



MAKING HER POINT is Mrs. Don Smith of Campbellville. Mrs. Smith is one of many parents who voiced concern about the possible closing of Campbellville School. Seated beside her is Board of Education Trustee for Nassagaweya and Acton, Tom Watson and Mrs. Lloyd Chisholm who presented part of the ratepayers' case.—(Staff Photo)

## 100 parents urge board keep village school open

In spite of some physical inadequacies at Campbellville Public School, parents of children there want their children to stay and about 100 of them turned out to carry their point to the Halton County Board of Education at a public meeting in Campbellville Wednesday.

"We realize that the library is the secretary's office and the nurse's room among other things and we like it that way," one woman told the administrators. Others expressed fears about their youngsters spending an hour to two and half hours on school buses.

**Justify addition**  
Mrs. Don Smith and Mrs. Lloyd Chisholm presented their case, explaining the village would soon be developed and the additional children brought into the community would justify an addition to the school.

Mrs. G. H. Willoughby, one of three mothers of Bruce St. School children, spoke. She told the administrators there was something tremendously exciting going on in the small schools.

**Funny little places**  
"The small schools might be funny little places to the big city Joes, but there is something there we are thrilled with. You don't see it in the gym or library but it is there," Mrs. Willoughby told the administrators.

Mrs. Willoughby said she understood and agreed with the requests of the Campbellville parents. Julian Reed, a Norval resident and parent said he hoped the Campbellville school remained open.

## People would rather forget about wastes

Colin McPharlane, Assistant Director of the Ontario Air Management Branch, told a meeting of Halton County Municipal Councillors in Oakville Thursday that people wanted to forget about their wastes.

"People don't want to be reminded of waste. They don't want it brought to their attention. There are 120,000 cars disposed of in Ontario every year but people don't want them junked in the confines of the towns," he said.

He told councillors there was a tendency to shun what must be faced. He said waste disposal hasn't had the money or attention needed.

Doug Sexsmith of McLaren Ltd. said the time was gone when you pick out a site for a dump where it won't bother anyone. He told the meeting about the uses and advantages of incineration and a good sanitary land fill site.

**Too expensive**  
He told the gathering incineration was too expensive for a small community and only large communities could afford them. He said sanitary land fill sites ran second best and were more economical.

Sexsmith threw a little cold water on a proposal that a land fill site be established for Halton

County near Milton. He said the site should be as close to the heavy populated area as possible.

He explained that hauling was the biggest expenditure, once the system was established. He estimated hauling costs to be 25 to 30 cents per ton-mile.

"Everyone is for a regional disposal site as long as it is not in their part of the region. There is a tremendous public relations job to be done before regional sites will come into play. We have kidded the troops for too long," Sexsmith said, adding that there was just no way a disposal site can be pleasing aesthetically.

### No firm decision yet

## Board gives glimmer of hope

There is no final answer yet, but Halton County Board of Education provided a glimmer of hope for residents of Campbellville who asked that their community school remain open.

Campbellville School is one of three proposed for closing in a five year capital budget forecast drawn by the board this year. Assistant to the Director of Education Em Lavender made it clear that the recommendation was just a recommendation. He said the board had no policy on the matter yet and all the facts were not in.

Mr. Lavender said he felt the proposal to close the school and move the Campbellville students to Brookville wasn't a viable alternative. The Department of Education stipulates that no additions to schools should be made in an area if there are pupil places in another school.

**Numbers down**  
Because the number of kindergarten children is a declining factor across Ontario,

the population in the low grades is less than a few years ago. Close to 70 students from Campbellville are taken to Brookville School now and this practice has been in effect since 1964.

Mrs. Lloyd Chisholm told the audience of about 100 there was considerable development about to take place in the village and pointed out there were 470 land separations granted in the township and houses can be put on them any time.

**Development planned**  
She outlined other developments that are thought to take place in the future. Mr. Lavender agreed there was development planned but claimed the development was not likely to materialize until the tight money situation was eased and mortgage rates lowered. "The hopes and dreams and aspirations of developers is one thing but actually building homes is another," he said.

He agreed the addition to Campbellville School wouldn't be much of a problem if the new

development took place and there were enough children to justify it. North Education Centre Assistant Superintendent Jim Morrison explained the youngsters would benefit in a larger school because of better gym and library facilities than could be provided in Campbellville.

**Limitations**  
He explained there were serious limitations on the three teachers at the school. "They just can't specialize in everything," he explained. The needs of the

students can be better met when you have a large base to work on Morrison explained.

The parents in the group greeted a suggestion by Mr. Morrison that the school be used for kindergarten and grades one and two. He explained this could be a viable unit.

The suggestion met with instant approval of the group because they disliked the idea of the youngest children being bussed out of the village. The administrators agreed to have board consider that possibility.

## Norval parents

A group of Norval ratepayers will approach the Halton County Board of Education at their regular meeting in Oakville tomorrow night (April 8) with a brief expressing their wishes to have Norval Public School remain open.

The school is one of three proposed for closing in a five year capital budget forecast drawn by the board. Julian Reed, one of the leaders in the group said he felt it would take one hour to present their case. "We feel it is a complete one," he said.

## Regional assessing disturbs councils

Municipal officials throughout Halton County are disturbed about the inadequacy of the regional assessment operation. At a symposium for Halton County Municipal Councillors Thursday they agreed unanimously to press the Department of Municipal Affairs for more effective assessment procedures.

Representatives from various parts of the county agreed immediately when Milton Mayor Brian Best brought up the point. Mayor Best said there is a problem getting new businesses and apartments on the assessment rolls soon enough.

Before the operation was done on a regional basis it was done more efficiently. Assessors were held accountable to the municipalities and were closer to the situation. They are no longer, as they now work from a regional office in Brampton.

Burlington Mayor George Harrington presented a motion

seconded by Mrs. A. MacArthur, Nassagaweya Reeve urging that the situation be corrected. Oakville treasurer John White ruled out a question about the staff not being large enough to handle the problem. "They have more people than they can shake a stick at," he said.

The motion urging the minister of municipal affairs to get the rolls updated and keep them current received full support from those present at the Thursday evening meeting in Oakville.

attention they would in a smaller school.

"We are sacrificing human needs for efficiency," the reeve said and urged a delegation approach the Minister of Education.

**Political animal**  
It would do little good to go and see the minister of education, Lavender explained. "He is not stopping an addition to the school. He is a political animal and must obey the people and the people say they don't want to have two seats for one student. Taxpayers don't like duplication but they have different voices at different times of the year," he said.

Wife: "Whenever I get down in the dumps, I get myself a new hat."  
Husband: "I always wondered where you got them!"

## Exchange ideas finance, waste

Close to 60 elected officials representing the seven Halton municipalities met Thursday to exchange ideas of common concern about matters of finance and waste disposal.

The six hour symposium featured a panel discussion on finance chaired by Oakville

Reeve Allan Masson. Bob Smith of Damas and Smith Ltd. and Anthony Thomas of National Cash Registers presented papers, and Burlington Councillor Al Dunn and Oakville Treasurer John White took part in the panel discussion.

John Heaman, director of the Ontario Waste Management Branch, Colin MacFarlane, Assistant Director of the Ontario Waste Management Branch, Burlington works director Robert Bailie and Doug Sexsmith of James F. MacLaren Ltd. took part in the discussion on waste disposal.

**Group discussion**  
Following the panel discussions representatives were split into groups for discussion and with each group there was a resource person to answer questions.

Aside from the straight business side of the meeting councillors and staff members enjoyed a social outing and allowed representatives from various parts of the county to become acquainted.

Warden F. G. Oakes expressed happiness about the apparent success of the meeting. Jim Snow, Minister without Portfolio and George Kerr, Minister of the Environment were both present at the meeting and spoke briefly.

### TOWNSHIP OF ERIN

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### RESTRICTED AREA (ZONING) BY-LAW

**THURSDAY APRIL 15th, - 8 P.M. MUNICIPAL BUILDING HILLSBURGH**

The Council of the Township of Erin has before it for consideration a proposed restricted area (zoning) by-law. This by-law when passed will regulate the use of all lands within the corporate limits of the Township of Erin.

To enable interested persons to acquaint themselves with the provisions of the proposed by-law and to make submissions with reference thereto, a public meeting will be held in the Municipal Building Hillsburgh on Thursday, April 15th, 1971 at 8 p.m.

Copies of the by-law text and maps will be available for inspection at this meeting and summaries of the by-law provisions will be available for distribution.

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