

NO CHANGES AT PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD TABLE

NO WELCOMING WORDS WERE NECESSARY AT the inaugural meeting of the Georgetown Public School Board Wednesday, January 4th were all of last year's trustees returned for the first meeting since their acclamation. From left going clockwise around the board table are public school inspector O. G. McDowell, trustees Harry Shortill, Gudni Sigurdson, Grant Greenaway, chairman John Mintern, business administrator James Evans, trustees Reginald Mooney, Chris Walker, Stanley Finlay, and in the foreground Edwin Wilson.

Highway Loads Must Be Securely Bound

During the period Jan. 1-7, 1967 inclusive, personnel of the North Halton Detachment OPP worked a total of 855 3/4 hours and patrolled a total of 8,396 miles on area highways. As a result of patrol 24 traffic charges were preferred and 64 violation warnings were issued. One charge under the Liquor Control Act and 1 charge under the Criminal Code were laid.

During this same period there were 9 property damage accidents 2 personal injury accidents investigated resulting in 4 persons being injured and approximately \$6125. in property damage. Contributing factors in accidents were — icy road conditions, did not have right of way, on wrong side of road, driver lost control and speed too fast for road or traffic conditions. 3 abandoned motor vehicles were removed from the highways at the owners' expense. One unsafe vehicle was seized.

There were 37 general occurrences reported including 7 disturbances, 2 complaints of hunters trespassing on private property, 1 assault causing bodily harm resulting in 1 person being arrested and charged under Sec. 231(2) of the Criminal Code of Canada, 3 insecure premises where owners were notified and secured same, theft of tools and clothing from a motorcycle on 401 Highway, and 1 motorist complained of gravel falling from a truck and breaking his windshield. The remaining occurrences were of a minor nature.

IMPROPER LOADING

Sec. 56 (2) of the Highway Traffic Act states:—

"No person shall operate or permit to be operated upon a highway any commercial motor vehicle or trailer unless the load that such vehicle or trailer is carrying is firmly bound, sufficiently covered, or otherwise secured or loaded, in such a manner that no portion of the load may become dislodged or fall from the commercial vehicle or trailer."

Second Woman Victimized by Bank Inspector Racket

A second woman in the vicinity to lose money to phony bank inspectors gave \$900 to a stranger in Brampton last week.

The 74 year old woman was told on the telephone that a bank teller had lifted \$1,800 from her bank account and asked if she would cooperate in apprehending the employee. The speaker told her to cash a cheque and give the money to a plain clothesman outside the bank.

Two weeks ago, the con game was foiled in Acton by an alert would-be-victim who telephoned police but a Georgetown woman paid \$1,450 to the fake inspectors just prior to Christmas.

Nurses Debate Approach to Collective Bargaining

A meeting of the Halton County public health nurses this week may forge a plan of action in their struggle for collective bargaining rights Mrs. Flora Hesson thinks.

Present at the meeting will be Lloyd Sharpe director of employee relations for the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario and a key figure in the nurses battle with Halton's Board of Health.

It was Mr. Sharpe who promised a new course of action for mid January after negotiations broke down in November.

Halton nurses will attend a provincial RAO meeting in Toronto on February 4 with collective bargaining for county health units expected to be a major issue.

"We'll know what they're going to be doing for sure after then," Mrs. Hesson said.

NORVAL

A speedy recovery is wished Mrs. Archie McMeekin of Brampton, formerly of RR 2,

Norval, who broke her hip around the 1st of October while visiting her daughter Hope and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Williams and family of Bracebridge. She was in Bracebridge Hospital but is now with her daughter Jean and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Dale of Brampton. The family held a birthday party for her at the home of Mrs. Dale, on December 20th.

Christmas holidays are over now and our Centennial year has been ushered in by special ceremonies and parties. Children enjoyed the nice weather with just enough snow for sleigh riding, tobogganing, skiing, etc. and skating on the pond. A few in the village had their holiday dampened with scarlet fever and mumps — but most families held a family get-together sometime during Christmas or New Year's. The topic in most homes now is

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Plan No Highway Exit For Dangerous Dufferin

There will be no exit from Dufferin St. onto the highway, council decided Thursday night. Previously a motion had been passed making Dufferin a one way street.

However, residents had explained they would then be forced to drive up Ewing St. to the highway, make a left hand turn across the highway then go south on Dufferin. Almost all the residents work either at the mills or Smith & Stone.

Cr. W. Emerson said the "no-exit" signs would accomplish the same thing as a one way street, with less inconvenience to the residents.

Cr. Roy. Ballentine agreed this was a much safer solution to the problem.

Police Chairman Jim Young recalled no reference to "no-exit streets" in the highway traffic act, but favoured trying out the idea. The motion passed.

Try Talk Limit as Council Time Saver

There will be less talk at council meetings in the future, according to a motion passed last Thursday night at council.

The motion moved by Cr. Jim Young, and seconded by Cr. Bill Smith limits the number of times the mover and seconder of a motion can speak on that motion to twice, and the other members only once.

"I feel it's worth a try," contended Cr. Young, "if you can not make it clear in two attempts you should give it up."

Cr. Harrison emphatically opposed the motion, maintaining that lengthy discussion sometimes changes the opinion of the originator of the motion.

"Spending of the tax payers money should have as much discussion as possible" he said. The mayor felt there should be some limit to discussion so that the town affairs could be handled with dignity and dispatch.

Reeve Wm. F. Hunter agreed with the motion but said that if directly challenged a member should have the right to reply regardless of the number of times he had spoken.

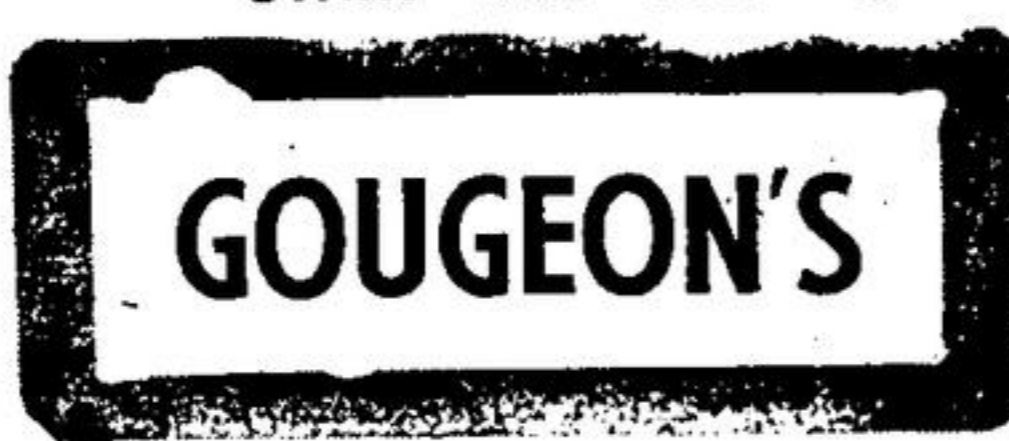
This suggestion was endorsed by all council, and "except where a direct challenge is made, a member will be allowed to answer," was added to the motion.

Only Cr. Fred Harrison opposed the motion in the vote.

MANOR OPENING DELAYED (AGAIN)

The opening of the new \$1,400,000 addition to Halton Centennial Manor is expected to be delayed until at least the end of February. Manor administrator Stanley Allen said yesterday plumbers and carpenters are still working on it.

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