



NEW OFFICERS OF Walker Lodge A.F. and A.M. were installed Monday evening and District Deputy Grand Master Harold Copeland paid a fraternal visit to the lodge. New officers: front row left to right, V.W. Bro. Herb Ritchie, secretary; Bro. George Hargrave, junior warden; Rt. Wor. Bro. Harold Copeland D.D.G.M., R.R. 1, Erin; Wor. Bro. Melbourne Blow, the new Master of the lodge; Wor. Bro. Ray Thompson, immediate past master; Bro. Roy Knapp, senior

warden; W. Bro. R. H. Elliott, treasurer; middle row, Bro. Jack Carpenter, senior deacon; Bro. Trevor Forbes, senior steward; Bro. Gary Dawkins, Tyler; Bro. Dennis Lawlor, organist; Bro. W. H. Near, junior deacon; back row, Wor. Bro. C. Rogvaldson, director of ceremonies; W. Bro. Don Van Fleet, chaplain; Bro. E. B. Grischow, inner guard; W. Bro. T. S. Newton, installing master. —(Photo by D. Dills)



MASTER OF Walker Lodge A.F. and A.M. 50 years ago, Ollie Moffat (centre) was presented with a 50 year past master's jewel by V.W. Bro. Herb Ritchie (left) and 1972 Master Ray Thompson (right) Monday. This is the first time a 50 year past master's jewel

has been presented to a lodge member here. Other past masters to receive the jewel, Roy McIntosh and George King, no longer lived here at the time of the presentation. —(Photo by D. Dills)

Beardmore to bear cost

Esquering township will not be charged for the installation of fire hydrants in connection with the extension of a water line south on Highway 25 from Acton to nine properties.

Mayor Les Duby told the Free Press last week the cost of installation of three hydrants will be borne by Beardmore, which has requested extension of the line.

Raises question

Reeve Hill raised the question at last week's inaugural township council meeting, informing his colleagues Esquering is still charged an annual rental fee by the town of Georgetown for hydrants installed on the Seventh Line at the time of the extension

of a water line near Stewarttown. Beardmore is bearing the entire cost of extending the line to service nine township properties, whose wells are allegedly polluted by spraying from the company's operations.

Cash donation

In addition to installing laterals and appurtenances for each property, the company is giving each owner \$500 cash as a contribution towards town water charges, which the owners must bear.

A Beardmore spokesman said installation of the fire hydrants will result in a fire insurance premium saving for each owner.

In Esquering Settle appointments will advertise

Esquering Council has decided to follow the lead of other municipalities and advertise for interested persons to serve on the township's various boards and committees.

As a result, only the regular council appointments were finalized at last Wednesday's inaugural meeting.

Reeve Yon Hill, Deputy-reeve Len Cox, and Councillor Wilfrid Leslie were named to serve on the Georgetown fire area committee. Reeve Hill and fresh-man Councillor George Maltby will represent the township on the Acton fire area committee and Councillor Dick Howitt will retain his seat on the Milton fire area committee.

Re-appointments

Re-appointments -- Included Reeve Hill as Esquering representative on the Credit Valley Conservation Authority and Deputy-reeve Cox as representative on the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

Councillor Maltby was chosen to represent council on the Ballinfad Community Hall board.

Ottawa Report

by Terry O'Connor — Halton MP



The other day I strode, file in hand, into one of the largest government departments, determined to solve a problem for one of my Halton constituents. As I approached a pleasant-looking civil servant behind the counter, I noticed a large grey computer-like machine in the corner of the room. It was about six feet square by 15 feet long, and displayed a series of dials and graphs on the front. It buzzed quietly.

"What's that?" I tried to sound casual, in case I was supposed to know.

"You noticed," he replied, his face brightening in satisfaction. "That's our new XY-1500 Red Tape Machine."

"Your Red Tape Machine?" I asked, somewhat nonplussed.

Hard to cut

"Yes, that's where it's all made for this department. Much larger

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"You mean you actually work at creating red tape?" I inquired dubiously.

"Well, the machine does the work now for the whole department. At least for the near future. But we hope eventually to develop a new branch of the department, with full staff to handle the expected increased number of files and matters that will require the application of red tape to them."

"My goodness," I said, for lack of any other appropriate reply.

Serve them all

"But our ultimate goal," he confided, lowering his voice, leaning across the counter, eyes darting around for possible eavesdroppers, "is an entire new department to serve the needs of all government agencies—The Department of Red Tape."

The names of several Members of Parliament whom I thought would be eminently suitable ministers of the new department flashed through my mind.

A rebuttal occurred to me.

"It won't work," I shot back. "That theory has already been tried with Information Canada. It was set up as a single centralized agency to gather, reproduce and

distribute information on all government programs and policies. But as we know, it's a failure. Each department has chosen to maintain its own information section to handle the publication and distribution of most of its own material. Information Canada is invariably late getting material, or the supply is inadequate."

Got it

"Why," I exclaimed, finger pointed upwards, forgetting momentarily that I was not addressing an all-candidates meeting, "Why, a Department of Red Tape, like Information Canada, would only result in duplication of service, waste of taxpayers' money, and a tangle of annoying red t..."

"Exactly! Exactly!" he proclaimed triumphantly, before I could finish. "Now you've got it!"

He glowed at so completely making his point. I slunk out, file in hand, problem unsolved, having lost this battle, but rest assured, not the war.

If you have a problem, idea, comment, criticism, or if you simply wish to get in touch with me, please stop by or call my riding office at 320 Lakeshore Road East, Oakville — 844-0222.

Georgetown gets GO yard

A storage yard for Ontario Government GO-train passenger rail cars will be located within C.N.R. property immediately north of the Georgetown station, and not in Esquering township as was proposed.

Esquering Council, which had fought to keep the rail car bedroom out of the township received the news in a letter from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications.

Wayside power and heated engine buildings will be provided as part of the project, thereby permitting shutdown of locomotive and auxiliary engines overnight.

Preferred sites

Ministry officials preferred three township sites, one between the Seventh Line crossing and Georgetown and the other two on the west side of the Seventh Line crossing. One official suggested a location west of the crossing would be ideal, since there is a natural bush there to help muffle the noise of engines.

Council and ratepayer groups based their opposition to the proposals not only on the noise nuisance factor, but also on the possible traffic tie-ups that could result at the crossing.

At a September council meeting, a Ministry representative admitted plans called for the engines to run on idle throughout the night.

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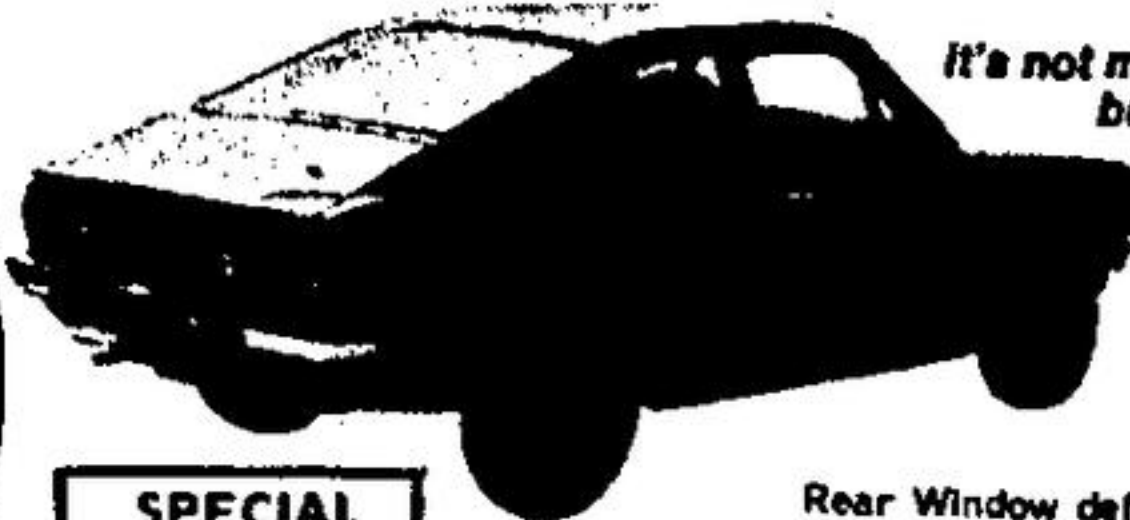
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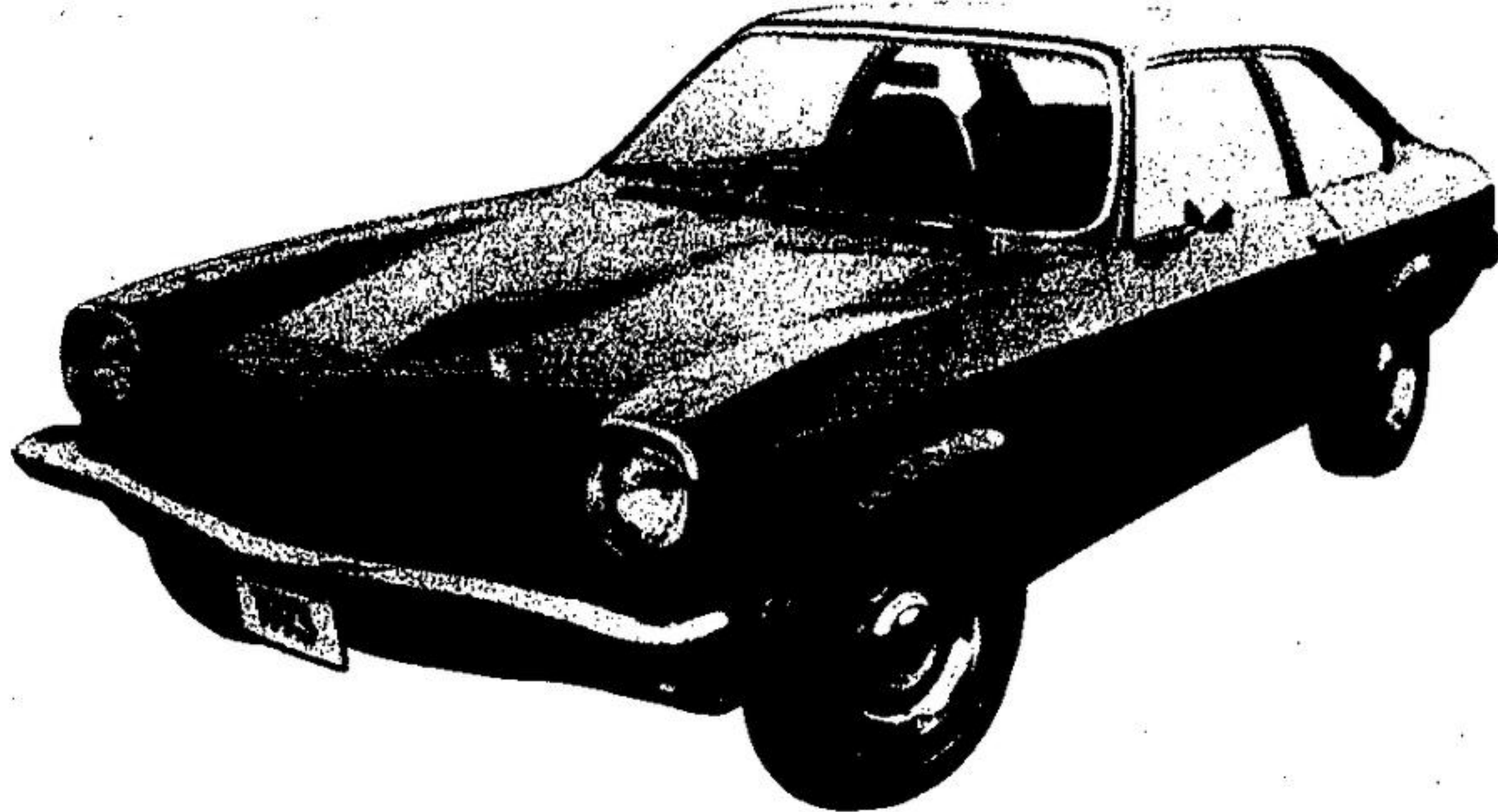
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