



KEY PARTICIPANTS IN the nativity scene play was part of an afternoon program put on by Holy Rosary Separate School students were the three shepherds, Cliff Breen, Bill Churchill and John Gaeton. The Saturday for residents at Halton Centennial Manor, held at Holy Rosary Hall.—(Staff Photo)



TAP DANCING was one of several forms of entertainment available for old folk from Halton Centennial Manor when they were hosted by the Catholic Women's League. The afternoon was highlighted by young entertainers including tap dancer Melli-Lisa Cescon.—(Staff Photo)



LADIES OF THE Catholic Women's League served senior citizens from Halton Centennial Manor Saturday at Holy Rosary Hall. The tea and cookies were followed by a well balanced afternoon of entertainment, provided by Holy Rosary students.—(Staff Photo)

\$160,000 addition at Speyside school

Sketch plans for an addition and alterations to Speyside Public School were approved Thursday night at a regular meeting of the Halton County Board of Education in Oakville. The tentative budget for the project is \$160,000.

The addition will include a general purpose room with change rooms, a guidance room and staff room.

The staff room will be changed to a health room, storage area will be added to the general office and a playroom will be converted to a learning resource centre.

TREE IDEA

An idea that appears to be gaining in popularity is that of decorating a live tree with its roots wrapped in burlap. The tree can be kept fresh throughout the holidays, then planted outdoors.

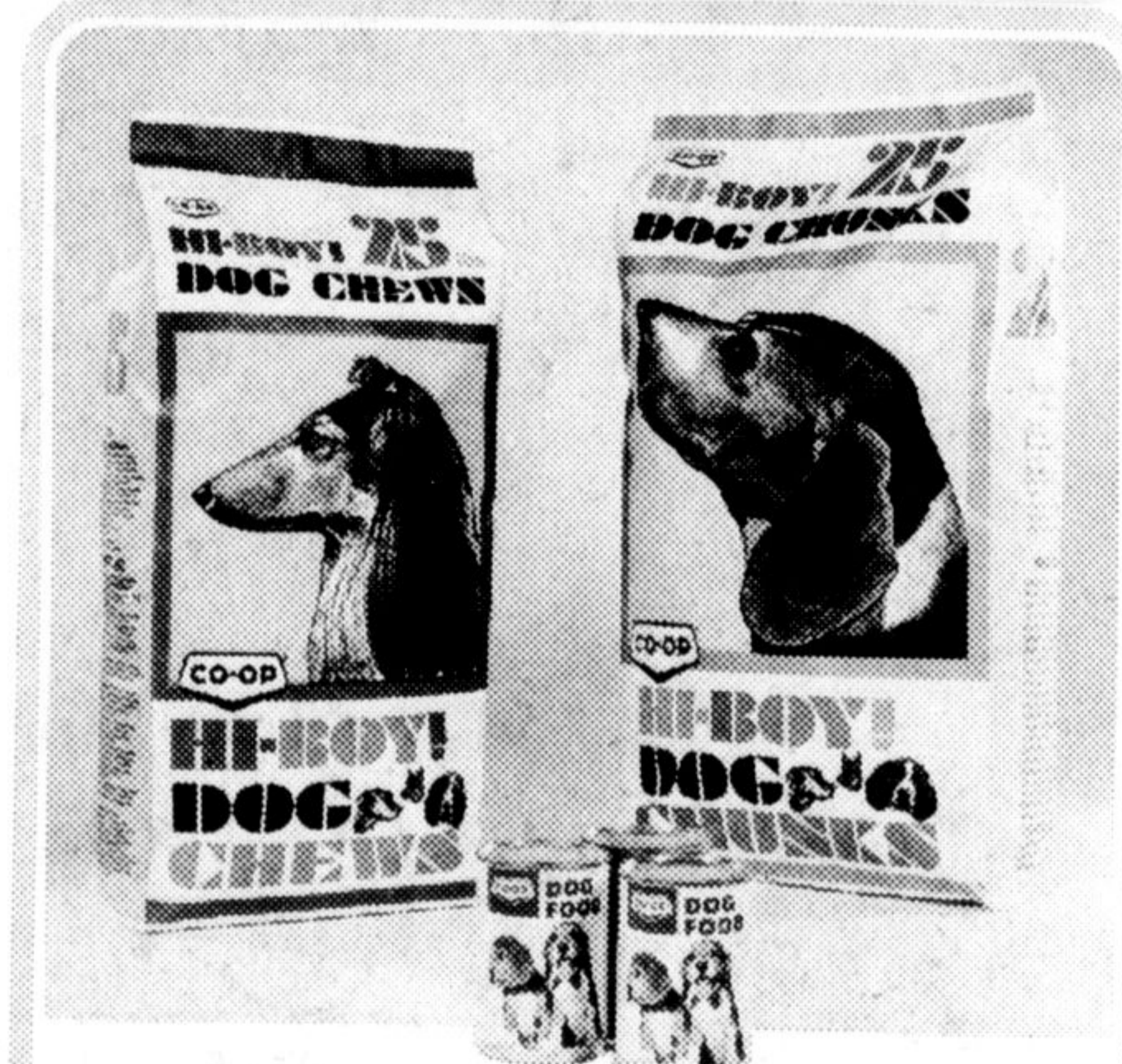
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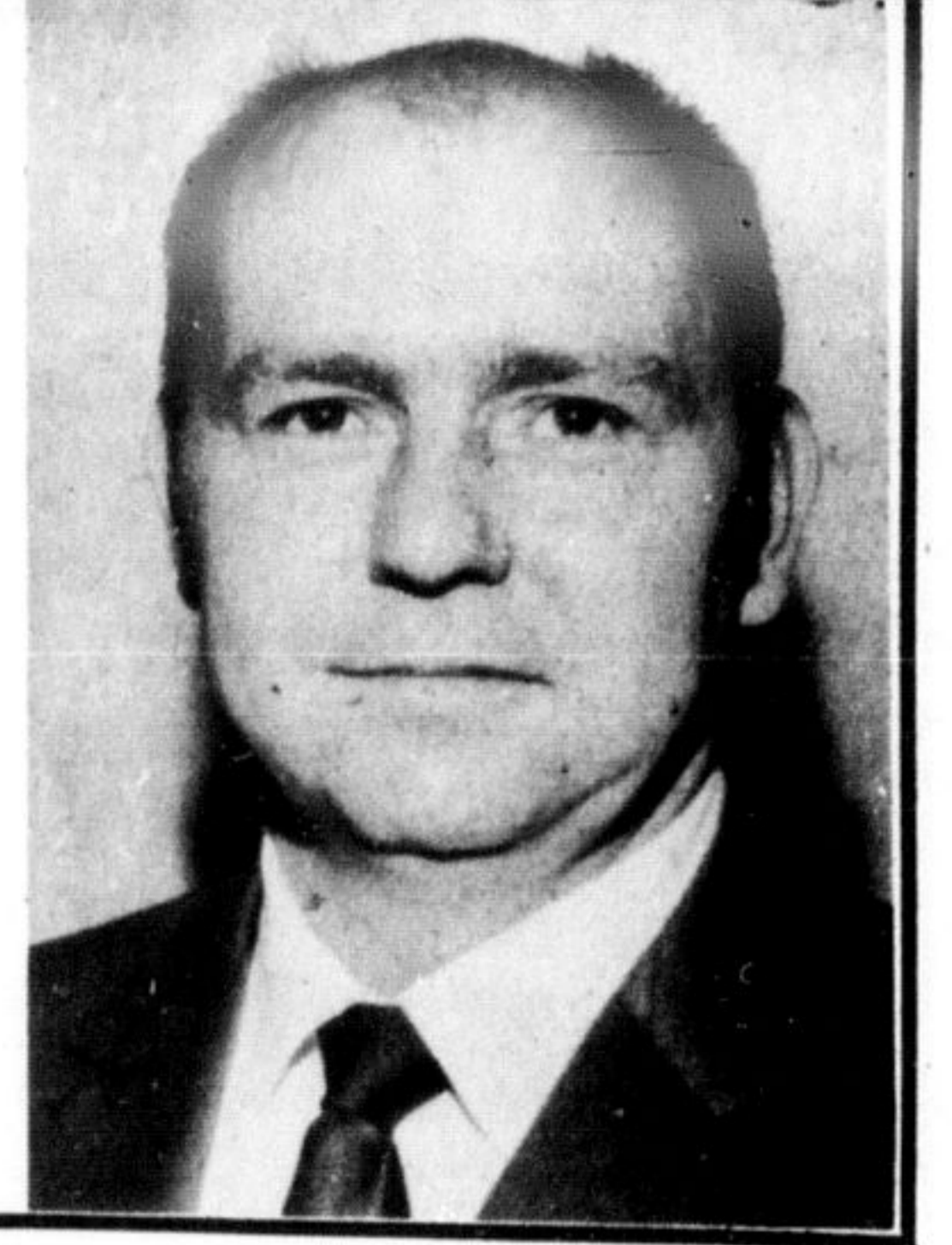
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Urge introduction interim tax billing in Esquesing

A letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs, read at Monday's regular meeting of Esquesing Council, urged council to take steps to reduce the township's tax arrears figure to a more reasonable level.

The letter claimed the tax arrears situation in Esquesing has remained static for the past eight years.

Introduction of an interim tax billing system, advancement of due dates for tax payments and imposition of a penalty of one per cent per month for late payment, assuming final date for payments is before September 15, are three recommendations contained in the letter.

\$80,000 outstanding
Councillor Ken Marshall estimated the amount of taxes outstanding at the present time at about \$80,000. Council is presently considering

introduction of the interim tax billing system.

Sitting as a court of revision earlier in the morning, council passed a motion that unpaid taxes in the amount of \$255.13 be written off. Reasons for writing them off varied from minor office errors to lack of assets for businesses, who have ceased operations.

Council later authorized the borrowing of \$77,700 from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Georgetown, to meet expenditures until all 1970 taxes have been collected. A total of \$728,000 had already been borrowed, last January.

Explaining the necessity of the loan, clerk-treasurer Delmar French pointed out payments of \$109,000 to the county and \$5,000 to the town of Georgetown for fire protection must still be met. Council are still awaiting a grant

in the neighborhood of \$65,000 from the Department of Highways, but Mr. French said the grant may not arrive until the new year.

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