



ACTON ROTARY CLUB have elected a new executive which will take office at the beginning of the Rotary year, July 1. Seated l. to r. are vice-president Alan Hall, president-elect Bruce Cargill, past president Phil "Scotty" McCristall, treasurer Don McDonald. Standing l. to r. are secretary Fred Dawkins and directors Jim Elliott, Ted Hansen and Grant Schultz. Missing when photo was taken was director Dave Manes. (D. Gibbons photo)

County levy up 7.5 per cent Morrow wants levy change

Halton County Council will face a 7.5 per cent increase in the 1973 budget if submissions approved by the administration committee receive Council approval next week.

If the budget is passed as it now stands, the county will have to levy \$3,728,293 from the municipalities as compared to the \$3,467,264 levied last year. That represents a 7.5 per cent increase.

Last year's budget represented a 12.1 per cent increase over the 1971 estimates.

According to preliminary calculations Milton will pay \$111,070, or an increase of 5.7 per cent over last year while Acton will face a six per cent increase for a levy of \$72,381.

Georgetown stands to face the greatest percentage increase in levy at the county level this year. According to the available figures they will pay \$257,487 for an increase of 13.3 per cent.

Big Payers
Burlington and Oakville will continue to bear the greatest share of the expense with Burlington paying \$1,636,353 for a 7.5 per cent increase while Oakville will contribute an estimated

\$1,435,986, a seven per cent increase.

Esqueping will pay \$147,898 at an increase of six and a half per cent and Nassagaweya will pay \$67,116 at an increase of four and a half per cent.

Georgetown Reeve Ric Morrow was successful in getting a motion passed by the committee that would change the method of levying against municipalities.

Under the current system the 1973 levy will be based on the 1971 assessment. In past years the assessment figures used have been two years old. Under this system the 1973 levy would not reflect any growth during 1972. In effect a town that had little growth in 1971 but dramatic growth in 1972 would pay a relatively small share of the county levy.

This year Georgetown is slated to pay an increase of 13.3 per cent which reflects dramatic growth in that town during 1971. If Morrow is successful in convincing the province the January 1973 assessment should be used this year rather than 1971's assessment, Georgetown's percentage increase will be 5.7 rather than 13.3.

Milton would be the obvious loser under the proposal, with a percentage increase jumping from 5.7 to 53.6. In dollars that would represent an increase of about \$50,000.

Morrow argued the outdated figures shouldn't be used and that the only fair system is to use the current figures. He presented figures for each municipality showing what he claimed was an injustice, and convinced the committee to prepare a by-law bringing in the change and throw it into the laps of the two cabinet ministers in the county. "We've proven this is the only fair and equitable method of dealing with the problem," he noted.

Deputy Clerk Treasurer Jim McQueen said the by-law wouldn't hold water because the county had already committed itself to setting levy rates based on 1971 assessment figures and the scheme would surely be opposed.

Challenges Morrow
Milton Deputy Reeve Marjory Powys challenged Morrow's logic. She suggested the system had seemed to serve alright in the past. "It is strange that when Georgetown had dramatic growth there were no objections then. I wonder why this injustice Mr. Morrow speaks of wasn't obvious at that time."

Commenting on figures that suggest Milton had a 78 per cent increase in assessment this year, the deputy reeve suggested Milton must have an elastic assessment.

"A year ago when we talked about regional government other municipalities wouldn't recognize Milton as having the assessment it has, and now that you're talking about another matter the assessment seems to have mushroomed dramatically," she charged.

Committee chairman and Oakville Reeve Allan Masson suggested the updating would be a good thing but felt Milton would be cheated because they had carried other areas under the same scheme when growth took part in the other parts of the county.

Masson, who is an executive member of the Association of Counties and Regions of Ontario, said that group was scheduled to meet with the cabinet April 17 and this matter was on the agenda for discussion at that time.

Insists Fair Way
After the meeting Morrow denied any parochialism but insisted he was doing what was best for the county.

Questioned about the possibility of determining an equalization scheme that would allow the figures to be updated without any area being hurt, Morrow said that would be too complicated and someone would have to get hurt along the way if the system was to be improved. He suggested this year alone the new scheme would cost Milton \$50,000 and save Georgetown close to \$18,000.

Local drivers participate in safety awards banquet

Drivers from Acton, Fergus and Elmira as well as Guelph will be receiving awards at the first safety award banquet for Guelph and area drivers sponsored by the Transportation Safety Association of Ontario on March 31.

About 25 drivers from Acton and district will participate in the evening which will see some recipients receiving commendation for 25 years of accident-free driving. Bill MacKinnon of MacKinnon Transport Limited will preside at the banquet and the presentation of awards.

Organized by an executive committee comprised of local transport operators and executives, it is anticipated close to 150 drivers and their wives will attend the presentation, which will be held at the Italian Canadian Club, Ferguson St., Guelph.

Breakaway
In previous years the Guelph area has been part of the Kitchener and district Transportation Safety Association, but the steady growth in the number of recipients and the desire to involve more companies led the area to break away and form a Guelph branch.

Awards chairman Bill MacKinnon anticipates the new group will expand to twice the present size in the next few years. He said the whole transport industry is trying to improve its public image and one of the best ways to do this is through highway safety. Goy Transport, Ridley Cartage and Herb's Delivery, all of Acton, are members of the Guelph branch.

Minor mishaps

An Acton man, Dominique Roach, 33, suffered cuts and bruises in a minor mishap on Bower St. near the CNR tracks shortly after midnight Saturday.

Roach was a passenger in a car driven by John George Walker. The car struck a snow embankment. Mr. Walker was not injured. The Walker car received an estimated \$100 damage.

Last Tuesday night Edward John Wood, R. R. 1, Acton reported his car was struck while it was parked on Mill St. W. Damage to the car was estimated at \$150. Police are still investigating the hit and run.

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NEWS of the district

GEORGETOWN—Two Georgetown men are co-coaches of the Etobicoke Silverthorn Collegiate hockey team which is playing against Moscow and Leningrad high school hockey teams in Russia this week. Doug Dunning, 21 Marllyn Crescent, and Ian Barrett, 10 Garnet Drive, are heading the 10-day, \$12,000 trip to Russia. The trip idea started with an off-hand remark by one of the high school players during the Canada-Russia series last year, suggesting further international relations could be fostered if they could play their Russian peers. From that beginning, over a year of red tape, untangled mostly by Barrett, Etobicoke M.P. Allstair Gillespie, and Secretary of State Mitchell Sharp, resulted in successful negotiations. The players raised about \$10,000 for the trip. Most are paying their own fares. The team has been bolstered by players from other schools.

MILTON—Design work for a new high school in Milton will get underway this year. Plans call for the 1,200 student school to open in September, 1975. The Halton County Board of Education approved purchase of a 25 acre site in Oakville for the school in the present town of Oakville at the south-east corner of the Third Line and Main St. Milton's growth is cited as the reason for the project which will house 400 students in a special vocational wing, diverting some students from Acton and Esqueping to facilities there. Currently 190 North Halton students travel to Burlington and Oakville for special vocational education.

GEORGETOWN—A provincial grant of \$6,600 has been approved for the Georgetown Conservation Area, 23 acres of land on Silver Creek in the town of Georgetown. The grant was made to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority which is proposing to acquire an additional parcel of floodplain land, bounded on the north by Highway 7 and on the west by Silver Creek. Purpose of the acquisition is to prevent unwise development of the floodplain and to permit use of the valley lands within the municipality for future development as conservation demonstration projects such as bank protection, water storage, fish habitat improvement, reforestation to protect valley slopes and recreation. Georgetown, as the major benefitting municipality will pay 96 per cent of the Authority's share of the cost.

ERIN—The spirit of St. Patrick is cementing international relationships despite some of the adverse publicity it receives in Ulster these days. The deputy-reeve of Erin Village, Larry McKenzie, and clerk Bert Smith carried St. Patrick's Day greetings to Erin, Tennessee, this week, while on vacation. Mr. McKenzie cemented the bond between the two Erins while on a holiday trip about four years ago when the southern Erin gave him a 'key to the city'. Erin, Tennessee, is located about 100 miles west of Nashville. It was first settled by Irish railroad workers. McKenzie has suggested an interchange of students between the two Erins to further promote good feelings.

ERIN—Prospects for a start in the Spring or early summer on an addition to the Erin district high school has given the area's board of education trustee Gordon Gregson a shot in the arm. The project received unanimous approval from the Wellington County Board of Education last week. Preliminary approval had already been given by the Department of Education so no further delays are anticipated. Education director Alf Hanwell will meet with the architects to revise plans.

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