

HERE 'n' THERE
in Brief

Pilot for council...

Upper Burlington Citizens Forum has asked Burlington Council to appoint Arthur Lindop the Ward Three councillor, or hold a by-election to name a new councillor for the northern ward of the town.

The Ward Three seat was vacated by W. A. Reeve, who was named Deputy-Reeve after the death of Deputy-Reeve Mrs. Evelyn Burke. Mr. Lindop, a pilot with Air Canada who lives on Cedar Springs Rd., was the runner-up to Mr. Reeve in the 1967 municipal elections.

Harbinger of Spring...

Two healthy Robins were spotted on 10 Sideroad near Kilbride last week, and if that's not a good sign Spring is on the way, it's hard to say what is.

Mrs. A. Duffy of Hamilton and two friends saw the red-breasted returnees from down south.

And speaking of birds, there are reports at Limehouse that a turkey buzzard might be responsible for the unsolved disappearance of several small pets and barnyard animals. They thrive on carrion. Two small dogs and a pair of cats disappeared from one Georgetown district farm, and several residents in the area report sighting a giant bird which they thought at first resembled an eagle. Everybody claims you won't find eagles this far north, but one was caught in a professional trapper's snare at North Bay last week.

Muscular Dystrophy...

Milton O.P.P. officers had a share in the cheque for \$119 that was presented to Frank Murphy of the Muscular Dystrophy Society of Canada at Oakville Thursday evening. The cheque represented the proceeds from the annual dance of the No. 3 District O.P.P. Association.

Const. Jim Hodson of Milton O.P.P. and Const. Bruce Deacon of Oakville O.P.P. made the presentation. The money goes to help M.D. children.

Six-to-niners busy...

Burlington Police report a rash of house break-ins during the early evenings recently, and have asked for citizens' help in combatting the rash of burglaries. Five in one week resulted in the theft of silverware, coin collections, canned foods, liquor, meats and groceries from local homes. All the crimes took place in the early evening and police have dubbed them the "six-to-nine stuff". They urge residents to leave lots of lights burning if they go out for the evening.

Winter holidays soon...

Students suffering through the midwinter doldrums will soon have a week of holidays from their local brain building. March 15 to 23 are the dates of the midwinter holidays this year, which replaces the old Easter vacation. They'll still get Good Friday and Easter Monday off school.

Whitehouse take-over...

Procor Limited of Oakville, the firm which purchased the 60-year-old P.L. Robertson Manufacturing Company of Milton, last week announced it has acquired Whitehouse Fastenings Ltd. of Montreal and Rexdale—one of Robertson's competitors in the fastener market.

Whitehouse was originally founded in Milton and used to operate from a warehouse in the lower level of the Main St. Centre Building. It moved to Montreal and Rexdale a few years ago. Procor, a subsidiary of the American Tank Car firm at Chicago, also owns Graver Water Conditioner Company located in Oakville. Railway tank cars and freight cars are manufactured at Procor's Third Line plant in Oakville.

Venison out of season...

Two local men who had a hankering for fresh venison face charges of setting snares for deer, shooting deer out of season, and illegal possession of venison.

Conservation officers seized their guns and car when the men were apprehended "in the act" near Milton recently, and they will appear in court soon. Deer season in Northern Ontario is still eight months away, and there has been no decision on an open fall season in Halton for 1969.

Bilingual school will be studied

A special advisory committee to study French-language instruction in Halton County Schools was appointed last week by the Board of Education.

Trustees Tom Watson of Acton, John Noble of Milton and Fred Bidwell of Burlington were named to the committee.

French-speaking ratepayers will be chosen for the committee at a meeting called for March 12 at the Martin St. Senior Public School, Milton.

The committee was formed after 19 French-speaking ratepayers requested it.

Director J. Singleton explained the representatives realize it would not be possible to have French instruction throughout the secondary school but they hope to see the development of a bilingual school. "They recognize their limited number restricts", the director noted.

—Fire Chief A. E. Clement reports the loss in the G. R. Chater home fire last week will probably reach \$25-\$30,000.

Delegation opposes Airstrip at Rosslake

Esquering council will notify the township's newly formed Planning Board of objections from township ratepayers to a proposed airstrip and flying school on 17 Sideroad but entertain doubts about whether the Board has any jurisdiction over the matter.

Council agreed to do this after a delegation of 17 township residents, armed with a petition bearing 140 signatures, besieged councillors at their regular Monday meeting to protest the "tacit approval" given the proposed airstrip at the Rosslake resort, R. R. 3, Georgetown.

Spokesman for the delegation was Cookville solicitor Colin Masson who said the petition represented ratepayers within an eight mile radius of the proposed airstrip and flying school on property belonging to longtime resident Joe Ross. Residents had several objections to the airstrip but they stressed depreciation of property values as the main objection.

Deputy Reeve Tom Hill took immediate exception to the deputation alleging council had given permission to build an airport. "We only gave permission to build a hangar," he told the delegation. The only way residents can stop the airstrip would be through the Department of Transport since they controlled licencing of airports.

Mr. Masson replied that he agreed council does not licence airports but he felt that since they have zoning authority it could restrict an airstrip in the area. He claimed that despite Mr. Ross's claim of Department of Transport approval, the Department knew nothing of the proposed airstrip. He produced a letter which stated the Department was unaware of the airstrip but stating the owner was not necessarily contravening any regulation at this stage.

The delegation's spokesman also produced a letter from M.P. Rud Whiting in reply to one from petitioners stating the airstrip could not operate without a licence from the Department of Transport. Mr. Ross has already had a feasibility study carried out and it has been approved by the Department.

Councillor Ken Marshall advised the delegation the solicitor was doing them a disservice by bringing them to council first since Mr. Whiting would be the logical party to approach first. But Mr. Masson said council has issued a permit to build a hangar.

"They can put up a dozen hangars over there if they want," said Reeve George Currie. "This is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transport."

Mr. Masson said he didn't agree since the Department was not concerned with zoning and council was the body to change that. Councillor Marshall said the Department was concerned with zoning around airports.

The deputy reeve objected to Mr. Masson's remark that the Department would go ahead with its approval if the township didn't object. "Council hasn't got anything to do with it," he asserted.

Reeve Currie asked the clerk, K. C. Lindsay, to relate information he received from Guelph township and Mr. Lindsay said he called the Guelph township to ask if they had any control over the Guelph airport. He replied that the township had no control whatever and it was entirely up

to the Board of Transport whether it goes in or not.

Councillor Marshall said if the delegation knew the slight inconvenience an airstrip could cause they wouldn't be in the council chambers. "If it was a golf course you'd be all for it" and it would cause more traffic than an airstrip. He had lived right beside an airport.

Mr. Masson said the petitioners felt the airstrip would cause more road traffic, decrease land values, sterilize land on the approaches and were also concerned about restrictions on the height of buildings if it went through. He said the delegation was not opposed to airports per se but felt it could be located on a better spot.

"The use is not compatible to the residential use developing on adjoining lands," he claimed. The township planning board could consider a prevention by-law until an Official Plan for the township was approved.

Mr. Masson said his clients were concerned because the area could end up like the Toronto Island airport.

Reeve Currie advised the

delegation the petition should go to the M. P. first and he would get in touch with the Minister of Transport.

At this point Dr. E. W. Brown stood up and said that subsequent to the letter he had met with Mr. Whiting and he is waiting for council's decision. He maintained a zoning by-law would stop the proposal and asked Planning Board be advised and a public meeting held to discuss the plan. Pleading lack of time to present a full case he acknowledged losing "considerable sleep and time over this."

Dr. Brown said he did not question the building permit but the implication of it. Sooner or later the airstrip will be licensed and we'll be saddled with a type of land use incompatible with existing land use. He called on council to represent the ratepayers as well as Mr. Ross and the two men who want to build the strip.

Another delegate, Professor Bird, said he was concerned since the area had a happy environment up to this point. He related a personal experience where a plane landed on his farm

and he had "quite a time getting rid of it."

Reeve Currie maintained council had no jurisdiction to "go over and tell Joe Ross to stop operation."

Another man in the delegation wondered what council would do if the proposal was a dance hall.

Again Dr. Brown asked council to ask the newly appointed planning board to consider restrictions on land use.

Council agreed. Next meeting of the Board is March 19, the reeve said, and it would be on the agenda but he doubted they could exercise any jurisdiction.

(Prior to the delegation's appearance, Rosslake owner Joe Ross told the press by letter he intended to drop the flying school end of his project but would continue with the airstrip and hangar.)

More \$30 salaries set...

Are County Board of Education salary precedents encouraging healthy raises in the field of municipal politics? It appears so.

Last week Halton County Councillors voted themselves a 50 per cent raise in pay, upping the former \$20 a meeting to \$30. Georgetown Council did likewise last week, giving themselves a \$10 raise to \$30. Georgetown also voted the Mayor a \$2,000 raise, setting his annual salary at \$4,500, and upped their own \$10 committee meeting rate to \$30 with a \$30 a day ceiling. With six council and committee meetings a month, councillors now should receive \$180 per month.

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