

# PREPARE BY-LAW TO ERASE ARENA, POOL, COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARDS

The first move to abolish the present Board of Parks Management (arena), the Community Centre Board (swimming pool), and the Cedarvale Community Centre Board, and to set up a seven member municipal recreation committee in its place, was taken Monday night, when council passed a motion to prepare such a by-law.

These steps were endorsed unanimously at a recent recreation conference at Cedarvale.

Cr. Ern Hyde, the only opponent to the motion, termed it "a sad day for Georgetown, and all in the name of progress."

He claimed the "people who are doing tremendous jobs in recreation are going to be replaced by a paid recreation director at a fairly high salary."

"It's the first step in a very costly recreational program for the town," continued Cr. Hyde "while we turn our back on the people who have been doing a great job for years for nothing."

Cr. Ric Morrow vigorously defended the proposed change. "The town has suffered from lack of co-ordination in recreation for years," he stated. He emphasized that the able, willing and qualified people who have volunteered their services over the years will still be needed to carry out the programs.

He reminded council the town would receive more grants under this system, and pointed out the recreation conference was very well attended. "They unanimously passed a resolution asking this be done," he added.

Cr. Morrow admitted this could be fore-shadowing of hiring a recreation director, but claimed a town of 15,000 needed one.

"If this is a step toward more spending on recreation then I'm for it," he remarked. In conclusion he claimed recreation had been left in the background for years.

Commenting on Cr. Hyde's statement that this was a sad day for Georgetown, Cr. Harry Levy admitted it could be sad, but only in the sense that it was a change. "The very people who have been doing all the work are the ones who said 'let's have a change,'" claimed Cr. Levy. "The town is no longer 5,000 people, we need a director," continued Cr. Levy, "we have so many willing and able workers, but no one to coordinate."

"It's sad when we get so big volunteer organizations are not considered adequate," commented Cr. Hyde. "Now somebody will say the same thing about the firemen and ambulance, then we'll do away with all volunteer groups."

"I'd like to reassure Cr. Hyde and the public in general that there will be lots of room for volunteers" asserted Cr. Donna Denison. "The fact that we are reducing the administration from 28 to 7 will make it more efficient, and easier to retain volunteers." She went on to explain that advisory councils

will be retained, probably made up of the people who have been running the various groups.

Continuing, Cr. Denison maintained that recreation would be strengthened rather than weakened by giving leadership to those who have been doing the job.

Deputy reeve Art Speight said he had talked to the heads of various organizations regarding "this drastic change" and claimed they all felt it was the proper approach to the problem.

Reeve W. Hunter said he

would vote for the motion, but reserve his opinion till he saw what exactly would be in the by-law. He wondered aloud where the town was going regarding taxes, and claimed that the new system of assessment to go into effect next year would raise taxes, making the curtailment of spending more necessary than ever.

Admitting he had voted against the motion in committee, Cr. W. Smith said he had changed his mind. "If the people on existing boards okay it, I guess I should go along," he remarked. He cited Georgetown

as a well organized town as far as athletics are concerned, but felt recreation was bigger than that. "I hope this move will take in the people who are not athletically inclined."

Mayor Emmerson stated that various boards will be disbanded anyway under regional government, "so we might as well change accordingly. I see no reason to oppose this since the complete change is only a question of time," he concluded.

The motion passed 8 to 1, with Cr. Hyde opposing.

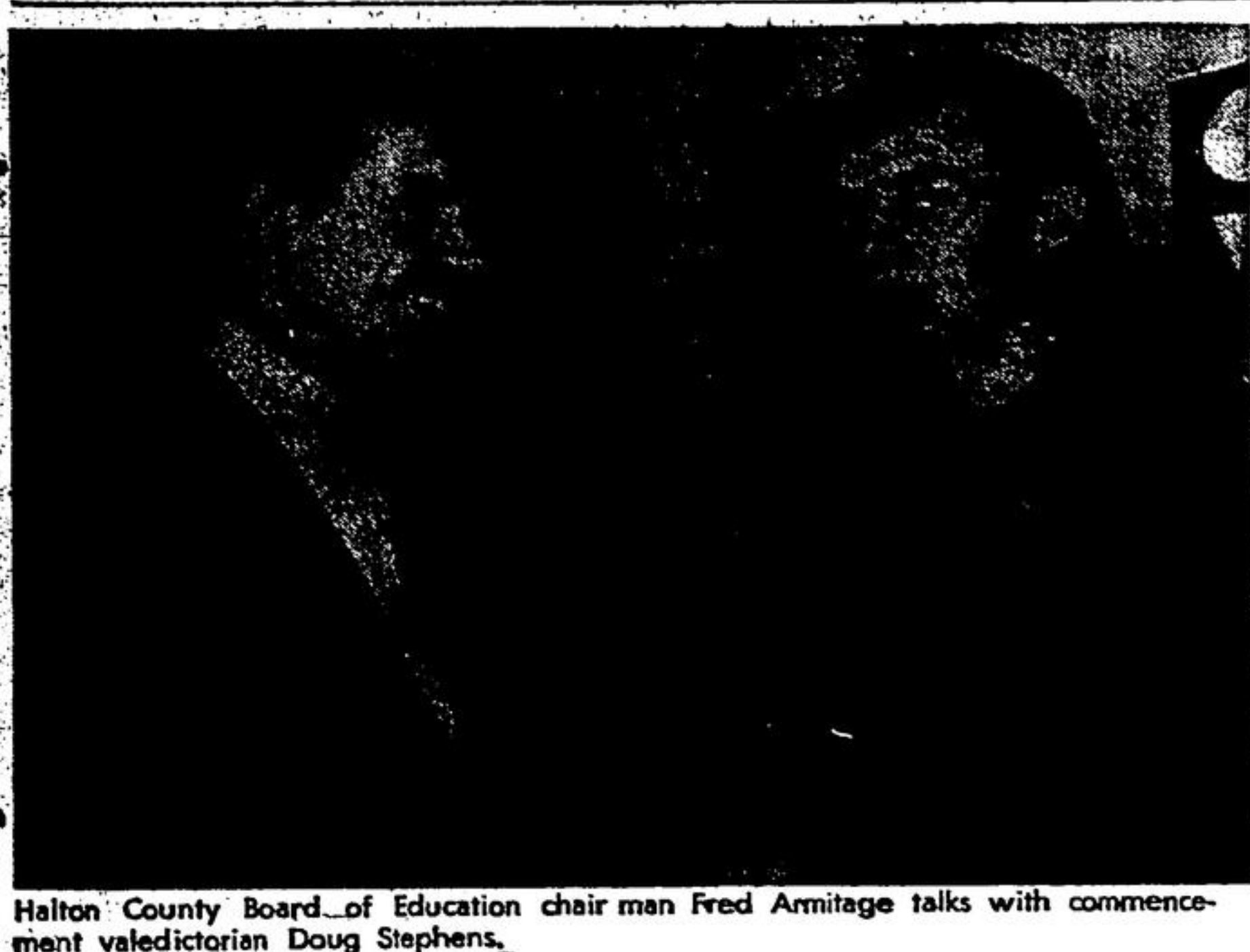
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Halton County Board of Education chair man Fred Armitage talks with commencement valedictorian Doug Stephens.

# Esquensing Resolution Termed 'Irresponsible'

## Ministers See Facts of Life Films Proposed for Schools

Films on family life education intended for school children in grades seven and eight were viewed last week by 15 ministers from Halton County.

Following the presentation Rev. Keith Hawkes of Hillcrest United Church near Ashgrove and his wife, a former school teacher, were asked to express their views on the films.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes agreed that the entire program was excellent and indeed should be available to young people. He told The Herald the films viewed are being used in the schools, but similar films aimed at youngsters from kindergarten to grade five are not yet in use.

Rev. and Mrs. Hawkes said they did not believe the films on sex education were too candid for exposure to young minds.

They agreed that in most cases the opposition to showing the films to children arises not because the parents intend to expose the children to sex education at a later time, but because the parents would likely be afraid to discuss the matter with their children at any time.

Nick Volpe, co-ordinator of physical and health education in the county who presented the films and outlined the program at the school board's administration building had said earlier that "the films are needed because of the lack of

## Principal Mike Furlong Critical of Twp. Proposal at Commencement

Sharp criticism of Esquensing council's move to freeze teacher salaries, cut school board members' pay and reduce senior administration salaries by 25% was expressed by M. J. Furlong on Friday.

Speaking at the commencement exercises, the high school principal termed an Esquensing motion, passed three weeks ago as "irresponsible in almost every respect."

"I would fail in my position as principal if I didn't respond to this tonight," he told a large audience of students and parents.

Mr. Furlong defended the school board... "as one who sits in on salary negotiations I can tell you they are watching expenditures... and his teachers... I deeply resent derogatory criticism of a staff which as a group ranks with

## Claims Sewer Charge Discrimination Against Private Home Owners

Appearing before council Monday night, Colin Blight, 250 Delrex Bld. objected to paying the 50% sewer surcharge on water which does not enter the sanitary sewer, such as water from lawn watering or car washing.

Basing his argument on the by-law which reads "the surcharge is for sewage received, treated, or disposed of by a sewage works project," Mr. Blight pointed out that water from lawns and gardens was never received, treated or disposed of in fact did not even enter the sanitary sewer.

He insisted he did not object to paying for water discharged from his home into the sanitary sewer, but strenuously objected to paying for water which did not enter the system at all.

He claimed discrimination in the fact industrial and commercial users may apply for adjustment of their water billing for water not discharged into the sanitary sewer, while residential users cannot. He claimed further that residential users were to some extent, subsidizing industry. "I respectfully request that I be granted equal rights to claim adjustment," he asked.

He said he was prepared to meter the hose water at his own expense to enable the water commission to calculate the amount of water discharged into the sanitary sewer system.

Cr. Sandy Mackenzie stated it would be difficult to figure just what water was going into the sanitary sewer. He claimed that without the sewer service charge 2 1/2 mills would have to be added to the general mill rate. "There may be inequities, but it puts the onus on the people who use the water," he opined. He admitted it was worthy of looking into, but felt it was too complicated for an immediate answer.

Cr. Ern Hyde explained he was a member of the council

## Form Biafra Group To Arouse Concern

A group of people concerned about the civil war in Nigeria-Biafra, and about the hunger and starvation there, is being formed in Georgetown.

It is planning some activity for Thursday, Nov. 27 which will be a national day of remembrance for the suffering going on in Nigeria and Biafra. This "Peace Biafra" Day is sponsored by Interpac, a group started by former CBC announcer Stanley Burke.

Interpac seeks to arouse and express public concern about the war, with a view to having the Canadian government press harder for a peaceful end to it.

Many local churches have held special collections for relief, and will be presenting the situation on the Sundays around November 27.

Last Sunday a special collection at the Christian Reformed Church raised \$850 for famine relief, and their deacons apportioned a further \$300 from their Mercy Fund.

This money is being sent to Canair relief, a Canadian organization which has just acquired its fourth plane to fly food into Biafra.

## Aircraft Employee David Haigh One of Three Accident Victims

A former Georgetown resident was widowed in a two car crash near Barrie on November 12 which took the lives of three men.

David Haigh, 23, a Douglas Aircraft employee and driver of a south bound car died in Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie a few hours after the accident. Also killed was his passenger, Aaron Hall, Streetsville, also a Douglas employee and Gerald Burson of Sudbury, driver of the other car. Mrs. Burson received minor injuries.

Mr. Haigh, who lived in Downsview, was married to Bonnie Stuttard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Stuttard, 22 Cleaveland Drive, in St. John's United Church here in 1967. They lived in town in the Hilltop Apartments on Queen Street for a year, then moved to Downsview.

Mr. Haigh had been visiting his parents in Parry Sound and was en route home when the accident occurred. Weather conditions were poor at the time.

A native of Peterborough, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Haigh of Parry Sound.

He leaves his wife, his parents and two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Laviola (Ida) of Richmond Hill and Mrs. Terry Christenson (Anita) of Toronto.

Funeral service took place in Parry Sound on Saturday with burial following in Hillcrest Cemetery there.

## Pollution is Public Enemy No. 1. Speaker Tells Campers

"Money spent on anti-pollution measures is our best investment today. A million dollars put into conservation today will be worth a billion dollars in the future." So said Canadian Family Camping Federation's conservation chairman Claude Hebert who spoke to the Georgetown CFCE branch "The Fire Flies" at their November meeting at Cedarvale Tuesday, Nov. 11.

He defined conservation as the act of preserving natural resources and put the finger on pollution as the number one enemy of conservationists.

He blamed uncontrolled industrial waste, car and truck exhaust, washing detergents, and pesticides for the sharp decline in fresh air, fresh water and animal life.

"They have even found DDT in the bodies of animals in the Arctic and Antarctic," he told his audience.

Claiming the general public have adopted the attitude that they can do little as individuals to combat pollution, he stressed they can indeed influence the struggle.

"Write letters to your Member of Parliament; make sure that in the next election there are conservation-minded men in the race; and practice conservation in your personal life,"

said Mr. Hebert. "And support existing conservation authorities. They're doing a good job but they need the backing of the general public."

He deplored the setting of astronomical fines for industries contributing to pollution which were apparently made only to appease the concerned public since practically no penalties have been levied.

He added, the medical profession seem to be subdued in their public comments on the pollution crisis possibly because they are afraid of people panicking.

"This is becoming a very serious situation and the more the public become aware and the more they demand anti-pollution measures, the more the politicians are likely to focus their influence in furthering conservation," he concluded.

He was introduced by Mrs. Eileen Booth and thanked by John Booth. Accompanying Mr. Hebert to the meeting was another member of the Brampton Ramblers branch, Stan Woodhouse.

During the business, the Fire Flies finalized plans for their Christmas meeting in December, and agreed to enter a float in the Santa Claus parade.

## Drivers Escape Serious Injury in Car Crashes

Robert Melanson, 12 George Street, suffered a cut on his nose, and Stephen Arthurs, 8 Bairrow Crescent, a bleeding nose, bump on his head and sprained right hand in one of three accidents involving injury investigated this week by Georgetown police.

This one happened on Guelph Street east of Albert Street at 11.05 p.m. Saturday.

Police said the car driven by Arthurs was going east on Guelph St. when the brakes failed. He swerved hitting the back end of a car operated by Roy Hansen of 47 Maple Ave. West and then coming to rest against a hydro pole.

Total damage to the cars was \$650.

Raphael C. Burke, of R.R. 1, Guelph suffered neck injuries in a three car collision at the corner of Guelph- and Water Streets Monday morning.

His car, and another driven by John Beverly Eves of RR 1, Georgetown, were stopped on Guelph Street for a car making a right turn into Canadian Tire parking lot, when a car driven by Ken Leslie of 41 Victoria Avenue collided with the back of one bumping it into the other.

Damage here was placed at \$725.

Another three car accident, at the Guelph Street entrance to Georgetown Market resulted in Mrs. Betty Holbrough of 5 Roydon Place suffering a bump on her forehead.

She was a passenger in a car driven by Leslie Holbrough of car driven by James Albert 5 Roydon Place which was eastbound when a westbound car driven by James Hunter of RR 2, Georgetown turned left to enter the plaza. They collided and the Hunter car continued on to hit a third car about to leave the parking lot. It was driven by Helmut Scheidhauer of 53 Eleanor Crescent.

Nine hundred dollars was the property damage in this collision which happened Friday.



Georgetown high school principal Mike Furlong and student John Riley can't restrain broad smiles after the final presentation at the GDHS commencement. At the conclusion of the program, Riley approached the stage, snatched up a basket of flowers from the floor, tucked his tongue in his cheek and presented them to the beaming principal whose only comment was a coy "Oh, you shouldn't have."

## "EMMERSON" NAME FOR WEST END PARK

The five acre park in Moore Park will be named Emerson Park, after Mayor Emmerson, council decided Monday night.

Cr. Ern Hyde disagreed with the suggestion, not on personal grounds, but rather because he felt some of the earlier mayors might be remembered, or the Moore family on whose land the park is located.

"There is nothing personal in this," he said, "but I feel it should be 'Moore Park' after the people who held the property for years." Turning to Mayor Emmerson, he said, "I hope a park will be named after you but not right now, it could just as easily be Mackenzie Park after Sandys grand-father (a former mayor), or Cleave Park) another former mayor."

Mayor Emmerson acknowledged there was nothing personal in Cr. Hyde's remarks, but admitted it makes a fellow feel pretty good to have a park named after him.

When the vote was taken Cr. Hyde said he changed his mind and would make the vote unanimous that the park be called Emerson Park.