



HALTON HILLS WORKMEN John Pementel and Sam Tennant clean out the creek at the foot of the Robert Little School hill last Thursday.

# Education costs boost Erin tax

Mill rates for taxation have been levied in Erin Township for the year 1976, with an increase of 32 mills for farm and residential. Education has increased 19 mills, which brings education for elementary schools to 57.3 mills, secondary 50.2, and separate 63.8. The County of Wellington is at 35.7, and township roads 15 mills. The total elementary mill rate for farm and residential stands at 166, with commercial at 187. The separate rate is 172.5 and 194.5 mills.

Reeve Donald Matheson met with the school board to talk over the increase in education tax, and reported his findings to the members of council at Tuesday night's meeting. The members of the Board said salaries have already been set and their hands are tied. It was either cut down services or increase the tax. However, they are doing all they can and have clamped down on new classes. They say they can't cut costs now, they can only hold them from going up further. Transportation costs, they say, are only 5 of their budget.

Councillor Marshall questioned the value of nature

study trips. He didn't think the pupils derived that much benefit from them.

Miss Lillian Shortill, newly hired deputy-clerk, resigned after three days to go back to her former position. Another applicant is currently being considered.

**Move buildings**  
Building inspector, Glen Creba, reported on the erection of various small structures on ten acre parcels of land throughout the township on which there are no other buildings. A permit must be obtained to build any structure over 100 sq. ft., and the by-law says it must be necessary to another building in order to get a permit. These structures were erected without a permit, which cannot be obtained, therefore they must be removed.

A motion was passed that the township will pay the bill for the inspecting of the condemned Hillsburg arena. The new arena will be built if possible, without interfering with the course of the creek.

**Take cemetery**  
The present board of trustees of the Providence Chapel Cemetery ground at the corner of the 9th and town

line have requested council to assume the responsibility and care of this unused cemetery. Council agreed to do this. Mr. Matheson remarked on the good job trustees have done in restoring the old cemetery, and said they deserve a lot of credit for what they have done.

Clarence Beatty will be reimbursed \$50 for a lamb killed by wolves, and Wm. Somerville \$90 for a sheep which was killed.

**Subdivision**  
Bob Long and Dale Murray of Triton Engineering Services Ltd. attended the council meeting to discuss the aspects of the Glen Devon subdivision in Hillsburgh. They said the developer has completed the granular road base, the reservoir extension is in operation, the water mains have the approval of the Ministry of Environment, and there are now six houses under construction. They had prepared a brief proposal which they presented to council. Bob Long would be the principal man to look after things, with Dale Murray who lives in Fergus, assisting.

The first phase involves inspection and estimates of

cost. They should have a mutual understanding with the ministries, and finalize any designs of approvals. They would carry out testing inspection of rock grade control, survey of lot grading, and check grades of boulevards, houses and roads. Council passed a motion engaging Triton Engineering

of Orangeville for checking the Glen Devon subdivision on their behalf.

Ron White enquired of council about re-opening the stock car race track at Ospringe, but was informed that he would have to apply for a zone change from agriculture to commercial.

# Debenture service

A \$400,000 library debenture is doing the municipality a service, according to Councillor Harry Levy.  
At Monday evening's finance and personal committee meeting, Mr. Levy pointed out that the debenture is earning money. He explained that the town is presently paying interest on the money, but when it is needed it will be there, at a low percentage.

An active member of Lake-side chapter of the I.O.D.E., she was particularly talented in sewing and crafts; her articles were among those always admired and quickly sold at bazaars. She was a willing worker in many areas and was a past regent.

A member of St. Alban's church, she was a member of the Altar Guild.

Through her family, teaching and community service, her life has touched that of many others in the town. Her contribution was recognized and appreciated. Funeral service is this afternoon (Wednesday) at 2 p.m. at St. Alban's church, conducted by the Rev. Harry Dawson. Interment is in Fairview cemetery.

## Obituary

### Mary Hinton's funeral today

The community was shocked and saddened to hear of the unexpected death of Mary E. Hinton on Sunday at Guelph General Hospital. Her illness was brief.

Mrs. Hinton leaves her husband H. H. "Bert" Hinton at their home, 24 Park Ave., son Robert Arthur Hinton, Quebec City; son John Frederick Hinton, Edmonton, and daughter Catherine Joanne, presently at home; a brother Louis Jackson, and three grandchildren. She was predeceased by brother Fred

Jackson.

Mrs. Hinton was born on Feb. 12, 1909, in Seaford, and after graduating from Seaford Collegiate attended the University of Toronto. She was a teacher at Acton Continuation school when she met Bert Hinton, and they were married in Seaford on July 5, 1941. They have lived in Acton since. She continued teaching on the occasional staff for many years.

Mary Hinton was an asset to her community, in her own quiet way.

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