

Items of Interest gleaned from the newspapers of the district

Dislikes Telephone Canvasses On Council Expenditure Approval

Reeve Thomas Millward has expressed his strong dislike for telephone canvasses of council members for a decision on matters involving the expenditure of large sums of money.

The question was brought up as a result of councillor Kenneth Lewis' action to purchase a motor for the village truck, which had broken down.

Councillor Lewis apparently telephoned each councillor and asked for permission to buy a motor. He was told to go ahead with his scheme.

As it turned out, cost of purchasing and installing the second-hand engine will amount to close to \$400.

Reeve Millward commented that "when large sums of money are involved, council should have a meeting before reaching a decision. Councillors shouldn't be called away from a card game or something to make a snap decision when money is involved."

"Council was contacted," Councillor maintained. "Not to my satisfaction," Reeve Millward answered. He added, "you have no guaranty for the \$400 you spent."

"I listened to that engine and it sounded all right to me," Councillor Lewis remarked.

The Reeve wanted to know where council would be if the "new" engine broke down next week.

"In the hole," Councillor Lewis said.

"And how?" Reeve Millward returned.

Councillor Lewis asked the Reeve what he should do if the grader broke down on the main street.

"Am I to wait until Council meets and votes money to have it fixed up?" he asked.

"Have it towed away," Reeve Millward suggested. "It's been towed before and it'll be towed again."

Open Burlington Clearing House

Further evidence of the rapid growth of the Burlington area is reflected this week with the inauguration of the Burlington Clearing House. This system of handling inter-bank business became necessary with the opening this year of two more bank branches, bringing the total to six banks.

G. D. Woolley as named manager of the clearing house. W. R. Garratt was appointed secretary. Mr. Woolley is manager and Mr. Garratt accountant at the Toronto-Dominion Bank where the clearing house will make its headquarters this year.

With the opening of the Bank of Toronto about five years ago, cheques were exchanged between it and the Royal Bank of Canada.

The same practice was continued but grew burdensome with the opening of four more banks in the last three years: The Dominion Bank, Imperial Bank, Bank of Commerce and last month the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Bank of Montreal. The Bank of Toronto and Dominion Bank merged last year.

"Up until now, we had operated by rotating each month with a different bank being responsible for the clearings," Mr. Woolley stated. "The new organization will serve to keep the interchange of bank clearings running smoothly and will act as the governing body for handling any problems that may arise."

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Shoots Self in Arm with Rifle

Darryl Ezeard, 80 Mill St., accidentally shot himself in the left arm Thursday evening as he worked on his 22 rifle.

The bullet entered his arm just above the elbow and came out the other side without causing any serious damage. The bullet touched neither the bone nor the muscle.

The youth said his gun wouldn't reject, so he took it into a shed on the rear of the house and put a shell into it. It went off accidentally and he went to the hospital to have the wound bandaged.

People Tear Off Street Numbers

"Some people have been objecting to numbers appearing on their homes," Reeve Thomas Millward told the Bronte council at their meeting last week.

Work has been proceeding in the village on setting up a street numbering scheme, which would coincide with that used in Trafalgar township. Each building is having a number placed on it.

"Some people want other numbers and change them," the Reeve noted. "Others just rip them down. Many people can't understand why they get the numbers they do."

The Reeve indicated that a by-law would be drawn up which would make it unlawful to remove or change the numbers assigned to a particular house.

People buy the Champion to read and read the Champion to buy.

Planning in Vain "IF" Hamilton Amalgamates Burlington Area

Future planning and all the work that has gone into an orderly pattern for the Burlington - Nelson area may all be in vain if the province carries out its drawing board plans for including Burlington in the city of Hamilton. That's the consensus of many members of the Burlington and Suburban Planning Board which last week talked in riddles about the rumored Queen's Park scheme.

The suggestion came to light during a brief discussion just before adjournment, of the Legislature's bill of annexation which gives a chunk of Burlington and Nelson to the city which also will take over the Beach strip after the bill receives its second and third reading.

"Burlington is to be a part of Hamilton in the official plan," said chairman Gordon Gallagher, wondering how it might affect planning in the area.

"That would affect this planning board, too," suggested Hugh Elsam, Burlington's representative on the board. He said he was getting a map from Queen's Park showing the new city boundary.

George J. V. Thomson, East Flamboro, suggested the board should pass a resolution "noting these conditions exist." However, it was decided to write to the ministers of planning and development and municipal affairs, advising them the board was aware of what was taking place.

"This will require an amendment to the official plan," suggested the chairman. "It may be that the Department of Municipal Affairs does not realize there is an official plan in this area, because Hamilton does not have one."

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