

Mayor Takes Issue With Young's Engineer Stand

Mayor's Office,
Dec. 11, 1967

Dear Mr. Editor:

Who is Mr. Young Trying to Fool? It Could be Himself

It is my desire to mention a few facts in connection with a letter over the signature of Cr. James Young published in The Herald edition of Nov. 9th.

First he says he wants to complain about an "unjust move" by Municipal Council by offering a salary of fourteen thousand and two hundred dollars (\$14,200) annually to a Mr. Daiter, P. Eng., for his services to the Town of Georgetown. Mr. Young, said he did not know anything about this man; what an admission of complacency. I think that most members of council, including myself, felt it was our duty to ascertain this Engineer's ability before voting to engage him to carry on engineering duties for this Corporation. I can understand now why Councillor Young prefers to pay tens of thousands of dollars yearly to Consulting Engineers rather than pay the prevailing rate to a man whom I am convinced has the ability to eliminate the huge fee we have been paying to consultants; approximately three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) for four years, but Mr. Daiter's employers for the last five years would not permit him to terminate his employment with them.

Mr. Editor, I refer you and your readers particularly to the second last paragraph of Mr. Young's letter when he said that Council is getting careless in its spending of tax dollars. Maybe it is because of the two-year term, he said. Wow! The facts are: in October 1966, Mr. Young voted for the following resolution: That By-Law 66-79 be passed, that a two-year term of office be passed. At a council meeting March 20, 1967, Mr. Young not only voted for but moved a resolution to give final reading to By-Law 67-12 which was a By-Law providing for payment at Committee meetings. Oh Boy! how Mr. Young wants to save the taxpayers' money.

In 1966 the Police budget was eighty-six thousand dollars (\$86,000) with Mr. Young as chairman and there was a deficit of approximately three thousand and five hundred dollars (\$3,500). In 1967 with Mr. Young again chairman the budget was set at one hundred and five thousand dollars (\$105,000) and when Mr. Young ceased to be chairman in October of this year and handed over the mess to the Georgetown Board of Police Commissioners his budget up to October this year showed a deficit of fourteen thousand and seven hundred dollars (\$14,700). Oh! didn't Mr. Young make a "lame duck" effort to save the taxpayers' money in his department.

Mr. Young is also chairman of the Volunteer Fire Department but it is not my intention to discuss this because those men down through the years have dedicated themselves to the protection of life and property in this community.

This letter, Mr. Editor, is

not intended as a personal attack on Cr. J. Young, rather it is an effort on my part to present some facts, verification of which may be obtained by any person in the Clerk's Office.

When Mr. Young suggests that the electors are complacent, I submit this far from being a reality. If I am any judge of public opinion, I am sure, regardless of any subsequent make-believe resolution, the citizens of Georgetown are not and will not be unmindful of the way the fee for Committee meetings and the two-year term were chucked down their throats by Mr. Young and four other members of Council.

Due to the nature of this letter, it is my desire to, for the last time I hope, mention that I have not nor do I intend regardless of how long or short a time I remain in my present position on Council, to accept the Mayor's salary or fee for Committee meetings. In 1963, the Council of that day of which I was not a member provided for the payment of twenty dollars (\$20) per meeting to members of the Georgetown Hydro Commission. My total fees amounted to two hundred and forty dollars (\$240) for the year 1966. In this connection, regardless of the fact that the Reeve and I have nothing whatsoever in common, he voted against the payment of Committee fees and he had the good principle not to accept any fee in connection therewith.

I have prolonged this letter to a much greater extent than I intended to do and if you see fit to publish it I shall be grateful.

Very truly submitted,
Joseph Gibbons,
Mayor.

OAKVILLE BALL STAR HAD BIG LEAGUE TRY-OUT

Former Oakville Oaks baseball pitcher Mark Pollock died suddenly at his Forsythe Street Oakville home Saturday. He was 47.

Mr. Pollock an employee with the Oakville Public Utilities Commission, once had a tryout with the St. Louis Cardinals of the National Baseball League.

Ollie Johnson, Oakville baseball historian, said Pollock was one of the best pitchers the Oaks have ever had. "I will always remember his no-hit game in the 1947 playoffs," he said.

Mr. Pollock joined the Oaks in 1947 and played with them until the late 1950s.

He came from a sporting family. His father used to play with Bronte and Hamilton Harvesters ball team and his brother Kenneth Pollock of Tecumseh Crescent has played with the senior baseball Oaks and also has had tryouts with several pro teams in the United States.

Mr. Pollock is survived by his wife Eileen; son John; sister Betty; (Mrs. Vern Busby of Sarnia) and brother Kenneth.

Terry Kennedy New Halton Liberal Group President

At the annual meeting of the East Halton Liberal Association held recently at Hornby Towers Golf Club, Terry Kennedy of Oakville was elected president, succeeding Maurice Manderson of Georgetown. Mr. Kennedy was chosen over two other candidates.

The new executive elected comprise five from Oakville and

one from Milton. Bob Blake, Mrs. Heather Mason, Ralph Zuar, and George Jackson were elected vice-presidents. Mr. Jackson is from Milton.

Ernie Zechman is the new secretary and John Haight is association treasurer.

Mr. Zechman was recently elected to the executive of the

Toronto District Liberal Association of which Halton East is a member.

Mr. Kennedy later explained that this doesn't mean the representation will be one-sided. He said two representatives from each of the outlying municipalities will be appointed to the executive at its next meeting.

He plans to start soon on preparing for the next Federal election.

REACHED COAST

Sir Francis Drake strode ashore near what is now San Francisco in the year 1579.

4-H Girls Club See Finian Show

The concluding meeting for Ashgrove Nifty Neppers, a 4-H girls club, included a discussion of achievement day, when all the loose ends were gathered together. Lunch was served by Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Rentenaar. At the previous meeting at the home of Jean Wilson, roll

call was a suggestion for a club exhibit or demonstration. Lunch was served by Kathleen Kiteley and Lydia Rentenaar. On December 2nd, members of the club attended the performance of Finian's Rainbow, the Globe Productions musical show in Brampton.

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