



DAVE WRIGHT



GORDON GREGSON

## Keen contest for school board seat

A keen election contest between incumbent Gordon Gregson and challenger David Wright is shaping up for the seat Erin township and village share on the Wellington County Board of Education.

Mr. Gregson phoned the Free Press to complain he was misquoted at last week's electoral meeting in Hillsburgh, when he was reported as saying communications are poor between the county and ratepayers. In reality, he said communications between ratepayers and the board are good, disputing Mr. Wright's assertion they are poor.

Mr. Wright also asserted he had been misrepresented in the Free Press when he was reported

as saying if there was money left over in the allotted budget it should be spent, one way or another.

Mr. Wright said he was referring to last year when the board spent less than the allotted budget. He suggested the money could have been used to good effect improving the poor communications between board and ratepayers.

"I'm not for spending money one way or another," he asserted.

Mr. Gregson is a veteran of 12 years on the Erin school board was first elected to the county board when it was formed in 1970. Mr. Wright, a communications expert, first moved to the Erin area three years ago and has been active in community activities.

## Near Hornby

# Request repair shop for farm machinery

Esqueing Council will seek advice from a solicitor before ruling on a request from Craig Royce to construct an agricultural machinery repair shop at the intersection of Trafalgar Road and Steeles Avenue, near Hornby.

Royce told council Monday night the township committee of adjustment will grant him a land separation if council approves a building permit for the shop.

He said he proposes to repair mostly farm vehicles from the Drumquin-Hornby area. All adjoining property owners have granted him written permission, he said. Royce said he operated a similar business at Drumquin for nine years.

### Mostly agricultural

"Most of my business will be agricultural, farm equipment and machinery," he said. "But if you come in off the road and want your car fixed, I'm not going to say no."

Councillor Len Coxe conceded he had more calls pointing out the need for such a shop in the Hornby area, than for any other reason since he's been on council.

"We have to have industry and there's no place better for it than in the southern end of the township near 401 and the county roads," offered Reeve Tom Hill.

Deputy-reeve Russell Miller admitted Mr. Royce's idea is a good one, but cautioned council against granting a permit before consulting with the solicitor.

"We've turned down a lot of other people during the last two years. I don't want to open a can of worms with this," he said.

### Separations down

Miller told Royce there has been a large cut in the number of separations granted in the township, but conceded, "If anybody gets one, it should be you, because everybody in the area wants the shop."

Councillor Coxe said he is

prepared to support the project, if Mr. Royce can prove it will be an agricultural operation. However, he warned that a rumor spreading that everything in the southern end of the township will be zoned commercial under the new zoning by-law is just that—a rumor.

"The new by-law will zone everything at its present use. Then persons can come to ask for amendments," he explained.

### No difference

Reeve Hill said he can see no difference in land use between repairing agricultural machinery and selling it. Agricultural machinery retail outlets are classed as an agricultural use in the township.

In answer to a question from Councillor Dick Howitt pointed out that even if Mr. Royce were required to seek an amendment to the zoning by-law, no hearing would be necessary, since all adjoining property owners have already consented to the project.

## ACTON Municipal Council ACTIVITIES

Council was informed of various items of town business through committee minutes at their meeting two weeks ago.

At a committee meeting, councillors asked the clerk to advise the Acton Youth Council that due to the many and varied alterations necessary to the second storey of the town hall, these premises could not be made available for use by the Youth Council. The town fathers will continue to support the Youth Council and will assist in any way possible to find suitable quarters.

Council learned the Credit Valley Conservation Authority has requested the Ontario Water Resources Commission to increase the number of sampling points for water tests on the Credit River. However, the Black Creek is not included in these locations.

The public works committee discussed the proposed waterline extension agreement between Beardmore and the town. Beardmore had returned the three copies of the proposed agreement duly signed by company officials. It was the decision of the committee that Beardmore should deal directly with R.V. Anderson Associates engineers so they proceed with the design work and drawings immediately. Watermains are to be built to service houses on Main

St. S. whose wells have become unusable due to alleged seepage. The public works committee set its priorities for 1973 - Church St. reconstruction, Elizabeth Dr. reconstruction, and the extension of sidewalks along Mill W. to Cameron St.

The public works committee received a copy of a letter sent to engineers R.V. Anderson Associates by the CNR advising provision should be made for an additional track to the north of the main line. This will meet future transportation demands to Galt, Guelph and Kitchener.

The CNR stated traffic on the Guelph subdivision line has increased from 14 trains a day in 1971 to 16 trains a day in 1972, with a forecast of 20 a day in 1976. The deputy-clerk will consult with other municipalities about the possibility of licensing bicycles in town.

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## Role of CAS is changing

The staff and board of directors of the Children's Aid Society of Halton County spent a day recently, discussing the many changing social patterns and needs within the county.

Abortions and the growing trend of unmarried mothers to keep their babies have created a shortage of newborn infants available for adoption. The shift in agency adoption activity has been to place older children, hard to place children, and in some cases, to approve homes for international adoptions. Older and disturbed children are being

looked after in increasing numbers.

### Help Parents, Teens

In individual and family counselling services, the CAS has grown steadily to meet the county's requirements. Work with unmarried parents continues to demand considerable attention. However, the requests for help by teens and parents with teens are growing at a much more rapid rate.

The CAS feels that demands for their services by teens and their family units will continue to rise

and see this as one of the primary future needs of the county.

Throughout the discussion, it became increasingly evident that Halton needs more psychiatric counselling and mental health services. As well, it was indicated that a day treatment centre and a pre-school treatment centre should be available to the CAS to provide for the needs of disturbed children of all ages. It was pointed out a 'half-way' house is required to help a previously disturbed child move more comfortably into society.

The Children's Aid Society has, in the popular mind, been associated with helping families in crises. In terms of their present work this is largely true. Families do require immediate assistance. However, it is hoped that continued family counselling and therapy for disturbed children will see the crisis situation diminish. The emphasis of broad agency activity will shift from a crisis philosophy to a preventive one.

## TOWNSHIP OF ERIN

Polling Division and Polling Places in the Township of Erin

### FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DEC. 4, 1972

Polling Hours 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- Poll No. 1**  
Comprising of concessions 1, 2, 3, and 4, lot 1 to 10 inclusive, held at the residence of Miss Elva Pearen.
- Poll No. 2**  
Comprising of concessions 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, lot 1 to 5 inclusive held at the Ballinafad Community Centre.
- Poll No. 3**  
Comprising of concessions 9, 10 and 11, lot 6 to 17 inclusive, held at the Erin Coliseum, Fair Grounds, Erin.
- Poll No. 4**  
Comprising of concession 5, lot 6 to 10 inclusive, and concessions 6, 7, and 8, lot 6 to 17 inclusive, held at Brisbane Public School.
- Poll No. 5**  
Comprising of concession 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, lot 11 to 17 inclusive, held at Ospringe Public School
- Poll No. 6**  
Comprising of concessions 1, 2, 3, and 4, lot 18 to 32 inclusive, held at the residence of Cecil Warmington.
- Poll No. 7**  
Comprising of concessions 5, 6, and 7, lot 18 to 32 inclusive, held at the Municipal Building, Hillsburgh.
- Poll No. 8**  
Comprising of concessions 8, 9, 10 and 11, lot 18 to 32 inclusive, less the police village of Hillsburgh, held at the Municipal Building Hillsburgh.
- Poll No. 9**  
Comprising of the Police Village of Hillsburgh at the municipal building, Hillsburgh.
- Advance poll - Municipal Building Hillsburgh.  
Monday, Nov. 27 and Sat. Dec. 2  
11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Elmer McKinnon  
Returning Officer

## Let's talk about HORSES

with Jennifer Barr



**QUESTION:** Is it possible to keep horses over a Canadian winter without a proper insulated barn? We have an old garage we wish to turn into a stable for our two horses but don't wish to go to the expense of rebuilding and lining it.

**ANSWER:** Why don't you open the garage and use it as a loose housing shelter? Horses do much better in this winter of ours if they are free to move, exercise, and position themselves out of the wind.

Two horses tied in a drafty garage would not generate enough heat to warm it and they would certainly suffer. No barn is better than a cold drafty one.

But if you allowed your horses to wander freely in a paddock with access to the garages, they would be much healthier. Make sure the garage opens to the

south, try to make it wind-proof (patch holes and cracks). Bed it deeply with straw and don't clean it out during the winter (manure generates heat). If there are some trees around so much the better. Feed your horses generously and supply them with cob corn, which fattens them.

Little work, little expense, happy horses.

**QUESTION:** We have to move soon and I wish to sell my horse. He is a seven year old pinto gelding. How much would he be worth and how should I start to sell him?

**ANSWER:** Your horse is only worth what a buyer will pay for him. Ask a horse expert's advice on what price to put on your animal. He can judge by seeing it move and perform. Also ask the opinion of several reputable dealers. Remember that sentiment does not figure in the price.

Advertise the horse in local papers, and wait. The Fall is not a good time to sell a horse but you may be lucky. If you get desperate, there are always stock sales.

Should your pet be very dear to you, you could consider adopting him out to a good home rather than selling him and thereby losing all control over his future. This is done quite simply and frequently. If you know of a friend who would love to have him and give him a good home, you could arrange to place him with this person on the agreement that he come back under your protection if he can no longer be kept.

Either way, start now—when you HAVE to sell a horse you sometimes have trouble finding a buyer.

Please send questions and stories to Jennifer Barr, R.R. 3 Acton.

## Trustee concerned about autonomy

Trustee Fred Armitage expressed concern over the growing autonomy of principals in Halton County Schools. He expressed his concern at a meeting of the Halton County Board of Education Thursday.

Superintendent of Business and Finance Bruce Lindley told the board that instead of giving a principal a budget and telling him he had so much to spend in each category, the administration would dole out funds to principals on a per pupil basis and let the principals decide how much they wanted to spend in

each area.

Armitage feared that could endanger the future field trips in some areas and noted that he didn't feel he was prepared to allow that degree of flexibility.

His fears were allayed somewhat when Director of Education Jim Singleton suggested some principals were able to raise money for field trips from the community and use the budgeted fund for another priority in the school.

## Talks on drugs

Constable Jim Redpath of the Milton OPP recently conducted the third session of a series of drug lectures for residents of the Glen Williams Area.

Assisting the Constable was the Chief of Staff of Georgetown District Hospital, a representative of the Addiction Research Foundation, and Constable G. L. Banks of the Milton Detachment.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The office of the Court of Canadian Citizenship will be opened in the Town Hall, Committee Room, 2nd Floor, Milton, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. (Lunch hour 12 noon to 12:30 p.m.) for the month of November on the following dates:

Friday, November 10th and November 24th, 1972

(Alternate Fridays thereafter)

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