

# Ken Murray elected trustees chairman

The final wind-up meeting of the 1969 Board of Trustees was held at the Town Hall on Friday, January 2, at which time the new board was inaugurated and Ken Murray elected as chairman. A motion was made that village trustees request township council to enquire about passing a by-law re the storing of unlicensed cars on public and private property, in an attempt to clean up unsightly messes in the township and village. Accounts were then passed for payment with allotments for roads - \$2,803.78, for village - \$1,723.11 and for Hydro Accounts - \$3,938.18. Town hall rents were increased with the rent for hydro space set at \$60. per month. The meeting was then adjourned.

## News and views

By LORRAINE

Conventional and unpretentious it was purchased as a family gift two years ago to make evenings at home and family dinners a delight, with visions of wafting music lulling culinary senses into enjoying even the remnants of a charred steak. Combined with this, of course, was a hope to cultivate the appreciation of good music reproduced at its best for our family in its formative years.

There it stood, waxing in the glow of our 1967 Christmas tree, a brand new 6 speaker stereo which the entire family could enjoy; slightly lavish in cost but inexpensive considering the hours of enjoyment and happiness which would exude from its walnut cabinet.

With meticulous care we unpacked the machine and, after taking it out of the wooden encasement we set it in the dining area of our home and the next few days were spent listening in reverent awe to the low, booming bass and treble effects which could be heard by simply turning a dial.

Naturally rules had to be laid and it was decided that no one except adults and older children would be allowed to manipulate the intricate devices on our valuable piece of equipment and certainly it was not to be unduly bumped or mishandled in any way. According to the dealer, unnecessary blasting on the loud volume control was bad for such highly toned machinery and so, together, we would preserve its depth of tone by playing it in moderation. We said!

Christmas and holiday visitors that year were most considerate and didn't complain too heartily to bridge plays, eucure trumps and conversations having to be conducted at a minimum of overtone so as not to deduct from such sounds as Oklahoma or the King and I.

No meal in our house, even the lowly portion of early morning porridge breakfasts, was quite complete unless soft background stereo records were playing gentle renditions of the semi-classics. Everyone was happy and even children's quarrels were things of the past because who could consider hammering away at his brother's tonsils in such an atmosphere of melodic delight.

Right through January until the end of February, for approximately two months that stereo was treated with high regard and good treatment. No needle switching, no mishandling, and certainly only mater and pater were allowed to touch the tuning controls. It would, in fact, be difficult to estimate just when it was, but little by little, the music graduated and bouncier, faster beating, and rockier tones began to pervade the atmosphere of idyllic dinner music.

The Beatles had arrived to set the stage as the largest paid rock musicians of the century and we knew why, because kids were paying for them. Our collection of plastic plates looked depleted in comparison to the bulging supply of records by such inspirational group names as The Monkeys, the Rolling Stones, and Stepenwolfie.

Away visiting on a summer's evening it lost its surprise when, on return, we could hear a block away, the dubiously melodious beat of rock music, loud, loud, and blasting right through our house until the walls virtually bulged with resonance.

Well, call it the generation gap and I Don't agree there is such a thing. But try to pretend you're with it and attempt to understand and you'll end up like the rest of us - you won't have an eardrum left which is medically sound or a neighbor you can call a friend.

It's two years later now and the dials on our beautiful stereo spin helplessly around on their own volition. It's scratched and chinked; our living room is decorated by slouched bodies, only some of which bear our relationship, emulating corpses esconced across chesterfield chairs or living room rugs entranced by the latest Johnie Winter's records, as if they had been drugged into submissiveness but straining to hear every note. Quiet music is disgusting, repulsive, a thing of the past and nobody listens to that anymore except has beans.

This year we ate our Christmas dinner to the gyrating pulse of Jimmy Hendricks playing something called the "Electric Landyland" and such spastic and uncoordinated turkey eating and plum-pudding consumption no one could imagine.

Right now there is no answer but possibly our machine should be re-relegated to the lowly basement or mayhap an extra few sheekles come allowance time could rent us an hour or two during which we could listen to some of our own poorer quality semi-classical attempts. Meantime, I find it awfully cramped and a little cold and tiring sitting out here in the back porch winding up an ancient gramophone which some dear soul bequeathed to my grandmother many years ago and which, with an adapter, is able to play some of our old 78's with only a minimal requirement of manual labour.



# Wedding

ASK FOR

- INVITATIONS
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- INFORMALS
- ACCESSORIES

Forever Yours  
by Dills NATIONAL

LET US ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR WEDDING PLANS

COME IN AND ASK FOR YOUR FREE BRIDAL GIFT REGISTER

## Dills STATIONERY

56 MILL ST. ACTON 853-2030

### Currie comment

## Mississauga ruling cat if lose Burlington

Esqueuing councillors had varied reactions to a letter they received from Minister of Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough at their first meeting of the new year Monday. In his letter, Mr. McKeough supported the view that joint meetings between officials of Halton and Peel could do much to compile information to assist the two councils in the consideration of legislative proposals. Deputy-Reeve Tom Hill indicated he favored maintaining Halton as a single unit under regional government but added he thought Halton's reeves should have had more meetings before submitting their plan of where boundaries should lie. Reeve George Currie was concerned about Mr. McKeough's plans for Burlington. "If we knew what McKeough was going to do with Burlington we'd know where we were at", he said.

Realizing the probability of a Halton-Peel union, the reeve warned "If we lose Burlington with their population, Mississauga's going to be the ruling cat". Earlier in the meeting reeve Currie interrupted clerk-treasurer Delmar French's reading of a letter from the Ontario Good Roads Association informing council that Mr. McKeough would speak on regional government at this year's convention. "Just a minute", the reeve cracked, "Has he got a new speech or is this the old one!"



## Derailment at Georgetown

A MINOR DERAILMENT occurred on the C.N.R.'s main line near Georgetown station at 1 a.m. on New Year's Day. Three engines attempting to pull ahead a large freight train were derailed, when the track buckled beneath them. The

derailment occurred quite close to a steep embankment, but a huge crane was brought out from Toronto to lift the engines back onto the track and section men replaced the damaged portion of the track. (Staff Photo)

## Charge trio in rape case

Milton OPP have charged three Georgetown men, all in their 20's, with rape following an incident involving an 18-year-old Esqueuing Township girl. The offences allegedly took place at Glen Williams Cemetery on Sunday evening, Dec. 27. Const. Carmen Wright of Milton OPP apprehended the trio.

ARTHUR A. JOHNSON  
DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY  
MILTON AND ACTON  
See Professional Directory for Details

## Choraliers' song no novelty back in Bradford, England

After the Legion Choraliers sang one of their new songs, "Ilka Moor Baht at", a couple of months ago, the Free Press explained how it came to be in the repertoire.

Now back comes a copy of the Bradford, England, daily paper, The Telegraph and Argus of November 11. In a special article on the editorial page the paper comments:

"The Choraliers have an amusing new novelty song in their repertoire - Ilka Moor Baht at..."

"New? ...novel? ... why we've been roaring out the ditty since the Cow herself was a calf!"

But it's new in Ontario from whose "Acton Free Press" this comment came. And, of course, it was a former Bradford man who introduced our local national anthem to the 46-strong male voice choir.

Mrs. Annie Brabbs, of 756 Checkheaton Road, Oakenshaw,

Helping the disabled to earn money does more than give them back a measure of self-respect. It also takes them off total welfare. The Rehabilitation Foundation for the Disabled (March of Dimes) helps the disabled to help themselves.

who sent me the cutting, says her brother, Mr. Jim Higgins (the choir member) emigrated to Acton 19 years ago. The cutting explains that after Mr. Higgins had spent a holiday in England this summer he returned to Canada with a copy of the song. It is now in the Choraliers repertoire and was sung for the first time at a dinner-dance. Hope the "Then we shall all 'an av etten thee' line didn't spoil the appetites."

## COUNTY OF HALTON

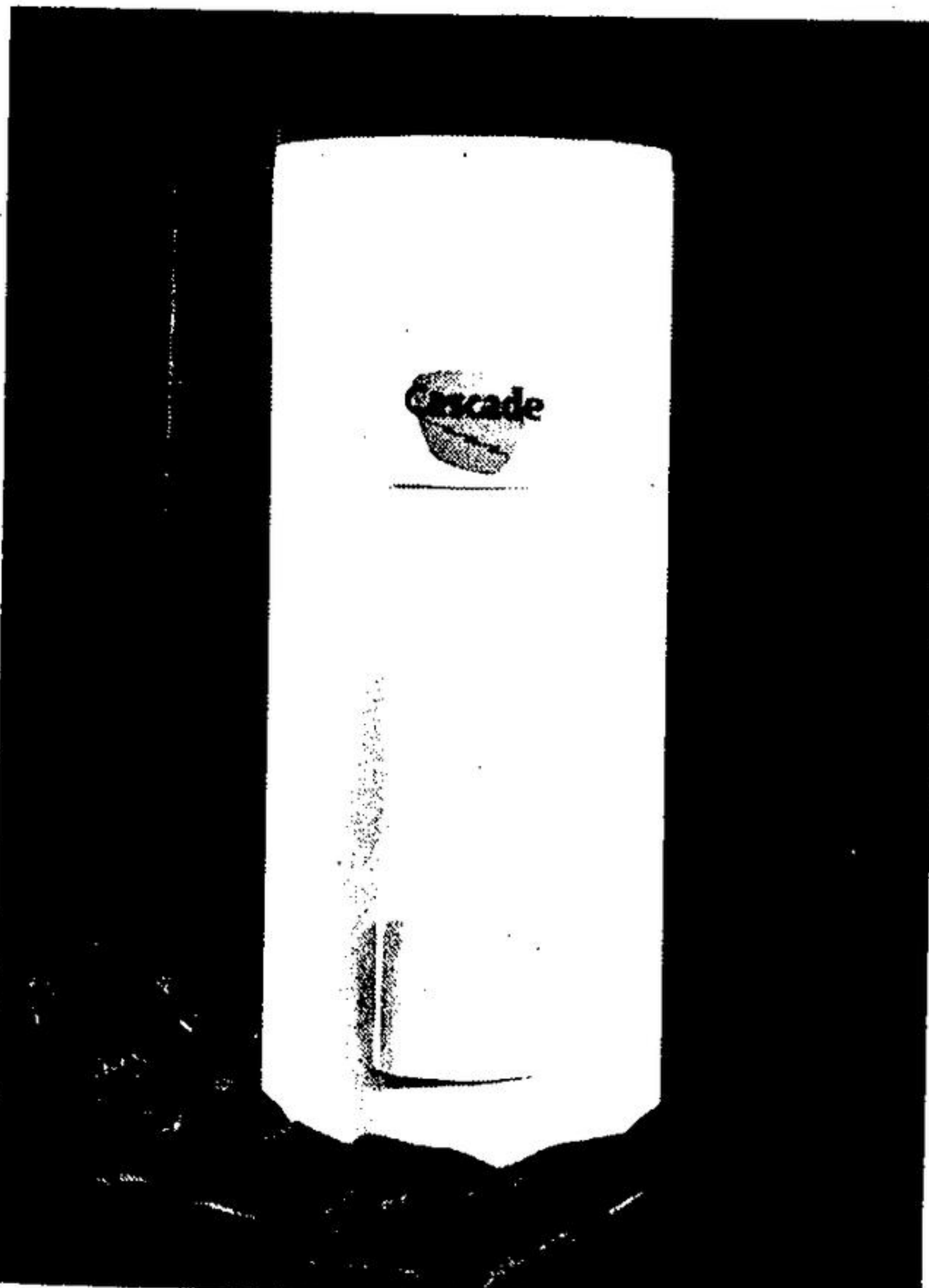
DEPT. OF SOCIAL & FAMILY SERVICES  
EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 1970

### EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 1970

All municipal departments of social and family services (welfare) will be amalgamated under the county of Halton with head offices at the County Administration Building, Milton, Ontario. Telephone 878-2801.

J. D. GRAY  
Director  
Halton County  
Social and Family Services

The BIG PRODUCER will give you all the hot water you need to lighten the chores. Put the Cascade electric water heater to work for you. It's the BIG PRODUCER.



THE ACTON HYDRO - ELECTRIC COMMISSION  
43 ALICE STREET, ACTON.

your hydro

## Endorse plaza Churchill, Queen

Acton council concurred with the findings of committee and accepted the recommendations of Planning Board regarding a small plaza at the corner of Churchill Road S. and Queen St. at their last regular meeting in December.

Council turned the decision back to committee when it was unclear why the planning consultant would not support the planning board resolution to allow a plaza on the corner, now a large hole, beside the brewers' retail store.

Questioned by Councillor Coats, Councillor Masales said the planning board did not always agree with the consultants who wanted the plaza to wait until a larger plaza planned further up came up for approval.

"But what else could go there?" he asked. Planning theories are much like medical advice, the councillor said, they change with the firm.

"I gather council does not have confidence in Project Planners' advice," pursued councillor Coats.

"Not necessarily," replied Mr. Masales.

"Project Planners favor core development, planning board scattered development," pursued Mr. Coats.

"No," said Mr. Masales. "It is commercial all along the street," said Councillor McKenzie and a commercial zone in an adjoining subdivision will just add to it. I think it is good planning."

There is no way planning board can be a rubber stamp for the consultant, the mayor commented. "You get a considered opinion and then you decide."

Councillor Coats admitted he didn't support the consultant either but was concerned with differences in planning philosophy.

LAST CHANCE  
For boxed Christmas cards and gift wrap  
REDUCED 1/2 PRICE TO CLEAR  
**HINTON'S**  
5c TO \$1 STORE

## FLOWERS for All Occasions

- Cut Flowers
- Potted Plants
- Funeral Arrangements
- Corsages • Etc.

Open 7 Days a Week - 8 a.m. 'Til Dark - Phone 853-2980  
- WE WIRE FLOWERS ANYWHERE -

### Caroline Flower & Garden Shop

TWO MILES WEST OF ACTON - SOUTH SIDE OF HIGHWAY

# NEW! DATSUN 1600 family wagon



- high-performance 96 HP overhead cam engine
- impact-absorbing body
- fold-away rear seat makes way for 55 cu. ft. loading bay
- windows-up ventilation system
- bigger heater
- headrests
- 4-on-the-floor or 3-speed automatic
- 30-35 MPG

**DATSUN** from **\$2595**  
**NORTH END BP**

OPEN: WEEKDAYS TO 9 P.M.  
SAT. & SUN. TO 7 P.M.  
ALL MODELS ON DISPLAY  
235 BASELINE RD., MILTON, 878-2471