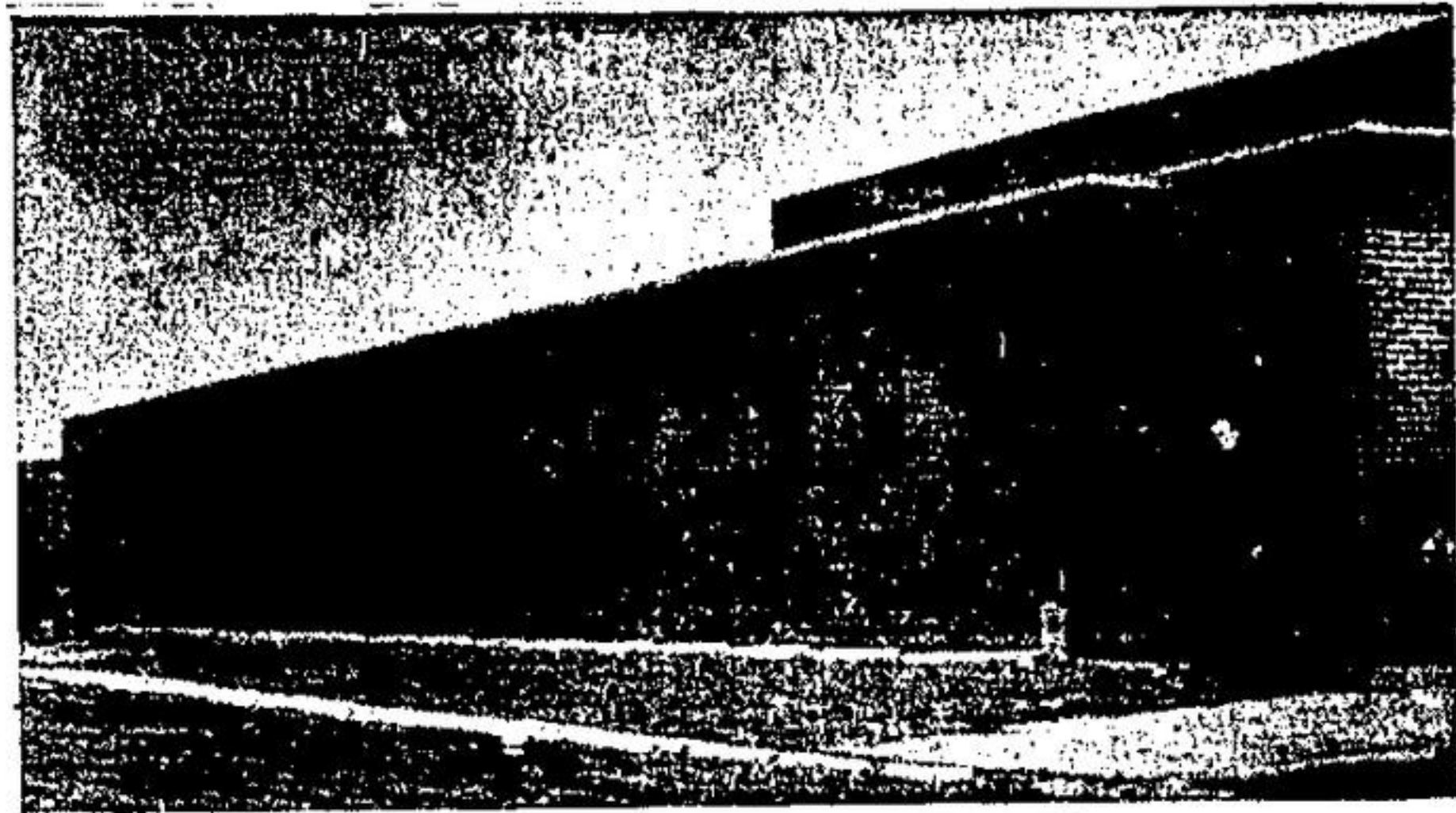


BUYING OWN LAND



CHURCH MEETS IN SCHOOL

Georgetown Christian and Missionary Alliance Church Minister Rev. David Phillips stands outside Centennial senior school which is serving as the regular meeting place for his congregation these Sundays. The church, which formerly met at Cedarvale Community Centre is in the process of buying land on Mountainview Road near Hungry Hollow. Construction of a church building may be as early as next year.

WILL FIGHT AIRPORT, DON'T WANT IT HERE, EMMERSON

Mayor Wheldon Emmerson said last week he will personally spearhead opposition to any effort by the federal government to develop a jumbo jet airport in North Halton.

Emmerson said he has heard reports that the Department of Transport is considering neighbouring Esqueving Township in North Halton as a site for the super jetport.

"I have already contacted federal officials in Ottawa and let them know this town stands against a jetport in North Halton."

LIBERAL MP

Emmerson said he has also informed Halton riding Liberal MP Rud Whiting of Georgetown's stand. The matter has not been discussed by town council.

"There is nothing official about the jumbo jetport plans, but there are enough unofficial reports to worry us," said Emmerson.

It is reported the Department of Transport will seek to gain control over 55,000 acres in Esqueving for use as an airport development. This acreage represents 80 per cent of the total area the township covers.

There is considerable surveying being conducted in Esqueving and some residents in the township have sold their farms on the strength of reports that an airport is planned.

The federal government announced last year it would seek a site in southern Ontario for the new airport, capable of handling jumbo jet traffic.

TORONTO AIRPORT

The government's decision followed its setback in plans to develop Toronto International airport in Mississauga as a jumbo jetport.

Residents in Mississauga successfully blocked this plan following a series of public protests and talks with top level officials in Ottawa.

"We would be opposed to the airport on the same grounds that Mississauga fought it," said Emmerson.

During recent weeks all municipal councils in North Halton have put themselves on record as opposing an airport in Esqueving.

Among those objecting were Milton council and Nassagaweya council. The township shares its eastern boundary with Esqueving.

One Esqueving farmer has predicted the jetport will occupy most of the lands between the Third and 10th Lines of his township, from Georgetown on the north to Highway 401 on the south.

ONTARIO HYDRO

Surveyors working in Esqueving say they are doing a job for Ontario Hydro, which is putting a new power line across the top of Halton County.

Mayor Emmerson said his main objection to the jetport stems from the fact this town is one of the fastest growing in the Halton-Peel region.

He said once regional government involving Halton and Peel counties is put into operation, Georgetown will extend its jurisdiction to take in a large part of Esqueving.

According to plans by municipal affairs minister Darcy McKeough, the Halton-Peel Metro regional setup would result in Georgetown becoming a major urban centre in North Halton.

Georgetown will be one of the six or seven borough units in Halton-Peel Metro. The township of Esqueving will be divided between Georgetown and Acton.

Cub Troop Makes Deaf School Visit

The 5th Georgetown A Cub Pack were guests of the Milton School for the Deaf Cub Pack last Tuesday evening. They were first taken for a tour of the building by Mr. W. J. Fox, dean of residence, and saw the class rooms, workshops and the gym and swimming pool.

In the gym they watched a basketball game in progress and saw a swimming instructor teaching swimming by hand signals at the pool.

They then joined the Cub Pack meeting and were paired off each with one of the Milton Cubs for the rest of the evening. A. C. M. Jean Davies accompanied the 5th A Pack, along with parents Mrs. J. Hall, R. Edwards, and C.M. Sands.

Firemen Can Do Without This Sign of Spring

There's one sure sign that Spring can't be far away: Halton's first grass fire of 1970 was reported last week in Georgetown.

Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau, a county-wide group of men who work to prevent fires before they start, is once again getting concerned about the grass fire menace. In one recent year, Spring grass fires were estimated to cost the county's taxpayers over \$20,000.

Besides being dangerous grass fires are illegal unless you have a special permit from the Air Pollution Branch of the Department of Energy and Resources Management, and permission of the local fire chief.

DELIBERATE

While many fires are accidentally set — a carelessly discarded cigarette or a bonfire that gets out of control are the most common instances — many of them are deliberately set by farmers and rural landowners wanting to get rid of dead grass in lawns and fields. Such fires create their own wind and can find themselves out of control, firefighters report. They are virtually impossible to control unless the person in charge picks a calm day, prepares for the worst with plenty of old brooms and buckets of water, and surrounds himself with an army of helpers in case the fire gets away on him. The best rule is: don't light such a fire in the first place.

RAMPANT

Fire Chief J. C. Cunningham of Georgetown, 1970



GEORGETOWN FIRE CHIEF JACK CUNNINGHAM

chairman of Halton Fire Prevention Bureau, says it is impossible to tell how many barns, sheds, outbuildings, woodlots and valuable trees have got in the way of a rampant grass fire. "But there have been plenty of them all across the county, and more valuable property is being lost each spring, through such carelessness," he adds.

Firefighters are hoping for a relatively "quiet" spring this year. They don't look forward to spending most of their weekends running around the country, heating out grass fires touched off by human carelessness. Give them, and your pocketbook, a break — be extremely careful with fire in the dry spring season the Bureau urges.



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SEED HOUSE PROPERTY BACK TO AGRICULTURE

Council voted Monday to have the Dominion Seed House property rezoned from M1 category to agricultural.

The land had been changed originally with the thought that M1 was a "holding" category which would preclude any development which council did not approve. Now council finds:

that agriculture is the proper designation.

Objecting that taxes would be small, Reeve Hunter was told by Cr. Hyde that whatever the category it would not affect taxes paid on the property.

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