

### THREE-MAN POLICE FORCE EXPECTED BY END OF MAY IN GEORGETOWN

### Former Hamilton City Planner May Assist Township

David Jamieson, former Hamilton city planner and now with the E. P. Taylor interests of Toronto which includes the Greater Hamilton Shopping centre on the old Jockey Club property, will likely assist Nelson Township Planning Board, it was intimated at a recent meeting. Mr. Jamieson, one of a number of persons suggested as a possible consultant, appeared before the board and outlined steps it must take in completing its organization.

Mr. Jamieson declined to take on the consultant's post and urged the board to appoint a full-time man to look after all planning. He agreed to act in an advisory capacity and attend meetings when possible. The special committee appointed to interview prospective consultants is to discuss the matter further with Mr. Jamieson.

Meantime a committee, composed of Chairman R. N. Dobson, acting secretary Bruce Ashcroft and Cr. Harold Stewart, was named to prepare a budget. The committee is to study the budget requirements of the Hamilton-Wentworth Planning Board.

A special committee, including the chairman, S. Leggett and J. P. Goulding, was set up for the preparation of maps and other data pertaining to planning.

A zoning committee was named to report on the text of the old proposed zoning by-law and to relate it to the work of the planning committee. C. A. Worrell and Mr. Cockshutt, with Cr. Stewart as ex-officio member, were appointed to the committee.

### Four From Milton Tour Research Farm

Murray McPhail, Roy K. Ford, E. F. Ford and W. E. Ford, all of Milton, were among approximately 300 farmers from the Province of Ontario who visited the Purina Research Farm at Gray Summit, Missouri, last week and spent the following day touring the company's mills and research laboratories in St. Louis.

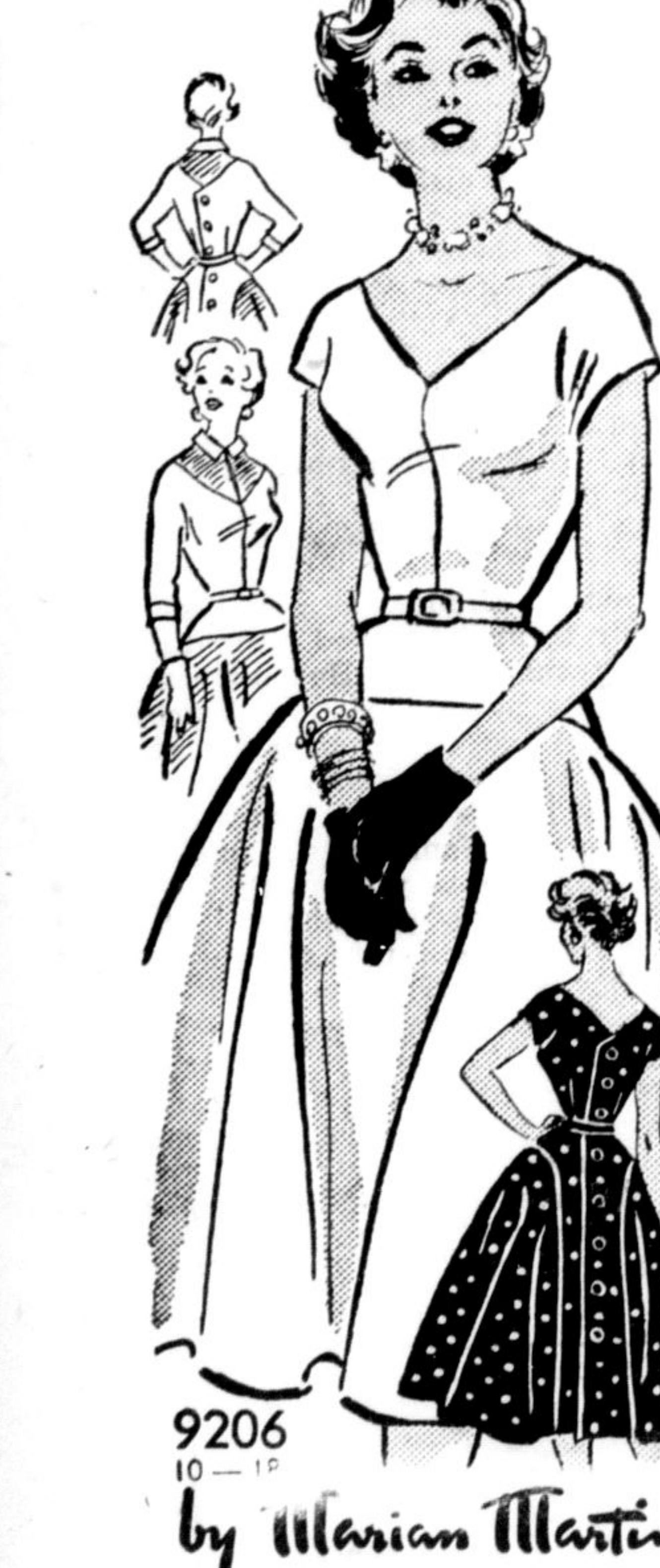
Up to 15,000 farmers from all over the United States and Canada as well as many from foreign countries, visit this large research farm each year to see the results of experiments conducted there in the feeding and management of grade livestock and poultry.

This 738 acre farm is the largest of its kind in the world and is devoted entirely to farm research projects. They travelled by special train for the 2000 mile trip.

### BETTER AUCTIONS

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Georgetown will revert to a local policing system this year, with a three-man force operating possibly by the end of May.

One of several municipalities affected by an Ontario Provincial Police ruling, council last week decided not to wait until the end of the year to make their own plans. A letter, from the OPP, read at the meeting, said that all contracts in towns with population of 2,000 or over, will be terminated in December.

Before advertising for personnel, council is seeking cost figures from Brampton, Burlington, Oakville and Orangeville. Next Monday, it is expected to survey this information, decide on a salary figure for a chief and advertise first for this man.

It was Mayor Armstrong's suggestion that a chief start his duties on May 1 and work with the OPP for that month, with two policemen joining the force the end of that month when the OPP will pull out of town.

The new system is expected to be more expensive than the present \$15,000 OPP cost. A corporal is paid \$4,100 and constables amount vary up to \$3,400. The town pays mileage of 6c a mile, with the OPP supplying car, uniforms and equipment.

### Surprise, Dismay At Losing O.P.P.

Acton, like Milton, will have to set up its own police force in 1956 when a change in Ontario Provincial Police policy dealing with towns of 2,000 population and over comes into effect, Acton council was told.

An official notification informed the municipality that as of December 31, 1955, the present contract with the OPP will terminate and will not be renewed. Similar letters have been received by more than 40 other Ontario municipalities affected by the policy change.

Councillors have reacted with surprise and dismay at this news. Mayor E. Tyler, who urged a protest be filed immediately, termed the action as "a step backward in the province." Towns would now be without province-wide communication, he said, and argued that policing would be generally made less effective.

"It'll be a big bill of expense for us and some 47 other towns who'll be caught without police," he added.

### Georgetown Seeks Full-Time Engineer

Georgetown is advertising for a full-time engineer. The town informed the tri-town urban board that it will withdraw from the present system May 1, whereby Acton, Milton and Georgetown share the services of Ross Simons, who was hired last year to work for the three towns.

Georgetown council decided that the rapid growth in public services which the new Delrex subdivision will bring necessitates a full time engineer to take charge of water, sewers, roads and supervision of the building by-law.

The clerk was instructed to advertise for a man for the position. A salary of \$5200 was set, after suggestions which varied from \$5000 to \$5500. Councillor Harry Hale, who favored a higher salary, was the only one who voted against the motion. It is planned to have a man on the job by the first of May.

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### Now 70 Industries In Oakville Area

No less than 70 industries are now located in the Oakville-Trafalgar area, according to a list issued recently by the Oakville-Trafalgar Chamber of Commerce. Total number of employees is 13,940, which is considerably more than the 9,000 employed in Sarnia, a city of more than 30,000 population.

By far the largest of the plants is, of course, that of the Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited. Products manufactured by the other establishments range from toilet preparations to fluorescent lamps, and include such diverse articles as water skis, exhaust fans, celluloid, soups, lumber, paints, tools, patent medicine, water pumps, boats, cartons, jams, mirrors, leather, tank cars, ball point pens, lawn umbrellas, heating supplies, awnings and printing plates.

### Mill Rate at 38 Third Year in Row

Despite an increase of nearly \$2,000,000 in assessment, \$16,000 had to be taken from the construction reserve fund in order to maintain the tax rate at 38 mills. Burlington council was informed Thursday night when it struck the rate at the same figure for the third successive year. Increasing educational costs, which in 20 years have risen 13 per cent, were blamed for the fact the reserve fund had to be tapped, according to a report of the finance committee presented by Cr. Frank Whittaker.

Council gave the required three readings to the by-law setting the rate which was based on an assessable property totalling \$13,076,882. Amount required to raise to run the town and its schools is \$496,921.51.

In four years, the total assessment has increased \$3,113,900, with that of last year being the greatest gain. In 1952, with the tax rate at 32 mills, the assessment was \$9,962,982. In 1953 it was \$10,311,944 and last year the figure was \$11,353,418.

### School at Drumquin In Growth Planning

Four more classrooms and an assembly hall will be added to Linbrook School in Trafalgar Township before next September, when a Sixth Line eight-room schoolhouse also will be ready for pupils, and detail plans for the Percy Merry school, scheduled for a recently-purchased site near Drumquin, will be off the drafting board.

Following closely on Trafalgar Council's release of 1400 building permits, Trafalgar School Board Chairman E. J. James said at least 20 classrooms would be built this year, to provide space for the inevitable influx of pupils.

Describing the accommodation problem "most critical" in the Linbrook area, where Council has given permission for 144 new homes to be erected, Mr. James said the kindergarten of 31 pupils might have to move to the Linbrook school basement.

Trustee Rupert Helmer said that if Linbrook classes swelled to more than 40 pupils (today's average is 36), it might be wise to put the kindergarten pupils in the cellar.

### HEAR DEPUTATIONS, TWP. COUNCIL STARTS REGULAR BUSINESS AT 11 P.M.

Nelson councillors were in an optimistic mood last week when representatives of two bond houses made personal appearances and a number of others telephoned members regarding the township's future debenture issues. Although no decision was made, it appeared the consensus of members favor calling for tenders when the bonds were ready.

Following the recommendation of its new Planning Board, Nelson council turned down the application of the Polish Alliance Friendly Society of Canada to erect a new building on its property on Headon St. Under the motion, presented by Crs. Edgar T. George and Warren McNiven, council based its refusal on use of the building as a dance hall.

Reeve Harold C. Adkins warned members the township could face possible legal action if its motion, as first written, denied the group per-

### Controlled, Orderly Growth Is Stressed

A significant step to insure the controlled, ordered growth of Acton was taken by the local Planning Board last week when P. A. Deacon, senior planning consultant with the firm of Deacon and Arnott, was hired to prepare an official town plan and to implement a zoning by-law on a two-year basis.

Members of the Planning Board, who earlier interviewed Mr. Deacon and outlined the needs of Acton in view of anticipated growth and development, reported a great deal of satisfaction with the terms of service outlined by the planning consultant. They were particularly impressed with Mr. Deacon.

### Discuss Hospital For Georgetown

Possibility of a hospital in Georgetown was discussed there at a meeting in Wriglesworth auditorium called by the Chamber of Commerce.

Local organizations were asked to send representatives. W. E. Cox, administrator of Guelph General hospital, Dr. J. H. Chamberlain and Dr. Alistair Macintosh provided some information for discussion about types of hospitals. A consensus of opinion was that Georgetown would require a 30 bed hospital, and cost would be possibly \$300,000.

Those present were asked to discuss the matter with their various groups, and if there is interest in investigation further, a public meeting will be called by the Chamber at a later date.

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