

Says Don't Fear, Larger School Board is Benefit

A Nassagaweya women's group has expressed a Department of Education official of looking at the new county Board of Education from a Utopian, rather than a realistic point of view.

At a special meeting to discuss the new county boards last week the women said there would be inequality of representation on the new boards in favour of larger communities such as Oakville and Burlington. She added "I have yet to see bureaucracy become bigger and more efficient at the same time."

She declined to identify herself.

James Thomson of the department replied: "In any amalgamation between a large municipality and a small one it has been our experience that the smaller one benefits a great deal. I don't think that the representatives of Burlington and Oakville will try to starve Nassagaweya or Esquewaugus Townships."

He said the larger communities were picking up far less in representation than they should on the basis of the share of the bill that they will pay.

Thomson told the audience at the Martin Street Public School in Milton, "When these trustees are elected their responsibility will be to every child in Halton County not just those in their own area. The whole purpose of the change is one of equalization of opportunity for the children."

On the basis of residential and farm assessment, membership of the county board will be broken down in 18 public school representatives and two separate school representatives. County council has been asked to set up wards for the public school elections, according to certain guidelines set down by the department.

Thomson said the 20 member board would be responsible for selecting all the teachers for the Halton County area and for appointing competent supervisory

officials. He said this board would also have to establish policy concerning standardization of teachers' salaries throughout the county.

From now on tax bills will be clearly broken down to show the amounts to go to the education board and the municipality. "The school board will not get into the business of tax collection because this would lead to the duplication of administration."

He said if there was some extreme inequality it would be up to the arbitrators to make some adjustment.

The new board will issue its own debentures and be fiscally responsible directly to the elector. If a board decides to go on a spending binge the cure will be at the next ballot box.

Thomson concluded that the Ontario Municipal Board will have to find some way of policing school board debentures in the same way that it polices

Explains How Stones are Polished, Set for Jewels

The regular monthly meeting of the Countess of Strathmore Chapter IOGE was held on Mon. March 11 at the home of Mrs. E. Wilson, 14 Edith St. The newly elected Regent Mrs. Keith Barber presided and there were 21 members present.

A letter was received from an IOGE Chapter in Ajax to introduce a former member who has recently moved to Georgetown, Mrs. R. Jones membership convener was asked to contact Mrs. Brownlee who lives on Moultrie Crescent.

The Regent also read a letter from Provincial Headquarters stressing the fact that members be reminded to stimulate patriotism and loyalty to the Crown and also seek out a local need and support it. After some discussion it was decided that the project for 1968 would be for the Chapter to assist the Georgetown & District Hospital during its expansion.

It was agreed that congratulations be sent to Lakeshore Chapter IOGE and Acton who will shortly celebrate their 50th anniversary.

It was announced that the Provincial Annual meeting would be held on April 24, 25, and 26th at the Connaught Hotel in Hamilton. Members wishing to attend should get in touch with the Regent.

Mrs. A.W. Gilmer reported that plans are on the way for the chapter's 29th anniversary dinner which will be held next month. Members will be contacted as to date and place.

A motion was passed that the Annual donations be given to the various funds at Provincial Headquarters.

Mrs. James Evans, Education secretary reported that the renewal for the National Geographic Magazine had been attended to. This will be forwarded to the adopted school in Newfoundland.

Services Home and Abroad secretary, Mrs. J.T. Armstrong reported she had knitting wool for distribution, also a reminder about a donation for the X-ray machine to be sent to Korea.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. John Farmer of Georgetown, who was introduced by Mrs. Barber. Mr. Farmer gave a most interesting talk on Gemology or the polishing and setting of stones. The various specimens were passed around for the members to examine. Most of the stones are found in Canada. The polished stones were finished into beautiful earrings, necklaces and brooch-

es and these were displayed after Mr. Farmer's talk.

Mrs. Wallace Thompson thanked Mr. Farmer, and presented him with a small gift in appreciation.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Wilson, assisted by Mrs. R. Barber, Mrs. S. Penrice, and Miss M. Mackenzie. They were thanked by Mrs. W. Thompson.

Invite Church Women To Hear Kenya Speaker

The March meeting of St. Andrew's United Church Women was held on Wednesday, March 13 in the board room of the church.

The programme for the evening was a lively discussion on "Youth" during which the ladies showed their interest in the efforts being made by young people today.

Several games were played, and lunch was served at the end of the evening.

The next meeting will be the Easter Thankoffering service when the speaker will be Miss Audrey McKim.

The ladies of the churches in the community have been invited to hear Miss McKim's account of her work with the national Christian Council of Kenya.

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No GO-Trains Here Yet Government Says

The Provincial government's trains won't GO north this year — despite a suggestion by Halton East MPP Jim Snow in the Legislature this week.

Snow had suggested in his maiden speech at Queen's Park that the government extend its rapid transit GO trains to communities north of the Hamilton to Pickering line now operating.

Snow wanted the new trains to be put to use on existing CPR and CNR lines to Cooksville, Streetsville, Milton, Acton and Georgetown — but Highways Minister George Gomme — the minister responsible for GO — has already said that it is very unlikely a decision on a second route will be made this year.

The decision, he added, will depend on a two to three year study of the lakeshore line that has been in operation since May. This line now averages almost 17,000 passengers a day, although it was only expected to carry about 15,000 a day.



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Branch Fares Badly in Week's Sports Activities

by Ralph Hawes

Sportswise, last weekend was a catastrophe as far as the Branch was concerned. Nothing seemed to go right.

That Roman Goddess Fortuna seems to have kissed 120 good bye for this season at least. We arrived at the Branch as the last few hands of the Provincial Bridge were being played. Acting on instructions received, we reported to the kitchen where a group of stalwart members were working at preparing a meal under the direction of Dave Bowman.

There was lots of activity but conversation was limited to "watch that gravy, don't get it too thin," "those potatoes should be about ready for mashing now, Chuck," "is that coffee perked yet?" etc.

Within minutes after the Bridge players had laid down their last card, a very satisfactory meal was served to them by three extremely good looking waiters.

After the bridge players had been looked after, the participants of the annual Acton and Georgetown dart tournament came upstairs and had their meal. All in all, Dave and his helpers fed between 140 and 160 hungry Legion members.

care of by one of the many ladies' volunteer groups who will be working in the kitchen until the end of the week. The Branch ladies had the chore Tuesday.

Membership chairman Bus Hale tells us the dues are not coming in too good. So come, fellows. Make an effort to have them paid by the end of the month and enable Buster to send his report into Command at the end of the month with every member's name on it. Because after March 31st, he is unable to count those who are not paid as members.

New members and their ladies, members of the Ladies Auxiliary and their men, keep Friday, April 5th open for this is your evening. It is going to be a rare occasion which may not happen again for many years. Also there is a dance, buffet lunch and refreshments.

Because of the many requests from the Branch ladies who feel the stags that the Branch hold are for the birds, the entertainment committee are working on plans to have a similar evening where the ladies will be included.

Winner of the hockey draw for a pig was Mr. W. Shield of

town. Another prize went to Mrs. Win Telford.

In spite of the hazards caused by his black walking stick around the Branch, we are pleased to see Bruce back again taking an active part at the executive meetings.

The winners for Friday Dart shoot were Pat Boyd two, Gib Telford, Jack Kerr, Doris McCartney, Bob Hedley, Lottie Bottoms, Tom Burgess. The two roasts were won by Gib Telford and Doris McCartney.

See you next Saturday evening at the dance where something really unique has been planned.

An anecdote from Bruce — Term character and integrity above reproach... Definition: one step ahead of the law.

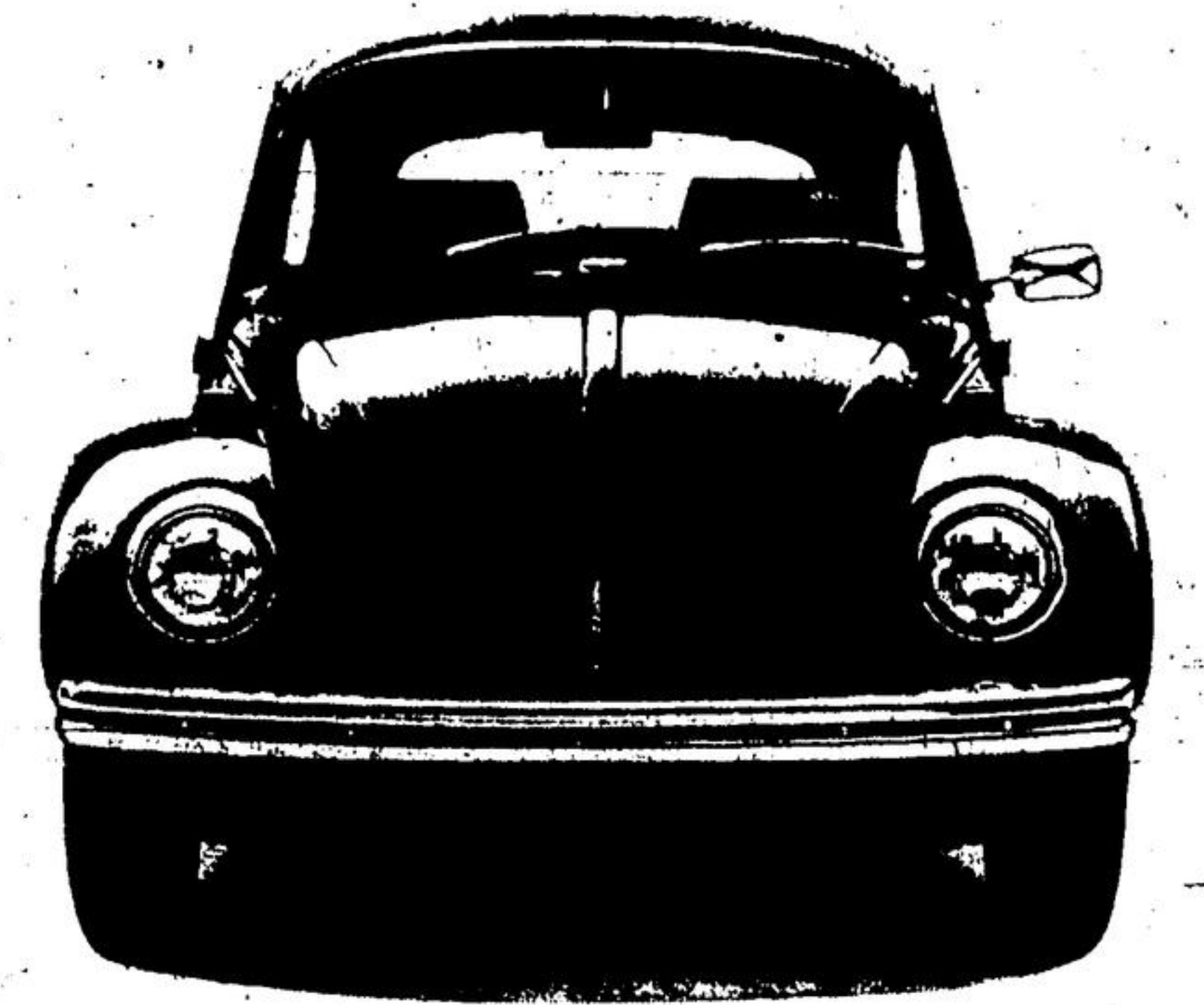
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