

# Cost Nears Two Million for Education in Town, Township

Halt Board of Education approved its \$35,961,543 operating budget Thursday night with only one dissenting vote.

The board presented its budget March 19, but waited until Thursday to give final approval. Trustee R. E. Goodin was ruled out of order when he asked for a budget review.

**ONLY DISSENTER**  
His was the only dissenting vote cast Thursday night on the recorded vote which he requested.

The budget will be down 4.73 mills for the county average, even though the budget is up \$4,330,162 over 1969.

Total education requisition from county municipalities will be \$16,967,057. The shares are: Oakville \$6,957,501; Burlington \$6,853,579; Georgetown, \$1,083,131; Acton, \$384,436; Esquesing Township, \$792,146; Milton, \$530,459 and Nassagaweya Township \$335,805.

**PROVINCIAL GRANTS**  
Provincial grants for secondary schools are estimated at \$8,206,000, an increase of \$2,889,398 over 1969 and for elementary schools, \$9,314,000 an increase of \$1,710,198 over 1969.

Last year the board requisitioned \$17,890,950 from Halton municipalities, setting the average mill rate at 41.62 compared to the average mill rate of 37 for the current budget. Commercial mill rate average last year was 46.24, compared to 41.10 this year.

## ONE INCREASE

All municipalities in the county with the exception of Nassagaweya Township will have decreased education mill rates. Mill rate in Oakville will be down 4.76; Burlington, 6.46; Acton 2.68; Esquesing Township, 1.33; Georgetown, 5.89; Milton 2.60.

Nassagaweya's rate will be up 6.21. One of the reasons for the increase is due to a \$36,270, under-levy last year which is added to the Nassagaweya education bill for 1970-71.

**COST PER PUPIL**  
Total expenditure for public schools is \$19,769,138, an increase of \$2,253,650 over 1969, resulting in the cost per pupil per year of \$642.33.

Total expenditure for secondary schools is \$16,040,955, an increase of \$2,050,691 over 1969 and resulting in a cost per pupil per year of \$1,099.45. Both per-pupil cost figures are within the new limitations set out by the Ontario Department of Education.

**ALL HIGHER**  
Goodin said he would have to vote against the increase of \$4,000,000 in the budget. He said both provincial and federal governments have asked boards to keep costs down to control inflation.

Director of education, James Singleton, told the board that recently reported per-pupil costs for Hamilton, Etobicoke and North York were all higher than Halton's per-pupil rate.

# Director Should Be First Goal For New Recreation Body

by G. Towne

Georgetown could become one of the most exciting, progressive, modern little communities in all Ontario.



It's got more going for it than many communities twice its size and twice as wealthy.

This came to our attention while we were looking for reasons why Georgetown should hire a recreation director.

Right now the Georgetown Recreation Committee has a budget proposal before council which includes the salary of a recreation director. The salary, however, is just one item among many, and hiring a recreation director could be vetoed in favour of other important expenses.

**CAN THIS WAIT?**  
This veto possibility set us to wondering: does Georgetown really need a recreation director? and should he be hired immediately or can this wait until the arena is enlarged, Cedarvale updated, or other extremely important improvements carried out?

After talking to educators, recreation directors, gym teachers, councillors, and many many Georgetown citizens, there's no doubt at all that before Georgetown does anything it should hire a recreation director.

A recreation director would save Georgetown his salary many times over with his knowledge, experience and training. To find out what a recreation director could do for this town we queried Don Wadlow, recreation director for the town of Brampton.

**GOT SO MUCH**  
"Any recreation director would be delighted to work there," he said. "Georgetown's got so much already." He specified:

- 1) An extremely attractive community centre (Cedarvale) surrounded by some magnificent parkland. The building needs fixing, but not costly fixing.
- 2) A recreation committee. Many communities are still trying to cope with several independent boards. This is unwieldy.

3) Enthusiastic and very capable volunteers. (The biggest mistake communities make is to presume that a recreation director can take the place of volunteers. He can't. What he can do is help when needed and strengthen their requests for provincial grants.)

4) A sudden influx of new people, most of them with young families and most of them eager to participate in their community.

5) An extremely progressive County Board of Education. The Halton Board is one of the first to try opening school buildings for community use.

**INTO ONE PACKAGE**  
A recreation director, working with and for the recreation committee, would tie all

these assets into one package, eliminate duplicate programs, arrange for publicity, help out volunteers, tap available provincial and federal grants, set up a continuing budget, work closely with the Halton Board of Education's Physical and Health Department, and much much more.

Why can't Georgetown's Recreation Committee do all this without a recreational director? The GRC answered that one themselves on March 17 at their public meeting. No one on the GRC has the training

## TRUE BLUES PLAN EUCHRE, PENNY SALE

Arrangements for the annual euchre and penny sale next month were made when members of Halton's True Blue Lodge, met in the Odd Fellows hall on Friday. The party will be held in Esquesing Community Hall, Stewarttown.

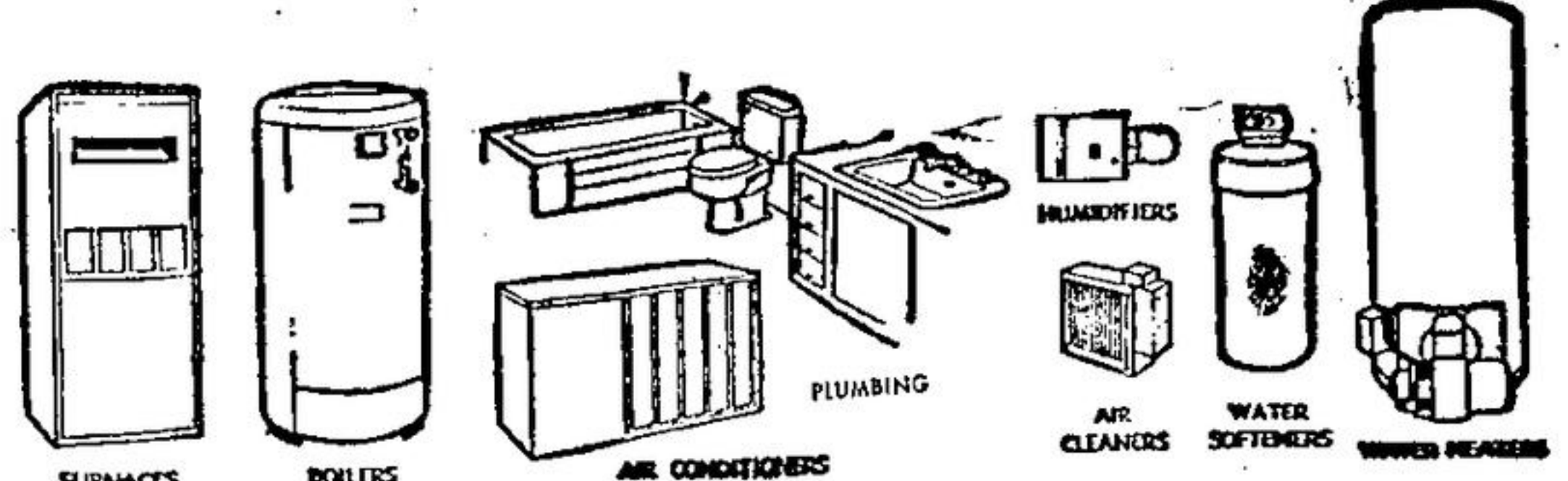
Mrs. Bert Dixon, who heads the lodge, presided at the meeting. After lodge, lunch was served and there was a small draw, which was won by Mrs. Albert Carter.

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# Slide Down River Bank Hikers in Near-Tragedy

The swollen waters of the Credit River plus the treacherous embankment on the north side of Armstrong Avenue opposite the P. Graham Bell plant almost added up to a triple-drowning recently.

Sean and Gary Sparling, ages 10 and 12, of 58 Duncan Drive, and Raymond and Robert Dubien, also 10 and 12, of 293 Delrex Blvd., found themselves unable to apply the brakes when they started edging down the muddy bank while out hiking March 22nd.

**INTO THE CREDIT**  
They were heading for the ruins of the dynamo on the opposite side of the river. But they never got there. Instead, their momentum down the steep, slippery bank piled them into the fast-flowing Credit branch and into trouble.

Sean Sparling who didn't fare as badly as his mates, took a tight grip on the neck of his brother's jacket to keep him from going under, and at the same time planted one foot on Ray Dubien's hand as the latter boy, up to his chin in water, groped without success for a fin-

ger hold along the edge of the ice. Robert Dubien managed to struggle to safety on his own, using an axe to chop through ice wherever it blocked his progress.

Once Gary had the remaining two out of the water, he scrambled back to Armstrong Avenue, and made his way from there to Delrex Sunoco Service station where police were called.

**SOAKED**  
Georgetown police constable Henry Vandersluis found the boys, soaked completely, where they left the river. One of them, Ray Dubien, lapsed into unconsciousness momentarily, but came to while waiting for help.

Cst. Vandersluis delivered them to their homes where they considered how close tragedy came as they soaked in hot baths.

# NOTICE

Residents of Esquesing Township

Take notice that By-Law 13-70 was passed by the Esquesing Township Council on March 23rd, 1970, making the following charges for depositing Garbage and Refuse in the Township Dump:

1. Passenger Cars Which Are Carrying Only What Can be Carried in the Car or Trunk — NO CHARGE
2. Half Ton Trucks or Station Wagons — FIFTY CENTS (50¢)
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