

Educational Panel Promises Ratepayers' Meeting Interest

"Are we getting value for our tax dollars spent on education?" The questioner is the Halton Hills Ratepayers Association. The answer, hopefully will come Tuesday, January 13 when a panel made up of people from both sides of the education fence discuss the controversial subject in front of an audience in Centennial Public School.

The Ratepayers Association arranged the night because, according to a spokesman, so many meetings ended in discus-

sions about "the high cost of learning."

OPEN MEETING

Eight thousand pieces of literature promoting the January 13 meeting have gone out through the schools inviting the general public to join Ward Three residents for the evening. On the panel will be E. S. Lavender, one of the three of the Halton Board of Education in the north end of the county, Michael Furlong, principal of Georgetown District High

School, Father Martin Vasser, steen of Holy Cross parish who is Superior of Capuchin Fathers in English Canada; Tom Watson, Halton Board of Education member for Acton-Nassagaweya; Councillor Harry Levy; Mrs. Mary Cooper; General Fireproofing Personnel manager Alex Cook; and grade 13 student Jan Laforet.

Tom Watson was invited to sit on the panel in place of Georgetown's school board member, Ernie Bodnar, who won't be able to attend.

Numerous Appointments To Esquering Boards

The customary beginning of the year appointments were made by Esquering council, Monday afternoon. They are:

- Hornby Park Board — Cr. Ken Marshall, C. Wrigglesworth, James Carney.
- Georgetown Hospital Board — Cr. Wilfrid Leslie.
- Esquering Planning Board — J. D. Penherton, Fred Nelson, B. Lawson and Sam Penrice.
- Halton County Museum Board — George Currie.
- Committee of Adjustments — James McPhail, Denney Charles.

Halton County Industrial Development Committee — George Currie.

Esquering Hall Board — Wilfrid Leslie, Russell Miller.

Ballinafad Community Centre — Tom Hill.

Georgetown Fire Area — Wilfrid Leslie, Russell Miller.

Milton Fire Area — George Currie.

Acton Fire Area — Ken Marshall, Tom Hill.

Halton Region Conservation Authority — George Currie.

Credit Valley Conservation Authority — Tom Hill.

SHOULD BE PAID

Following the appointments, Cr. Russell Miller suggested the members should be paid for attending some of these meetings, as they were very time consuming. "We had between 7 and 10 meetings about buying a new fire truck alone," he contended, "and the \$15 a year extra we get for all these board meetings wouldn't even pay for gas." He insisted he only meant the meetings where other representatives are paid. "If nobody is paid, that's fine I'll go along, but some of these meetings the other members representing municipalities get paid and we don't." He stressed he was talking only \$10 not \$30. The matter will be discussed fully at another meeting.

THREE ENGINES DERAILED IN GEORGETOWN YARD

Three diesel locomotives were derailed in the Canadian National Railway's Georgetown yard early New Year's Day.

No one was hurt and damage was minor in the derailment which happened shortly before 7 a.m.

No official explanation of the cause of the accident was available from the CN, but it is believed the three engines in tandem concentrated too much weight on a short section of track causing a rail to flip on its side.

ACCELERATING

The engines, hooked to a long freight train, had been standing and were accelerating slowly when derailed near the John Street subway.

Traffic was held up on the line for about four hours while a work crane lifted the locomotives onto the tracks.

The sight of the crane at work New Year's morning took local oldtimers back a few decades to when the Georgetown yard was known to railroaders as Calamity Junction because of frequent derailments and train collisions here.

LIMEHOUSE

Mr. Fred Gishby has returned from a December holiday which took him down to Florida, westward through New Mexico to California, north to Vancouver and home again.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Henry of Midland have been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Paterson. All spent Christmas Day with Mrs. S. Smith at Weston.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Iskander, newly-weds, recently here from Egypt and his brother Mr. Alex Iskander of Toronto, were holiday visitors with the Roughtleys.

— Mrs. A. Benton

GEORGETOWN COUNCIL BRIEFS

● Council approved an application from Mrs. Leigh Johnston, Caroline St. Monday allowing her to build on an empty lot there. It had been zoned industrial.

● Council expressed appreciation for the years of service on the Cemetery board given by Sam Mackenzie, who tendered his resignation.

● The 1969 balance of the Cemetery Board grant amounting to \$2,500 was authorized to be paid.

● The third reading was given to by-law repealing any by-laws governing the hours of sale of gasoline in town. Only Deputy Reeve Art Speight opposed.

● Reeve W. F. Hunter was appointed to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

BRIDGE CLUB

The Georgetown Duplicate Bridge Club ended 1968 on Tuesday December 30, with 12 tables in play, in the legion auditorium. North-South winners were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Coats; second S. Heller and George Ellenton; third Mr. and Mrs. Ron Dawson with Mr. and Mrs. F. Hampshire fourth.

East - West: Dr. Prust and Art Norris; second Mrs. Cantwell and Mrs. Lillian Lawrence; third Mrs. Helen Hyde and Cam Sinclair with W. Brush and W. Hamilton fourth.

Announcement CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP SMITH'S General Store

BALLINAFAD
Eddie and Ida Smith wish to thank their customers of the surrounding community for their generous patronage during the past thirteen years of their business here.

We trust the same generosity will be extended to the new owners, Harry and Viola Shortill, who now will operate as
SHORTILL'S General Store
Shortill's hope to give Ballinafad Community the same helpful service.

catton of the kind of year it's going to be.

In the first four days they investigated five mishaps, though all were of a minor nature and none involved personal injury.

Robert J. Norton of Cooksville was the driver of a station wagon which wandered off Victoria Avenue and hit a fence post, Friday, January 2. Damage to the wagon was \$200.

The same day, Michael J. Adams of 75 Norton Cres, and Dorothy Ireland of Glen Wil-

lams were the drivers of cars which collided on Delrex Blvd. at Norton Cres. Police said the roads were ice coated at the time. All of the \$150 total damage was done to the Ireland car.

Damage was just \$150 when cars operated by Anton Skok and P. Chiasson both of Esquering Township, collided on Guelph Street near Mountainview Road, Saturday.

Frank Capone of Toronto and Albert Robson of 56 Rexway Dr. were in a car accident

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the same day on Guelph Street at Maple Avenue resulting in \$200 to the Capone car and \$25 to the Robson car.

Sunday morning a car driven by James B. Neill of 115 Mountainview Rd. slid into a parked car owned by Richard Currie of 19 Elizabeth St. which was parked on the shoulder of Guelph St near George Street doing minor damage.

ACCIDENTS MANY BUT MINOR

Georgetown police have crossed fingers that the accident rate here during the first few days of 1970 is not an indicator of the kind of year it's going to be.

RAPE CASE REMANDED TO FEB. 9

Three Georgetown youths charged with the rape of an 18 year old Esquering Township girl had their case remanded to February 9 when they appeared in court in Milton, Monday.

The three allegedly drove the girl to Glen Williams cemetery Sunday night, December 28 and attacked her there.

North Halton O.P.P. arrested the three the following day.

Beardmore Firm Opposes Dragstrip

A letter to Esquering council Monday night from the president of Beardmore and Co., opposed the proposed drag strip on the 6th Line north of Highway 7, claiming it would contribute to vandalism, and contribute to pollution.

The letter claimed to be speaking for all the Beardmore employees.

The only comment on the letter was from Reeve George Currie. "Over the past years, nothing contributed to much to pollution in Esquering, as much as Beardmore & Co.," he remarked.

ESQUERING COUNCIL BRIEFS

● Building permits issued in Esquering during December amounted to \$103,000.

● Esquering council Monday night thanked the pupils of Glen Williams School, Stewarttown School, and Milton High School for their contributions to the welfare hampers, given to needy families in the township.

● "No," was the brief answer to a letter from the Halton County Health Unit, asking if Esquering was willing to take over and maintain the water supply for a proposed subdivision on the Kidney farm, near Silvercreek. The township was asked to take it over after the subdivider had installed it.

● Clerk Delmar French reported only three cans of DDT mostly half full were picked up in the township round-up.

JANUARY

Sale = Sale

We Must Make Room For Spring Stock

REDUCTIONS FROM 25% TO 50%

ALL BROCADES 20% OFF FROM \$2.39

ALL BONEDS 20% off FROM \$3.20

ALL WOOLENS AT LEAST 20% off

SOME WOOLENS 1/2 Price

WASHABLE RAYON PRINTS Reg. \$2.49 Reduced To \$1.98 OR 3 YDS. \$5

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SIMPLICITY BUTTERICK AND VOGUE PATTERNS



Halton Hills Ratepayers have invited the general public to join them in seeking answers to the 'high cost of learning' question in Centennial school, Tuesday. Above, members of the executive (back row from left) education director Chris Bridges; publicity director Peter Friskney, president Dave Berry, treasurer Bob Mills; (front row from left) recreation director Dan Leeder, secretary Diane Turner, and president Bill Ward. Also on the executive are ways and means director Jim Schofield, and membership director Jane Cole.

Sgt. George Louth Winner In Legion Car Club Draw

by Ralph Hayes

1970 is the birth of a new decade. What will this decade hold for us? We know for sure it will commence with demands for Federal, Provincial, regional, commercial and provincial taxes, license plates, will have to be purchased. All these things will go on as sure as the dear Lord made little apples.

Let us hope and pray that the world wide situation will improve with this new decade, and that the starving millions will receive nourishment and the kindly hand of those more fortunate than themselves.

NOT IN VAIN

Russ Stephens worked hard to make the New Year's party a success. He did not toil in vain. The entire evening was one of great enjoyment, from the fancy hats, noise makers, plus the Country Rhythm Boys through to the Country Fried Chicken with its many delectable hand, Bramblea, Brampton, the Branch's better parties.

Russ was far from finished at the end of that party, for at once he had to roll up sleeves and along with co-chairman Ormie Carter, got to work organizing the Car Club Night, which took place Friday, Jan. 2nd. Russ and Ormie were at it from early morning on Friday until early morning Saturday.

Dave Bowman, Clint Hughes, Chuck Hennessey, and yours truly moved into the kitchen mid-day Friday to prepare a cold meal for between 400 and 500 people.

GALLOPING GOURMET

It took us back many years, peeling spuds, carrots, etc., washing, trimming and cutting up celery, radishes and what have you.

Reinforcements arrived to help, Harold Badham, Jim Williams and Chubby Stapleton were on hand as soon as they had finished work, by 10 p.m. the platters of food, were set out and looked so scrumptious they would have had the Galloping Gourmet, galloping. Meanwhile, MC Andy St. Laurent supported by members too many to mention was giving prizes galore away. \$50 to year

D. Hill; B. Lantz; D. Wright; C. Davies; C. Becker; K. Prosser; J. Burns; J. Montgomery; H. Robinson; A. Ford; \$100 to J. Louth; R. Jepson; C. McFarlane; \$200 to N. Marchmont; \$300 to H. Taggart; \$400 to N. Buckley; \$500 to D. Day and a brand spanking new 1970 Plymouth Fury II to George Louth.

Gib and Earl received \$100 as sellers of the winning ticket.

JOE'S NIGHT

Quite an evening, but not all, in spite of statements last week that there would be no dart shoot, members of the Ladies Auxiliary filled in for the men who were busy up with happiness, plus music, and a feeling of friendship. The able members of '120' with their ladies joined hands, and sang Burn's immortal 'Auld Lang Syne.'

Don't forget Friday night, January 9 will be a free dart shoot night.

On to sports, Saturday saw Branch 120 host to ladies zone bowling, six branches were on hand, Bramblea, Brampton, Oakville, Port Credit, Bronte, and Georgetown; Brampton A team were first; Oakville 2nd, with Georgetown B team 3rd; the local B team of A. Nicholson, J. Archibald, R. Rudiger, F. Hardy, D. McCartney, H. Dumper will move into regional competition. There is a likelihood that Georgetown A team which finished in 5th spot may also qualify for the regional bowling.

The ladies will be host to zone darts Saturday January 17 another busy day at 120.

For the men, there is district curling on January 17 and 18, at Humber Highland, we believe Port Credit is the host Branch. It should have been Branch 120, but the Branch was unable to get the ice at that date.

Branch 120 will have two rinks striving to get into provincial curling.

Mens' zone bowling will be at Georgetown January 10. Branch 120 is entering three teams, sports chairman Mike Lorusso has lots of faith in the Branch bowlers, believing they will qualify for district bowling by winning the zone again this year.