



WINTER'S BLANKET HAS A SEAM sewn by this gurgling brook, defying icy tentacles which grip less rapid streams, before it veers through the meadow into the confines of the dark woods, where blue jays flutter through evergreens in vivid expressions of color. —H. Coles Photo

## Recommend raises for county council

Salary increases of \$1,000 for councillors and \$1,500 for the warden of Halton County will be considered by Halton County Councilors when they consider budgets in March as presented by the Administration Committee.

If passed, the increases would give councillors \$4,000 a year and the warden \$11,500. Including conventions, mileage, memberships to associations and public relations the budget provides for an expenditure of \$2,250 as compared to actual expenses last year of \$71,225 for the 14 member council.

In addition to the \$4,000 budgeted under public relations and the \$1,000 for meals and presentations is a \$3,000 item for special projects under special county economic development and \$3,500 for the warden's dinner.

**Realistic figure**  
The staff estimate of \$1,500 for the warden's dinner was increased to \$3,500 because members felt it would be better to list a realistic figure rather than budget low and overspend. Warden Anne MacArthur suggested it would be the last year for such a banquet and she felt all past wardens should be invited.

Immediate past warden Jim Swanborough was subjected to criticism from colleagues when expenses for last year's dinner rose more than \$2,000 over the \$1,500 budget.

The committee recommended budgets of \$179,936 for general administration, \$244,700 for insurance, repairs and general maintenance for county buildings, \$11,217 for unclassified items under general government such as \$8,000 for regional

government studies, the warden's dinner and other miscellaneous items.

Five northern municipalities will share the cost of having a construction safety officer and the operation of his department. Operation of the Emergency Measures Organization is estimated to cost \$19,700.

A budget of \$10,000 for county economic development was recommended for approval along with budgets of \$4,100 for financial expenses, \$11,350 to cover grants, a plowing match grant and reforestation, \$30,000 for waste management and data processing studies and \$97,975 for school debentures.

A sum of \$20,000 recommended for the Royal Botanical Gardens and \$5,000 to Gairlock Gardens received support of the committee while a request from Georgetown Reeve Ric Morrow for \$15,000 for Cedarvale Park in Georgetown was not acted upon.

### Not serious

Committee chairman Allan Masson felt Morrow's chief reason in putting the request forward was a ploy to have a grant for Gairlock Gardens scuttled. Members agreed. However two of the five in attendance felt the grant to Gairlock wasn't warranted.

The matter was discussed at the county council meeting last week and for the second year the grant to Gairlock Gardens became a hot debate. Morrow argued vehemently both this year and last that the county shouldn't be involved in local parks and recreation.

**Meet museum people**  
The committee deferred action on the Halton County Museum Budget of \$51,329 and agreed to convene a meeting with the museum board, without museum staff present to discuss their budget and ask for co-operation in keeping it in line.

Members noted \$34,800 was allotted for staff for the year. That figure included a director, curator, maintenance people and summer guides. Members were concerned about the \$7,000 increase and objected to a figure of \$1,500 for roof repairs. The same item appeared in last year's budget but members said these funds were used on other projects.

Members will meet in March to discuss budgets for the roads department and Community Services before going to council with the budget. Once the draft budget covering all departments is arrived at and municipal levies calculated, council will have the opportunity to chop from or add to items in the budget.

## Manor's dinner, gifts criticized by Mannell

The opportunity to serve the people should be enough for elected people, Oakville Deputy Reeve Terry Mannell told Halton County Council.

Mannell had criticized the policy of giving retiring Manor Board of Management committee members a set of cuff links.

Mannell also criticized council for holding an annual dinner at the manor and the policy of providing hospitality suites at conventions.

He received some support from Georgetown Reeve Ric Morrow on the question of hospitality suites and gifts. Morrow suggested, however, that the dinner was not a lavish affair but was similar to that the residents eat and served in the basement of

the Manor by the Manor staff. It allows members to see and tour the Manor. "If all dinners held by the county were held in the same manner we'd have no problem." While he never specified, Morrow's comment was obviously directed at the 1972 Warden's dinner which cost in excess of \$3,000.

A second resolution moved by Reeve Morrow later in the meeting suggested county councillors receive no raise in 1973. No raise had been suggested but Morrow explained he wanted it made clear no raises should be forthcoming this year.

The matter was deferred until the administration committee had a chance to discuss the matter.

## More ambulances needed in area

There is a need in Guelph for more intensive ambulance coverage due largely to a marked increase in population in Guelph and surrounding area, Royal City Ambulance Service says. Acton is included in the service's area.

In 1972, a total of 3,052 calls completed by the service with four ambulances from Guelph, noting that in that year all records in both total number and diversity of calls were surpassed. A record 25 calls occurred in December in one 24-hour period. But Royal City Ambulance Service says that the majority of calls do not fall into the category of urgent cases.

Not urgent  
Approximately 60 per cent of business time is spent transferring persons from nursing

homes to hospitals for treatment and from private residences to hospitals for medical or surgical admissions. Also included in this 60 per cent figure are transfer-type calls from Guelph to larger cities for more specialized treatment.

A breakdown of last year's calls includes the following: routine admission or discharge calls, 1,017; hospital treatment and return calls 443; coronary or urgent illness calls, 527; motor vehicle accident calls, 472; out of town transfer calls, 461; industrial accident calls, 61; household accident calls, 57; miscellaneous, 15.

Everything in the world either remains to be done, or to be done better—the greatest picture has not yet been painted nor the greatest play been written.

The Acton Free Press, Wednesday, February 28, 1973

## Board satisfied with region

If Halton County Board of Education adopts the same boundaries as proposed for the Halton Region by the province they will lose 50 students in east Oakville to Peel, but gain 2,000 from East Flamborough.

The Board has expressed satisfaction with this arrangement and has asked three questions of Queen's Park. Will the province allow the size of the board to increase to allow representation in the area, when will elections be held and in what manner will they be held, and if East Flamborough does become part of the educational system, will residents there be represented during the year of implementation?

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## Let's talk about HORSES

with Jennifer Barr



I have received a letter from a gentleman correcting me on my use of the word "Paint" to denote a skewbald horse, referring to the column on colors recently. He writes:

"I am a breeder of American Quarter Horses and American Paint Horses — Paint does not refer to the color of the horse but only to the breed. A Paint horse is one which traces its pedigree to registered quarter horses or Thoroughbreds. It can be either tobiano or overo color pattern, any shade of color under the sun.

Pinto refers to color, Paint to breed. The American Pinto Ass. will register any horse that meets the color requirement. Paint horses must have a Quarter or T.B. pedigree or they are not eligible for registry."

Yes, there are certainly these two Registries in the U.S. but I believe we were talking about the names of colors. As with the Appaloosa and Buckskin, the Paint has become a breed, but these terms are still commonly used to denote certain colorations.

I was affiliated with the American Buckskin Registry Assoc. for several years and saw these horses become an established breed. But the term "Buckskin" and "Grulla" are also used to describe these colors whether the horse has paper or not. Palominos are the same.

Anyway, no matter what they do in the States, in Canada people seem to use the word "Paint" descriptively. I refer to R.S. Summerhays in "Horses and Ponies".

"The Pinto, or Painted Horse of America... has come to be applied to all those queerly marked black-and-white and bay, or brown-and-white horses."

However, perhaps we'd better keep everyone happy and call such horses "piebald" and "skewbald".

A little horse pater for area horsemen:

Well known trainer, Milo Heatherington, is no longer residing at Style Acres but has moved to Tottenham to open shop there.

Ontario Competitive Trail Riding Association held a meeting at the University of Guelph on Feb. 18 which was well attended. There will be eight competitive rides this year commencing with the Caledon Ride in late May. A seminar for enthusiasts will be held in early May, watch for announcement.

Please send letters to Jennifer Barr, R. R. 2, Acton.