbons stated he was glad to have only three minutes to speak on county government. "That is all I need to say what the county has done for my municipality," he said.

He suggested putting seat belts in the county council chamber to keep the members of 'this noble body of legislature' where they could do some work.

Esquesing Township Reeve George Leslie disagreed. "We are not little lambs — but I think we have the banner county in Ontario."

Georgetown councillor Fred Harrison charged that the county was treating some county residents as second class citizens.

He said that Esquesing township does not provide the educational service of kindergarten which Oakville and Burlington have.

Warden Hinton replied that education is not a county function.

Stan Allen, a former Georgetown reeve, now head of the Halton Centennial Manor, stated that the county is falling down on its public relations over expropriation.

Milton Syd Childs called for grants in lieu of taxes and said that his municipality has been

experiencing problems with the county on services.

Acton Mayor Les Duby called for the equalization of assessment in the county, criticized the refusal of a \$1,000 fee to join the Central Ontario Development Association, and called for more co-operation on the problems of welfare.

Oakville Mayor McLean Anderson rocked the room by saying he did not run for a county council position on council because it would have been like "stepping into a vacuum." He said he looks forward to the Plunkett report on regional government because he wants the tier system of government eliminated.

Milton Deputy Reeve Charles Menefy retorted that he took exception to the statements by "his illustrious worship."

Burlington councillor George Harrington charged the county roads committee was ignoring requests from Burlington "Nothing happens when Burlington and Oakville make requests," he said.

Nassagaweya Reeve William Coulter said his municipality was suffering because of the many acres of county-owned land within its boundaries which have a fixed assessment. He suggested county council form a committee to study the Plunkett report when it is handed down.

Halton Crown Attorney Peter K. McWilliams urged the county to up its 1.6 mill allotment for roads to permit a larger program. He charged Halton

County had one of the lowest mill rates for roads in the province.

Mrs. Anna McArthur, a Nassagaweya councillor, demanded to know why the county was not reimbursing one of her constituents for destroying his well in a road widening program.

Oakville councillor Donald Gordon criticized the county for failing to take action on "certain matters" and called for the end of the county roads committee.

During the meeting Oakville councillor Michael Boyle boiled over after an hour and a quarter to rebuke those present for their "carping and criticism."

"An Irish wake couldn't have been any funnier," he said.

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because they had refused to go for a cup of coffee with them. The accused said his sister-in-law may have overheard, he and his companions discussing the possibilities of what might have happened had the car run off the road at a point where there were more trees.

He denied his sister-in-law's allegations and said it was never their intention to kill or even injure the girls.

He said he had not realized that the girls' car had run off the road after the car he was driving had "ticked it".

Police evidence showed that Miss Bishop's car travelled 193 feet along the shoulder of the road and across a ditch before hitting a tree.

The pair were remanded in custody for a pre-sentence report.

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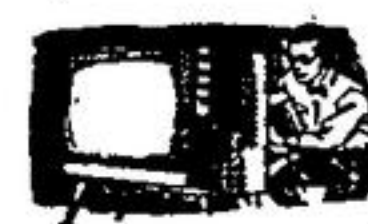
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## Medical Brain Drain to U.S. is Concern: Harley

Ottawa. (Special to the Herald)

There is a net brain drain in medical personnel from Canada to the United States, Dr. Harry Harley, MP for Halton, said in the Commons last week. Quoting some figures from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Dr. Harley said that in 1953 doctors represented four per cent of the professional emigrants from Canada but in 1963 this had risen to seven per cent.

Fortunately for Canada, there had been a net inflow of medical personnel from the world at large more than offsetting the losses of trained people to the United States.

The medical schools graduated about 850 a year which meant that Canada was just keeping pace which was not good enough in a country which boasts of high medical standards.

"Another difficulty concerns the role of the general practitioner who seems to be disappearing," Dr. Harley noted.

General practitioners are being increasingly drawn to practices in well established urban localities rather than to rural areas as was the case a few years ago.

In 1960 the ratio of doctors to patients in Canada was about one to 904 and some people felt it should be one in every 750. The ratio of dentists was one to 3000 patients and this should be to 2,000. There was one nurse for every 260 Canadians and this should be one for 200.

The Halton MP said one of the difficulties in attracting more people to medicine was salary.

Dr. Harley then made six recommendations including higher salaries to doctors and nurses during training; refresher courses for general practitioners paying for GPs before they started practice; training of medical technicians to do the routine work; more postgraduate training in Canada; more medical research.

## Convicted, Remand Pair For Pre-Sentence Report

A woman broke down in tears and ran screaming from county court Wednesday after she heard a jury pronounce her husband and another man guilty of criminal negligence in forcing a girl's car off a road near Georgetown.

Found guilty were a 24-year old Streetsville man, and his 25 year old Brampton companion.

The all-male jury took four hours to reach its verdict.

When the verdict was announced one of the convicted men's wives burst into tears as the pair were being taken from the court room and she jumped up screaming "No, No!" and ran outside.

One of the men denied allegations made by his sister-in-law a district teenager that her brother-in-law had repeatedly said since the accident that

the men had intended to kill the girls.

Miss Janet Mortenson, 18 of Oakville, and Miss Margaret Bishop, 19 of Timmins, testified that the men had run them off the road near Georgetown last October 11.

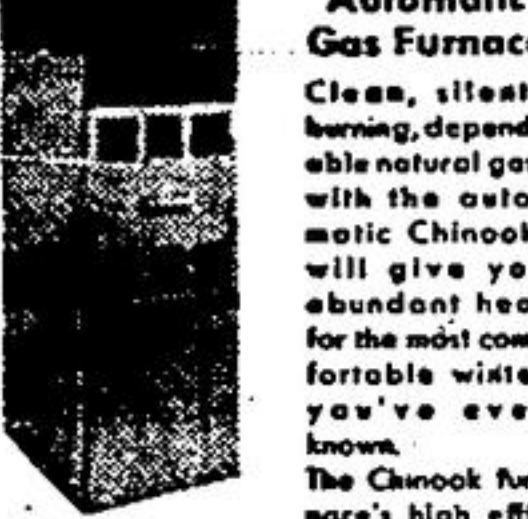
Miss Mortenson broke two ribs and scarred her forehead in the crash.

The district teenage witness claimed her brother-in-law had intended to kill the girls.

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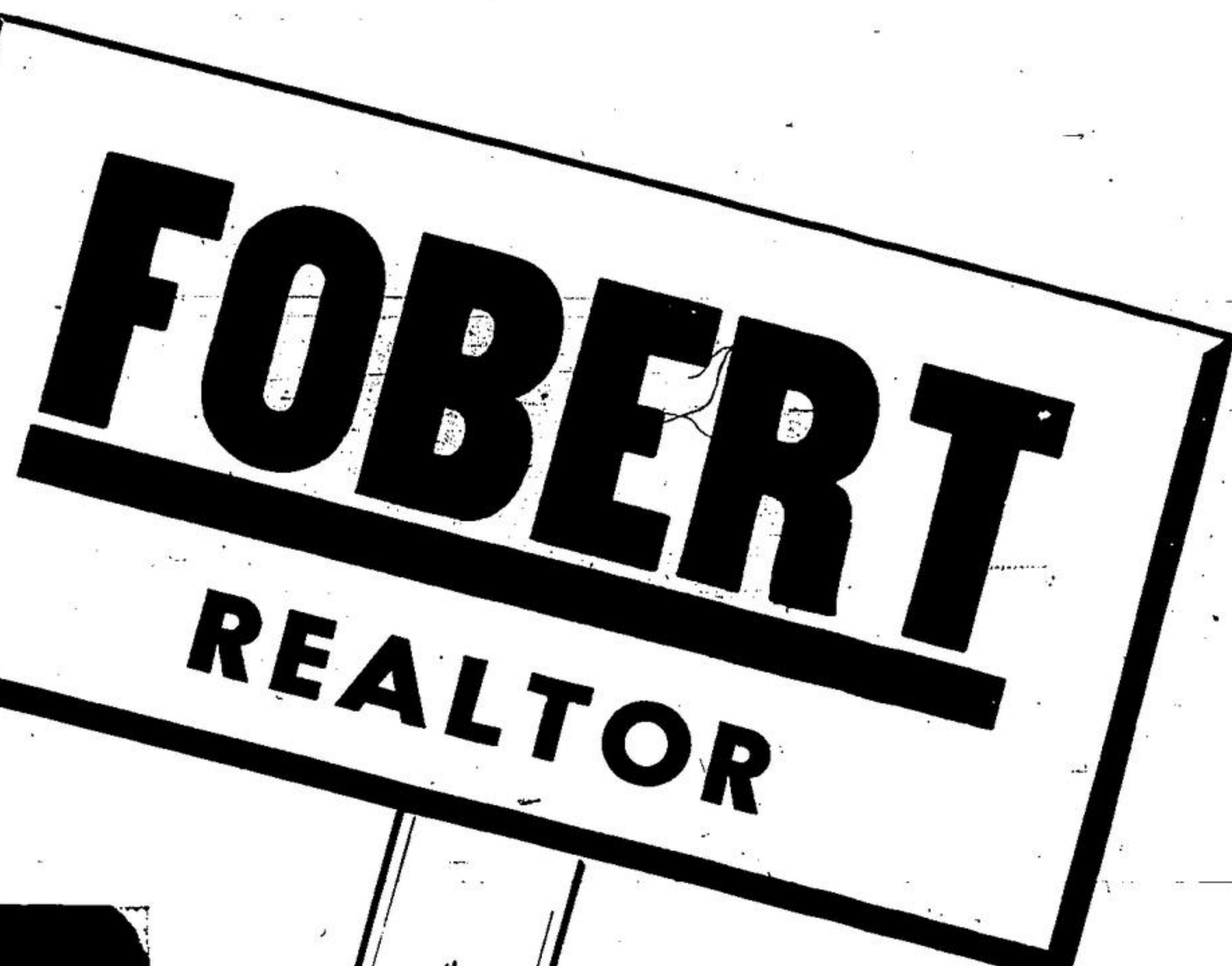


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