

Oakes points



DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION Jim Singleton chats with newly elected chairman of the Halton County Board of Education Ernie Bodnar and vice-chairman Bill Johnston.

Bodnar elected board chairman

A 39-year-old engineer was acclaimed to the chairmanship of the Halton County Board of Education, Ernie Bodnar was declared chairman at the board's inaugural meeting Thursday in Burlington.

Bodnar lives in Georgetown with his wife Dorothy and four children. Three are high school students and one is an elementary school student. Bodnar is the deputy engineer for the town of Mississauga.

Deep concern
Prior to the amalgamation of the 10 former boards in the county he served on the Georgetown District High School Board. While he did not outline ambitions for his term as chairman he indicated deep concern about not allowing Burlington to be removed from the county. He

said he felt Halton would be left as a small unit without Burlington and indicated that a merger with Peel would be likely if Burlington were removed.

Bill Johnston was elected vice chairman replacing John Ronson also of Burlington. Johnston defeated Esquesing trustee Bill Lawson in that race.

Bodnar outlined the contribution past chairman Doug Wood had made in his two one year terms and reviewed previous contributions the past chairman had made in education.

Experience
Wood had served the old Oakville Board for seven years, four as vice chairman, one as chairman. Since then Wood has been active with trustees' associations at the provincial level.

Bodnar was acclaimed to the position and Johnston, defeated Bill Lawson of Esquesing.—(Staff Photo)

Restrict snowmobiles

Halton County Roads committee has recommended the banning of snowmobiles from major roads in the county. The towns of Georgetown and with two exceptions Milton are exempted from the by-law because they have their own.

The by-law prevents the machines from travelling on the travelled portion of county roads and bans them all together from the major arteries.

Town rules
In Milton snowmobiles will be banned from Bronte St. and Derry Rd. under the county by-law while other county roads in town and all town roads will fall under the town's jurisdiction.

The machines are banned from all provincial roads under provincial legislation.

Dr. F. G. Oakes, who ended his term as Warden of Halton County yesterday, said in an interview with this paper there were four projects of prime importance that he felt should proceed in 1972.

He said the construction of a new public works building on a 12 acre site on Steeles Ave. should be pursued. The groundwork for the building had been done.

Relieve Manor
Congestion at the Halton Centennial Manor should be relieved. Dr. Oakes said a waiting list fluctuated between 40 and 50.

Dr. Oakes said the county was investigating the possibility of procuring a five acre site in the south to alleviate crowded conditions at the 370 bed home in Milton. The county is looking at the Ortona property but have received no decision from the two senior levels of government.

The outgoing Warden said it might be necessary to add to the Milton home in order to provide relief for the situation soon. He said however, that an addition to the Halton Centennial Manor would not rule out the construction of a home for the aged in the southern portion of the county.

Crowded conditions
"Because of crowded conditions in the administration building especially in certain departments of the administration of justice I feel council must meet early in 1972 with representatives of the Public Works Department to determine needs for added space in the future."

He suggests a study be carried out on possible changes in the present system of county government. "If we assume increased jurisdictions and responsibilities then the three additional members as provided for in the private member's bill would become very helpful."

Dr. Oakes listed planning, engineering, waste disposal, police, fire and Children's Aid as

areas that might be handled on a county wide basis. He recommended county council seek more representation and a stronger say on the conservation authorities than what presently exists.

Could be useful
The private member's bill that has been passed by county council may be amended, Dr. Oakes said. The bill now provides for three additional representatives from Burlington and Oakville.

Dr. Oakes noted there was a feeling among county councillors that the request for additional responsibilities should be incorporated into the bill. If it is going to be amended it would have to be done before the hearing of the private member's bill Committee in March.

Dr. Oakes said he favored a Halton only region and indicated the only reason he could see for Halton going with Peel is the removal of a large part of the county such as Burlington.

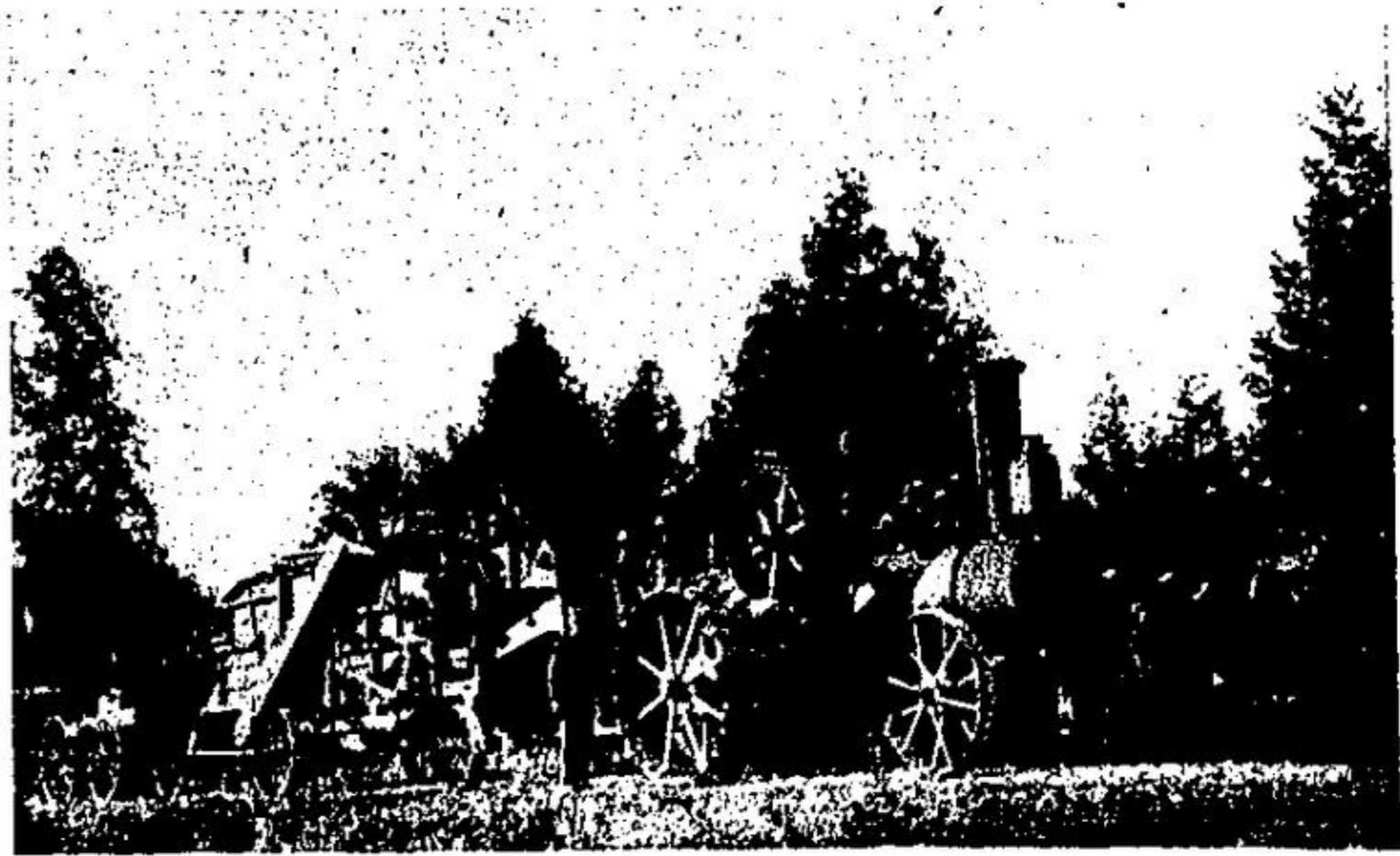
He indicated the county should force the province's hand rather than waiting for the province to force the county into a regional unit.

Confident
He said he was confident the county could prepare themselves for regional government and benefit by mistakes other regions have made. He said Halton wouldn't allow costs to increase once regionalization was invoked.

In some of the regions now formed costs have increased rapidly and increased provincial subsidies have been awarded over a five year period to help offset the increased costs.

During the past year the county restructured their committee system streamlining the host of committees to four broad committees.

The warden reported a busy year with the Department of Social and Family Services and an increase of staff to meet the heavy workload.



MEN AND MACHINES...two photographs Harding is Clarence Harding's father. Written on the back of the original picture is the information that Bob Armstrong took the picture.



PICTURED IN SANDY Bennie's bush are a group of workmen, posing motionless for one of the cameras of those days. In the photo are Sandy Bennie and son, Jack Lindsay, Tom Robson who owned one of the machines, Jimmy Combs sitting on the woodpile, Herb Allen, William Hitchcock, Jerry Kentner and Alf Kentner. Picture is owned by Clarence and Ella Harding.

Esquesing reeve's greatest hope implementation of official plan

"One thing I'd like to see go through finally in 1972 is this official plan," was Esquesing Reeve Tom Hill's comment about expectations for the new year in the township.

The plan, which has gone through almost two years of preparation by a firm of planning consultants, was approved by council last week, but only after an amendment was attached to it, asking Municipal Affairs Minister Dalton Bales to delete from a list of potential extractive industrial sites, two separate parcels of land on which quarries are proposed.

Requests would end
Implementation of the plan would likely put an end to land

use change requests council has been swamped with during the past two years. Several requests are still before township planning board, awaiting approval of the official plan.

Hill said the Toronto International Dragway on the Fifth Line near Acton will continue to exist as a non-conforming land use. Hours and dates on which it will operate will be similar to last year.

"We're going to try to up our roads program this year. We have two more bridges to complete and the whole township will then have brand new bridges," the reeve told this paper.

Hill also said a continued effort will be made to improve

concession roads and to pave parts of streets in the township's four hamlets.

Reviews changes
In 1971 a brand new bridge was

22 Sideroad

A public meeting will be held in February or March to enlighten residents of Esquesing in the Limehouse area about the possible reconstruction of 22 Sideroad.

Consulting engineer Russ Barr told Halton County roads committee there were two alternatives. They are reconstruction of the road or construction of a by-pass.

Barr told the committee the by-pass would be more expensive but takes environmental concerns under consideration. The road is used often by quarry operators.

constructed on the Tenth Line near Norval, a new fire hall was constructed for the Georgetown fire area and the township's much needed works garage was completed and paid for out of the roads budget. The reeve calls the garage the finest and best equipped of any municipality of comparable size in the entire province. Two new dump trucks were also added to works department's equipment.

Hill said Esquesing has been given \$8,000 to spend on works projects under the provincial government's winter works incentive program.

Looking back on his first year as reeve, Hill says he's very pleased with council's new arrangement of holding a regular meeting every two weeks and a committee meeting in weeks in between.

"It's the best thing that's ever happened in the township. We intend to carry on the same way in '72," he said.

Construction \$1,242,500

The number of building permits issued in the Township of Nassagaweya in 1971 began at a slow pace and ended the same way. There were no building permits issued for the months of January and December. However the rest of the year was a busy one for the township — building wise.

Building permits issued for the year totalled \$1,242,500. This year's total exceeded 1970's by more than \$450,000. The value of building permits issued in 1970 was \$773,000.

If January and December were the slowest months, August was the month of greatest expansion.

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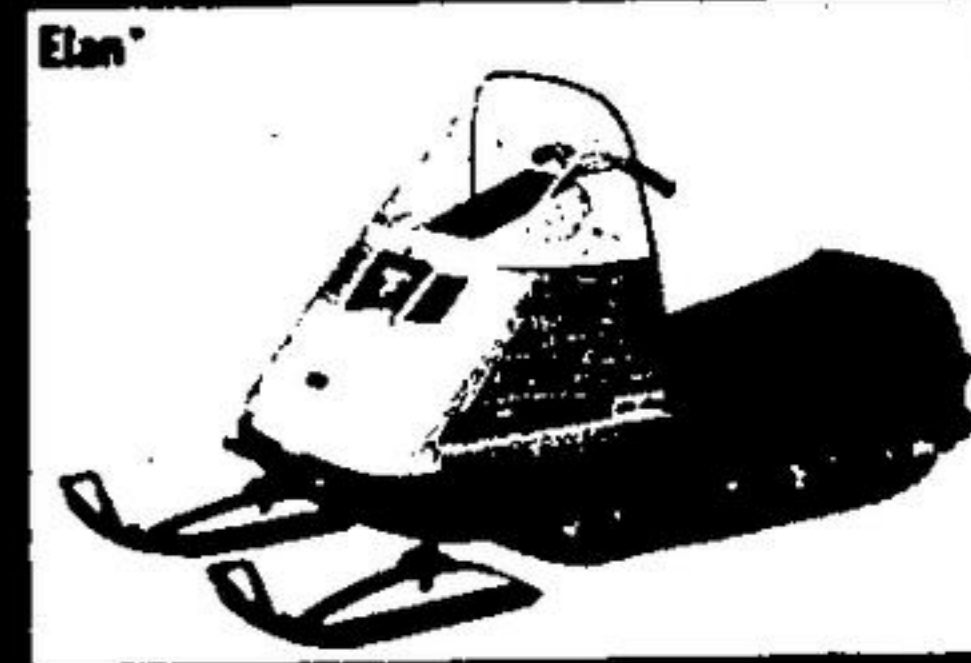
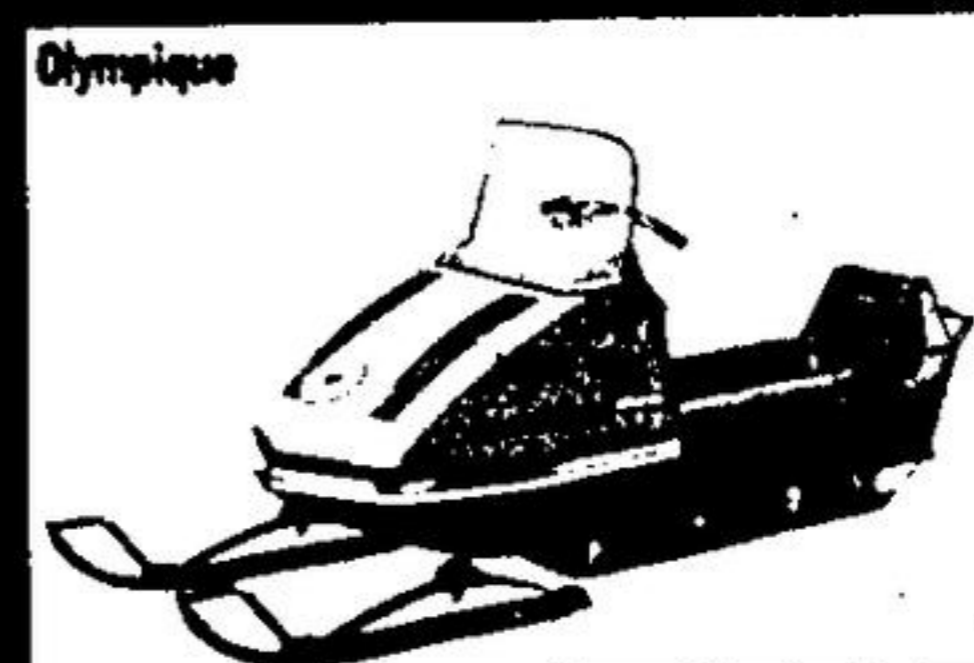
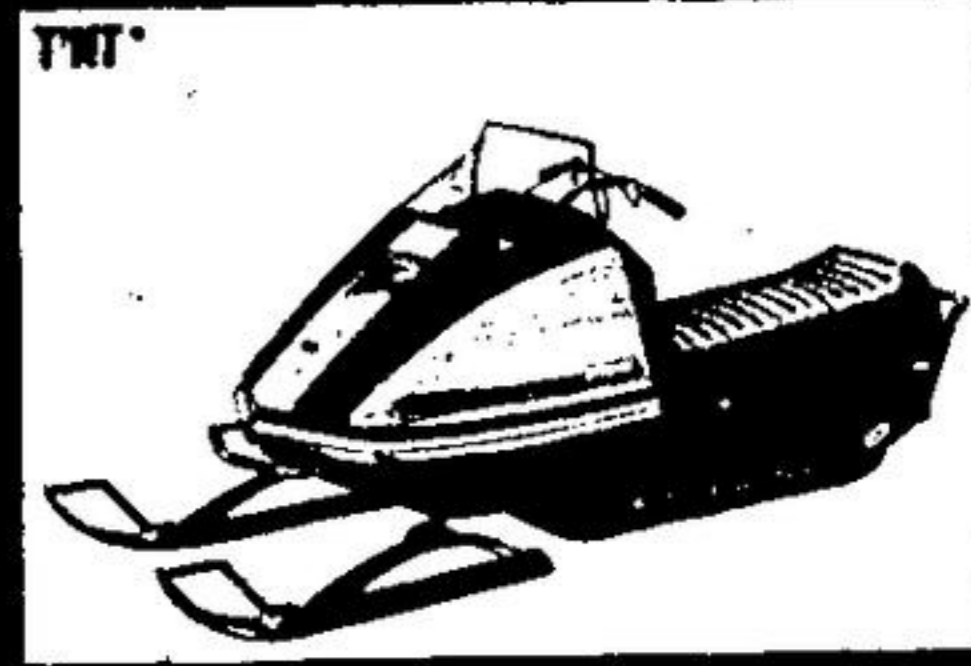
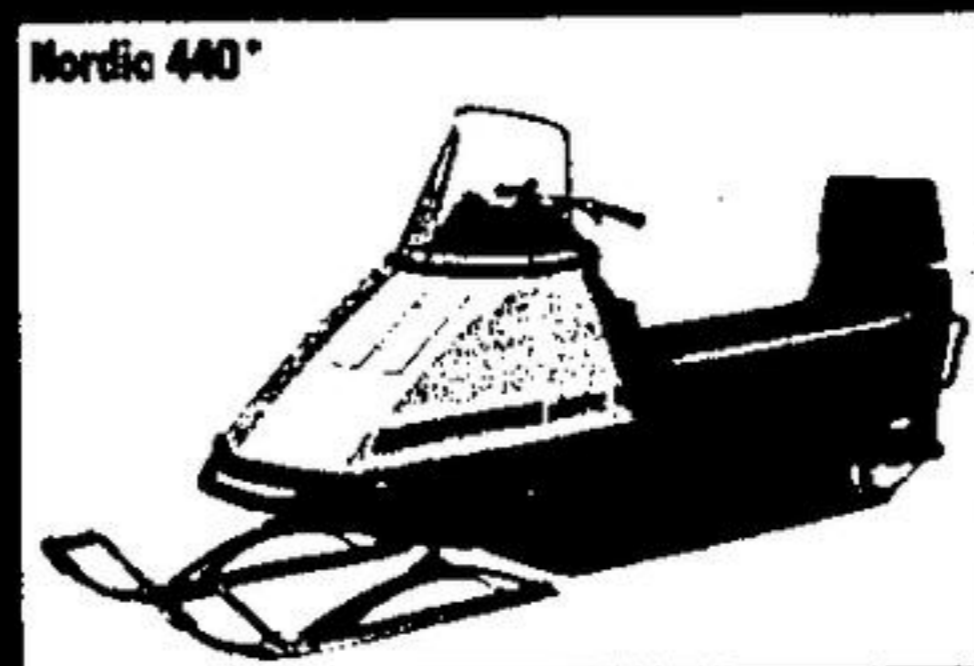
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