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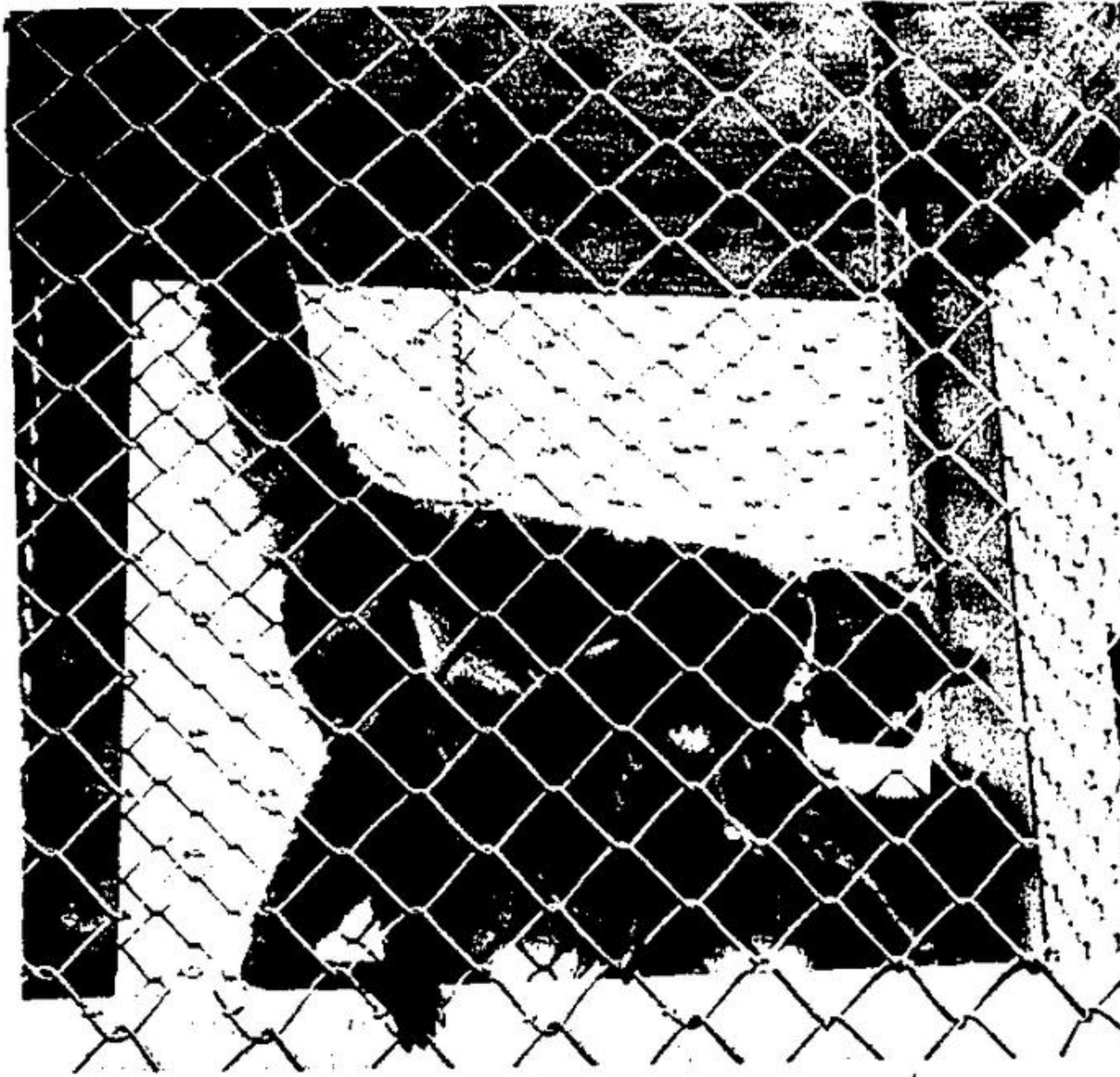
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**JUST MONKEYING AROUND**



One of the star attractions at Pet Pourri in Moore Park Plaza is George. A monkey from the Amazon area, he is a continual source of entertainment for adults and children who visit the pet shop.

## Approval "In Principle" For Hospital Subdivision

Council approved in principle a plan of subdivision for the land owned by Nell Investments, adjacent to the hospital, Monday night. This land does not include the controversial town-owned land on Princess Ann Drive, and the cedar swamp behind it.

The land approved is the original proposal covering only the land owned by Nell Investments, before any negotiations to buy the town owned portion began.

Cr. Ern. Hyde said the Planning Board had recommended this plan years ago, as he emphasized this was the original plan submitted before Nell Investments became involved in town land. "The involvement in town-owned land was at the town's request", he commented.

He suggested the plan had become an embarrassment, "since it's been kicked around so long".

The motion stated the plan would then be submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs, and if approved, a sub-

division agreement would be negotiated.

Cr. Phil Siddall questioned the use of a small triangle of land on Mary Street, and suggested the past subdivision agreements should be reviewed. "Perhaps there are other things we want developers to do now that we didn't think of in past agreements," he remarked.

Cr. Joan Smith contended the Industrial Commission is concerned about subdivisions being allowed without compensating industrial land. "Something should be worked out in lieu of industrial land," she suggested.

Cr. Hyde claimed all these points, including the triangle of land on Mary Street would be negotiated in the agreement, without which no development could take place.

The motion was passed by a unanimous vote, with Reeve Ric Morrow, and Crs. Donna Denison and Ernie Sykes absent from the meeting.

Earlier in the evening, a letter from the Department of

Municipal Affairs, said the Ontario Water Resources Commission has no objection to this subdivision, since they feel the sewage plant could handle it effectively.

**Increase Councillors' Accident Insurance**

Insurance for members of Georgetown council, if injured on town business, was upped at Monday night's meeting.

Funeral expenses were increased from \$200 to \$1,000, total disability from \$50 a week to \$200 a week, partial disability from \$25 a week to \$100 a week, and medical expenses from \$0.00 to \$10,000.

The increases were conditional upon the premium costs not exceeding a total of \$350 a year for the nine members.

The next public holiday is Labour Day, Monday, September 6.

# Parks Board Statement Explains Ice Charges

## Want Sign Policy, Council Delays Tire Store Decision

Differences of opinion about the long range policy for commercial signs, resulted in the withdrawal of two motions, one approving the Canadian Tire signs, and one for Camilla Developments on Guelph street, between Edward and Brucewood, by council on Monday.

J. W. Hardison, of Canadian Tire Building Department, asked council for permission to erect two pylon signs, a 10'x15' illuminated sign on Guelph and a 9'x7' illuminated one on Mountainview Road.

He admitted the by-law allows only one sign but contended frontage on two roads changes the situation.

Cr. Harry Levy pointed out there is a study underway which could change the town's policy on all signs.

Hardison replied these are standard Canadian Tire signs which could be used elsewhere. He said he hopes to have the store open in eight weeks. "We don't allow any of our stores to open without signs", he remarked.

"Do you mean without signs, or without pylon signs", asked Cr. Phil Siddall.

"Without signs", replied Hardison, as he stated if there had to be a choice, the company would prefer the sign on Guelph Street.

During the debate on this sign and the Camilla sign which followed, Cr. Ern. Hyde contended that signs were expected in commercial areas, and suggested if the business men feel it is good for their business, it should be their decision.

Cr. Joan Smith claimed there can be so many signs that they all lose their effectiveness. She said she would like all sign permits held up till a policy is set.

"We end up with signs competing with signs, and the streets looking like gasoline alley", said Cr. Phil Siddall, "everywhere there are no signs, the businesses themselves spruce up", he added.

Deputy-reeve Art Speight reminded council Brampton was doing away with overhead signs. "You can now spot a store from a long way away", he commented. He suggested in justice to the merchants there should be a

policy. "Could we issue a sign permit for a specified time? he asked. "We could say we are going to discontinue signs at the end of three years, and issue permits to expire at that time".

When asked if he would withdraw the motions, Cr. Hyde said he would hold them for a couple of weeks if a decision on signs would be made soon. He urged the Retail Merchants Association be consulted before any decision is reached.

The Recreation and Parks department has compiled a report, explaining its decision to boost ice rental fees at the arena this season.

The board's move has drawn fire, particularly from officials of the Canadian Legion, which sponsors Saturday kid hockey and has intimated that it will not subsidize the program if costs increase.

Explaining how the decision was arrived at, the report says: In view of the recent publicity given to the decision of the Recreation Committee on the matter of ice time rates for the arena; it seems prudent at this time to make public the details which support this action and to apprise everyone with the resulting implications of it.

The arena has a capacity of about 2100 usable ice hours which cost in the area of \$43000 to provide. The costs included are for the winter season portions only of salaries, utilities, administration and maintenance and exclude charges for capital works and improvements of which some \$50000 worth will be done this year.

The average cost per usable hour is therefore \$21.50.

Four main groups use the Arena at rates which are substantially less than this amount and the average paid by these groups, the hours used by them, the participants served, the cost-to-rate deficits and the deficit per participant figures are estimated as follows:

GROUP	RATE	HOURS	SERVES	DEFICIT EACH
Legion Hockey	7.50	300	600	\$4,050. 6.75
Tyke Hockey	7.50	96	170	\$1,300. 7.63
Rep. Hockey	10.65	408	130	\$4,350. 33.40
Fig. Skating	9.30	336	300	\$3,950. 13.12

The figures are approximate and are based on the hours allocated for each group during the past season. They include all hours attributable to the groups whether paid for by the groups proper or by individuals and coaches connected with them. Tournaments and like special events are excluded.

The total deficit is therefore \$13650, more or less.

In deciding upon the priorities in the overall recreation programme; the Committee has had to consider if a deficit representing one-eighth of its total budget should be continued. It must be borne in mind that the budget referred to is intended for parks, recreation and community centres and therefore includes the Fair Grounds, Cedarvale, Swimming Pool, Arena Winter Uses, Arena Summer Uses, Outdoor Rinks, Playing Fields, Ball Diamonds, Play grounds, Youth Programmes, Park Development and Park Maintenance.

In its examination, rather than make an arbitrary decision, the Committee attempted to determine the effects of a change in ice time rates and met at length with the executive of all the groups involved so as to make them aware of the subject and to encourage their participation.

After a lot of consideration the new rates were unanimously adopted.

The prime and non-prime time

designations were dropped and as a result the \$7.50 and \$12.50 rates were both amended to \$15.00 which, at first glance appears to be a very considerable increase.

In all the articles that have appeared in the Herald, the grant of \$1.00 per participant that will be granted to each group has not been mentioned. It should be noted that along with the \$15.00 per hour the Recreation, Parks & Community Centres Committee will be giving a grant of \$1.00 per participant to each of the groups.

The prime purpose of the \$1.00 per participant remission is to encourage the groups whose programmes provide benefits to the larger number of residents and to provide an incentive for maximized use of the facility.

The effects of these new rates in terms of net cost per hour,

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## Ask Gray Coach to Restore Main St. Route

Council will ask Gray Coach Lines to come back to Main Street. By unanimous vote Monday they backed a motion asking the bus line to return the route to Main Street, and if possible re-establish a bus agency downtown.

Cr. Ern. Hyde pointed out a great many older people live in the area surrounding downtown. "It is a long walk for them out to the highway", he remarked. He emphasized the primary concern is the route change, but admitted a bus agency would also be an advantage.

Deputy-reeve Art Speight said he had received many calls complaining of the hilly walk to the highway.

Mayor Bill Smith contended the town is large enough to have three agencies. "We need the Moore Park one as well", he commented. "When you see the large number of people who

gather on Main Street to take the 9.15 bus, you realize it is more sensible to have a stop here rather than the highway" he added.

**Tree Casualty, Violent Storm**

Despite the violent storms last week-end, firemen were only called to one fire, a tree struck by lightning at the 10th line and 27 sideroad.

The tree had burned some time before the firemen were called, early Saturday morning.

The budget also includes \$165,000 for acquisition of Niagara Escarpment Lands.

**FLOOD CONTROL**

Flood Control projects will claim \$581,000 of the budget. These include Cooksville Creek, channel improvement, Mains Creek Diversion, Orangeville Reservoir, Waterfront Plan (Mississauga Sector), Orangeville drainage project, floodline mapping from Forks of Credit to Orangeville, general channel improvements and acquisition of Credit Valley lands in Mississauga.

Based on an estimated 1971 assessment it should only mean 1.04 mills on taxes of the 16 contributing municipalities for Conservation purposes.

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## Halton Farmers to Benefit from Revised Assessment

A new provincial farm assessment scale based on soil quality, productivity and location rather than market value is expected to reduce individual farm assessments in Peel and Halton counties by an average of 35 percent.

For assessment purposes, the area has been divided into three zones. Farmers in the north will pay least and those in the south the most under the new formula.

**THE FORMULA**

R. K. Webb, solicitor for the assessment branch of the Department of Municipal Affairs, said this week the formula, to be applied to all farms in Peel and Halton, will place a maximum value of \$350 on a "perfect" acre in the south and a maximum of \$220 per acre in the north.

Webb used as an example farmland on Burnhamthorpe Road now assessed at \$1,500 an acre that would now be valued at only \$350 an acre.

**OMB DECISION**

He said the new scale is the result of an Ontario Municipal Board decision in April, 1970 which reduced the market value assessment of \$400 an acre on a farm owned by former Chinguacousy Reeve Cyril Clark to a productivity value of \$300 an acre.

The decision was upheld by the Court of Appeals.

"That was the case which set the precedent," Webb said.

Robert Beech, Peel-Halton assessment commissioner, said the province will no longer bear the cost of fighting the appeals and advised Mississauga Council that it will have to pay if the appeals there continue to be contested.

Beech said he expects other farmers to appeal when they learn of the new scale.

At present the Halton-Peel assessment office is carrying out a re-assessment program in Halton county, including the farm areas of North Halton.

## Autumn's Coming, and the Corn is Ripe

A sure forecaster of autumn coming is when corn ripens in Ontario, and corn roasts are one of our most popular events in late August. North Halton Golf & Country Club disposed of some of the season's crop when some 150 attended a corn and weiner roast Friday night. The outdoors affair was followed with a dance. Janis

Bragg-Smith and Paul Skinner assist with preparations in the picture below, while Morris Goudekting and Alice Zorn munch on some of the delicious cobs. Mrs. Tracy Barrager, right, serves the hungry crowd in the other picture.

Adams Photography.



## 36 Degrees Record Low

Tuesday's temperature reading of 36 degrees was a record low for August 24 in this district.

Roger Smith, who records temperatures for the meteorological service, says this beat the day's previous low, set in 1940, by one degree.

August's record low temperature was set in 1934, when a 33 degree reading was recorded.

The week-end's storm brought .82 inches of rainfall.