



**DIRT ROAD PICTURES**, by Georgetown artist Ken Grant, was launched recently at a formal wine and cheese party given at the Village Craft Shop in Erin. The hardcover book of pen and ink sketches featuring local scenes has been published in limited edition by the Porcupines Quill Inc., Erin. Shown here with the book are Terry and Virginia Kennedy, proprietors of the Village Craft Shop, Ken Grant, Elke and Tim Inkster of Porcupines Quill. The book is available at the Georgetown Book Shop and the Village Craft Shop.

**Booth says**

**Town encourages breaking bylaw**

The town is encouraging a local development firm, H and C Investments, to break the law Councilor Roy Booth told Halton Hills council.

H and C Investments has asked the town to let it out of a model home agreement so it can sell a nearly completed home on Harold Street without losing \$1,750. The firm entered into the model home agreement to speed up construction and has already lost \$1,750 on another house because it was occupied before all services were turned over to the town, a requirement of the model home agreement.

Works committee rejected rescinding of the model home agreement fearing a dangerous precedent. Council agreed Monday with works committee.

Tom Cooper, representing

the firm, told council the town had not been harmed in any way by the agreement and servicing would be completed as per the subdivision agreement.

He said the small development firm stood to lose \$10,000 holding onto the house and not breaking the model home agreement. Booth said it was only logical the firm would decide to break the model home agreement by-law and lose \$1,750 rather than lose \$10,000. He said "since when did we encourage breaking of laws. That's what we're asking them to do."

Councillor Mike Armstrong said the town wasn't forcing or preventing the house from being sold. He said rescinding the model home agreement would leave the town "wide open" on future agreements. It was noted the developer

**Hargrove blasts Liberal MPs**

Two Peel-Halton area MPs were attacked publicly by Brampton and District Labor Council full employment committee chairman Buzz Hargrove for not showing up at last Wednesday night's meeting in Brampton.

Hargrove said Federal cabinet Minister Tony Abbott gave no reason for not accepting an invitation to attend.

"When it comes to the unemployed people of this country, he has little concern at all," charged Hargrove.

Halton MP Dr. Frank Philbrook also came under fire. "Dr. Philbrook is a fine fellow," said Hargrove, "but when you ask him to a meeting, especially one of unemployed persons, he has a habit of being somewhere else."

Hargrove claimed his com-

mittee had offered to change the date of the meeting to accommodate both Abbott and Philbrook.

MPPs Terry Jones of Mississauga North and Doug Kennedy of Mississauga South were both on the platform from the beginning of the meeting. Peel-Dufferin-Simcoe MP Ross Milne and Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed hurried from previous engagements, earlier in the evening, to speak at the meeting. Milne was addressing the Chamber of Commerce meeting in Orangeville. Reed was attending the official opening of the Acton Middle School.

Hargrove said Mississauga MPP Bud Gregory would have come if he could have. Gregory, Hargrove explained, had a previous commitment.

**Form committee to study representation on council**

The rural-urban split was quite visible Monday night when Milton Council debated a proposal to add one urban councillor to the 11-member council and redivide the rural wards.

In the end, councillors agreed to set up a special committee to review the entire "representation by population" controversy, and also asked the same committee to look into the possibility of getting Milton another representative to sit on Halton Regional Council.

Councillor Rose Harrison proposed one more urban councillor be added to council's make-up, for a total of five plus a regional member. She also suggested the rural representation be divided and a new ward (former North Burlington) be formed, with one councillor representing each of the three rural wards — former Nassagaweya, former Burlington and former Oakville.

She pointed out the four urban councillors presently represent 3,400 voters apiece and \$8 million in assessment, while the four rural reps have from 1,100 to 2,300 voters apiece plus \$3 to \$6 million assessment.

Council recently signed up two major subdivisions and by 1983 the urban councillors will likely be representing 5,000 ratepayers apiece, she noted. Her proposal for redis-

tribution of the rural wards and adding one urban councillor would give each councillor between 2,000 and 3,000 people to represent at present, and would narrow the gap for 1983.

She felt the change should be adopted for the 1978-79 council.

Councillor Rick Day said he hoped the proposal was not just a rearrangement to suit the politicians. It is not automatically unfair for urban councillors to represent more people than rural reps, as the rural people have special problems and distance is a major factor, he said.

If projected populations can be used to change the size of the council, keep in mind Ward One is slated for a new city of 250,000 people, he reminded council. Milton has not yet reached the point where an adjustment is necessary, he added.

Councillor Emmerson McCready agreed with balancing the ward representation, but wondered if the time was right yet. He said he doubted the Timberlea subdivision would be filled up by the end of 1978. "Maybe it's just a little too soon."

"It's like a couple of kids crying over who got the biggest piece of pie," charged Councillor Jim Watson. He reminded members there are times councillors represent the whole town. Look seriously at the impact

of the proposal, urged Councillor Brian Penman. There has been "a delicate balance between rural and urban members until now," he said, and he felt the change was still premature.

Councillor Brad Clements said Milton needs another member at the regional council level, not at the local level.

From the audience, Mrs. Phyllis Ferrier warned councillors "you are carving up our destinies" and urged them to let the people have a say in any changes.

A motion to "receive and file" Councillor Harrison's suggestion came to a 5-5 tie vote — five rural members against the five urban reps — and Mayor Don Gordon was forced to break the tie. He sided with the urban members and voted against the proposal being filed away.

"Let's not be petty," said Councillor Russ Powadiuk. "There is an element of

paranoia and revenge creeping into the room," said Councillor Penman. If that persists, he said "we might as well go out of business. Let's not be punitive and destroy what's gone on before."

Councillor Day tried to amend the Krantz motion, to the effect that if the earlier ward change is denied, council would not deal with any other changes in ward boundaries in its lifetime. The rider was added, but the whole motion was voted down.

It was Councillor Powadiuk who suggested the committee be formed to study the whole matter of regional representation, ward boundaries, and population shifts. He said shifting the Milton Heights and former Esquering areas might also be considered in any proposed changes.

That motion carried. A committee of councillors will be appointed and all members will be invited to the meetings.

**Meeting tonight**

A meeting will be held tonight (Wednesday) by the Acton Y's Men to make further plans for the Santa Claus parade.

At the present time, only the date has been set—November 28.

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