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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### A Sensible Suggestion

Georgetown's regional government proposal, suggesting changes in the initial boundaries suggested by the government, is eminently sensible in most aspects.

Georgetown has recognized that Nassagaweya Township is not oriented towards Georgetown, and that if the township is to cease to exist, part should be included with Wellington County and part with a new Milton area.

Pressure to have North Halton's boundaries extend farther south to Highway 401 is also an improvement and should be stressed.

Slight boundary alterations, so that Terra Cotta, Norval and Ballinacree would be in the northern area is also important to residents there. These villages look on Georgetown and Acton as their major urban centres, and residents

would benefit from this change.

We are still opposed to lumping Georgetown and Acton into one municipal area. But the die seems irrevocably cast. There have been no major protests from politicians or public in either of the towns. There is an apathy to local loyalty which might have changed the pattern here.

An area administration, combining two towns eight miles apart will be unwieldy and uneconomic in our view.

We would take issue with Georgetown's idea of a 17 member area council.

That is six or eight too many. Too many cooks spoil the broth is a truism in municipal government. The present nine member council is plenty to handle municipal business.

### Let Managers Manage

The argument that, because Georgetown councillors spend many nights now on municipal affairs, has been advanced as a reason for increasing the area council's size.

The manner in which council operates today would bear this out.

We are still in the small town stage where councillors take an intimate interest in the smallest detail. But we have advanced one step, where it is difficult to discuss all new business and make decisions at the council meeting where these come up.

More and more, every bit of new business, small and large, is referred to committee. With the result that a growing number of committee meetings become necessary.

While it is true that many items must have committee

discussion, many could be decided without ever coming before council at all.

Georgetown has a competent, well paid municipal staff.

It isn't necessary for council to deal with every request to fix a pot hole, decide on location of an advertising sign or arrange details of a remembrance day parade.

Surrendering autonomy is not easy for councillors.

But seeking such office, they tend to be forceful people who want a say in everything.

But, if they are to cut their hours down to size, they must rely more heavily on full-time municipal employees for the day to day operation of town business.

There should be no need for many of the hours of leg work now indulged in by councillors.

### Alarming Trend

The continuing trend to more and more pay for elected municipal politicians should be a matter for alarm.

We will never have a return to the days of service for free, nor should we have.

But the money paid for part-time service is far out of range.

The situation has been compounded by senior governments. And it has logically spread downwards.

Municipally, our council members receive \$2500 yearly, a portion of this tax-free. The reeve

and deputy, as members of county council, pick up an extra \$4,000.

No part-time job, no matter how well performed, can justify \$50 a week, let alone \$130, no matter how hard a councillor works.

There can be only two solutions.

Councillors must either relinquish their tight control over every minute detail of municipal business.

Or we must go the whole route and make the office of councillor a full-time position, with a salary commensurate with the job.

### In the Mail Bag

#### Thanks Was Short by One

Dear Mr. Editor:  
Last week I thanked organizations and individuals for their help in catering meals for young players competing in the international bantam hockey tournament. Unfortunately, I omitted the

name of one group, the Catholic Women's League.

Needless to say, their assistance was appreciated. Sorry for the oversight.

—Jessie Hayes, Chief Caterer.

#### Bruce Trail Popular

With the growing membership in the Toronto branch of the Bruce Trail Club, which takes care of the trail through

the Georgetown vicinity, an expanded hiking program is planned this spring. Two hikes are scheduled for most weekends and three on holiday weekends.

To qualify for their end-of-trail badge, hikers must walk the entire 25 miles of this section in one day.

One of the most decisive Union victories was scored in New Mexico, a victory that saved Colorado, California and other Far Western states and territories from Confederate occupation.



CAVEMAN'S CASTLE AT LIMEHOUSE

## ECHOES

10 YEARS AGO

AN INCREASE of \$45,000 in tax arrears showing \$242,000 in taxes outstanding at the year's end, was noted in the yearly auditor's report, submitted to council April 1st, 1963 by Walter Pope. Half the collectibles were for 1962 and the balance were a year or more in arrears.

WITH FIVE candidates on the ballot, Halton voters go to the polls April 8, 1963 to choose their representative at Ottawa. The number of candidates the most in county history, would ensure a heavy vote. Four represent the major political parties - Sandy Best, Progressive-Conservative; and a former member of parliament Ellis Fullerton, New Democrat; Dr. Harry Harley, Liberal Member in the previous house; and Irving Wilson, Social Credit. Henry Timmins is running as an independent.

A CHANGE IN Georgetown's dog control program was made public Monday April 1st, 1963 when Mayor Ernie Hyde explained that Cecil Robertson had given up the position and the town has engaged Ray Norton to act in his capacity. Mr. Norton had been working with Mr. Robertson for several months. The town was renting a truck and was using Mr. Robertson's dog pound in Glen Williams. The program was under control of the local police who would notify Mr. Norton of complaints twice daily. At the time Mr. Norton was also serving Acton on a part-time basis, with Georgetown billing that town for his services. It was reported that Oakville Humane Society was giving up dog control duties later that year and council thought it would be possible to have the three North Halton towns combine on a system.

20 YEARS AGO

COUNCIL WOULD extend water service to a portion of the Tyers subdivision for Pachelok Brothers, when the survey plan was approved and the contractors have installed streets. The firm was contracting to build a minimum of ten houses on the property behind Normandy Boulevard, and had asked the town for a guarantee of water service when this was done.

IT WAS TURNED over to the police committee a request from the Public School Board that some action would be taken to deal with the problem of dogs around the school. Already teachers and a child have been bitten and the school board was concerned about it.

TENTATIVE APPROVAL was given by council to suggestions of Harold Cleve that if and when some of his land behind Ray Whitmore's was subdivided, the town would supply the necessary services when a guarantee of the building of a certain number of houses was received. Similar approval was given by council to a possible subdivision on land owned by Tom Hewson on Ewing Street.

FOUR MORE GRASS fires required the services of the fire brigade during the week of April 8, 1973.

COUNCIL SET the annual grant to Fire Brigade at \$1350 and increased the chief's salary to \$1750 and salaries of deputy chief and driver each to \$90.

30 YEARS AGO

A LOCAL citizens committee was collaborating with the officer commanding the Lorne Scots reserve unit in an endeavour to bring the unit up to strength. While Georgetown and district have given liberally to the armed forces, it was believed there are still a large number of men available for the reserve army. "C" company had at that time a complement of 90 men, but many more were needed to bring the unit up to its required strength.

THE FOLLOWING are the instructions given concerning the new sugar rations of 1943. In your new ration book you will find a page on which to fill your application for sugar for preserving. Before you fill it out read the "Canning Guide" - a circular which is being sent through the mail to every household in the country. This will help you make application correctly. It is of the greatest importance that all housewives should plan now, how much sugar they will need and send in their application, so that arrangements can be made to bring this extra sugar into Canada. The policy of the administration is to encourage housewives to preserve all surplus summer crops of home grown fruit as it matures. There will be no sugar allowed for canning until the official opening of canning season, which is on June 1st. This means you cannot get extra sugar to preserve imported fresh or dried fruits, such as oranges or grapefruit which are on the market prior to that date. Give your application for canning sugar to the local W.P.T.B. at the New Municipal Building.

JUST 12 MONTHS prior to April 7, 1943 a salvage verse was written and printed in the Georgetown Herald, in the first six months of the campaign, 427 lbs. of salvage fat was turned in from which was made 250 lbs. of High Explosives. In the next six months a total of 859 lbs. of fat was collected more than double the amount of the first six months, thus from a population of about 2,500 we had sent in enough fat to make 750 lbs. of High Explosives. Housewives had sure "packed a wallop" for Hitler.

### In the Mail Bag

#### Will Attempt to Organize Pollution Probe-Georgetown

The Editor, Georgetown Herald  
Dear Sir,  
There exists in Georgetown, a nucleus of people who are keen to see the formation of an environmentalist group for the area. If sufficient response can be found, it is hoped that the group could become Pollution Probe - Georgetown, thereby gaining support and resources in the form of literature, films and experienced researchers-lecturers.  
With this in mind, we have planned a meeting in the Knox Presbyterian Church on Wednesday April 18 and would welcome all those who may be interested in this venture.  
Your assistance, in making this known to the residents, through the pages of The Herald, would be most appreciated.



BILL SMILEY

#### What I Did on My Winter Break

Good old unpredictable Canadian weather. No sooner had I popped into the mail my last column, extolling the marvellous open winter and the joy of spring actually arriving on time, than we were hit by the worst storm of the year, howling wind and a foot of snow.

Oh well, it gave those sybarites who fled our bracing clime for the decadent tropics a chance to rub it in to us stay-at-homes when they returned from winter break, sickeningly tanned and fit looking.

This winter break bit is becoming more exotic every year. It used to be called Easter holidays, and wasn't much fun. The skiing and curling were over, the fishing and golfing hadn't started, and the weather was usually rotten.

But in these affluent times, people go winging off in all directions, tracking down the sun or the snow or whatever their pleasure is. Distance and money seem no object.

I know people who flew to Colorado for skiing, flew to Barbados for bikini-watching, flew to Jamaica for rum, flew to Cornwall for Cornish hen, flew to Paris for french fries.

And now the students are getting into the act. From our high school alone, three different groups went soaring off to Greece, Germany and France for the week's holiday.

They are accompanied by teachers, who have the job of planning the trip, collecting the money, and trying to keep their charges from knocking down the Acropolis or straying into a brothel by mistake.

Preventing young pukebrutality from being pinched in the Piraeus is not my idea of a fun trip for a teacher. Nor am I thrilled at the thought of stopping strapping young male students from becoming addled in Athens or maudlin in Munich.

However, it's every teacher to his own taste and my colleagues who have tried such a joint during winter break assure me that the whole thing is a breeze, that there's no more confusion than there was on the Titanic just before she went down.

No matter, it's a wonderful education for the kids. How else could they learn that foreign cabbies, waiters and porters are even greedier and surlier than those at home?

What other experience could teach them that foreign food is not only pretty expensive but often awful, and that there's nothing in the world to touch an honest Canadian hamburger?

Where could they get a better course in driver education than on the blood-soaked avenues of Paris?

Two young student acquaintances of mine took a month off during the winter, and flew all the way to India. They couldn't afford to eat in the big hotels so they just ate what the natives did. They were sick during their entire stay. Now how could they have learned all that by staying in school like all the weak conformists.

Ah, it's just jealousy, kids. I know you boys had a wonderful time ogling the gals in Greece, the belles of Bavaria, the poules of Paris. If I went, I'd have to take my wife. And even if I didn't, I don't know whether I could throw a good ogle any more. Haven't had any practice in years.

And I know you girls discovered what I could have

preciated.

Our short term aims would include:

a. Assisting the Naturalist's Club and the Snowmobile Club in their cleanup sweep through Hungry Hollow in late April.

b. Support of GUARD in their efforts to prevent the Indusmin Quarries becoming a massive sanitary (?) landfill site. It should be borne in mind that Georgetown's water supply is not immune to ground water pollution, when a factor as large as a multimillion ton garbage dump is started right on bedrock. It could take 20 years to percolate five miles, but the damage would still be irreparable.

c. Attempts to introduce voluntary recycling centres in town, with or without the assistance of the Town Council.

Long term aims would include:

a. Attempts, in liaison with any interested local clubs, to maintain and improve the 'quality' of life in the area.

b. Making known, to as many people as possible, via lectures and films, the future problems and changes, which must come about, in the control of waste (in the largest sense) in a society apparently geared for the ever faster depletion of irreplaceable resources without thought for tomorrow.

Pamela Mitchell  
John Mitchell

## THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

### Seek Poor Road Solutions

ACTON—Although the condition of streets in Acton and Highway 7 between Acton and Rockwood is outside of the jurisdiction of Acton Planning Board, the subject cropped up at the board's meeting Thursday, March 22 when member Dave Muckle quizzed the mayor about possible solutions to the poor road conditions. Mr. Muckle said one stretch of road on Elmore Drive in Lakeview subdivision was dangerous for drivers doing 30 miles an hour. Then he shifted his attack, referring to the condition of Highway 7 between Acton and Rockwood. The mayor acknowledged there were problems in both areas but felt there was little that could be done with roads in Lakeview subdivision but patching. The roads in the subdivision have never been hard topped with asphalt because grants were not available.

### Debate Regional Boundaries

BRAMPTON—All phases of regional government in Peel was approved by a majority of councillors a week ago Tuesday. Regional government, to be established in Peel on January 1, 1974 will dissolve the county's present 10 municipalities into three local governments under a central regional council. Streetsville's representatives on county council, Mayor Hazel McCollan and Reeve Robert Weylie, strong opponents of their town's amalgamation with Mississauga and Port Credit in a southern area, maintained their attack on provincial boundary and representation proposals during a heated exchange with Mississauga councillors. The debate was opened when Mississauga Reeve Louis Parsons moved that the proposal on regional representation be approved. The proposals for representation on regional council are for 10 councillors from the southern area, six from the central area and five from northern Peel plus a chairman to be appointed for the first term.

### Hillsburgh Medical Centre

HILLSBURGH—The proposed medical centre in Hillsburgh, has been promised \$20,000 by the Wellington county medical co-op if a matching amount can be raised through personal donations from residents in this area. Over \$50,000 is held now in trust at the Royal Bank in Hillsburgh. A site next to the pumping station near the subdivision has been favoured by the medical centre committee. Plans for the centre were shown to the public meeting held March 20, at the township municipal offices. Proposed is a 70 times 30 white brick building with gable roof, aluminum trim, air conditioning, and room for three medical suites with the possibility of a fourth. Chairman Bob Halston reported that a doctor is ready to come on August 1 if the facilities are ready.

### Have Work Ethic Hang-Up

BRAMALEA—Canadians have a hang-up about the work ethic, Senator David Croll, former chairman of the Senate Committee on Poverty, said a week ago Tuesday night. "I don't believe and there is no evidence, that people who are poor have less desire to work than you and I." The senator was addressing the annual general meeting of Peel Community Service at the Civic Centre. He said the work ethic has changed and is a constant source of heated arguments and deep prejudices. "You have to understand the man we're talking about," he said. "He is often rebuffed and loses confidence in himself and his ability. Failure and lack of confidence makes welfare an acceptable alternative. Nothing succeeds like failure." Senator Croll said it should be a vital national goal to rid "the scourge of poverty from the land."

### Phase Two Flood Control

MILTON—Phase two of Milton's Flood Control Program will get underway soon. Halton East M.P.P. Jim Snow announced recently a grant in the amount of \$6,000 had been awarded to Halton Regional Conservation Authority for detailed land studies for phase two of the flood control project. The survey will establish how much land will be required and what lands will be affected by the project. The study is expected to be completed in two or three months and following that land will be acquired for the project. No land for phase two has been acquired yet. However detailed engineering is well underway HRCOA Manager Murry Stephen said March 27.

### Who Will Pay for Parkland?

OKAVILLE—Oakville stands to lose some 155 acres of parkland to Milton under the proposed Halton regional government and Mayor Harry Barrett wonders who's going to pay for it. Barrett said at a special meeting a week ago Wednesday of the town council's committee of the whole that the proposed Halton region raised questions that have gone unanswered by the provincial government. "Oakville is the only municipality which will be drastically affected by these proposals," he said. "To be able to comment on the plan put forward by Toronto, we have to know what our boundaries will be." "I called Jim Snow (Halton East M.P.P. and minister of government services) this morning to find out where the greenbelt to the north of the town was going to be located." He said they hadn't been able to make a decision by the 15th of March as we had been promised, and thought they wouldn't have an announcement ready until some time in April," Barrett said.

### Should Stay Together

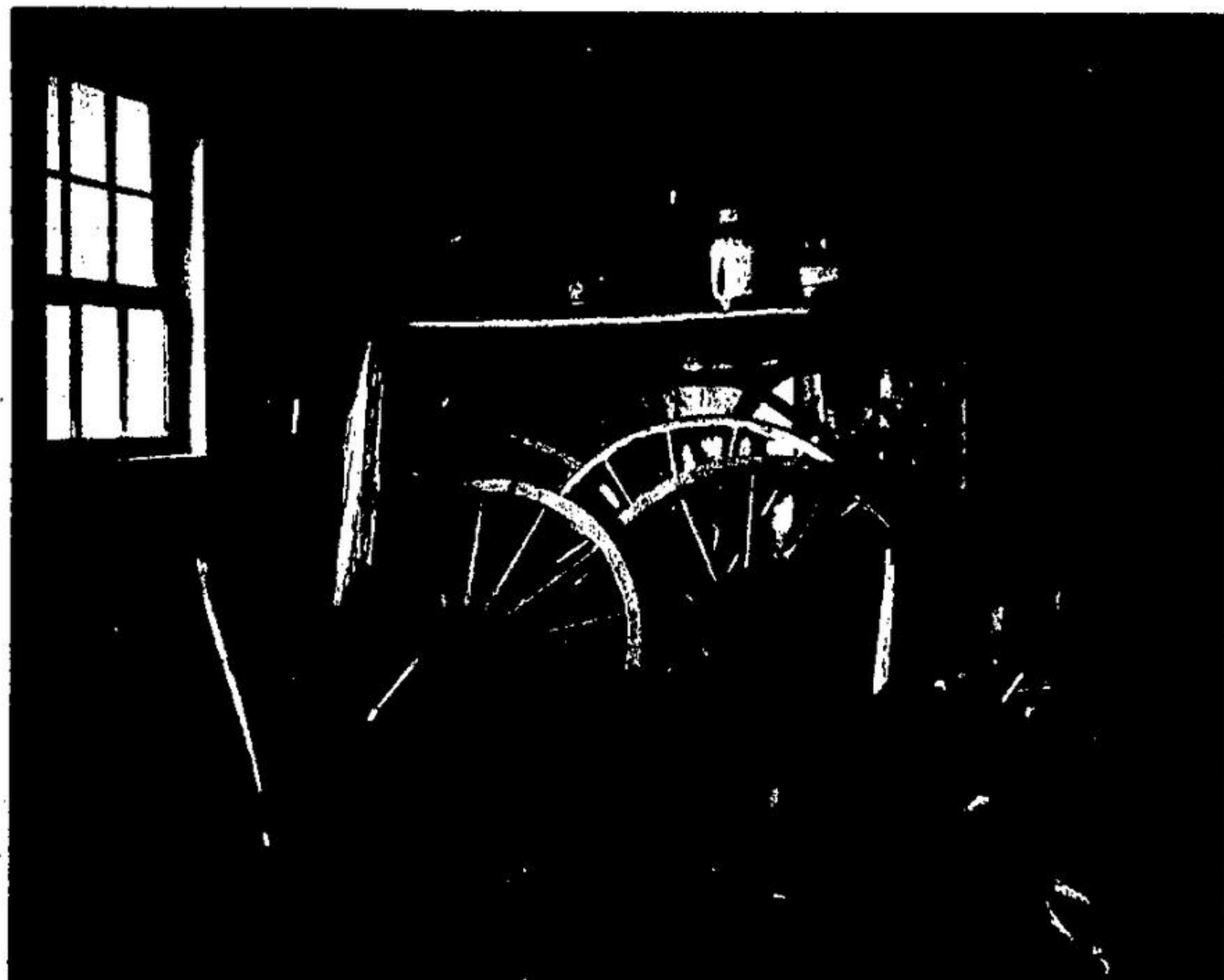
NASSAGAWEYA—Nassagaweya must stay together in a regional government setup for Halton County, Nassagaweya Council agreed unanimously when they met to draft their brief. The brief is a reaction to provincial proposals released January 23 in that proposal the township was divided. Reeve Mrs. Anne MacArthur noted the brief called for all of Nassagaweya south of lot 25 or approximately 25 Sideroad being included in the Central Halton unit with Milton. That takes in all of Nassagaweya with the exception of Eden Mills which had expressed some interest in going to Wellington, she indicated. Mrs. MacArthur said she was confident Milton and Nassagaweya could work amicably together. "We don't want to be divided and a petition taken in 1969 shows 90 percent of the township people feel that way."

### RC School Budget \$10 Million

MISSISSAUGA—The Dufferin-Peel Roman Catholic separate school board approved a 1973 operating budget of more than \$10 million. The board also approved in principle a 1974 capital building program of \$2.9 million, reduced from its original \$5 million because of a ministry of education grant crackdown. The 1973 budget represents a 16 percent increase over last year's \$8,697,000. Grants received from the ministry were lower than expected, however, due to the ministry's introduction of a "slip year" in its grant structure. The ministry announced two months ago that, due to declining enrolment in most Ontario educational systems it would base its grants on 1972 enrolment figures.

### Investigate Torturing Charge

ORANGEVILLE—A worker with the department of highways is expected to be charged under the criminal code March 28 for allegedly "torturing and killing" raccoons with a club and a chain saw while working on a bush and tree clearing winter works program on Highway 10, three miles north of here. An investigation conducted by Inspector Dick Perry of the Ontario Humane Society in Orillia, has revealed that the worker allegedly clubbed one raccoon and while it was still alive threw it in the fire. The worker is further alleged to have clubbed another raccoon and cut it with a chain saw. The raccoons were found in a bush by the workers while clearing was going on. Chief Inspector Wallace Kroeger at the head office of the Humane Society in Toronto said he had received at least 12 calls regarding the incident.



THE BLACKSMITH SHOP

Nick Torkalas, a photography student of former Herald photographer

Peter Jones at Humber College, took 4th prize in the

recent Black Creek Pioneer Village photo contest, with

this interesting picture in the blacksmith shop.