



JIM SNOW REPORTS

This week again the majority of the time of the Legislature was spent considering the estimates of the Honourable Arthur Wishart, and the Attorney General's department.

Some legislation was debated with second reading being given to the Energy Board Act revisions which called for a review by the Energy Board of any amalgamations or take overs of major gas utility companies. The effect of this revision to the act will be that the current take over of the Union Gas Company by the Toronto based Consumers Gas Company must come before the board for approval.

On Thursday, Oct. 21, the Honourable Darcy McKeough, Minister of Municipal Affairs, announced the appointment of the Region Assessment Commissioners for the province. Mr. Robert H. Beach has been appointed Commissioner for the Halton & Peel region. Mr. Beach has worked in the property assessment field for 17 years with the Township of Stamford, the City of Niagara Falls, and most recently as the Assessment Commissioner for the County of Halton.

A few weeks ago I advised officials of the county of Halton that the Ontario Department of Highways had agreed to the take over of Bronte Road between Highway No. 5 and the Queen Elizabeth Way, by the province from the county road system and making this section of Bronte Road an extension of Highway 25,

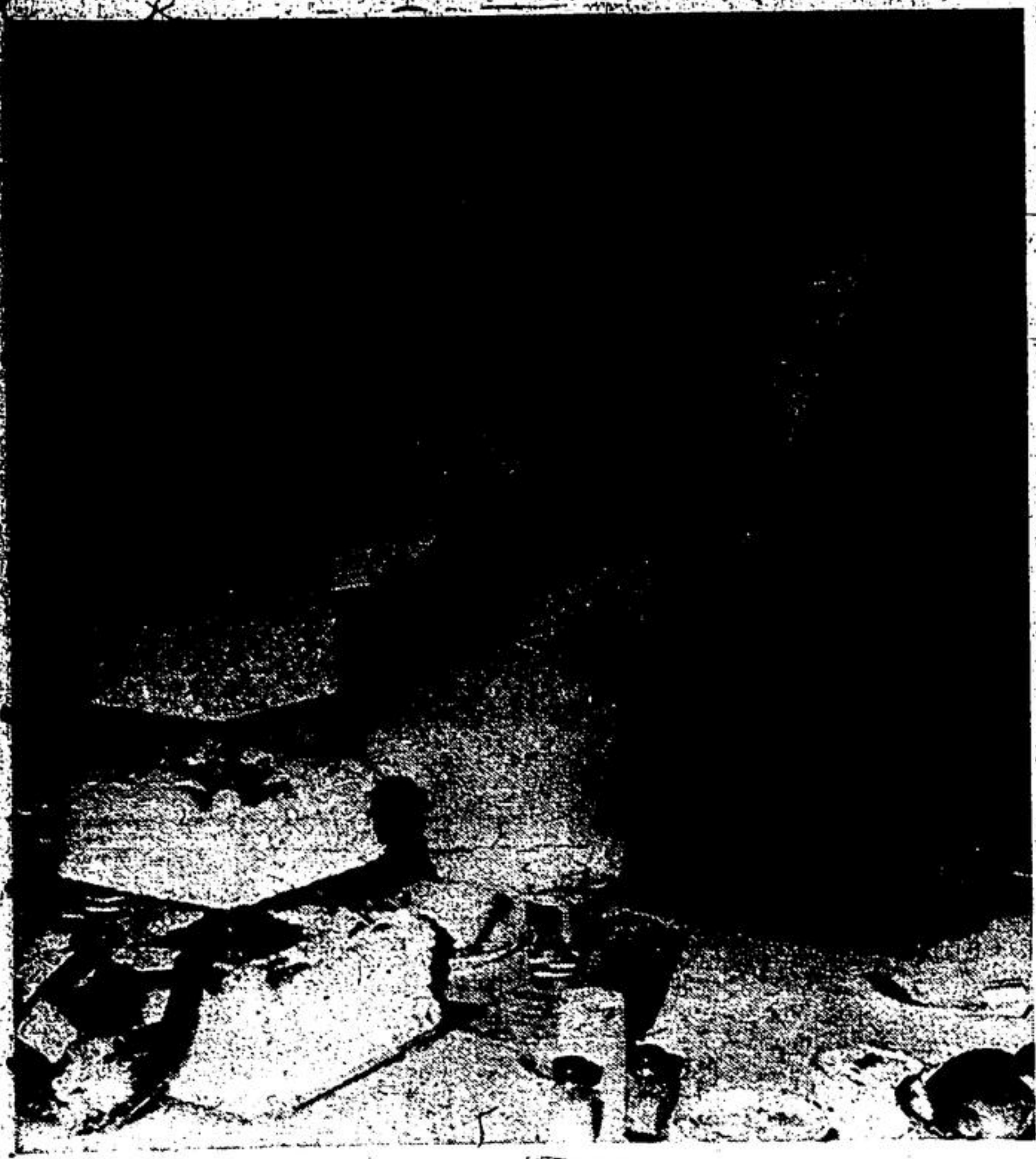
south from Palermo to the QEW. This transfer of the responsibility for this section of the road is to take place on April 1st, 1970.

On Thursday of this week I was advised by the deputy minister of Highways that plans are currently underway for the pre-engineering required for the reconstruction of this road to bring it up to provincial standards, and that providing no serious difficulties are encountered, the department should be in a position to call tenders for actual construction within one year of assuming responsibility. This would mean tenders for actual construction program should be carried out on this road during the construction season in 1971.

Recent statistics released show Ontario's population growth has been greater than that of any other province during the twelve month period ending April 1969. During that period, Ontario registered a population increase of 142,000 for a total population of 7.4 million. British Columbia had the second largest gain with 54,000 Quebec 53,000 and Alberta 34,000. Smaller gains were recorded for Manitoba and Newfoundland with 8,000 each, Nova Scotia 4,000 New Brunswick 2,000 and Saskatchewan 1,000.

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NORVAL WEDDING

Cutting the cake at the reception following their recent wedding are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Alan Webb. The bride is the former Lynda Maneely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Maneely, 36 Weber Drive, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Webb, R. R. 2, Norval.

THE PROPOSED REGION

Georgetown Would Have Three Men on Sixteen Man Council

A strong stand against amalgamation with Peel County in any future regional government was taken by Halton County Council last Tuesday afternoon. Backing up the stand was the endorsement of a map of the county, showing Halton divided into five areas, instead of the present municipalities.

Georgetown area, which takes in most of Esqueving Township, extended to Highway 401 but land around Acton, now in Esqueving is taken into the so-called Acton area, made up of most of Nassagaweya.

Emphasizing the fact that the committee of reeves meant to present a tangible, detailed plan to Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough, they went as far as setting out the method of representation of each area to the Halton Regional Government. Acton would have 2 votes, Burlington 5 votes, Georgetown 3 votes, Milton 2 votes and Oakville 4 votes, for a total of 16.

Milton representatives were not satisfied with the internal boundaries. Deputy Reeve R. Harris suggested the report be referred back for further study. Warden George Currie reassured him, pointing out that the words "the internal boundaries are subject to change by County Council," are an integral part of the report.

Reeve Austan Ledwith of Milton contended the land above 401 to the base line, should remain in the Milton area while the deputy reeve was worried about some of Milton's water supply being located in the north end of Burlington.

Replying to the latter point, Reeve W. F. Hunter reminded council that until fifteen years ago all Georgetown's water was located outside the municipality, in Esqueving. "We never had any problems at all," he added.

Deputy Reeve E. Tyler of Acton suggested the boundary lines should be between concessions rather than along the roads. He claimed the people on opposite sides of the roads would be in different regions. He felt difficulties would arise in the matter of services.

Some assurance that Milton could service the apparent industrial land proposed for it was sought by Deputy Reeve Gillies of Oakville. He expressed the fear that uncontrolled development may occur, forcing higher taxes in the whole region for services.

Objecting to any move to refer the map back to committee, deputy reeve Art Speight of Georgetown, stated, "Darcy McKeough said, show me a map setting out what you want, well we have one now, let's get it into him. We can always change the internal boundaries."

Warden George Currie emphasized the same theme, "If we hope to keep Halton as Halton, we have to move fast," he declared.

"If it looks reasonable to you it should be adopted. The internal boundaries are not hard and fast."

Deputy reeve Harris of Milton again sought reassurance that the boundaries could be changed. "If Milton shows us an alternative, it can be changed," replied the reeve.

**Gordon Spence
Died Suddenly
S & S Employee**

Gordon Richard Spence, died suddenly at his home, 29 Victoria Street, on Oct. 15th in his sixty first year.

The son of the late Florence Ayling and Wilfred Spence, he lived all his life in Georgetown where he attended Chapel Street Public School. When he left school he went to work at the Sam Kirk Green houses and it was here that he came to love the growing of flowers which was a lifetime hobby with him. He later went to Smith and Stone Limited where he worked for forty-four years, the last several years as foreman of the pottery.

He is survived by his wife Edna Presswood whom he married in St. George's Church on November 28, 1931, and a son Gordon, daughter-in-law Pat, and three grandchildren, Edward, Shelly and Julie, R. R. 5,

Georgetown. He is also survived by brothers Clarence of Georgetown, Keith of Hillsburgh and a sister Ethel, Mrs. Bob Hardman of Georgetown. A sister Elizabeth predeceased him.

Mr. Spence worked with cubs and scouts, he was a past president of the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen and a sidesman in St. George's Church for many years. He was an active member of Orion Odd Fellows Lodge and at the time of his death was treasurer. He had held the office of Noble Grand of the local lodge and was a past district deputy of Credit District No. 33. He was also an active member of the Hunters and Anglers Club.

Rev. E. C. Mills conducted the funeral service in St. George's Anglican Church on Saturday, October 18th at two o'clock. Pallbearers were Floyd Ward, Cliff Davison, both of Glen Williams, Jim Collier, Charlie Ball, Walter Thompson and Vincent Hepburn, all of Georgetown. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

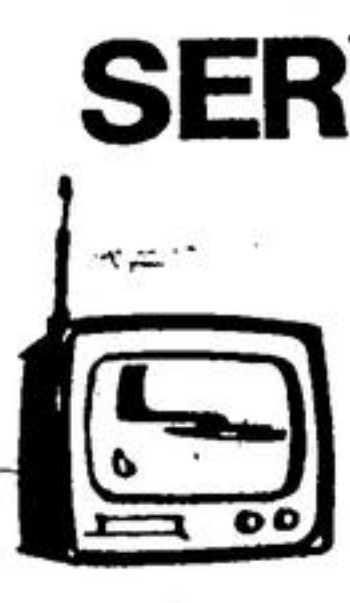
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