OMB hearings to rule on capital expenditure not architectural merit

The original plans for expansion and renovation of the existing library building were submitted in evidence to the Ontario Municipal Board hearing Thursday, in spite of comments by board chairman C. G. Charron that the hearing was not called "to decide on the relative merits of two architectural projects."

"We're here to decide if the capital expenditure should be allowed," Mr. Charron said. "It's a question of need. It's a question of ability to make that expenditure."

Paul Martel, the architect of the plans to expand and renovate the existing building, presented the plans to the board in his own words, after informing the board that he had been subpoenzed to appear, and was not appearing out of self-interest. This was the first opportunity for members of the public to see what Mr. Martel's design

Mr. Martel said he had been commissioned by Georgetown library board in 1972 to prepare a feasibility study for expanding the facilities Georgetown. When regional government was formed in

included repairs known to be necessary at the time, but did not include furniture and furnishings, and architect's fees. The tenders received ranged from \$374,000 to-\$432.550. Halton Hills council considered these bids too high. and ordered that they be

Mr. Martel said that some of the items listed in the 1974 estimates as needing repair could be dropped from the budget, since a number of these repairs have already been completed. He said this would reduce the repairs estimate by approximately \$22,500 if the new building was

Traffic report

Reduced visibility was the main culprit in an number of , accidents during last week's heavy blizzard.

Gino Tersigni, 44, of Guelph, suffered minimal injuries when the car he was driving was struck in the rear by a vehicle driven by Janis Penick .31, of RR2, Rockwood. The car driven by Mr. Tersigni had been northbound on the Guelph Line near Milton when blowing snow made visibility zero, and the vehicle came to a stop. subsequently being struck by the other car. Total damage in the accident was \$1,200.

Another accident on Halton Road 3, near 10 Sideroad, was also partly caused by poor visibility. A car driven by Doris Duff, 37, of Burlington, .was stopped in traffic due to blizzard weather conditions. police said, when another car. driven by Johannes Rosboom, 39, of Halton Hills, slid into the rear of the other car. The police report said the second car slid on an ice patch before striking Mrs. Duff's vehicle.

1974, the new Halton Hills library board commissioned him to design plans to renovate and add to the existing building on Church Street. Cost estimate for the renovation and addition was \$272,000 in 1974. This figure

allowed to lapse.

Total damage in the accident was \$1,300.

> A third accident involving poor visibility occurred on Mountainview Road North last Thursday. A car driven by Marie Gibbs, 37, of Georgetown, entered a white-out and stopped. A second vehicle, driven by Colin Gilmore, 27, also of Georgetown, struck the Gibb's vehicle, in the rear. Total damage in the accident

was estimated at \$880.

ley road conditions were a major cause in one other accident last Thursday. A car driven by Margaret Presley, 39, of Georgetown, was castbound on Sargent Road approaching the intersection of Mountainview Road South, and was unable to stop at the stop sign because of the icy road conditions, police said The car entered the intersection, striking another car, driven by Vernon Reynolds, 36, of RR5, Georgetown. This car had been southbound on Mountainview Road. Total damage in the accident was estimated at \$1,000.

Holy Cross parents

Association decided last week to proceed with the erection of a creative playground at the school for the use of students in · both Holy Cross and Sacre Cocur Schools.

A presentation by Holy Cross principal Barry Gowan and creative playground committee chairman Jack Incorporated, the Toronto firm made which designs and builds the playgrounds.

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Holy Cross Parent's how they work Mr Henke also told how the various models can be used for year round activities. The playground can be designed so that each age group is in a different section the school yard, he said.

O'Sullivan was followed by a proceed with the project the talk by H.A. Henke, manager choice of models to be built at shape of Children's Playgrounds Holy Cross has not yet been

Marg Wilcox, president of equipment used in creative the Catholic Women's League, presented \$200 to the In addition to explaining how association to be used on the

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The figures from Mr. Mar tel's report of 1975 were brought up to date by a cost analyst. The total cost of the work set out in the original plans, by 1978 prices is \$460,703. Work to the existing building, including insulation which the present building doesn't have, would increase the total by \$85,000 to \$545,703.

This total doesn't include the architect's fees, which are estimated at \$47,000 for this project. The total includes all built-in furniture and stacks but does not include bringing the floor up to standard. That would add another \$5,000-\$6,000 to the total.

The need to reinforce the floor in the existing building was brought up in testimony by Alan Zeagan, a civil and structural enoineer who was hired by the library board to do structural survey and estimates on the work necessary to bring the building up to standard Mr. Zeegan said the total would be \$127,000. The areas he mentioned as needing work included structural repairs to the stone walls, reinforcement of the floor to support 150 pound per square foot, repairs in the roof, in sulation, repairs to make the building more fire-proof and a complete new electricalmechanical system, which he said would be needed in the event of expansion.

Mr. Zeegan said he had also sent a letter to the library board saying he wanted a preliminary report he'd done withdrawn, even though it was correct, and not used as the basis for political discussion He said he was not aware of the political situation at the

time the report was done Mr. Martel argued against what Mr. Zeegan said was a legal requirement that all areas of the library's floor space must be able to support a weight of 150 pounds per square foot, regardless of what the space is to be used for. Clark Pickett, a consulting engineer, said the National Building Code and the Ontario Building Code called for 150 pounds per square foot support capability in stack areas and 60 pound per square foot capability in reading areas. Mr Pickett said the entire floor could be brought up to standard for a cost of \$2 to \$3 per square foot.

Philip Brook, the architect responsible for the design of the proposed new building, was given the opportunity to give reply evidence to the

testimony of Mr. Martel. "In general terms, you rarely save any money by rather than all the children building around an existing playing in only one location in building," Mr. Brook said. He added that normally, only part use can be made of the existing Although the group voted to strucutre, since it isn't always in the right place or the right

Mr Brook said the new building would cost approximately \$750,000 This figure includes the landscaping, paying the parking lot, furniture, shelving and architectural fees



RAIDER TICKETS

The free list of Raider tickets for senior citizens has been suspended for the Raider-Yugoslav match coming up Feb. 15 but John Reyce of Harley Motors has purchased 35 tickets and is giving them away to senior citizens. Above staunch Raider fans Nora and Bert Tuck get a pair of tickets from Mr.

You may soon ache empty stomach

By PETER HANNAM

President, OFA It's time for Canadians to wake up. They have been doing all kinds of bellyaching about their wages not rising fast enough, or the high cost of luxury goods. But they soon may be doing their belly aching on an empty stomach.

One thing that Canadians have not realized is that agriculture is in big trouble. It's in big trouble because farmers have been exploited.

Hard words, but true, For years now, the farmer has been subsidizing the consumer - not the other way around as the critics of agriculture

Let's look at the facts. According to a recent U.S. Deparlment of Agriculture report, Canadians spend less of their income on food than any other people in the world. What this means is that

Canadians have a high standard of living because food is so cheap. As a result, they have more money left over for coloured television sets, a second car or vacations. Cheap food makes it all possible. But what has the farmer received in return? The ans-

wer is little Again, let's look at the facts. Farm incomes fell 19 per cent last year, 13 per cent the year before and this year there is expected to be a further drop of 6 per cent. When you also add in the fact that our dollar now buys less, farmers have seen their real income drop by

nearly 40 per cent since 1975. No other group of Canadians have seen their incomes drop

BULLETIN

Dr Arthur Ross announced the federal Progressive Conservative nomination in Hallon riding at a nominating meeting scheduled for T.A. Blakelock high school, Oakville, April 6. Dr. Ross has recently returned from practicing medicine in Mexico He is currently living in the Oakville area.

so drastically. If they had, it would have been front page news. We would have heard all kinds of cries for justice and government assistance. But what happened when

farmer's incomes fell 40 per cent. Again the answer is very little. At the same time, our news broadcasts and newspapers were screaming about increased food prices, the facts about declining farm prices received little attention.

No one stopped to ask how food prices could increase while at the same time, farm gate prices were falling. Obviously, Canadians don't understand or don't care about what is happening to the far-

They will come to regret it. Farmers are getting angry and discouraged. Many are considering leaving farming. Worse, some have already been forced out.

Canadians may well be killing the goose that layed the golden egg. If we tose our farmers, who is going to provide Canadians with the lowest priced supply of food in the world? Are they going to rely on imports? We did that with oil and look what happened

No, Canadians can't continue to have a high standard of living unless we have a healthy agriculture. And we can't have a healthy agriculture unless farmers have markets and get a fair price for what they produce. If this is going to bappen, then Canadians are the progeny of bulls this way, going to have to change their. He cited tests in Germany attitudes. They are going to have to realize that if there is a problem with food prices, the Canadian bulls had excelled, problem is that farmers get too

. Most important, govern- whose semen has been popular Monday that he will be seeking ments are going to have to in Germany. At the same time change their attitudes. They are going to have to stop the dumping of foreign produce here, in exchange for selling industrial goods abroad. They are going to have to give us reasonable tariff protection and stop other countries from building tariff walls against our products.

If agriculture is going to prosper, we need some major changes. If we don't get them, we will lose many of our farmers. It's time that Canaduns wake up to how serious the situation really is.

Canadian cattle in Europe

In a speech given at the annual meeting of United Breeders Inc. at Guelph, Dr. M.G. Freeman, Secretary Manager of Semex Canada explained the appeal of Canadian cattle and semen in Europe.

"You have an export market because you have the kind of cattle that other people in the world want," he said "Like Europeans, you are selling only 40 per cent of your product as fluid (beverage) milk. However, if you don't select for increase production

He went on to explain that for cheese making an increase where 18 North American bulls little of the relaif price they being Roybrook Starlite, a bull

> You must continue to replace today's top bulls," he warned "You have to keep the perharee quality up, and test even more young bulls. You must find a son of Starlite leaving just as much milk and

solids, they will go down as you

of 0.1 per cent protein makes 100 pounds of milk worth an extra 23.75c at current prices. In Canada there are no summaries listing the average protein yeild of bulks' daughters. Several countries in Europe do test for protein, and compare were summarized, and the the top rated bull for income in service at United Breeders he urged the breeders to test-

mate more bulls. improving other areas as well.

Directors named for farm organizations

By HENRY J. STANLEY The 1978 Halton Plowing Match is scheduled for October 21st in the Burlington area. A committee of George Readhead, Cameron Marshall and Ross Segsworth are to locate a site for this annual

Directors were very pleased with the 1977 Match held in Halton Hills, especially with the attendance of the Halton 4-H Tractor Club at their match. Officers and Directors chosen were as follows: Past President - John Brecken, Burlington 2: President -Dwight May, Hornby 2; 1st Vice-President - Lloyd Pickering, Oakville 1; 2nd Vice-President - Murray Breckon, BBurlington 2; Secretary-Treasurer - Jack Taylor, 1309 Appleby Line, Burlington; Asst. Secretary-Treasurer - George Swann, 50 Court St. N., Milton; O.P.A. Director - Dwight May; and Halton Furrow Queen - Nancy McKinnon, Milton 1. Directors · Halton Hills - John A. Breckon, Dwight May, John Wilson, Clifford

Wrigglesworth; Oakville Harold Biggar, Jack Marchment, Harley Pickering. Lloyd Pickering; Burlington -John M. Brecken, Murray Breckon, Ed Segsworth: Milton - Sherwood Hume, Claude Inglis, Bryan Marshall, Wm Rayner, Andy Shea, Lloyd Stokes, George Swann; Associate - Keith Merry, John Middlebrook, John Reid, Carl Sinclair; Honourary - J.C. Cunningham, Roy Currie, J.

Marshall, Frank Peacock, George Readhead, Ross Segsworth, Henry Stanley, Spencer Wilson.

Some 75 Halton Soil & Crop Improvement Association members met at Hillcrest United Church on Thursday, January 12th for their annual

meeting. George Gardhouse of Mono Road, President of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association, thanked Hallon members for supporting him over the past 14 years as our Zone Director. He is now ending his term as our representative. Richard Soverign, Milton 2 was nominated to be the new representative from Halton, Peel and York Don Sherwood, Milton 6 was also nominated as our delegate with Bob Merry, Milton 5 as alternate delegate to the Ontario annual meeting on February 1st and 2nd at the Cara Inn, Airport Road, Toronto.

Doug McLaren, Weeds and Seeds Specialist, Guelph, told of the many new weeds which are being found in crops in this area - new varieties of lamb'squarters that are completely resistant to Atrazine, and Velvetleaf which can grow up to ten feet tall in a corn field and

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is also resistant to Atrazing Jim Myslik, Engineering Specialist, discussed some of the problems that are occurring with plastic drainage tile problems with rodents eating holes through it, tile collapsing with improper infilling of the dirt, and damage caused by machinery in wet seasons such

as the past fall. Following lunch, Mrs. Walter Norrington was presented with a certificate by John Nurse in recognition for winning the World Rye Champlenship. Norman Biggar, Oakville 1, representative on the Halton Farm Safety Association, stressed the importance of safety in entering silos at filling time. Several deaths have occurred in the past year

due to gases. Galen Driver, our new Director of the Soils & Crops Branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture f Food, discussed the importance of stabilization as if affects crops in Ontario. He feels that these stabilization as if affects crops in Ontario. He feels that these stabilization plans will give the cash crop producer much more stability than in the past with fewer fluctuations in the return per acre. Gerhard Treviranus, Georgetown 2, Ontario Federation of Agriculture Director from Halton, encouraged everyone to support the corn marketing plan as proposed by the Federation.

Dr. Jack Ketcheson from the Soils Department, University of Guelph, discussed tillage problems following our extremely wet fall. He stressed the importance of a plow, the need for crop rotation to build

up soil aggregates, the importance of manure to help in bullding up good physical conditions in solls and the need to not over-work land in order to cut down the erosion due to

wind and water. The resolutions were sent to the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association Annual Meeting - the first supporting complete resource recovery of garbage for requesting the Ontario Government to pass legislation to assist with the availability of parts for farm

equipment. All farmers were cordially invited to the annual meeting of our West Central Regional Soil and Crop Improvement Association on January 31st at the Cara Inn. Airport Rd., Toronto which features discussions on soil structure;

and tillage. The new Officers and Directors of the Halton Soll and Crop Improvement Association for 1978 are as follows: Past President . Frank Anthony, Limehousel; President - Richard Sovereign, Milton 2; Vice-President -Norman Biggar, Oakville 1; Secretary-Treasurer - Henry Stanely, O.M.A.F., Milton; Safety Counil Rep. - Harry Brander, Norval 2; and Delegates to the West Central Regional Soil & Crop Improvement Association - Frank Anthony, Limehouse 1 and John Nurse, Georgetown 2. Directors - Keith Aitken, Bill Alexander, Murray Dawson, Arnold Fish, Doug Gardhouse, Kaj Hansen, Art Lawson, Bob Merry, Dennis McClure, and Earl Wilson.

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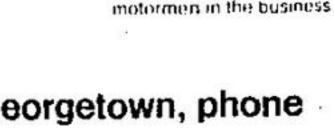
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