

## Change in policy Street car museum more valuable now

Officials of the Ontario Electric Railway Association believe an apparent change in Toronto Transit Commission policy will make the Nassagaweya township railway museum more valuable as a source of educational and historical material.

TTC plans to "phase out" the surface rail system as the subway system expands have been placed in abeyance as a result of adverse public reaction to the proposed bus replacement of two car lines. Investigations have returned into the possibility of a new type of streetcar vehicle for Toronto's streets.

This will affect the Ontario Electric Railway Association in two ways, says a recent bulletin from the association:

(1) It will make even more valuable the educational aspects and historical perspective provided by the museum's railway;

(2) It will ensure continuance of TTC expertise in street railway

matters, from which we have often benefited through advice and suggestions.

**Acquire Hamilton rep**  
The museum has acquired one Hamilton Street Railway cars of three which escaped being cut up for scrap when the Hamilton lines terminated activity. One used as an industrial target practice range and the other used as a scrap metal yard office at Port Colborne. Another was found being used as a farm shed in order to restore the final car to working order for use at the museum.

"It is most gratifying that we are thus able to include in our collection a car from Hamilton, as rail operations there were discontinued three years before the first of our cars arrived at the museum. Also it is our second car built by Preston, whose plant was less than 20 miles from the museum. It will be moved from its farm location next season," the Association bulletin declares.

## Obituary

### Elmer Dron was well known here

A butcher by trade and noted as a baseball player with the Acton club in the twenties, Elmer (Sparky) Dron, died in Georgetown Hospital, February 14, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Dron, who lived at 19 John Street West, Georgetown, was born in Toronto, son of Robert and Minerva Lambert Dron. His parents moved to Acton when he was a child and he attended public and high school there.

**Sports fan**  
He was fond of all sports and especially enjoyed fishing and golfing. He retained his interest in all after his playing days, and in 1940 managed a Georgetown Y Girls' baseball team.

He was a member of Credit Masonic Lodge, AF & AM and of Halton Chapter, R.A.M. serving as First Principal of the lodge in 1949. He had also been a member of the Lions Club.

He was a steward for five years at North Halton Golf & Country Club, until his retirement at the end of 1971.

He leaves his wife, Myrtle Vint

and a brother, John Melvin Dron of Barrie.

Funeral service at the McClure-Jones Funeral Home, Georgetown, was conducted by Rev. Harold Martin of St. John's United Church, Georgetown, with interment in Greenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were William Arnold, Brampton; John Dunlop, Norval; Irwin Noble, Graham Farnell, Gordon Harley and Elmer Hill.

### In cast

Pat Kentner is in the cast of the Georgetown Little Theatre's latest production A Delicate Balance by Edward Albee. It's presented this week for three nights in Georgetown. It has also been chosen to be the Georgetown entry in the Central Ontario Drama League festival.

Life lived only to satisfy yourself is called "self-centeredness."



PRODUCTION HAS BEGUN at the plant of Gus Enterprises in the Acton Industrial Park. Owner of the firm, Gus Bollert, was previously involved only with the installation of steel equipment but now will be able to do custom fabrication also. Mr. Bollert is shown doing the final welding on one of 13 long span joists 60 feet long by three feet deep destined for a new factory at Erindale. (J. Jennings Photo)

## Mannell urges protest on winter works cutback

The provincial government advised the media last year that they would provide funds in abundant supply for winter works projects this winter and they billed this as a cure for unemployment in the province, Oakville Deputy Reeve Terry Mannell told Halton County Council last week.

Mannell said the province had enjoyed the good publicity from this announcement but he

charged they hadn't lived up to their commitment. He claimed the province had cut funds from what was provided in other years, instead of increasing the allotment.

Mannell said Halton municipalities had projects they planned on doing but can't now that funds won't be available. Mannell urged county and local councils to protest the government action.

## No savings on discount drugs

Shopping at discount drug stores doesn't provide savings on prescriptions, Halton County Social and Family Services Department found out recently.

Until recently the county's welfare department instructed their clients to purchase prescriptions at the discount stores in the county. A few months ago the director was instructed by the committee to consider tendering for prescribed medication to see if they might receive financial consideration.

After looking into the matter, they agreed tendering was almost an impossible task because of the many types of drugs, the various strengths of the same drug, and the basic wholesale cost difference due to many different pharmaceutical

companies producing drugs.

**No savings**  
Director Jim Gray told the committee a program known as Parcost had eliminated the gap between discount and ordinary drug stores and that no cost advantage is realized by shopping for drugs in discount drug stores.

As a result of the study the committee agreed rather than having welfare clients pay for the drugs at specified stores, they charge them at any store in the county and the store will bill the county each month. Under provisions of Parcost plan, the prescription price is set at the cost of the product times the quantity plus a pharmacist's fee not to exceed \$2.20.

## Speyside ratepayers refute reeve's words

Speyside ratepayers have refuted a statement made by Esqueing Reeve Tom Hill at a recent meeting that they endorsed the Indusmin waste disposal proposal because it wasn't going to be in Speyside.

"Just because we live in Speyside doesn't mean we are not concerned about water contamination, trucking problems and other pertinent issues involving the Indusmin

proposal," Jim Sheldon, a spokesman for the group told this paper.

Sheldon said Speyside ratepayers will be well represented at the public meeting to be held at Esqueing Community Hall in Stewarttown tonight (Wednesday).

"We are deeply concerned with the ecological and environmental problems associated with the proposal," he said.

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