

Harley to Halton

by Harry Harley m.p.

Since our last column the Budget debate has concluded with the Government surviving relatively easily three further votes of non-confidence. The Government has tabled a list of the measures it would like to deal with prior to Christmas. To me the main items in the months ahead will be as follows:

1. Capital punishment will be voted on again — I voted for the abolishment of capital punishment last vote and expect to do so again.
2. Broadcasting Act to re-organize the Canadian Broadcasting Company and to perhaps change some policies in reference to broadcasting.
3. Amendments to Customs Tariffs growing out of the Kennedy Round of Tariff negotiations recently concluded.
4. Establishment of a Depart-

ment of Corporate and Consumer Affairs under the Registrar-General to deal with all consumer affairs as drug costs.

5. A Bill to amend the Patent Act and the Trade Marks Act which will implement, in all probability, the recommendations of the Committee I chaired to lower the cost of drugs.
6. A Bill to amend the Post Office Act to increase postal rates generally and reduce post office deficit.
7. A Bill to change Canada's divorce laws, expected to liberalize grounds for divorce in Canada.
8. A Bill to outlaw hate literature.
9. A Bill to prohibit the sale and advertising of hazardous substances.
10. A Bill to establish the long-debated, long-awaited Canada Development Corporation designed to encourage Canadians to invest in Canada.

It is obvious that the list is long (I have not included them all) and the time is short. We hope it will be possible to deal with most of them.

Esquing Council briefs

Esquing Council meeting on Monday:

- Read and passed a by-law authorizing the township to borrow \$14,936 from the bank for two portable classrooms at Pineview school in Township School Area No. 1. The loan is to be repaid over three years at the current interest rate charged by the bank for municipal loans. The by-law is subject to the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board.
- Received correspondence from the V.L.A. notifying council of their intention to evict a woman with eight children from V.L.A. property.
- Received a letter from a lady trailer occupant objecting to the licence fee charged and stating there was no intention of paying it unless she could see some benefits. She felt the land owner should pay the tab since he paid taxes. The lady wrote it was becoming harder and harder to raise a family and impossible to get ahead on an average wage. Councillors instructed the clerk to write a letter of reply, stating the \$10 a month was for a permit to live in a trailer. They were empowered by a by-law which the Municipal Act gave council the power to pass.
- Agreed to petition the Dept. of Highways for interim subsidy of \$130,377.28, road accounts until Sept. 30 this year.
- Received a request for a Good Roads course at the University of Guelph, May 12 to 15.
- Received a request from United Gas to extend their pipe lines in Glen Williams. Reeve Leslie objected to the position of pipes. He said this could be "an Ethiopian in the woodshed. Streets may have to be widened, then we have got to bear the cost." Council felt the company should get permission from the county to lay pipes along Main St. in the Glen, a county artery, before they give their OK.
- Passed a motion authorizing the road superintendent to purchase sand from the county — 1,500 tons at \$1.60 ton delivered to superintendent.
- Agreed to call tenders for snow plowing on township roads.

Reeve George Leslie presided at the three and a half hour meeting with Deputy Reeve George Currie, Councillors Tom Hill and Jim Goodlet, clerk K. C. Lindhay and road superintendent Bud Snow in attendance. Assessor Art Benton assisted the clerk in the absence of assistant clerk D. French.

CHAMBER NOT "DEAD" NEEDS WILLING WORKERS

Dear Sir:

Last week's paper contains some remarks about The Milton Chamber of Commerce under the headline of "Jim's Jottings". I hope everyone in the area has read it — if they haven't they should — and reflect on the problems of some of the basic movements in this town!

Yes, the Chamber has had difficult times, and will likely have them again, but what are the businessmen and residents of this area doing to improve the conditions? Do people come out to meetings and express their views or do they unjustly criticize before an eager listener? Do they offer constructive ideas to improve the situation and get something done, or do they wait for someone else to do it? Are they above personal criticism or do they want to blame someone else?

No, the Chamber is not dead and will not be as long as we have workers, not knockers, and so long as we have people with the guts to work constructively! It is entirely up to the businessmen whether they want the Chamber to be a strong force or die.

Firstly, let's get on with our parking, instead of arguing about it, and not expect a few men to do the job alone, and pay for it as well.

Secondly, let's get on with development in the town. We need more land, we need housing badly, and we need industry. Why do we have to turn away people who want to establish industry here, to build a home or, for some other reason? Does this make sense? Do we want to argue and write briefs and hold meetings, or do we want to get something done? What are you doing about it?

Raise county warden salary

The salary of the Warden of Halton was raised \$1,500 during a meeting of County Council last week, retroactive to the beginning of 1967.

The previous by-law provided an annual salary of \$3,500 and the by-law approved at the meeting called for a salary of \$5,000. A travel allowance of 10 cents a mile was unchanged.

The trouble with the fellow who talks too fast is that he is likely to say something he hasn't even thought of yet.

Georgetown asks township for grant to arena

A delegation from Georgetown council appeared at Monday's regular meeting of Esquing township council to ask the township to contribute towards support of Georgetown arena.

Spokesman Deputy Reeve Art Speight was accompanied by Reeve Bill Hunter and Councillors W. Emmerson and Roy Ballentine.

The deputy-reeve's plea for financial support for the Georgetown arena received a mixed reception from Esquing councillors ranging from hostility to receptivity.

Mr. Speight said he couldn't find an olive branch to bring with him but would have

brought one if he could have. "What are the possibilities of your council assisting our arena?" he asked. "When I say 'our' arena I mean the Georgetown arena." He said the arena drew from all over the township.

"The arena requires more money than the corporation can afford to put in to give proper service. We're asking to see if you can see your way clear to make a grant towards the operation since your community benefits from it," continued Mr. Speight.

"What was your budget this year?" asked Esquing councillor Jim Goodlet.

Georgetown councillor W. Emmerson said of a total budget of \$48,000 for parks and recreation, \$15,000 went towards the arena. He mentioned the issue had been brought up several times at Georgetown council meetings since Esquing residents were using the arena.

"I don't like the word using," retorted Councillor Tom Hill. "They pay!"

Mr. Emmerson agreed Esquing residents pay the same as everyone else but he compared arena use to the library where patrons from outside Georgetown were obliged to pay one dollar for use of facilities. On top of this, he said Esquing contributed to the Georgetown high school debt which set a precedent.

"How many Esquing residents use the arena?" asked Deputy-reeve George Currie. Only a small area around Georgetown use the arena. I've never heard of anyone around Ashgrove or Hornby using Georgetown arena."

Rising expenses including \$3,000 for cleaning ice, have contributed to the need for additional revenue, the delegation claimed. Georgetown councillor Roy Ballentine said the same reasoning applied to baseball. "We can't erect a fence around Georgetown," he said, "and don't want to set up a barrier."

"It's a good job you didn't do it years ago," said councillor Hill. "You wouldn't have had any hockey or ball players, would you?"

More argument ensued until Esquing reeve George Leslie said, "Give us some figures of the township children using the arena or the grant you might want!"

"I'll be honest," said Mr. Speight. "Consider a grant of \$1,000." There were no figures available for the number of children involved but Councillor Ballentine estimated 500 boys played "kid" hockey, a portion of them from the township.

"Anything you can do to help us will be appreciated," said the Georgetown deputy-reeve. "Mutual good will between the town and township will depend on your picking up some share of the tab and do a lot to cement better relationships."

Reeve George Leslie told the delegation there wasn't a full council since Councillor Pat Patterson was absent. "We can't agree tonight. There's nothing in the budget. We'll consider the request. We're not speaking for next year's council."

Councillor Emmerson explained difficulties in Georgetown between Legion sponsored hockey and the arena board which precipitated the emergency.

"Would we have a member on the arena board," asked Mr. Hill.

Two voices in unison answered, "If your grant was sufficient."

"What do you mean," thundered Tom Hill. "Everything is on the top of the table in this council!"

Mr. Speight said Georgetown would be satisfied with a token grant this year while Esquing laid plans for next year.

The delegation was dismissed.

QUIET WEEK
Milton Police report only one minor accident occurred during the past week with negligible damage.

The incident occurred on Thursday.

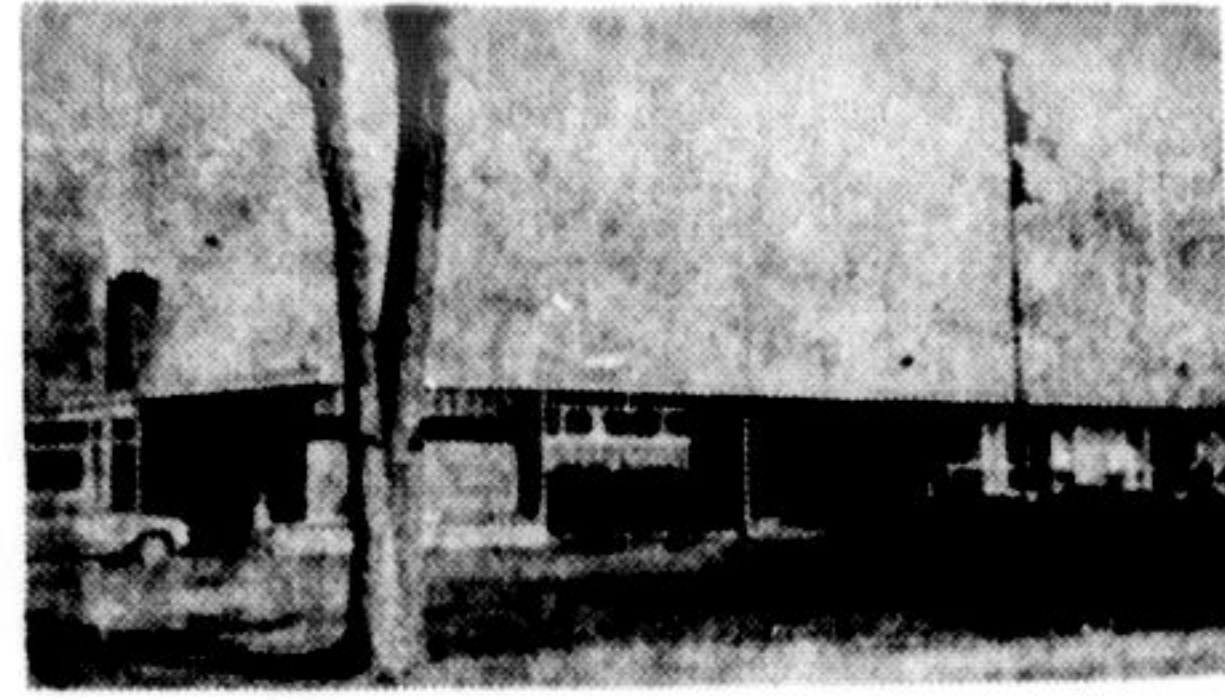
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Public School Board Briefs



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- Learned of the official opening of the addition to the Brookville Public School October 27, at which Regional Superintendent R. Bornhold will officiate.
- Accepted the tender of United Co-Operatives of Ontario to supply heating fuel at a cost of 14.1 cents per gallon.
- Heard a report indicating school population has risen to 1,078 with an average daily attendance of 975.
- Granted the Sarah Martin chapter of I.O.D.E. permission to place a UNICEF collection box in W. I. Dick public school.
- Decided to postpone grass seeding at Bruce St. public school until spring.
- Petitioned the Department of Highways for an interim payment on the grants for expenditures on the roads and streets.

— Our Readers Write —

Thirdly, are you helping to keep the town clean and neat and maybe adding a touch of beauty with a lick of paint? We need more garbage containers on Main Street, the street lights need replacing and we need more color and life on Main Street.

Fourthly, we need more integration and consolidation of effort in this town to get things done. This applies particularly to Service Clubs of which we are getting too many. No-one has the time to contribute to more than one or possibly two organizations, so by joining more, one only divides the total effort. Let's be honest and say that only a few people work in any organizations, so why not put them together and make something worthwhile? This town is presently too small for the service clubs we have, let alone any new ones!

Fifth, why do we see on our streets service trucks from all over the country, when the goods or services could be supplied right here? Is the other fellow able to give better service than the local man, or is it just because we won't give our man a break?

Sixth, what about store hours? Do we want the stores open seven days a week, 24 hours a day? In some places they are doing this. Do we want it in Milton — or are we going to use some common sense? Last, but not least, is the matter of supporting The Milton Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber needs constructive ideas, sound planning and hard work in order to be a vital force in this community. We have confidence that there is an abundance of this talent

available, and we would ask that interested people come out to express their ideas at the next meeting.

May I point out that The Chamber, in co-operation with The Department of Education, is again presenting educational courses for businessmen. These courses are well attended and demonstrate that the Chamber is working for the good of the businessman and the community. No, we are not dead yet; we are just starting to grow!

These are just a few remarks which come to mind on the spur of the moment. Your editorial remark, quoted above, made me very perturbed, not at you or anyone in particular, but at the situations which exist in many areas and, which I think we can do something about. If you can make a number of people interested, Jim, you will have accomplished your mission. Maybe they will be interested enough to come out to an open meeting of the Chamber, Thursday evening, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Milton Fire Hall.

Yours sincerely,
Earl G. Black,
Exec. Secv., Milton Chamber of Commerce

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