

# Slurred Georgetown - Acton - Health Department Apologizes

# APOLOGY

Halton's Acting Medical Officer of Health has issued an apology following a story in the Hamilton Spectator in which Halton's dental director Dr. S. Green was quoted as describing the Acton-Georgetown sector as "a poor socio-economic area" where eating habits are poor and oral hygiene practices are "almost non-existent."

In the article Dr. Green was quoted as saying, children in the south of county — the more prosperous area — have good teeth and prac-

lice oral hygiene while, "those in the north leave a lot to be desired."

The story was supposed to have familiarized readers with the Murphy the Molar program in Halton which has just been launched to combat tooth decay among children in the lower elementary grades.

The seven paragraphs in the middle of the story which have infuriated Georgetown and Acton residents who saw the item state:

"Although children in Burlington and Oakville, representing the southern heavily populated and more prosperous area of the county, have good teeth and practice oral hygiene, Dr. Green said those to the north leave a lot to be desired."

"If a child is examined and found to have six or more cavities he is classified as an 'urgent case,'" Dr. Green explained. In Acton for instance, 35 to 40 per cent of the children examined recently were classifi-

ed urgent.

"It gets frustrating," said Dr. Green. "Almost every kid I examine up there has decayed rotten teeth."

"Describing the Georgetown - Acton sector of the county as a poor socio-economic area, Dr. Green said that such people tend to consume more sugary and starchy foods, and not much protein. Meat, he said, is a prime source of protein and is an expensive food item that

such families can't always afford.

In a survey taken in Georgetown last year, it was found that the average child spends \$50 per year on candy, bubble gum and other "garbage foods." He spends or at least his parents spend — less than half this amount on dental services.

"Dentists have found that the average child by age six has begun to cultivate his first cavities," said Dr. Green. "In poor areas such

as North Halton, 50 per cent of the children are getting their first cavities by age two."

Acton's deputy reeve Ted Tyler complained about Dr. Green's remarks at last week's county council meeting.

"Anyone would think after reading this story that up here we live in tar shacks, eat beans and blubber and only bathe when the pond melts," he said.

On behalf of Halton County Health Unit some explanation and apology is in order on behalf of Dr. S. M. Green, D.D.S., D.D.P.H., for the misquoted and misinterpreted information as a result of a recent interview with an out-of-town newspaper.

Dr. Green's remarks were in no way intended to disparage the residents of North Halton. Rather it was a zealous attempt on his part to promote a comprehensive programme of public health dental care and to enlist the support of the public in the need for early dental care of children's teeth. The dental programme in Halton County speaks for itself.

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Acting Medical Officer of Health,  
Milton, January 29, 1970  
Halton County Health Unit.

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## Proposed Waste Disposal Plant Could Serve Four Municipalities

A 98 acre farm, three miles south of Acton, south of 22 Sideroad, and Highway 25, is the proposed location of a waste disposal plant, which in addition to disposing of the wastes from any industries, could handle the municipal garbage of Acton, Georgetown, Milton and Esquesing.

Bill Lombard of Trecon Ltd., Mississauga an Engineering firm, told Esquesing council Monday night, that his client, Goodfellow Enterprises, has successfully operated a plant in Sarnia for some years. The Sarnia plant handles a great many chemical wastes. He stressed the strict anti-pollution laws to which the plant adheres. "There is no smoke at all," he added.

### TOO HIGH

He admitted the cost would be too high for one municipality but by combining several municipalities and industries, he stated it would be cheaper than a properly operated land fill operation, "but not cheaper than open dumping," he commented.

He emphasized that the 98 acre site would leave ample room for a large buffer zone all round. "We will build on the rear portion of the land, so we will be about 1,200 feet back from the highway."

He described the location as

geographically ideal, since it was off by itself, and yet able to service a 20 mile radius. He contended hauling garbage more than that was uneconomical.

### NO OLD CARS

"We can't get away with any pollution at all, with the inspectors up there twice and three times a week" said Mr. Lombard.

Stanley Goodfellow pointed out they did not handle old cars. "We're not in the scrap metal industry, we destroy by combustion," he explained.

Mr. Goodfellow explained that a garbage shredder is used before combustion, reducing even the hardest to burn materials to a powdery substance.

In conclusion Lombard asked council for exemption from the holding by-law, to allow their building.

### SERIOUS

Council asked to provide a letter from the Department of Energy and Resources approving his plans and site, while deputy reeve Tom Hill suggested he contact any residents in the area.

"Garbage disposal is becoming a serious problem," commented the reeve, "with the price of land for land fill sites soaring so high."

## LACKS AUTHORITY

## Nix County-Wide Vote On Regional Plebiscite

There will be no countywide plebiscite on regional government, but local votes may be held on the same day by Acton, Milton and the townships of Nassagaweya and Esquesing.

Halton County Council was asked by Acton last week to hold a plebiscite on whether citizens want a Halton-Peel region or a separate Halton region.

Council members agreed quickly that the county lacks authority to hold such a plebiscite. Then Oakville, Burlington and Georgetown made it clear they were not interested. The Acton motion was withdrawn.

### REJECTS PROPOSAL

Acton reeve F. G. Oakes rejected Milton Deputy-Reeve P.

Barr's proposal for a second plebiscite question on whether or not voters want regional government at all.

"I think," said Oakes, "that every municipality (in Halton) in 1969 accepted that we would have some form of regional government, though not necessarily of the Halton-Peel variety."

### ASKS TOWN PAY

Georgetown Animal Clinic has asked council to consider covering expenses involved when the clinic is asked to deal with stray animals.

The query was referred for committee discussion at Monday's council meeting.

## Will Survey for Low Rental Housing

Georgetown Council has been asked by the Ontario Housing Corporation to publicize a planned survey on whether the town needs more low rental housing.

Council initiated this with a motion recently asking that a survey be conducted.

Monday, OHC replied, saying that they will do so later this spring. They asked the town to signify its agreement to mail questionnaires to all tenant households and to publicize the survey in every way possible, so all residents will be familiar with it.

Cr. Ern Hyde said that a private firm which is considering building this sort of housing on land abutting Ontario and Ewing streets, is interested in the survey and perhaps any costs involved should be borne by this firm.

### TOWN WOULD BENEFIT

"Cr. Hyde has a point," said Cr. Bill Smith "but the town would benefit also if these were built and all expenses shouldn't necessarily be assessed to the firm."

Mayor Emmerson wondered if results of a previous survey for senior citizens housing would still give some information. At that time, he said, there was no expense involved for the town.

Cr. Harry Levy told him the Kinsmen Club, which was involved in that project had underwritten any costs.

## Add Armstrong to Legal Aid Committee

The Law Society of Upper Canada, which administers the Legal Aid Plan for the Province, has appointed Paul Armstrong, 39 Main St., as a member of the Legal Aid Area Committee for the County of Halton. The Area Committee consists of members of the Law Society within the County of Halton as well as three non-legal members representing the community at large.

The Area Committee and the Local Area Director are responsible for the operation and administration of the Ontario Legal Aid Plan within the County of Halton

### OTHER MEMBERS

The present members of the Area committee consist of — D. G. Marshall, Q.C., Barrister, chairman; E. R. Hennessey, Barrister, vice-chairman; W. L. Durham, Barrister, local director and secretary of committee; D. A. McConachie, Q.C., Barrister; W. S. Sharpe, Barrister; P. K. McWilliams, Q.C., Barrister; H.



PAUL ARMSTRONG

Greenwood, Senior Probation Officer, County of Halton; P. Denew, Director Oakville Family Service Bureau; D. V. Latimer, Crown Attorney; D. A. Carney, Q.C., Barrister

An Air Cadet will be calling at your home Sunday to solicit a donation for the Canadian Heart Fund. Assist the cadets in this good work.

## Provincial Court Returning to Town

There is every possibility that sessions of the provincial judge's court will resume in Georgetown soon, after an absence of six or seven years. The then-magistrate's court was moved to Milton because accommodation in town was not satisfactory. At that time court convened in the council chambers in the municipal building.

It has been a great inconvenience to residents appear-

ing in court, and to the town's police force, to travel so far.

It is understood that negotiations are almost concluded to have the court convene twice monthly in the banquet hall of the new Masonic Temple on No. 7 Highway west.

Terminology of the court changed last year when provincial mag' rates all became judges.

## ESQUESING WANTS 100% LIKE TOWN

A Georgetown resolution calling on the province to take over 100% of the costs of the newly formed Social & Family Services found favour with Esquesing council, Monday night.

The resolution stated, "since the Social & Family Services were set up without consultation with the municipalities, who no longer have any control, we request the province to assume 100% of the costs."

Deputy Reeve Tom Hill suggested it was only necessary to notify County Council that they were in favour, since County Council already endorsed the resolution at their last meeting.

At present 80% of the costs are borne by the province.

## GEORGETOWN TAX REBATE LIKELY UP \$15

Georgetown property tax rebates will likely be \$15 higher in 1970 because of a new tax reduction program. The average tax rebate here last year was \$44.86. In 1970 it will probably be \$59.88.

The new program was announced by Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough.

Rebates in Esquesing Township are expected to rise by about \$13.

### CHANGE FORMULA

Most Ontario residents will receive greater benefits in 1970 than in 1969, McKeough

## RETURNING TO PREACH SUNDAY



REV. LLOYD WHAN

A former Georgetown minister Rev. Lloyd Whan will return Sunday to conduct the morning service at First Baptist Church, Main Street North. Mr. Whan left First Baptist three and a half years ago, after several years here to become a chaplain with the Ontario Department of Correctional Services. First Baptist services have been taken by guests ministers since Rev. Leslie Wilton moved to Tiverton at the end of 1969.

said, however none will receive a greater increase than \$15.

The formula used for rebates is changed to give a standard \$30 plus 10 per cent of the average residential tax paid by householders in 1969. Landlords are required by law to pass the amount of the rebate on to their tenants.

Marijuana, Hashish and LSD were among the drugs confiscated by police in a raid on a Georgetown house Saturday night.

Sixty charges are being laid against 38 people found in the house when nine police officers in two squads broke up a party in the raid which was "the result of several weeks of investigation" according to Georgetown Police Chief Harley Lowe

The squads were made up of Georgetown police, Ontario Provincial Police and RCMP officers.

A story in the current issue of Readers Digest is recommended reading for Georgetown parents who suspect their sons or daughters may be experimenting with drugs. The article was written by Art Linkletter whose daughter took her life while on an LSD trip.

The youngest of the 38 at the party was 15. Three were

adults, and the rest between the ages of 16 and 21. Some were 'known criminals' according to Chief Lowe. Most were Georgetown high school students, girls as well as boys. Three were from Toronto, others from Glen Williams and Norval.

Charges laid and pending are under the Narcotics Control Act, Food and Drug Act, Juvenile Delinquency Act, Liquor Control Act and Child Welfare Act.

One of the group had to be taken to the psychiatric ward at Peel Memorial Hospital. He was formally charged the next day.

Police also suspect a drug called MDA, known to users, as "blue music" was being used. It was described as extremely dangerous and can cause recurring trips weeks and months after the user has taken it.

One of two suspected with trafficking appeared in court Monday and has been released on \$5,000 bail.

## FACE \$5 MILL INCREASE

## Seek Government Help to Meet Huge R.C. Deficit

Queen's Park will be asked to rescue Georgetown separate school ratepayers from an 85-mill tax increase this year.

The Georgetown Separate School Board had a \$113,373 bank loan outstanding at the end of 1968 when Halton County separate school system was created.

Present provincial legislation requires Georgetown to repay the entire loan in 1970.

### ASSESSMENT

The county separate school board was told last week an 85 mill increase on a house assessed at \$5,000 would add \$425 to the 1970 tax bill.

The board's finance committee, headed by Michael P. Noonan, of Oakville, termed the possible tax hike an "impossible burden" for Georgetown and recommended relief be sought from the provincial government.

The board decided to write Education Minister William G. Davis and send copies of the letter to Minister of the —r letter to Minister of Resources and Management, George Kerr, (Halton West MPP) and Halton East MPP James Snow.

A meeting with Kerr and Snow may be requested.

### RAPS LEGISLATION

Peter A. Watters, of Oakville, board chairman, said legislation which established the county boards was "not too well pre-

pared to deal with a situation like the one in Georgetown."

It is impossible for Georgetown to repay the debt and illogical for the county board to do so, said Mr. Watters.

Meanwhile, the county board must pay nearly \$9,000 a year in interest on the loan.

Mr Watters suggested Ontario might allow repayment by Georgetown over a longer period of time, might permit the county board to assume the debt, or might supply a grant to pay back the bank.

W. A. Boyle, Georgetown representative on the county board, said the deficit accumulated over ten years due primarily to lack of sufficient assessment.

## MASTER FEEDS, DRAG TOWER GET PERMITS

Building permits totalling \$183,000 were issued in Esquesing during January.

Three non-residential permits accounted for \$164,000. Office and conference rooms at Master Feeds Experimental Farms on the 7th Line amounted to \$65,000, the control tower and reservoir at the dragstrip, Con. 6 Lot 29, came to \$25,000 and an addition at Dufferin Materials to \$14,000.

## Offer Options for Property Owners Near Proposed Raceway

Property owners close to the proposed raceway in the southern end of Esquesing, just north of 401, have been offered option on their property, at 10 per cent above present market value, E. A. Goodman, lawyer for the Raceway owners, told Esquesing council Monday night.

"If after a year of operation they feel their property has been adversely affected, we are prepared to buy it, at this price, which is in excess of market value" said Mr. Goodman. "Within the next few days we will know how many are interested in entering into an agreement with us," he said.

He told Council he merely wished to acquaint them with their movements, and asked them when it would be discussed. Council decided their February 16th meeting would be convenient.

## Lions Elated Over Response to German Beer Garden

The Georgetown Lions club sponsored German beer garden and English pub was a great success. "Better than we had hoped" commented club members.

singing, dancing and swaying. The occasional "prout" was heard as glasses clinked.

### SCENE CHANGED

In the evening the scene changed to an English pub with Roy Cook on drums and Jack Ferguson at the piano playing for dancing, and old fashioned pub singalongs. At the

end of the night Roy and Jack received a standing ovation.

It was a time for everyone, elderly people dancing for the first time in years, younger couples and singles.

### WILL REPEAT

Pickled eggs, pickled wieners, sausage rolls and chips

were carried from table to table by waitresses and Lions.

"We'll do this again" said Lion Ron Lacey chairman of the beer garden project.

At Tuesday's Lions club meeting he was reappointed chairman of a beer garden to be held early in May.



Drummers of old Bavaria rebounded off armoury walls Saturday when Hans Wagner and his Austrian band played for beer-garden customers.