

FIFTEEN YEARS of service to the Hydro Commission were marked when long-time commissioner Bob MacArthur was presented with a colorful certificate. The presentation was made at the district annual meeting of the O.M.E.A. at the Westbury Hotel, Toronto, last Wednesday.—(Staff Photo)

Elections, assistant clerk certificate on agenda

Wili McEachern was again elected chairman when the Hydro Commission held its first meeting of 1972 last Thursday. Vice-chairman is Ted Tyler Sr., finance committee Mr. Tyler and Bob MacArthur, property committee Mayor Dudy and Orville Brown.

After considerable discussion it was agreed to advertise for an assistant clerk for the hydro office.

Seek clerk
At Christmas bookkeeper Newton Hurst died, and commissioners reviewed his position. Mr. Hurst had been meter reader, but when he was unable to climb stairs due to ill health, he became bookkeeper in the office. He also had other duties.

Now commissioners felt the increase in work at the office would justify the hiring of an assistant clerk. Commissioners thought for the right person there could be good possibility of advancement, possibly to hydro manager.

Receives certificate
At the district meeting of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association, commissioner Bob MacArthur was presented with an illuminated certificate for 15 years association with hydro. Four awards were made at the meeting in the Westbury Hotel. Commissioner Ted Tyler received his 15 year certificate in 1966.

Mr. MacArthur showed his certificate and told the commissioners some of the things he'd learned at the meeting. In his address, George Gathercole said the overall average hydro domestic rate in Ontario is 1.3 cents per kilowatt hour; in New York it's four cents. Bill Rowney of Milton was named to the board of directors of the O.M.E.U.

Labor seminar
Mr. MacArthur said he thought a commissioner should attend the labor relations seminar being held by the A.M.E.U. at Hespeler Jan. 26. The local commission will be re-negotiating in April. Someone will try to attend. A gift will be given to the couple

Georgetown vote strongly favors liquor

Georgetown voters approved cocktail and dining lounges by whopping majorities in a liquor plebiscite held Saturday.

Cocktail lounges were approved by 1,455 to 166 and dining lounges by 1,491 to 135, which percentage-wise amounted to 89.75 and 91.69 majorities respectively. Only 17 per cent of the eligible voters cast ballots. A 60-per cent majority was required.

Acton is now the only town in Halton that does not have dining lounges and cocktail lounges.

\$150 fines

In court in Milton this week, charges laid by Acton police included one of impaired driving which brought a \$150 fine, and failing the breath test which also brought a \$150 fine.

who judged the Christmas home decorating contest.

Purchase of a cable locator and fault finder was discussed and



Wili McEachern

pamphlets passed around. Suggestion Acton, Milton and Georgetown might share the equipment was mentioned but not favored. More prices and a demonstration will be sought.

Centennial lights
Thinking toward centennial, commissioner Tyler wondered how much the Christmas lighting of streets cost hydro? Members agreed something impressive

would be considered. Superintendent Mason mentioned again the bad condition of some of the old "spunitiks". Mayor Dudy expressed pleasure the lights outside the library were in operation again. New conduit had been laid under the bridge. "They were sadly missed," said the mayor.

Memberships
Membership in the A.M.E.U. was renewed at \$200, and in the A.M.E.A. at \$250. Notice of the annual meetings was received.

Insurance coverage will be reviewed. Underwriters had suggested an increase of six per cent.

An invitation was received to the Wellington County Electrical Association ladies' night, and members agreed they'd go at their own expense if they wished to.

No purchase
An inquiry from someone wishing to purchase his rental water tank brought negative response from the commission. He'll have to rent or buy a new tank, they agreed.

Superintendent Mason reported on problems with stony clay involved in work on Churchill Rd. S. Two new houses now have power.

All members were present but Mr. Brown, due to an injured back.

In Esquering

Reeve claims committee exceeding authority

Esquering reeve Tom Hill says the township Committee of Adjustment is exceeding its authority if it grants a land separation with the provision no building permit is issued.

"I've been badly disappointed in the committee lately," he told members of council Monday night after listening to the case of David Muirhead, who was refused a separation for a 25 acre parcel of his farm, at the corner of the Sixth Line and Five Sideroad.

Mr. Muirhead said the committee of adjustment told him verbally they would grant him a separation if no residence was built on the 25 acres. However, the written report said no separation would be granted. He said he had a good offer on the 25 acres. The land use would not be changed since the purchaser, a Mr. Chudleigh wishes to establish an apple orchard on the property.

Too many separations
Mr. Muirhead questioned the

interpretation of Section 6, By-law 18-71 which the committee said had affected their decision. The application was not granted, the report said, because too many separations had been approved on the property already.

But Clerk Del French said the committee's decision was based on a statement from the prospective purchaser. Asked if he was interested in the property if he could not get a building permit, Mr. Chudleigh said "No".

"They've got nothing to say about permits," retorted an exasperated Hill.

Councillor Len Coxie agreed the matter was out of the committee's jurisdiction and wondered where the problem was since there was no change in land use from agriculture. The clerk said if Mr. Muirhead was not satisfied with the committee's decision he could appeal.

Mud slinging
Mr. Muirhead said he had no wish to get wrapped up in legalities but if it was necessary it could be a tough case with some mud slinging because in his opinion there were other properties granted separations in the area which bordered on the questionable. He felt he would win if the case came before the O.M.B.

"Why discriminate?" asked the reeve. "Some separations granted still have no buildings on them." He felt the matter of a permit was automatic once the

separation was granted provided the builder followed all regulations.

"The smart thing for you to do is to accept the separation," Councillor Coxie told Mr. Muirhead. "Then worry about the building permit."

"I've been badly disappointed in the committee lately," the reeve continued. He said everyone made mistakes but he knew of one case where a lady had to pay another \$25 to have her case in front of the committee after they had made the mistake. "Hear, hear," said Councillor Coxie. He felt strongly that the

committee's jurisdiction was to separations or refuse them.

Advise appeal
The clerk advised Mr. Muirhead to appeal the case now if he wished because the O.M.B. ruling is that an applicant must wait a year before another hearing if rejected.

As Mr. Muirhead sees it the intent of the agricultural holding by-law was to preserve land for agriculture. "This land would be better in apple trees than 'thistles,'" he told council. "If this is agricultural land lets put the land to work when ever we get the chance," he pleaded.

Observant birds foul up hunters

"People watching" is a favorite pastime of animals and birds and most human beings just do not give them credit for being so observant.

A case in point is the large duck population resident on the 500-acre lake in the Orangeville Reservoir owned by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. Under the wildlife management program, operated in co-operation with the Department of Lands and Forests, controlled hunting was allowed for eight weeks this fall.

Harold Cruikshank, area supervisor for the Authority, said that it was amusing to watch the ducks move out of range when the gates opened to admit hunters to the area.

Each morning at sunrise the

ducks moved down the lake into the sanctuary area and each evening, when sighting a gun became difficult, they commuted back to their feeding grounds among the hunters' blinds.

Their success is plain to see in the final count: 187 hunters shot 34 ducks in eight weeks.

The giant Canada geese and their smaller migrating cousins, protected by the game laws, weren't taking any chances either. They flew into the cemetery across the lake and rested among the tombstones until the hunters left. Groups of 100 or more birds each day made the Orangeville Reservoir an interesting spot.

CANADA FARM & INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT SHOW

Exhibition Park - Toronto, Ontario
JANUARY 26 - 29, 1972

PICK UP ADMISSION TICKETS AT YOUR FARM EQUIPMENT DEALER.

The Big Mail-out has begun.



Tax reform legislation has been approved by Parliament and is now law.

What does tax reform mean to you? How will it affect you?

To answer these questions, the Department is conducting a massive national mailing program. Booklets are now being printed and mailed to all taxpayers as quickly as they come off the press.

The complete mailing will be finished in about four weeks.

All taxpayers will receive at least two booklets—

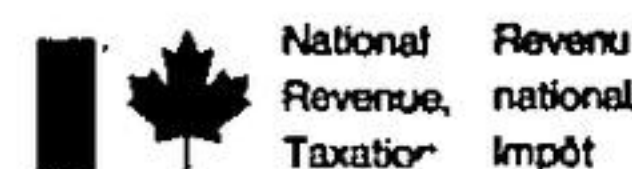
"Highlights for Individuals" and "Valuation Day". These should provide answers to most of your questions.

Some taxpayers will receive additional information, according to their specific needs.

Read your booklets. Afterwards, if you have questions, ask us. We'll be glad to help.

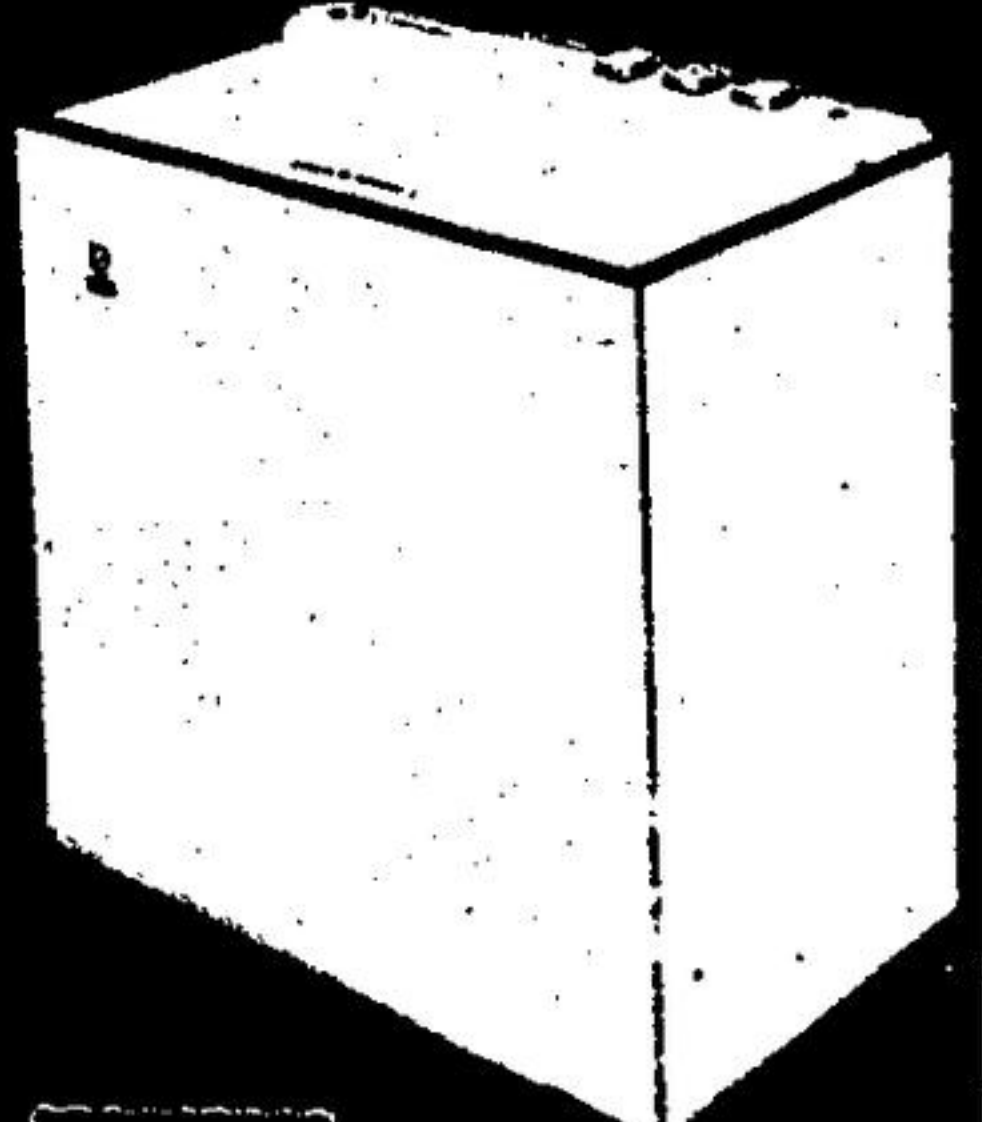
You will find that your booklets will make it easier to file your income tax return in 1973, because they will help you to prepare now.

tax reform and you



GOODLET'S

Probably
The Best Little
Washer Spin-Dryer
Around . . .



Guaranteed
5
YEARS

the ST3
by SIMPLICITY

DOWNTOWN GEORGETOWN
877-2551