



CASEY BOS EXAMINES the reddish colored oil slick which fouled his farm pond on the weekend. Geese and ducks were removed from the water.

Casey wants to farm but obstacles many

If you think you've got troubles with Governments of all stripes then it's time you heard the tale told by Esquering farmer Casey Bos.

Casey lives over on the Fourth Line near the Indusmin Quarry where he farms—or tries to—while various agencies are doing their best to throw all kinds of obstacles in his path. Ontario Hydro, for instance, would like to cross his farm diagonally with their Bruce to Milton hydro towers.

He is also located along a spur of the Niagara Escarpment which, of course, falls under the jurisdiction of the Niagara Escarpment Commission, which has been charged with the goal of maintaining the Escarpment's natural environment. This is all right with Casey but at a meeting in Milton the other night of the commission he got up to ask if there were any farmers on it—grass roots people who made a living from farming.

One man stood up, Casey said, and said he farmed 1,500 acres, which in Casey's opinion

put him in another ball park altogether. He wonders why some of the province's dirt farmers don't get on these political appointments.

Last year he remembers vividly the fight to stop a new road running along the railway track which cuts through his property. Just this weekend he discovered oil evidently seeping through from the nearby quarries into his duck pond. He got the ducks and geese out and knows it will clear up, but asks what would happen if Toronto garbage was put into the quarries.

We are told it wouldn't bother the water courses but to Casey's mind that is all bunk because he has evidence which proves otherwise.

We're lucky we've got a free press in this country or the big men would run all over us, he says.

That's Casey at bat. And he isn't likely to strike out as long as he keeps swinging.

One phase leap

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from local and provincial governments it could be developed to serve these 9,000 people projected. Bower, the Church is all commercially designated land.

Councillor Coats said the downtown merchants show a reluctance to get together and do something about the downtown area. A plaza is more simply managed, with one owner, he said.

Mr. Bendicks replied a more closely-knit retail section of the Chamber is planned.

Wayne Moss recalled coming to planning board with parking proposals, and hearing no more about them.

Peter Marks followed this up with the reminder of the traffic and parking survey; results expected soon. Planning board influenced that study.

Mayor Dudy admitted the Acton East plan grew out of haste of amalgamation, with planning board wanting input on the new council.

A definite step during the

discussion was taken by deputy-reeve Marks, who had prepared a motion which will be presented at the next council. I'm not sure it's wise to go so far (as the Acton East proposals) at this time, he said. Population would triple in six years. This plan would encourage it in a one-phase leap! He was afraid once the plan was approved, developers could step right in and begin building, as long as they conformed.

The official plan could jeopardize slow, orderly growth, he had concluded.

The gist of his motion, to be discussed further at committee level, was that growth beyond 10,000 would be detrimental and cause social and economic hardships, so he would recommend to council that the new residential map be endorsed in principle but that the population not exceed 10,000. He would recommend deletion of recommendation No. 8 for a commercial area of from 10 to 16 acres, substituting that council continue

its policy of containing commercial growth in the downtown core.

Large look
Councillor Coats objected to this approach, although he was also concerned about the town's rate of growth. "It's essential to take a large look at planning," he declared. "There must be other ways of slowing growth."

Mr. Marks promptly agreed with Mr. Coats. "This is a poor way but it's all I could think of." How else can I register that I want slow, controlled growth? The land will be snapp'd up. Queens Park is looking to put people someplace. Subdividers can come in and meet all the requirements.

Councillor Masales observed two years will be controlled at least until there are more sewage treatment facilities.

Mayor Dudy spoke of the Black Creek's limitations. This impelled Mr. Marks to swing around in his chair to point out Mike Brodigan, a familiar face at meetings as engineer for Kingham Hills estates. A man as smart as he is could think up something.

Like a sewage plant that doesn't need water! laughed Mr. Marks.

The clerk was asked by councillor Coats to try to find out if there is some way of controlling growth, perhaps ask other towns how they manage. We want to plan the area without opening it up like a new frontier.

\$11,500 to tennis club

Council will allocate \$11,500 to the Acton Tennis Association to help finance construction of tennis courts at the Robert Little School.

The clerk will ask the Board of Education when approval of construction of the courts will be forthcoming.

Work stops

The site of the new Legion hall is a sea of mud today, and work of block laying has had to stop. Trucks have been mired in the sloppy ground.

The brush and trees on the lakeshore are being trimmed down.

Cons. Wood leaves O.P.P.

Cons. Roy Wood is leaving the O.P.P. for the Peel regional force. He will be working in Chinguacousy.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood and daughter Kim live on Jeffrey Ave.

Deputy-reeve Marks observed the courts will be a capital asset of Halton Hills council and recommended the new council enter into an agreement with the "Ward One Tennis Association." Councillor-elect Mayor Dudy added the reminder to his list.

Questioned where the funds are to come from, councillor Coats was told by deputy-reeve Marks that different sources are being investigated. He was assured it will not come from general revenue.

At committee
George Elliott and Ron Lewis had attended the meeting of the administration committee of council Nov. 19 to discuss the courts.

Mr. Elliott has names of 50 interested people. Different costs were discussed depending on the asphalt surface and a 10 foot fence will be erected.

A bank account will be set up with one signing authority from the town and one from the association.

Toyota Community Calendar

What's doing in North Halton area!

CHRISTMAS CHEER

The Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society are sending a Christmas parcel to the Princess Margaret Hospital Lodge. Anyone wishing to contribute jams, cookies, preserves, candies, cakes or any other treats, please leave at Acton Home Furnishings, or Mrs. Harriet Helwig, 228 Arthur St., before Tuesday, December 4, 1973.

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SANTA CLAUS greeted Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Masters and Mrs. Herrington at the Legion-Rotary party for Golden Agers last night (Tuesday).

4,393 at night schools

Willard Price, Director of Adult Education for the Halton Board of Education reports that 4,393 students were attending night classes as of Oct. 31. This is an increase of seven per cent over the previous year.

Most of the students enrolled in Burlington classes (2,433). Other areas report the following numbers: Oak-

ville 1,138, Acton 187, Georgetown 418 and Milton 217.

One hundred and ninety-six teachers are required for the 240 classes. There are 554 students taking Grade 9-13 credit courses. Several of them (grades 12 and 13) will operate again in the second semester that begins the week of Feb. 11, 1974, he said.

Home economics typing courses, sewing, crochet, sewing with knit fabrics, tailoring, creative stitchery etc. prove to be popular with an increased enrolment of 871 students, Price said.

There has been a significant increase in the English as a second language program. Of the 237 students enrolled, New Canadians from Portugal make up the largest national group.

General interest (hobby and craft type) classes form the largest group with 2,499 participants. The balance of the registration attend special seminar groups such as volunteer training for elementary teachers and volunteers assisting with teaching retarded children.

The general interest 10 week classes will re-register in January and begin Wednesday, Jan. 16. Several new courses are being offered. Some of the innovations in the north (Acton, Georgetown and Milton) are: antiques, budget cooking, chair caning, drama workshop, folk guitar, rhythmic gymnastics, off loom weaving, spring gardening and snowmobile maintenance.

Registration by mail commences in December. The public will be informed by newspaper advertising, flyer delivery by school children.

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Burlington brass dominates staff at region level

Employees of the town of Burlington have dominated appointments to key posts in the Halton Regional Government structure announced recently.

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Skerrett joined the Burlington police force in 1962 after 16 years on the Hamilton force. He attended Hamilton's Delta College and later Northwestern University in Illinois and served in World War Two.

Skerrett will make a recommendation concerning staff structure within a month.

Respected
Farmer left his job as an auditor to join the staff at the town of Burlington in 1956. He is a chartered accountant and respected in municipal circles as one of the most knowledgeable treasurers in the area.

Baillie worked for three years in the Stratford engineering department before joining Burlington as assistant engineer in 1958 and later became town engineer.

Ed Cummings, the new regional planner, worked as planning director in Trafalgar Township in 1958 and after the 1962 amalgamation with Oakville.

Cummings will be faced with the formulation of an official plan for the region. That will be his first major task.

Salaries for Farmer, Baillie and Cummings are reported to be \$27,000, \$28,000 and \$33,000 respectively. The police chief's salary has not yet been settled.

May save on dental payments

Halton County Social and Family Services Department may realize savings on dental expenses for welfare recipients. Ian Cato, Executive Director of the

Ontario Dental Association, presented a plan to the county Community Services Committee Thursday.

Cato said that a savings could be realized by the county if dental bills were channelled through the ODA. That body would make arrangements with dentists to do the work for 90 percent of the regular fee. ODA would take five percent for administration charges.

Five percent
For that five per cent they would offer regulatory controls of the money spent. Cato said any problems ODA finds would be referred to the Royal College of Dentist Physicians who act as a sort of watch dog over dentists.

Recommend inquest into child's death

Coroner Dr. J.E. Inglis of Brampton has made a recommendation for an inquest into the death of a two-year-old Georgetown girl who died while being transferred to Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, from the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

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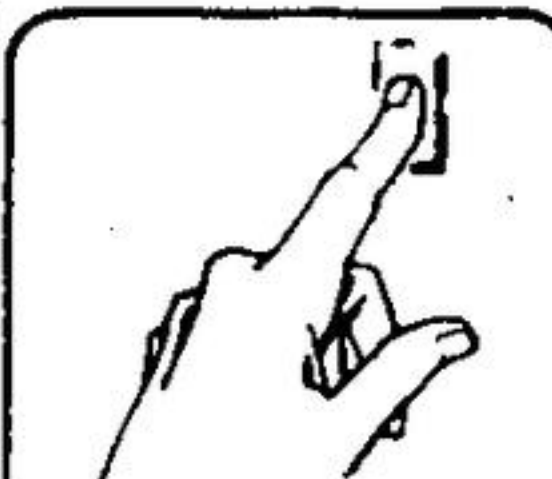
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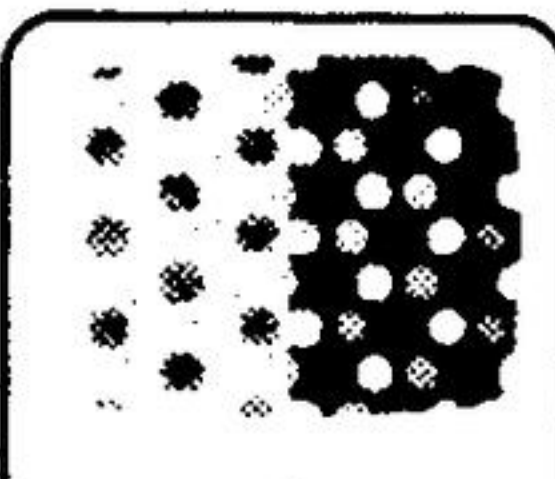


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