

Named to board of new hospital

George Maltby of Acton has been named local representative on the board of governors for the new Oakville Centre for the Mentally Retarded.

Other board members are: Rev. Peter Barrow, Georgetown; Dr. Richard Hyma, Brampton; Mrs. Alice Scheer, Burlington; Mrs. Yvonne Van Exan, Mississauga; Harry Foster, Oakville; Mrs. Anne Kavelman, Mississauga.

Hene Brunelle, Minister of Community and Social Service and Jim Snow, Minister of Government Services, announced the names of 15 directors from Halton and Peel regions who will form the board.

The board will maintain and operate the 150-bed centre scheduled to be completed in the summer of 1975.

The centre will provide accommodation and programming for 48 adults and 72 children under the age of 18 years, formerly living in institutions. The remaining 30 beds will comprise a chronic care centre for persons requiring constant attention.

The residential centre is being built in town-house style on the site of the former Ortona barracks complex.

Other board members are: Colin Smilie, Milton; Mrs. Jean Millar, Campbellville; Larry Morris, Oakville; Mrs. Ruth Mitchell, Georgetown.

At work
Town workmen have been cleaning snow from the streets.



ERIN TOWNSHIP Council held its inaugural meeting Monday. Members for 1975 are standing councillor Tom Ormisher, Reeve Donald Matheson and Councillor John Reid; seated Deputy-Reeve Bert Wheeler, Councillor Jack Marshall and Clerk Elmer McKinnon.

Levies, bills, waste on last Erin agenda

At their final meeting of 1974, held December 27, Erin township council:

—Read a letter from Grey County asking support of a resolution that the government pay 50 per cent of wages to hired help (except members of the farmer's family).

Deputy-reeve Donald Matheson commented: "That's a waste of time. There's no way they're going to get it."

Council decided not to support the resolution.

—Purchase
—Received notice from the Grand River Conservation Authority confirming that the Romanewicz property on the Third Line at 24 highway is part of land slated for a water management project and will be purchased by the Authority.

The present owners wish to build on it.

—Were notified by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority that the estimated 1975 levy for the township is \$71,092.92. This is an increase of almost 32 per cent over the 1974 levy.

—Heard a letter from Jack

Young, Regional Municipality of Waterloo, regarding Erin's donation toward the Grand River Relief Fund. Mr. Young informed them that the Relief Committee will be able to pay 90 per cent of the appraised claims.

—Waste disposal
—Received a copy of a letter sent by the Town of Seaford to the Ministry of the Environment protesting the large amounts spent on waste disposal in large municipalities to separate and re-cycle garbage, while equal consideration was not given to small towns which wanted to build incinerators.

Since Erin township will most likely be faced with the same problem before too long, council passed a motion to send a letter of support to Seaford.

—Paid a total of \$78.25 under the Livestock protection act. The total included a sum for two dogs picked up and taken to the pound.

—Fire truck
—Met with Fire Chief Bob Cheyne and Deputy Wayne

Cunningham regarding discrepancies in the bill for the new fire truck.

Council was informed that even though the agreement signed with Mobile Tank Industries in November, 1973, was for \$6,750, with a paint job bringing the total to \$7,150 a bill had been sent to the fire department for \$7,507.79.

Mr. Cheyne said that, on top of the \$400 discrepancy, seven things in the agreement were not done, and the department spent \$840 on material to finish the job properly.

A representative of M.T.I. had been invited to discuss the matter, but was unable to attend.

No decision was made regarding the matter, but Reeve Lloyd Lang queried "What happens if you don't pay the account until he comes?"

Accounts
—Passed a motion to pay the December road account of \$28,700.

—Discussed a bill from Eramosa township for work done on the Town Line from Crewson's Corners to the 24 Highway. Council questioned the charge of over \$730 per mile while Erin's cost for road care was around \$40.

Council also questioned being charged for equipment rental as well as depreciation on it.

It was decided to hold the bill, which was over \$3,000 until January.

Heard a suggestion that a map and diagram of the different fire areas be printed in local newspapers.

Discussed a fire hazard in the township, a chimney pipe which came out a resident's basement window and stopped under the eaves. Reeve Lang read through the building bylaw and said there were paragraphs restricting material and height of chimneys, if someone would just enforce them.

Will ask the Department of Highways for a study of the highways 24 and 25 intersection.

Campbell's campaign cost totals \$35,000

The Milton evangelist who protested "moral pollution" in the public schools by withholding the educational portion of his property taxes early last year, this week revealed that his campaign has personally cost him \$35,000. Ken Campbell's initial protest caused by what he called "morally offensive" recommended literature and a visit by "Gay Lib" lesbians to the Burlington high school his daughters attend, triggered the establishment of a non-sectarian citizens' group calling itself Halton Renaissance Committee.

With support from all parts of the region, the more than 600 members share a common concern to bring the system back to a responsiveness to the parents who entrust their children to it, and to the taxpayers who pay for it.

Campbell views the problems of public education as the product of the enormous regional system "which has effectively stripped the parents and taxpayers from any real influence on the policies under which our children are educated."

In August, Renaissance presented its 19-page brief to the Halton trustees, containing more than 25 specific recommendations for improving the system. Encouraged by the respon-

siveness of trustees and educators generally to the public concerns about education articulated by Renaissance, Campbell paid his taxes, still "under protest." He directed that protest to Queen's Park "where the discriminatory policies for which I withhold my taxes, originate."

Campbell claims that the system "discriminates against a substantial minority, if not a majority, of parents in our society who prefer the influences of the Judeo-Christian philosophy of education to the secular humanism which presently dominates public education."

In response to a charge of insincerity from an administrator in Halton's education system, Campbell revealed that it has been necessary for him to increase the mortgage on his property by \$15,000 to cover the deficits incurred by the Campbell Reeves Evangelistic Association he leads, during the four months he contributed his time to Renaissance last year.

Truck payment
At a special meeting Erin township council met with a representative of Mobile Tank Industries and inspected the new fire truck. Following the subsequent discussion, a motion was passed to forward to the company a cheque for \$7,200.

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Ford, Oakville closes down

Over 5,000 workers at the Ford truck and car plants in Oakville are laid off for at least part of this month.

In the car manufacturing division 3,800 employees are out of work for three weeks this month while another 1,800 workers in the truck section are laid off for a week.

Sagging auto sales in the United States has forced the closure of the plant in Oakville where many Halton Hills residents are employed. It is expected most of the 5,600 workers will be able to draw 95 percent of their regular pay through the company's supplementary unemployment benefits program.

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