



**HALTON CONTINGENT AT PLOWMEN'S ANNUAL**

Halton County will host the 1974 edition of the International Plowing Match. Delegates from Halton attended the 62nd annual meeting of the Ontario Plowmen's Association in Toronto recently.

**"Things Were Very, Very Different"**

**Former Gazette Publisher 96 Years Young**

One of Burlington's grand old men has received yet another honor. Elgin Harris, for 60 years publisher of The Burlington Gazette, was 96 on Monday. In tribute to his long and active life of consumer service to the community, Mr. Harris has been named Ontario Consumer of the Year by the Consumers' Association of Canada, Ontario Branch.

Mrs. Mary Fisher, President of the association, said that Mr. Harris provides a unique glimpse into the past, to the days before the throwaway society when pollution and conservation were no problem. The association feels there is many a lesson to be learned from the past that can give us a cleaner society today.

"Things were very, very different here in 1899 when I bought The Gazette," said Mr. Harris. "I bought the paper for \$1,500 when I was just 21. It was in a bad way then and the bailiff warned me not to take over its debts".

Mr. Harris recalls that early advertisers weren't always willing to pay cash. In return for the privilege of advertising in his

newspaper they would often give him credit at their stores, free clothing, food and even travel. "I can remember travelling all over Canada by train for free," he laughs. "The railway never paid cash for advertising so we had to travel to use up our credit with them."

Values have changed in the past 60 years. In 1902 Mr. Harris married the former Lena Mortimer and rented his first house for \$5 a month. In 1904 he built his own home at 60 Locust St. for \$1,900...business was good that year.

"Village taxes were just 13 mills," he recalls. "You could buy a pair of chickens on Brant St. for a quarter; eggs were just 8c a dozen".

His start in the business came in the early 1890's when he was apprenticed to a printing job shop in Caledonia. His wages were 50c a week.

He recalls with some pride that he could set more than 40 inches of type by hand each day with no more than five mistakes. Today modern computerized typesetting has reduced the task

to a few minutes.

By the early 1900's Elgin Harris had become a major figure in Burlington public life. He played a major role in bringing electricity into Burlington homes in 1902. But construction of the Cataract Power Company's lines on Elgin St. forced him to abandon the newspaper office and move to the south west Brant St. site where the paper was published for more than 60 years.

Mr. Harris served for many years on the public school board and was chairman when negotiations were completed in 1922 to erect Central High School, the first secondary education facility in the town.

In 1922 he also served as reeve of the town and warden of Halton County. The following two years he was mayor of the town.

He is also an honorary life member of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association and of the Masonic Lodge 165, A.F.A.M. In 1949 a town-wide banquet celebrated his golden anniversary in Burlington. And in 1967 Mr. Harris was one of a few

people to receive a Canadian confederation medal for long service to his community.

Elgin Harris celebrated his 96 birthday quietly Monday with his daughter Marjorie and a few family friends. Talk turned to his latest honor as Consumer of the Year and Consumer Week which runs from March 1 to 7. The theme of the week is 'recycle and renew'.

"Shucks," says Elgin Harris. "We didn't have any pollution in my day. And we didn't throw anything away because we couldn't afford to".

**Back in Business**

**Charles Beatty is New Emergency Measures Man**

Halton County's Emergency Measures Organization is back in business. The council's administration committee has hired Charles Beatty, 43, to assume the co-ordinator's post left vacant last summer.

Beatty, former deputy EMO co-ordinator for York County, will take on his duties next Wednesday after county council officially approves his appointment. He will attend the council meeting to discuss EMO with the councillors.

Beatty was chosen from 40 applicants for the post by members of council and the county's personnel officer, John Watson.

**It Was 20th Time for Eight Blood Donors**

Eight donors received 20 donation pins and 11 were presented with a 10th donation pin at the blood donor clinic held March 6 by the Georgetown and District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Recognized for 20 donations were Oscar David, Daniel Price-Jones, Mrs. Violet Peavoy, Bruno Schmidt, Don Grigg, W. French, Norman Hayes and Ronald Beckett.

Ten time donors were Mrs. Erleen Dean, Mrs. Leona Logan, Mrs. Robert McCarl, Steve Hoare, Walter Ridley, Alfred Madgett, Richard Blackwell, Jimmy Berriau, Ralph Melton, Edward Thompson and Mrs. Julia Robinson.

Donor Robert Girdwood will be awarded a 50th donation scroll at a future date, while Hartley Sherk will receive a 35th donation scroll.

The generosity of blood donors and people who make a donation during the Red Cross Campaign-for-Funds in March make it possible for the Red Cross to collect and supply whole blood and its components to anyone in need of a blood transfusion absolutely free of charge.

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