

# Opinions Differ Radically As Panel Debates Plunkett

## Jaycees Welcome Eftco At Golf Club Dinner

Varying opinions from "Frankenstein monster" (Cr. Erin Hyde) to "Generally highly in favour" (Warden Bert Hinton, Acton) were expressed at a panel discussion last Wednesday on the Plunkett Report.

The report, ordered by the Ontario Government, suggests radical changes in the municipal set-up in place of the smaller administrative units.

The panel was part of an evening planned by the Junior Chamber of Commerce at North Halton Golf and Country Club. At the dinner, attended by a group of civic officials and industrial executives, one of the town's newest industries, Economy Forms, was officially welcomed to Georgetown.

Thomas Brotherton, general manager, Eric Lambton, production manager and Don Jennings, sales manager, were dinner guests and Mr. Brotherton gave a summary of the production process at their Todd Road plant and the firm's history.

"Eftco" which also uses Construction Products as a name, started in the mid-thirties in Iowa as a one-man operation making rental equipment for contractors. He likened the product to a giant mecano set, composed of interlocking parts for contractors' forms, which can be put together in various combinations and re-used.

Today the firm sells direct to the trade, and also produces custom equipment.

Mayor Jos. Gibbons expressed Georgetown's pleasure in having a fine new industry locating in Georgetown "where people want to live and can afford to live."

The company was also welcomed by Sandy Mackenzie, dinner chairman and Alan Teeler, Jaycee president, with Connell Smith introducing Mr. Brotherton.

John T. Armstrong was panel moderator and introduced George Kerr, MPP, county warden; and Acton reeve Bert Hinton; Cr. Erin Hyde, who is industrial chairman of the Georgetown council, and Stan Finlay, a member and past chairman of the public school board.

Panelists were first asked to give a capsule opinion of the Plunkett recommendations.

"I had no planning in it at all," said Mr. Hyde, who is outspokenly critical. "It takes what exists today and says one part should be bigger, another stay as it is — the whole argument is that our area should develop from Lake Ontario — Georgetown could end as a good ward in a poor municipality — creat-

ing a Frankenstein monster — but I'd rather be in Georgetown twenty years from now than in the chaos he is suggesting in the south."

Mr. Hinton observed that Mr. Hyde would appreciate the report more if he had experience in county government.

"Astute men couldn't produce a worthless report," he said. "It's based on broader knowledge than any one person in our municipalities possesses — generally, I'm highly in favour of most of the contents."

Mr. Finlay spoke from the point of schooling and said there is a general feeling of disagreement, from mild to bitter, among communities which would be affected.

"North Halton feels it would be difficult for one board to operate, although everyone realizes larger areas are coming — at least 6,000 students are required to operate a good secondary school system, and North Halton hasn't this many students — education doesn't necessarily have to be limited by municipal boundaries."

"The report is making people think and debate its points," said Mr. Kerr "and that's its main purpose."

### HORNBY

## Honours Mother With Surprise Birthday Party

Mrs. Irene Saunders, held a surprise birthday party recently in honour of her mother who celebrated her birthday on Dec. 4th. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. W. Ilerid Iorih and Mrs. Wilfred Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Lew Sampson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Given, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Downs, Mrs. Jessie Appleyard, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Appleyard, Mr. and Mrs. William Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley. The evening was spent playing euchre with the winners as follows: Mrs. Delbert Downs, Tom Given, Mrs. Lew Sampson and Lew Sampson. Following cards Mrs. Bradley opened her many lovely gifts and extended her thanks to all for the gifts and surprise.

The St. Stephen's Anglican Church Women's Association held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Mary Maxwell, on Tuesday night, Dec. 6th with six members attending.

The Evening Unit of the Hornby United Church Women held their Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. Barbara Snow, on Monday night, Dec. 5.

Anniversary greeting to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Howden, who will celebrate their wedding anniversary on Monday, Dec. 19th.

He said most residents must agree that some form of regional government is necessary, as there are too many boards and commissions now.

He is concerned about boundaries, particularly the isolation of Milton, about the need for large education units and the interpretation of 'rural' in the report.

He believes Georgetown will be the core of the proposed northern area.

During a question period, Mr. Kerr opined that definite changes will come within two or three years, and that rural and urban areas would have the same mill rate, with an additional rate for the latter which would have more services provided.

Mr. Hinton said that a rural area could still allow new developments like Bramalea, and observed that the 60-40 industrial residential ratio is no longer a factor as some areas can prosper with a heavy residential density.

He said county government would be greatly improved if councillors were directly elected, rather than the present system of municipal representatives.

## LUMBER BARGAINS ... 1878 VINTAGE

Looking for bargains in lumber? Here's one. Seven hundred feet of common inch plank for \$6.30 and 80 feet of scantling for 72 cents. Only trouble is the sale ended in 1878.

Those prices were quoted in an historic bill from a George Cooke Lumber Co. at Ashgrove to a Mr. Appleby in Oakville which Wrigglesworth Public School principal William Kinrade includes in his collection.

On its printed envelope the Cooke firm refers to itself as Manufacturer of Lumber, Shingles, Laths and Planing. Ashgrove is spelled Ash Grove, two separate words. The bill-head is dated October 31, 1878.

On Dec. 15th, to Axel Peterson on Dec. 18th, to Stuart McMillan and John Perry Jr., on Dec. 17th, to Anne Prestidge and to Garnet Howden on Dec. 18 and Ross Bridgen on Dec. 19.

**Thank You . . .**

TO ALL THE ELECTORS WHO VOTED FOR ME AND  
TO THOSE WHO WORKED SO DILIGENTLY  
ON MY BEHALF

Congratulations to the successful candidates  
and may we have a Happy and Prosperous  
Centennial Year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE

Sincerely,  
**John A. Elliott**

**Thanks**

TO ALL THOSE WHO  
VOTED FOR ME AND  
WORKED ON MY BEHALF

**John  
Hole**

A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL

**GEORGE LESLIE**

EXTENDS  
**SINCERE THANKS**

To All Who Supported Him  
at the Polls

SEASON'S GREETINGS  
AND BEST WISHES TO ALL

**WILFRID LESLIE**

EXTENDS A SINCERE  
**"THANK YOU"**

to the Electors of Esquesing  
FOR THEIR SUPPORT

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF ESQUESING

**Thank You**

For Electing me your Deputy Reeve for 1967  
by acclamation

**GEORGE CURRIE**

**MY THANKS**

To the Esquesing ratepayers for  
re-electing me to council for 1967

and a special word of thanks to all those who  
worked on my behalf

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

**TOM HILL**

TO THE ELECTORS  
OF ESQUESING

**THANK YOU**

FOR YOUR WONDERFUL  
SUPPORT AT THE POLLS

**C. F. (PAT) PATTERSON**

SEASON'S GREETINGS

**J. H. 'Jim' EMMERSON**

EXTENDS SINCERE APPRECIATION TO ALL WHO  
SUPPORTED HIM AT THE POLLS  
AND WORKED ON HIS BEHALF

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND BEST WISHES TO ALL

A SPECIAL  
**"Thank You"**

TO ALL THE ELECTORS  
IN  
**WARD 3**  
WHO CAST THEIR BALLOTS  
IN MY BEHALF

SEASON'S GREETINGS

**Albert Tuchel**

**E. GEORGE BATES**

R. R. 3, GEORGETOWN (NO. 5 SIDEROAD)

wishes to extend a sincere 'Thank You' to all his  
supporters in the Esquesing Township Election.

**A Sincere 'Thank You'**

TO ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED ME AT THE POLLS ON DECEMBER 5th . . . . .  
IT WILL BE MY EFFORT TO SERVE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL CITIZENS OF  
THE TOWNSHIP.

**JIM GOODLET**  
ESQUESING COUNCILLOR FOR 1967

**MY SINCERE THANKS**

TO THE ELECTORS OF  
WARD II

I shall continue to represent you and all the  
ratepayers of Georgetown, in a manner befitting  
the trust you have again placed in me.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A  
BRIGHT AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

**James Young**

**ED WILSON    JOHN MINTERN    HARRY SHORTILL    GUDNI SIGURDSON    GRANT GREENAWAY    REG MOONEY    CHRIS WALKER    STAN FINLAY**

Your Public School Trustees would like to thank the Ratepayers for the confidence that has been placed in us and appreciate the opportunity of serving you for the next two years.

**SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL**