

Better times soon — Fischer

A small glimmer of economic hope for the future may be starting to shine, according to Halton Region's chief salesman.

Matt Fischer, director of business development, said more firms are expressing the first cautious notes of interest in expansion, and that bodes well for the future of Halton.

"The enquiries we receive have doubled and that suggests a lot of companies are doing their homework for expansion during this slow period," he said in a telephone interview.

Mr. Fischer also noted the recent slide in interest rates and "a glimmer of hope for the auto industry" as the first signs of economic recovery.

"When it does start, it's going to be a very slow recovery. Nothing will happen overnight and that's good," he said.

Mr. Fischer explained a slow recovery would mean firms were expanding their operations, but were doing less of the expansion on borrowed money.

"Businessmen have learned that getting into debt can be very damaging if we go into

a slide again," he said.

Even when the volume of business activity starts to increase, he said, unemployment will likely remain slightly high because "firms have all learned to be more efficient."

"We have to accept the fact that there will be a whole raft of people who will never go back to their old jobs," he said. "The need for retraining is going to become a national challenge because there will be a change in the nature of work."

"The traditional assembly line jobs are being replaced by machines," he said. "But there is a whole new level of employment for people to maintain those machines."

Mr. Fischer said society is starting to recognize this change through institutions such as Sheridan College which offers special retraining programs and programs aimed at meeting the specific needs of industry.

Stable interest rates, he added, are going to help the process of recovery, but many firms have permanently changed their habits.



Members of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority gathered at the inaugural meeting January 29. In centre seated is Chairman Howard Stewart, left is Vice Chairman Ken Williams. Others are Richard Martin, Jim Lyons, Charles Bryan, Grant Swift, Carolanne Osborne, George Winnett, Robert Shirley, Tom Hill, Jim

Dods, Fred Wilson, Harold Kennedy, Clark Glassford, Bill Hunter, Bob Harrison, Jim Graham, Frank Russell, Andy King, Dave Culham, and Jim Hutton. Halton Hills mayor Pete Pomeroy is absent from the picture.



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Universal sorrow at death of Sheriff Clements

Halton Sheriff Robert (Mac) Sprowl has researched the history of all 10 Halton sheriffs since 1856. This is the third in the series.

by Mac Sprowl

There perhaps never has been a death in the County of Halton which has occasioned such universal sorrow as that of Sheriff Clements which occurred at his residence in Milton on Monday, July 19, 1909, in his 83rd year. During his long life he had served the public in many offices of responsibility and trust and for 27 years had been Sheriff of the County.

At the funeral a gentleman of high standing in the county who had known Sheriff Clements intimately for many years remarked, "His was the whitest life and he was the cleanest and straightest man I ever knew."

Mr. Clements was a member of the Methodist Church for nearly 60 years and held the office of recording steward for many years. He only retired in May, 1909, when the Board passed a resolution expressing their love and esteem and acknowledged his long and faithful service.

The funeral which took place on Wednesday, July 21, 1909, was largely attended from every part of the County, and also many from a distance. The service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Wm. Smythe, assisted by Rev. J.C. Willmott. Rev. Smythe spoke of the spotless character and useful life of the departed who had left to the family and church and community the example of blameless life.

Matthew Clements was born near the present Allan Gardens, Toronto, then Little York on the first day of August, 1826. In 1828 his parents moved to Lot 13, Concession 4, New Survey, Trafalgar which was then practically bush, the settlers being few and far between.

His marriage took place in October, 1853, shortly after which he and his bride moved to his farm about a mile above Postville. Soon after his settling at Postville (now the corner of No. 5 Highway and the 7th Line), he became interested in municipal affairs and for 11 consecutive years accessed the whole Township. He was a member of the Township Council for 12 years and on the County Council for 11 years.

During the years 1877 and 1878 he was Warden of the County. The addition to the Court House was made in his first term of Warden. So strong was his sense of duty that twice a week he drove from Postville to Milton to see that the work was progressing.

On the resignation of Sheriff McKindsey, afterwards Senator McKindsey, Mr. Clements was appointed to the office of Sheriff in June, 1882. To all stations to which he was elected or appointed he brought a well trained mind, clear insight into details and a faithful painstaking perseverance.

The late Sheriff was the eldest of five boys and six girls.

Among those who attended the funeral from a distance were Mrs. Roland Orr and son Frank and Miss Lindsay of Nebraska City, Neb. and Mr. Cannon of Walkerton.



Sheriff Matthew Clements 1823-1909



The Halton Hills Fire Department fire prevention poster contest last year named Melissa Harrington of Speyside School and Desmond Ng of Park School, Georgetown as tops in Halton Hills. Both students then won an Honorable Mention prize in the Halton-wide poster contest. Plaques were presented at the Halton Regional Council meeting Wednesday. Fire Chief Bill Cunningham adds his congratulations.

Councillors concerned about wrecking yard

Halton Hills has set down a number of conditions for its support of Halton Auto Wreckers in Limehouse application to the Niagara Escarpment Commission to place fill on the site.

Monday Halton Hills general committee debated at length about the wrecking yard owned by Fred and Marg Tolton, several councillors voiced complaints about the operation.

Town planning staff came up with four recommendations for municipal support of the fill application and general committee enlarged on one and added a fifth condition. The conditions are: 1. that the proposed fill will not adversely affect the drainage in the area, both on and off the site; 2. that the existing fence along the north-east boundary of the wrecking yard area will be repaired or replaced by a fence, similar in nature to the existing fence at the front of the property, in order to effectively contain and screen the wrecking yard and associated activities from residents to the north-east of the property; 3. that the parking, loading and unloading and or storage of derelict vehicles, portions of same and or vehicles essential to the operation such as car carriers and or tow trucks be restricted to within the enclosure at all times; 4. that the Niagara Escarpment Commission receive the written approval of the land owner to the north-east endorsing the placing of fill on his property by Mr. Tolton; 5. that all conditions be met by June 1, 1983.

Several councillors were concerned about the fill placed on the neighbor's property, but planner Ian Keith said the application wouldn't be approved until the Niagara Escarpment Commission receives an agreement from the neighbor. He said if Halton Hills approved the fill application, subject to conditions, before the neighbor approves the fill, it wouldn't cause problems for the municipality. If the neighbor doesn't agree then the fill will have to be removed.

A Limehouse resident, Mary Shire, urged the Town make its conditions more "binding" by adding a time limit for compliance and added the conditions were a step in the right direction.

Keith noted Halton Hills had requested there be another entrance to the yard so vehicles, equipment and salvage is kept inside the fence.

The conditions the Town was imposing would result in improved conditions at the wrecking yard, councillor Russ Miller said. Bylaw enforcement officer Jack Lusty said there have been "difficulties" in the past year at the wrecking yard, and the second entrance will help solve the problem of vehicles, etc. being left outside the fence. Staff has been insisting everything be kept inside the fence.

Councillor Pam Sheldon, who pushed for the additions to the Town conditions, noted she has heard many complaints about the wrecking yard operation. She was concerned about foul language on the fence which hasn't totally been removed, vehicles piled higher than the fence and vehicles left outside the fence. Sheldon also wasn't pleased the fill was brought in before the application was sought.

Lusty explained some vehicles outside the fence are licensed so they are hard to have moved and sometimes people just dump junk outside the fence when the yard isn't open, a problem other wreckers also face.

Miller was concerned the public would feel the yard's licence has been renewed when it doesn't conform to the Town bylaw, but that hasn't been the case. It isn't an illegal operation, he added.

The yard has been there a long time, it's a bad location, but there isn't much that can be done about it, Lusty noted.

All the yards have similar conditions so the Town shouldn't be picking on just Halton Auto Wreckers, Councillor Tom Hill said. Just because there are problems at other yards too doesn't make the situation "right", Sheldon countered. She said it was the owners' problem to clean up the situation and she felt strict conditions on the fill application would help.

Clerk-administrator Ken Richardson said the yard's licence is up for renewal soon and if the Town's conditions aren't met by June 1 the licence can be revoked.

Miller pointed out the Niagara Escarpment Commission can ignore the Town's conditions and still approve the fill application.

Playboy on Pay TV? trustee denounces plan

Acton trustee Arlene Bruce wants the Halton Board of Education to send a formal protest to the federal and provincial governments denouncing the airing of Playboy programs on Pay T.V.

Bruce filed a trustee's notice of motion at a board meeting last Wednesday evening in Burlington. She expects her motion will be discussed and voted on this week when the board meets again. The announcement that First Choice was having Playboy programs when it begins operations next week, spurred her move to have the shows banned.

In an interview with this newspaper, Bruce said "the education system is striving to develop students with healthy attitudes and moral sensitivity and I believe the availability of pornographic movies in the homes is in conflict with that."

Bruce contends it is everyone's responsibility to increase young people's sensitivity towards others. She said porno movies do not live up to this responsibility.

"We have to start to look at these things and stop them."

Bruce contends that now is the time for communities to be unselfish and look at not what they themselves want but what is going to be best for the community five or 10 years down the road.

"I am not saying censor it," Bruce stressed, "but stop and take a serious look at the ramifications of what kind of attitudes towards women this is going to develop."

Admittedly, Bruce says, the Playboy programs are going to be aired at a time when young children should be in bed. But, she points out, children have a way of seeing things that parents don't always know about.

Bruce noted that while the Playboy programs are soft-core porn, they will



Arlene Bruce

eventually lead to hardcore porno. "At what point do we draw the line and who decides."

The Acton representative pointed out her objections to the programs were not just because of the sexual explicitness, but because of the attitude young girls will have of themselves, that women are just sex objects.

Bruce stresses that parents blame the schools for the ills of the children, which is unfair. They seem to forget children learn at home and on the streets also. She feels the community must take some responsibility.

Bruce admits that even if her motion does not pass tomorrow (Thursday) evening, she has still partly accomplished her goal—to make the programming problem foremost in parents' minds.

Large area for CVCA if accept Bennett farm

If the Credit Valley Conservation leases Scotsdale Farm, bequeathed by the S.G. Bennett family to the Ontario Heritage Foundation, the CVCA would have 2,200 acres in Halton Hills.

The Authority has been approached by the Ontario Heritage Foundation to lease and manage the property in Silvercreek on a long term basis.

General Manager Glen Schnarr explained, with the Vaughan property, Terra Cotta Conservation Area, and Scotsdale Farm, the Authority would have 2,200 acres, and described the size, as "a recreation area of national significance."

At the inaugural meeting of the Authority,

Schnarr noted "negotiations to date have been positive but slow."

'82 revenue up

Revenue for the conservation areas operated by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority were up \$11,500 over 1981 and exceeded the '82 budget projections by \$25,300.

CVCA General Manager Glen Schnarr in his report to the inaugural meeting, noted the winter activities at Terra Cotta was a hit with the public, with the first annual Sweetheart Winter Carnival and the third annual Motorcycle Ice Races, a particular success.

Barber takes chair to you



Have scissors will travel, Bill Smith has decided to take his chair to his customers instead of his customers to his chair in his new travelling hairstyling business. Alex Himeshazi, of Churchill Rd. N., Acton, took advantage of the home barbering service.

Hairstylist Bill Smith has found a way for his customers to beat inflation.

To overcome high overhead (no pun intended) costs, Smith has decided to take his hair grooming equipment into his clients' homes, rather than have them come to him.

And so far, the idea is being very well received. A lot of his former customers from his old place of employment in Georgetown have called him for appointments, and he hopes to eventually reach the senior citizens and shut-ins, who, like everyone else, need their hair cut, but can't get out.

With almost 20 years' experience, Bill has cut a lot of hair, including heads in Guelph and he had his own conventional barber business in Hillsburgh before going to Georgetown 10 years ago.

However, he wanted more than a nine to five job. He wanted to take advantage of the free enterprise system while it still exists, but keep doing what he was trained for—cutting hair. Thus, the idea of a travelling barber was born.

Smith, of Churchill Rd., Acton, has concentrated mainly on male customers, but will cut women's hair. However, he does not do perms, or other treatments.

Smith travels light, he says, but takes everything that is necessary to do a good job. He even has his own folding chair.

Smith says he will go anywhere from the home to the office to perform his service. Even though he's only been in business a few weeks, he's already given a hair cut in a home workshop.

For Smith's new found freedom, life is simple—wherever his scissors go, he'll go.