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BUNNY HUGGER

It's not Peter Cottontail but it's a bunny and that's all young Bobby Boeltcher needs to know as he gives one of the Twin Pines Rabbits an affectionate squeeze. The bunnies are lucky draw prizes at the IGA Foodliner on Guelph Street.



They take a back seat to turkeys at Thanksgiving, black cats at Hallowe'en, and ground-hogs on February 2nd, but in the animal world Easter is the bunnies' time for attention. This basket of floppy ears and twitching noses is at the Twin Pines Rabbits in Stewarttown.

WRITES PREMIER

Mayor, Snow Will Fight To Retain Commuter Train

Mayor "Steamer" Emmerson is carrying on the fight to stop cancellation of the 7:02 train to Toronto and the town-bound 5:25 p.m. from the city, popular with Georgetown commuters.

WROTE ROBERTS

Mayor Emmerson also wrote Premier John Robarts expressing his concern, and suggesting the Ontario government cover the deficit in operating these trains, just as they did for the GO train service. He claimed it would be cheaper to subsidize the existing train service, than it would to inaugurate a new system, and have to subsidize that.

SNOW SUPPORTS

Jim Snow, MPP is also actively campaigning to have the service retained.

Mr. Snow says a GO train from Georgetown will become more and more necessary, but realizes that there will be no decision on this until a new airport location is decided.

The airport is bound to be somewhere northwest of the city, he says, and he envisions a GO system linking this with major towns and Toronto International airport on route to the city.

START DOG CONTROL IN THE VILLAGES

Dog control in the four villages of Glen Williams, Norval, Limehouse and Stewarttown was given the green light by Esqueusing council, Monday night.

George Herrington was officially hired to patrol these villages twice a week at a cost of \$200 a month. This will include boarding, pound fees, and destroying animals. The dogs will be kept for 72 hours and the owners of dogs with tags will be contacted, and charged with allowing them to run at large.

"I don't sell dogs," says Herrington, "so nobody can say I pick up dogs to sell them. If someone wants them I give them away," he concluded.

Call Tenders This Week For Highway

Jim Snow, MPP, for Halton East announced Monday that tenders will be called during the week of March 16 by Ontario Department of Highways for Contract No. 70-16 for the reconstruction of Highway No. 7 between Georgetown and Acton.

The construction work included in this contract will be the grading, drainage, granular base and paving of Highway No. 7 from the north limits of Georgetown, westerly to the Acton limits, a distance of 6.6 miles, including 0.4 miles of Connecting Link in Georgetown.

Tenders were called previously for clearing, grubbing and fencing of this section of highway in preparation for this construction contract.

It is expected that construction work will begin as soon as weather permits this Spring.

DARCY DELAYS THE WEDDING

REMOVE SAFE DOOR AND TAKE \$800

Approximately \$800 in cash was taken from a safe at Andrew Murray Motors in one of four local break-ins during the small hours of St. Patrick's Day.

Thieves cut the door of the safe to get at the money in the Mountainview Road car agency. At R & B Milk Centre on Guelph Street there was minor damage and a small amount of cash taken.

Tires were stolen from Murray's Esso service station on Highway 7 at the eastern entrance to town. The fourth break-in was at the YMCA Camp Norval.

McKeough Tells Mayors Meeting Peel-Halton Union Problem Plagued

The planned Halton and Peel regional government will not come into existence on January 1, 1971 as the Ontario government had hoped.

Municipal Affairs minister Darcy McKeough told a meeting of mayors and reeves from the two counties Monday afternoon that a number of unresolved problems will obviate the hoped-for January merger.

And a few hours later, he made a formal public announcement in a speech to Bolton Rotarians.

IN LIMBO

Reporting to council Monday night, Mayor Wheldon Emmerson said McKeough did not enumerate the problems. Nor did he intimate when the merger might take place.

"I sensed his disappointment," said the mayor. "Many projects have been delayed because of the coming merger and we are in a state of limbo on such matters as annexations."

UNDECIDED

He said McKeough had expressed pleasure in the way Halton ("and he stressed the Halton") councils had proceeded and the way they had conducted themselves.

Arguments have come from Peel municipalities which can-

not agree on a formula for the union. And in Halton the question of whether Burlington will be part of this, or join a Hamilton area is still not decided.

"McKeough wouldn't say 1972 either," said Reeve Wm. F. Hunter.

MERITS

Reeve Hunter said he would not be surprised to see county council meet with the minister to discuss making County one region.

He said Halton officials are convinced of the merits of a larger area and foresees advantages to a regional government in the county.

CRAZY RACE

I'll Be There, But Not in Boat: Mayor

"I accept all challenges, but I've been a complete failure in everything so far," joked Mayor Wheldon Emmerson Monday, "whether it's plowing matches or snowmobile races."

He was replying to an invitation to join the Jaycees crazy boat race on April 4.

MIGHT SINK

"I'm afraid a boat would sink if I got into it," the mayor continued, "so I'll share the starter's pistol with Cr. Levy. Maybe I'll have better luck at the millionaire's night afterwards."

Ron Kunnas extended the challenge and introduced a group of Jaycees to the council meeting, including Jim Sword, who is in charge of registrations.

He explained that every pre-

caution has been taken for safety this year.

MILLIONAIRES

A parade has been added to the day. A buffet supper follows the race, with a dance and millionaire's night later at the armory.

The race has been steadily building interest during the four years of Jaycee sponsorship.

RECREATION COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

Forty-five people representing 13 different local organizations attended the Georgetown Recreation Committee's second community recreation conference Tuesday. A complete report next week.

"LONG OVERDUE"

Esqueusing Discussing Recreation Cost Sharing

Esqueusing council may share the costs of recreation in the three neighbouring towns of Acton, Milton and Georgetown. The move came Monday night, after a representative of the Recreation Committee, Cr. Peter Marks, made his pitch on the subject.

"The towns of Acton, Milton, and Georgetown who have been providing for Esqueusing kids should be given a grant each year not just for hockey but for all recreation," contended the deputy reeve.

LONG OVERDUE

"It's long overdue," agreed Cr. Russell Miller, "our kids have been using the arena and the swimming pool for years without paying any more than Georgetown kids" he added. Cr. Peter Marks stated he felt justified in coming to Esqueusing since Acton residents subsidize recreation to the extent of three mills.

"I'm not suggesting Esqueusing has any legal responsibility," commented Cr. Marks, "but perhaps a moral obligation."

ESQUEUSING REP

Cr. Ken Marshall suggested the assessment of cost of recreation could be done on the same basis as the fire areas, while deputy reeve Tom Hill wondered if an Esqueusing representative could be on the various town boards.

The recreation grants will be considered during budget discussions.

AVERT STRIKE AT EFCO

A strike has been averted at Economy Forms Corp., Todd Road. Weekend negotiations between the company and United Steel Workers, Local 7336, produced a settlement.

The actual amount of the settlement was not disclosed to the press.

STRIKE IN THIRD WEEK

Picketers Mass to Halt Staff Cars at S&S Gates

UAW Local 1421 are using mass picketing at Smith and Stone Limited to prevent staff members from taking their cars inside the gates.

The mass picketing started Tuesday morning. Since then staff members have been leaving their cars in a parking lot in front of the plant office, well away from the gates.

Local negotiating committee chairman Al Edmunds told The Herald about 50 picketers are joining the regular picketers at certain hours to ensure that the staff cars don't enter.

Local president Harry Dewhurst said the union has taken the measure because they have good reason to suspect some staff cars are being used to remove 'certain items' from the plant.

He said mass picketing will continue, and cars will be halted at the gates, until management agrees to park their cars in an area where they can be watched by pickets.

Dewhurst said he tried to avoid the mass picketing measure by phoning plant manager Tom Creaghan on Monday to speak to him about the cars being parked at plant entrances where they could be loaded without the union's knowledge but the plant manager wouldn't speak to him.

"He had his secretary tell me he would park wherever he pleased," said Dewhurst. "I wanted to settle it peacefully, but without management cooperation we had to resort to mass picketing."

He said oil trucks are being allowed to enter to service the tanks feeding the porcelain kilns and boilers.

Creaghan told The Herald through his secretary yesterday that he had no comment.

He has met with police chief Harley Lowe and Mayor Wheldon Emmerson in an attempt to have the staff cars escorted through the plant gates, and has asked to meet with the Georgetown Police Commission.

Last week, Chief Lowe talked with union leaders in his office "just to let everyone know we're not going to let this dispute get out of hand" according to Mayor Emmerson.

Mayor Emmerson said, "the police want to be fair to both

sides in this dispute, but the law must be obeyed. We are interested in protecting the people on the picket lines as we are in protecting the property."

"Many people on strike are long time residents of this town and they are also taxpayers who have every right to expect police protection if a difficult situation arises."

The Smith & Stone - UAW dispute enters its third week today, with a settlement no closer. Wage earners walked out at midnight March 4 when the contract expired.

Today and tomorrow are pay days at the UAW headquarters on Mill Street. Strike pay rates are \$30 for singles, \$35 for couples and \$40 for families.

NEAR THE DRAGS

Propose Motel, Restaurant For Sixth Line, Highway

A 22-unit motel and restaurant, at the corner of Highway 7 and the 6th line of Esqueusing was proposed to Esqueusing council, Monday night, by R. Campbell, lawyer for Anthony and William Kri, whose mother owns a 100 acre farm at that spot. The land was formerly owned by John Fox.

"The motel and restaurant would seem to be economically feasible," said Mr. Campbell, since the dragstrip is just up the road." He estimated the cost of the building between \$80,000 and \$100,000.

"I imagine the ratepayers would like some non-residential assessment for a change," commented Cr. Ken Marshall.

The Reeve suggested he attend the next meeting of the Planning Board.



Staff members are parking outside and walking into Smith and Stone office since pickets started refusing to let cars enter the gates Tuesday.