

Chariot Race Sparks Others Pay Hike Fair To Follow High School Lead Says MPP Snow

The Georgetown high school chariot race which raised \$1,000 for the Ability Fund (formerly March of Dimes) this fall started vibrations which started the chariot wheels rolling at high schools throughout Ontario.

The success of the local venture, a huff-n-puff half mile gallop around the park track by a weird collection of wheeled devices, drivers and bi-ped horses, has since inspired other schools to take up the reins in the cause of the Rehabilitation Foundation for the Disabled.

Some of the charity chariot chases are even being held on ice. Sudbury alone is holding 18 such events.

John Riley organized the local madness which attracted 31 entries and produced the following winners in three classes. Dave Underhill, Janice Cox and John Layman had the most decorative entry; Norm Ferguson, Doug Hills and Bill Dwyer were first to the finish line; and David Stafford, Paul McMullen and Don Hill collected the most sponsors.

Seven of the winners were able to accept an invitation to tour the Rehabilitation Centre and were treated to lunch in Toronto.

A cheque for \$1,000, the chariot race proceeds, were presented to the Ability Fund at the recent high school commencement.

A float, based on the chariot race, has been entered by the students in Saturday's Santa Claus Parade — a challenge from them to the citizens of Georgetown to match their enthusiasm for the Ability Fund and the work it is doing.

Unsuccessful in Bid For North York Seat

A former Georgetown man, Donald Brill, was a candidate for controller in North York's Monday elections.

He placed fifth in a 9-man race for the four seats.

Son of Mrs. David Brill, Toronto and the late Mr. Brill, he spent his boyhood in town, and worked with his father in their store until its sale to Cotton Brothers. He now operates his own furniture business in the city.

Mr. Brill was a Liberal candidate in the last provincial election.

Set Acreage For Schools

Sites for future high schools must be at least 14 acres. This and other guidelines were set by the Halton County Board of Education when they met Thursday.

Parking spaces must be provided for 10 per cent of the school enrollment capacity. A football field, jumping pits for field events and an oval track are now musts for county high schools.

Elementary schools must have a soccer field, and a baseball diamond with backstop.

Elementary schools must be built on at least seven acres.

All schools must have a six foot fence on three sides.

A salary of \$18,000 a year for members of the Ontario Legislature has been called fair by Halton East MPP Jim Snow.

This raise puts MPPs at the level of their Ottawa and Quebec city counterparts.

Snow said it used to be that the MPP did not spend as much time on government business as the federal members of parliament, but this has changed.

Snow said it has cost him money since he became an MPP in 1967. He has not closed his construction business down but the volume of business has dropped considerably, he said.

Snow said it is a difficult move for a government to make but no one else can raise members' salaries.

The Halton East MPP said he feels salaries should be reviewed more regularly so there would not be need for a huge increase when one is given.

9% Town Bonds Bring Only \$96.

A \$198,000 road improvement program in Georgetown will cost the town its highest interest rate in history.

On Monday council approved a by-law to issue 10 year, 9% debentures for this. They will be purchased by the Bell, Gouinlock firm in Toronto for \$96 per \$100 debenture.

Georgetown's cheapest financing was in the forties when an issue to provide a sewerage system sold at a premium of \$105. These were 3% debentures.

First Taxes Due In Mid-January

Georgetown is planning to collect 1970 taxes earlier in the season.

Interim tax bills will be sent out, with first payments due on January 15. A discount for paying the year's taxes when the first instalment is due is being dropped, in council's new plan.

Survey Need for Low Rentals Here

Council has asked Ontario Housing Corporation to make a survey in Georgetown to establish whether there is a need for low rental housing here.

OHC has been conducting similar surveys in various parts of the province this year.

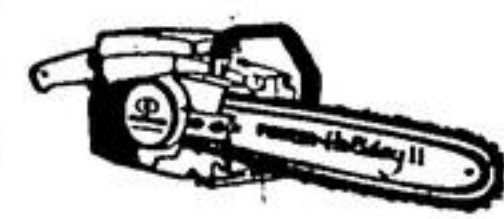
Holy Lands, Athens On Couple's Tour

With a group of Sealy Mattress Co. dealers, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gougeon, spent a vacation in the holy land last month.

Arriving by plane at Tel Aviv, their first day was spent on a tour of Jerusalem and Bethlehem. They spent two days on a tour of Galilee and ended their stay with a day in Jericho.

They then flew to Athens, Greece, where they were guests at the Athens Hilton Hotel, and then home by plane from there.

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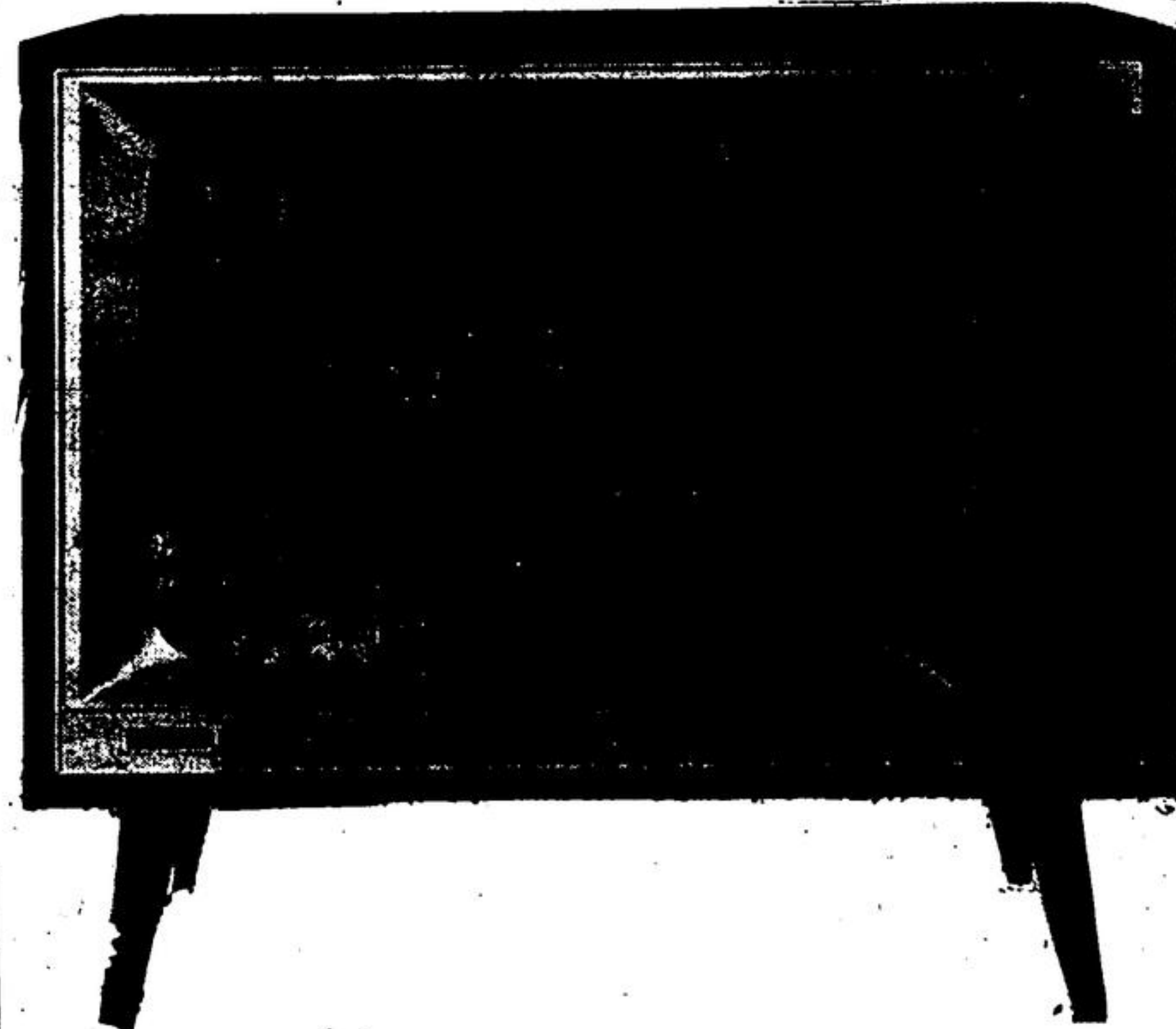
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