

Inquisition . . .

(Continued from page One) disposal plant cost was now up to \$5 million dollars, and charged against the Georgetown area, while the cost three and half years ago was estimated at \$1 1/2 million. He said at that time Councillors Morrow and Levy strongly opposed the plant.

"That's a lie," exclaimed Morrow. Hyde went right on, telling Dr. Furness a library complex would reach nearly \$1 million dollars and asked if he wanted a plebiscite on that too.

"This man has never asked for a plebiscite," interjected Morrow. Hyde contended he had said it in the press.

Dr. Furness said he wasn't sure whether or not he did. He said he realized the town could afford it, "but the question is do we want to afford it?"

Hyde said several regional governments had been established before Halton and no-one has suggested they be dismantled.

"Robarts is doing a study on that right now," interrupted Morrow.

"I just wanted Dr. Furness to answer, not his good friend Councillor Morrow," retorted Hyde. He asked why Dr. Furness and other doctors had centralized in a medical centre, if he didn't think the centralization of a six million dollar business was not a good idea.

"We're spending our own money," replied Dr. Furness, "and besides we wanted to be near the hospital."

Councillor Les Doby said he had all respect for Dr. Furness' efforts, and for everyone who signed the petition, and stated their concern is a legitimate one. He said the three Acton councillors out of 13, have had to settle for what they can get many times. "We have been fighting to keep something in Acton since day one. It has always been my feeling we should keep some kind of office there regardless of whether or not a municipal complex is built. The Fire Chief, and recreation department at least should be local."

Doby asked why there are no petitions against the cost of education, and the cost of the recreation complex. "If I were running a business I'd make sure I had space to house my business and staff before building tennis courts." He said he made his decision in all sincerity and could not change his position.

Doby said Acton is no more central than Georgetown, so the Seventh Line location is logical. "If I had the assurance there will be always an office in Acton, I might change my mind. I'm not a reed swaying in every wind," he concluded.

Councillor Pat McKenzie asked if the objection was to the location of "the modest addition to house our staff." Furness said the need has not been overwhelmingly established, so he felt the town should do with what they have.

McKenzie suggested as a professional man, Dr. Furness should be concerned about other professional men, such as the engineers being housed in two bays of the works garage. He asked if he would circulate a petition if the location was in the Georgetown area.

Dr. Furness replied that he lived and worked in Esquimaux. He said the location had nothing to do with it, but the timing was inopportune.

In reply to a question from Councillor Ernie Sykes, Dr. Furness said he had been in the engineering department, and the Seventh Line building but not in the Main Street building.

Sykes said, "Then you don't know what you're talking about. Who did you talk to who works for the town?" he asked.

"That's not a fair question," ruled Mayor Tom Hill.

Sykes contended Furness did not know whether the present system was working well or not, and asked how the petition was presented to the people.

Mayor Tom Hill read the preamble on the top of each page of the petition asking council to reconsider the complex in light of an increase of \$100 in taxes.

Persisting, Sykes asked if Furness thought the people knew what they were signing. The doctor said they signed for themselves, and pointed out five councillors had the same opinion.

"I admire you for taking the time to do this," stated Sykes. "It is conceivable at some time my life may be in your hands, I hope you do a more thorough diagnosis than you have done on this."

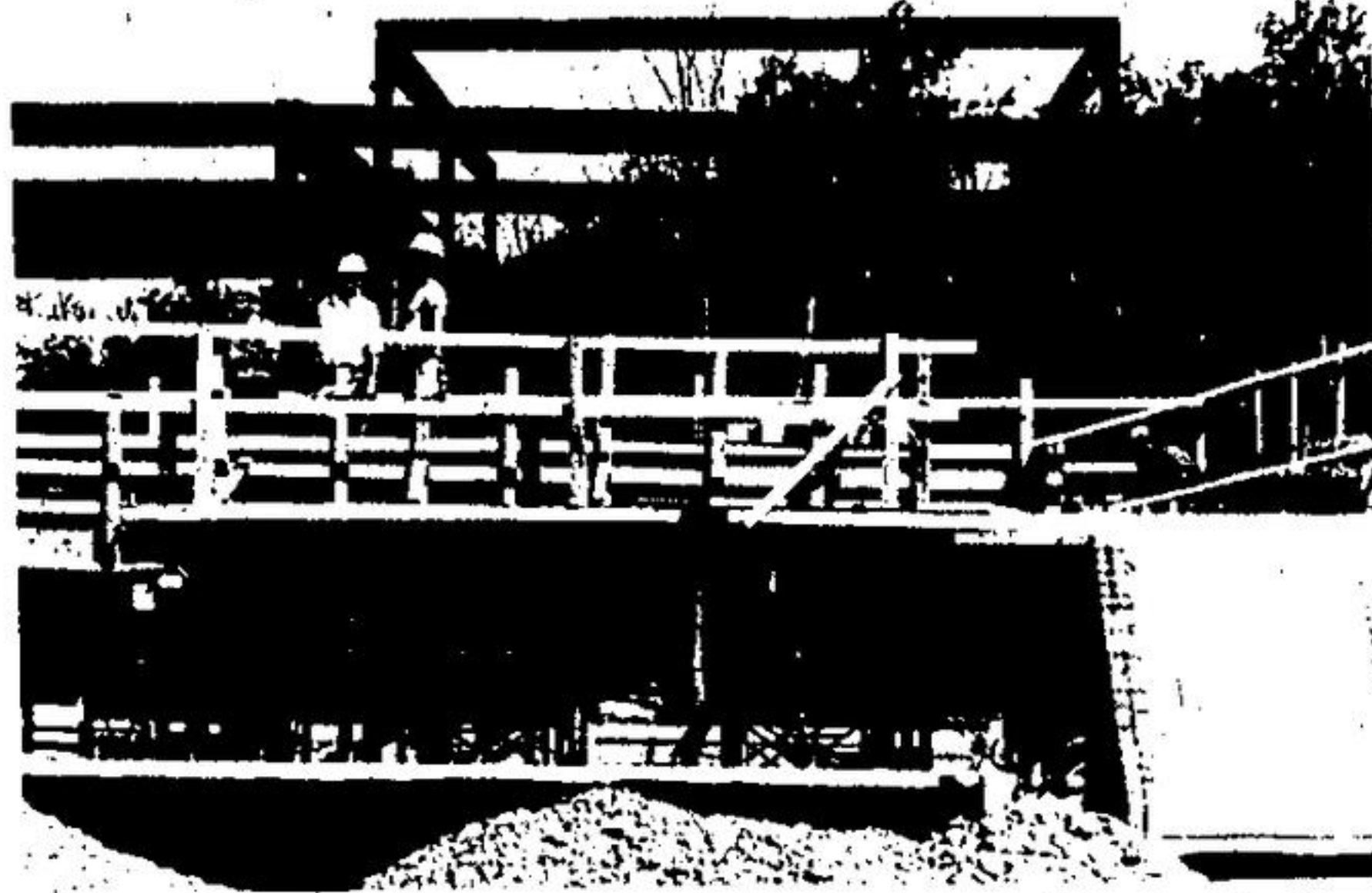
Councillor Harry Levy said the treatment of Dr. Furness was like an inquisition or a third degree, and was completely uncalled for. He said when a red herring was dragged in the handwriting is on the wall. He claimed the needs of the staff have been put ahead of the needs of residents in the municipal complex, and said existing facilities are adequate. He said if satellite offices are still needed in Acton and Georgetown, where would be the saving in erecting the complex.

Levy said the complex should be stopped now, without going to the Ontario Municipal Board, which would just add more cost.

Councillor Ric Morrow said the suggestion he had "manipulated Dr. Furness and Hodinnot" was an insult to both men, and statement by Sykes that the people did not know what they were signing was an insult to everyone on the petition. He apologized for the questions by Hyde and Sykes, and called on members who had originally supported the complex to put forward a motion rescinding the bylaw.

Doby said by the wording of the preamble people obviously knew what they were signing. He suggested the whole question of centralization should be reconsidered. He said, "I backed centralization for the sake of unit of the whole town, a condition dictated by the province." He suggested they could revert to having three

works superintendents, one in each community, "instead of running back and forth to punch a clock." Hyde said no apology was necessary, and said in his opinion Furness' action is a disturbance to Halton Hills. After a lengthy procedural hassle, with some members saying it did not have to be members who originally opposed the complex who put forward a motion to rescind the bylaw, another motion to delay sending it to the O.M.B. was passed, with Mayor Tom Hill, Councillors Roy Booth, Russ Miller, Ernie Sykes, Harry Levy, George Malby and Ric Morrow supporting it, and Councillors Ernie Hyde, Mike Armstrong, Pat McKenzie and Les Doby opposing. Councillors Dick Howitt and Joe Hurst were absent.



A METAL tree waters itself near the site of the new high school.

THE STEEL skeleton of the new high school, on Churchill Road North, started taking shape recently. Some brick work has also been added. A supervisor stated that he hopes that the outer shell of the structure will be complete by fall.

Animals on road cause accidents

Animals running out in front of cars caused a number of accidents.

John Jarvis, Milton, driving on Steeles Avenue last Wednesday morning at 2:15 a.m., said a family of raccoons started across the road in front of him. Jarvis said he swerved to avoid the animals and ended up with his car in a ditch.

Police estimated damage to his car at \$2,500.

A dog ran out in front of a car driven by Randy Upton, Acton, Monday at 6:30 p.m. on the Sixth Line and after swerving to avoid the animal Upton's car slid into a ditch. According to police estimates there was \$1,000 damage to the car.

The driver and a passenger both suffered cuts and bruises when their car cracked up on the Fourth Line in the Limehouse area Friday at 3:50 p.m. Driver, Jim Stevenson, Hamilton, and passenger William Field, Acton, both suffered cuts and bruises in the mishap. Police estimated

there was \$1,500 damage to the car.

The Fourth Line was the scene of a single car crash Friday at 11 a.m. when Willy Schmale, Bramalea, hit a hydro pole.

There was a two vehicle crash on the Seventh Line, Thurs. day, at 4:15 p.m. involving Yvette Martin, Pefferlaw, Ontario, and John MacMillan, Brampton.

Chapel agreement

The agreement providing for the building of a chapel at Fairview cemetery has been prepared, and will go to council next Monday evening. Councillor Joe Hurst says the way is clear now for the bylaw.

The chapel is being provided as a memorial by Dr. A. J. Buchanan, and work could begin early in September.

Change policy

Manor beds open to nursing care

Halton Centennial Manor in Milton will be converting some space at the home for the aged, now reserved for residential care cases, and making the room available to people on extended care.

Until now the province has ruled that a certain ratio of residential care and nursing care cases must be admitted to the home.

What was happening was, there was a constant waiting list for nursing care or extended care people waiting for a bed while vacancies existed in the residential care section of the Manor.

A delegation of Halton officials took up the problem with James Taylor, Minister of Community and Social Services and as a result of the meeting, the ruling has been changed.

Some renovations The effect of the change means there are now 21 additional beds available for Extended Care patients. Manor Administrator Stan Allen told the committee

\$1,200 purchase

With money saved from the salary of a recreation coordinator for part of the year, the recreation department hopes to buy an office dictating machine, a transcribing adaptor, and two portable dictation machines.

Halton Hills administration committee recommended the purchase with the total cost not to exceed \$1,200.

there would be some additional staff and some renovations needed in order to provide for the new residents, but he suggested the renovations would not be costly.

He added the service would be of great benefit to the people who could now be admitted.

He said the change would wipe out the waiting list that now exists.

Extended care residents are generally in much greater need of regular nursing assistance compared to those people living in the residential care units.

Install radios in trucks

Halton Region's Public Works Committee recommended a tender for a base control, antenna system and 20 mobile radio units be awarded to Awrey Communications of Hamilton.

The bid came in at \$24,644—well under the \$30,000 budget price. The equipment is needed so public works trucks can maintain communications with the operation centres from which the trucks work.

Eventually the department wants to have radio contact with every truck in the regional fleet.

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