

# Hope for Another Tennis Court Through Lottery

Despite the wintry weather, thoughts of the upcoming tennis season alive, with activities for its members.

At the end of January, the club chartered a bus and took the grand tour of Carling's Breweries. They also raffled off two tickets to the Rothman's International Tennis Match, with Jill Blight of 250 Delrex Boulevard grabbing the lucky tickets. The Junior club members also attended the Rothman's tournament.

March 30, a dance at Sacre Coeur Church hall open to anyone, will celebrate the hoped for arrival of spring.

In the meantime, the club members are selling sports lottery tickets, to help raise money for another tennis court.

Members of the club executive are Ed Serjeantson, president; Sid Harris, vice president; Tom Goss, secretary; John Rice, membership; and directors Bernie Kent, Ted Swain, Roger Beecham, and Cheryl Wallace. Tom Brotherton is team captain.

# Halton Catholic School Board Considers Adding Grades 9, 10

In the near future, Halton County separate school supporters will receive a questionnaire seeking views on extending the system to include grades 9 and 10.

Early last month, the separate school board received the findings of the Ross Report on Continuing Education. This \$22,500 study on the feasibility of having a kindergarten to grade 10 separate school system has not had its results

released to the public at the present time.

Public meetings will be held by trustees in the next couple of months to answer Catholic ratepayers' questions on the issue. Leno Braida told the board, Tuesday, February 20.

SEVERAL PROBLEMS

Trustee Bob O'Brien, chairman of the committee studying the issue warned that there are several problems facing Catholic parents.

"We will have to know what kind of program we can offer in grades 9 and 10, how much it will cost, and where to put the school or schools. We want to take the step on solid ground based on a calm well thought out judgement. We don't want the elementary system to suffer by adding a high school system," said Mr. O'Brien.

MOST WILLING

Mike Strelbisky said he thought most separate school supporters would be willing to pay extra, adding that there are provincial grants available to offset most of the cost. "What is the Roman Catholic system worth if we're not willing to pay something for it?" he asked.

Leno Braida cautioned the board, that even if taxpayers would pay more, there was a provincially imposed spending ceiling they had to operate in.

Tom McKay, chairman of the finance committee added that the Ministry of Education might tell them to fill the public classrooms first before building more schools of their own.

ENTITLED

Thomas Wells, Minister of Education has made it known he is in favour of public and separate school systems sharing facilities to hold down costs.

"The statute says we're entitled to a Roman Catholic education, so let's take it to Wells and let him decide," replied Dick Hamon of Burlington.

Mike Strelbisky noted that Halton is completely surrounded by separate school systems that have high schools.

Last June the board was presented a petition signed by 390 separate school supporters asking for a high school. Braida says the questionnaire will be ready by the end of April.



Mrs. George Ironside, right, shows Mrs. J. H. Leslie of Peterborough the glass-work dish which she made from plain window glass. The glass-work by Mrs. Ironside was displayed at the provincial meeting of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies. Mrs. Leslie was convener of the handicrafts section.



Albert Hunter, left, president of the Georgetown Fair board at the provincial conference of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies chats with W. B. Wallace of Woodstock new president of the association. More than 1200 delegates from 240 fairs attended.

## Ready to Start

# County Works Garage Stays in '73 Budget

Construction of the new \$157,800 Halton county roads department garage will proceed as scheduled, despite attempts to have it cut from the budget. The decision was made Wednesday at a special county council road committee meeting.

County engineer Jack Corbett said the contractor, Group Building System Ltd., of Burlington, was ready to start next week. County council let the contract in November, after considerable discussion on its location, and the timing. Some

councillors felt it should be abandoned due to the approach of regional government.

ON STEELERS

The works garage will be situated on 12 acres of land on the south side of Steeles Avenue, between Milton and Hornby.

"It's just about as central as you can get," said Reeve Tom Hill of Esquesing, chairman of the roads committee, when Reeve Leslie Preston of Burlington questioned the location.

\$280,000 MORE

Warden Anne MacArthur urged the committee to proceed. "If we dropped it now, our credibility will be questioned by contractors and the ministry of transportation and communications," she said.

Municipalities in the county will be asked to provide \$1,438,500 for county roads this year, \$280,000 more than last year.

The roads committee have pared \$218,500 from their estimates for this year's budget.

# Extra Sanding Eats up Savings On Snow Removal

Frank Morette road superintendent for Georgetown area says the town has saved approximately 50 percent of labour and equipment expenses in snow clearance this year. However, extra sanding has brought the saving down to approximately \$1,000 so far.

Georgetown has a grader, two five ton trucks with winged snowplows, three snowplows, three sidewalk snowplows, and two sanders.

ice, making travel on Esquesing roads difficult and sanding a necessity.

Esquesing has four dump trucks, two equipped with snowplows and an additional two rented trucks with sand hoppers. They also have a grader snowplow under contract from Jennings Excavation, Limehouse, which has been used five times this winter.

MORE SANDING

Esquesing township made a saving of approximately \$4,000 per month in snow removal this year, however they paid \$6,000 for 2,000 tons of extra sand, says Bud snow road superintendent for Esquesing.

While the winter didn't provide much in the way of snow for snowmobile enthusiasts it did bring rain and

A yellowhammer is a member of the woodpecker family.

# Morrow Wants Grant For Cedarvale if Gairloch's Okayed

Continuing his running battle against county council "handing out tax dollars in grants" Georgetown Reeve Ric Morrow led an unsuccessful attempt last week to have the \$15,000 request for Gairloch Gardens in Oakville, removed from budget consideration. When this failed, he introduced a motion asking the budget committee to include \$15,000 for the development of Cedarvale Park in Georgetown.

Reeve Alan Masson also said the time "to shoot it down" is budget time. He explained Gairloch Gardens was a small elegant botanical garden with a bird sanctuary. He emphasized that Oakville would do it alone anyway if the county did not contribute.

Oakville Deputy Reeve Terry Mannell said it was a lakeshore estate like some of the British estate homes.

Morrow of being facetious, and termed the motion an "insult." He said he would support a motion not to refer the request to the budget committee.

CONSIDER

Morrow insisted he was serious, but said he would change the motion to ask budget committee to "consider" the \$15,000 grant to Cedarvale, not to "include" as it was in the original motion.

"I wish you'd make up your mind about your motions," remarked Warden Anne MacArthur.

Oakville Deputy Reeve Terry Mannell said he would be happy to consider Morrow's request, but suggested it be accompanied by sufficient background material and information on which to base a judgment.

Council voted to include the request in budget deliberations.

Morrow contended parks were not within the jurisdiction of county council, and warned if county council granted to one park they would have to grant for parks in each municipality. He stated Oakville was lucky in the Gairloch Gardens had been donated in the first place.

"Other municipalities have to buy the land for parks," he said.

PRECEDENT

Deputy Reeve Ernie Sykes of Georgetown said Cedarvale was similar to Gairloch. "You would be establishing a precedent by making a grant to one particular municipality in the county and not to another," he said in opposing the Gairloch grant.

The Georgetown Reeve abruptly reversed his position and withdrew the motion to refuse the grant to Gairloch, and introduced the motion to include \$15,000 in the budget for Cedarvale Park.

SIMILARITY

Morrow said there was a strong similarity between Cedarvale and Gairloch Gardens. "It is our intention to develop this park in Georgetown, not only for the people of Georgetown but for the whole county," he remarked.

Jumping to his feet Deputy Reeve Dave Coons accused

Deputy Reeve Marg Powys of Milton claimed these particular gardens were unique and would benefit the whole county. "We have to strive to overcome petty parochialism," she commented.

Acton Reeve P. McKenzie said he would support Gairloch Gardens if parks in other municipalities also were supported.

NOT THE TIME

Deputy Reeve Dave Coons insisted this was not the time to oppose the grant, and pointed out it should be done at the budget committee meeting.

"There we consider all grants whether it be Gairloch Gardens or Georgetown Red Cross," he stated.

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