



THEY'LL STEER HIGH SCHOOL THROUGH 1967

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL BOARD HELD their inaugural meeting Wednesday, January 4th when the above picture was taken. Around the board table from the left are high school principal Donald F. Turner, vice chairman Thomas Van Sicker, William Carr, Edwin Hall; business administrator Ernest Forgrave; chairman Edward Gorth, B. H. Breckenridge, John Ord and Donald Lawson.

Site Near Hornby For New Halton - Peel Jail

The two million dollar regional jail for Halton and Peel counties will be built near Hornby it was disclosed late last week. The jail will be built on farmland located west of the village and north of Highway 401 and just south of the Base Line.

A resolution directing the solicitor to acquire the property was passed at a special meeting of Halton County Council.

Reeve William Coulter of Nassawakeya, vice chairman of the new detention centre board, said the site was one of three in the area considered by the board. It was, he said, chosen because it is on higher ground and better water conditions are available.

Reeve Coulter said the board would make every possible attempt to negotiate the purchase of the land and only if that failed would expropriation proceedings be considered.

The site could be either 83 or 63 acres depending on the option to sell.

The new detention centre will be composed of two buildings. It will replace two century-old jails and is being built with the help of the province under a region detention centre program.

It would have family visiting rooms and is designed to segregate first offenders from repeat offenders. The jail has been many months in the planning by Halton and Peel counties.

"It will be a showplace — a focal point for penologists all over the world," Reforms Institution Minister Alan Grossman said last August when he gave the green light for the new maximum-minimum security institution.

Half the capital cost — about \$1 million — will be paid by provincial government, and the rest will be shared by the two counties on a population basis.

Plunkett Decision Unlikely Present Parliament Session

Don't expect any speedy action on the Plunkett Report on regional government in Halton and Peel.

That's today's message from the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Dr. Lorne Cumming, special advisor to minister Wilfred Spooner, said: "In view of the number of serious objections to Mr. Plunkett it is unlikely that we would be able to draw up something for legislation in time for this session which begins next month. Nobody knows when it will end."

Dr. Cumming said that so far 20 submissions had been made on the Plunkett report from municipalities, school boards and utility commissions.

Deadline for submissions is December 31 although this has been extended to mid-January to allow the new councils to come up with ideas.

Plunkett suggests the scrapping of all the present municipalities and county councils in Halton and Peel. He suggested two vast authorities. One in the rural north and one in the urban south.

Dr. Cumming said the general deadline for submissions was that they were against the urban rural division "Many have made alternative suggestions," he added.

Dr. Cumming said the submissions will be studied by all government departments: for example, copies of the proposals on education will be sent to Education Minister William Davis.

He said that once the reports have been digested it would be up to the government to decide what to do.

He said that although legislation would not be introduced this session, councils should not feel that the department won't be giving the submissions serious consideration now.

Since the report was published in September several bodies have attacked it.

Toronto Township has suggested a four-way split of Halton and Peel into boroughs governed on a two levels by an overall council, and local councils.

Decline Purchase Offer For Bankrupt Ski Club

The Halton Region Conservation Authority's offer to buy the assets of the bankrupt Glen Eden Ski Club for \$9,340 was turned down Friday.

Field Officer for the authority DAVIN Murray said the trustees for the Glen Eden Estate had made a counter-proposal which he was "not at liberty to disclose" until it had been revealed to the authority.

The offer by the authority was made at a meeting of the club's creditors.

The club went bankrupt earlier this year and the authority was authorized to operate it by the receiver in bankruptcy.

There are two ski towns on the property at the Kelso conservation area.

The authority bought one of the towns some time ago for \$28,000.

The club still owes the authority \$3,000 and its other liabilities total \$12,000.

Gorth High School Board Chairman Centennial Year

A former member of Georgetown District High School's Advisory Vocational Commission, E.H. Ted Gorth was elected chairman of the high school board at an inaugural meeting Wednesday, January 4.

Vice-chairman is T.H. Van Sicker, and committee heads: B.H. Breckenridge, Finance, Management and Insurance; E. E. Hall, Property and Transportation; and W.H. Carr, Building.

Only a small amount of business was dealt with at the inaugural. It included passing a borrowing by-law which will allow the board to borrow up to \$400,000 for temporary financing while awaiting maintenance levy and grant.

Permission was granted board secretary Ernest Forgrave to attend the annual conference held at the

11 Below on January 12 Was Year's Coldest Day

Georgetown baked in temperatures as high as 96 in the shade and shivered in 11 degrees below zero weather during 1966, a summary released this week by Herald weatherman Roger Smith reveals.

The high of 96 was recorded on Saturday, July 2nd, and the 11 below on Wednesday, January 12th.

"We were also in on a few records. A high of 66 on March 18th broke the record for that day set in 1894, and that warm day in December when the mercury rose to 63 broke the all time record for the month set on the 31st of December in 1875.

Seventeen point four inches of snow fell on the town on Sunday, Jan. 23, the second highest total ever, and the greatest 24 hour snowfall during the month of January. It broke the monthly record of 14." set on January 24th, 1873, and was surpassed only by a snowfall of 20.5" on the 11th and 12th of December in 1944.

Other heavy snowfalls (over 5 inches) during 1966 fell on Georgetown Jan. 7 (6.2"), April 1 (5.6"), and Dec. 28-29 (6.1").

July was our sunniest month with 324 hours of Old Sol, almost 70 per cent of the possible total. June was not far behind with 314 hours of sunshine.

The sun shone least during that depressing overcast spell in November when Georgetown and district people saw the sun just 72.5 hours, which is just 24.9 per cent of possible.

We got our most rain in November (4.74") and most snow in January (31.5"), and despite the fact April is regarded as the month of showers, less than an inch fell during those 30 days, making it one of the driest periods of 1966.

July qualified as the most arid month with barely more than a half inch of precipitation falling during almost drought conditions.

In all, 28.81 inches of precipitation fell during 1966, about 2 1/2" less than normal.

Other information contained in the weather summary . . .

Average high for the year 55 degrees; average low 34. Average mean temperature 45.2 degrees, slightly above normal.

Summary of extreme temperatures:

	High	Low
Jan.	44	-11
Feb.	4	-9
March	68	5

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April	73	23
May	83	22
June	83	36
July	96	52
Aug.	89	48
Sept.	86	32
October	76	19
Nov.	60	13
Dec.	63	-1

Five months, January, April, May, September and October were cooler than normal, the rest all had above average temperatures.

March lived up to its reputation as the windy month with winds out of the southwest averaging 13.8 miles per hour.

Jail Construction Date Awaits Many Approvals

It could be the end of 1967 before construction starts on the new \$2 million regional jail for Halton and Peel counties.

The Water Resources Commission must first approve the site for water and sewers.

Then the site must be approved by the Department of Reform Institutions.

When the Department of Reform Institutions approves the site, the Joint-Halton-Peel jail committee will look for an architect.

This means that the jail will not likely be in operation until late in 1968.

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BY BILL COATS

Are you one of those bridge players who hate to give declarer a ruff? If you are, you are not getting the most out of your game.

Forcing declarer to ruff can often cause him to lose control of the hand. It can be useful if one defender is long in trump.

Here is an example from a rubber bridge match.

East dealt and both sides are vulnerable.

North
S-A-J-7
H-9
D-5-6-5-4-2
C-10-9-8-2

West
S-10-4-2
H-A-5-3-2
D-K-10-7
C-K-5-4

East
S-Q-9
H-8-6
D-A-Q-9-8-3
C-A-Q-J-3

South
S-K-8-6-5-3
H-K-Q-J-10-7-4
D-Void
C-7-6

The bidding:
East South West North
1 D 2 H Pass Pass
3 C 3 H Dbie All Pass

It would appear that declarer should have no difficulty in making this contract. There are

five heart tricks available and at least four trump tricks.

But let's see what happens to declarer after a diamond lead.

West led the king of diamonds and declarer ruffed. South led a heart to dummy, ducked by West. A spade to the king let declarer in to lead trump again.

This time, West won and led the diamond 10. Again declarer ruffed. A third trump lead revealed the bad news. Both declarer and West have a trump left.

If declarer draws trump, then the spades are blocked in dummy. Declarer's best bet is to take two spades and ruff a diamond. But this is only eight tricks.

It would do South no good to try the spades earlier. He will lose either a spade trick or get a spade ruffed by East.

Next time you have four or more trump on defense, try to make declarer ruff a couple of times. Soon you will have as many trump as declarer, and then he will be in trouble.

Monday's winners at Action Bridge Club: 1st, George Soltz, Bill Coats; 2nd, Cam Sinclair, Gerry Reynolds; 3rd, Jack Coats, Gloria Coats.

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