

# Elmvale Council briefs

The paving of roadway for the first 30 lots in the Elmview Estates subdivision has been completed, but further work to bring the road up to acceptable standard may be necessary, council was informed Monday evening.

#### Not Here

Council has refused a request to dump effluent into the town lagoon, not the first made to the council. Council went further and passed a resolution that the village will not grant permission to anyone to dump raw sewage or effluent into the village lagoon.

Councillor Don Hocken noted that the

lagoon is near its capacity. Councillor Bud Vollick said that the sewage enters at the bottom and stays there. Dumping from above would disturb the pattern and possibly change the results of the regular tests of the lagoon water, he felt.

#### Subsidy

Elmvale is applying to the Ministry of Transportation and Communications for an interim road subsidy, for the period up to Nov. 1, 1981, of slightly more than \$31,000.

#### No Ad

The village is still in the black, Councillor Keith Rossel told council.

He recommended that the village not place an advertisement in a special Christmas edition of the Midland Free Press, as requested by that newspaper. A similar advertisement in the Elmvale Lance would be all right, he said.

#### Yesterday

Councillor Vollick, reporting on public works, said that the small Christmas trees were up, and that the large Christmas tree should have been raised yesterday.

#### Gift Idea?

What is 35 feet long and lights up your long winter nights? The village has some

new hydro poles, each costing \$85. Cadillac Fairview, the developer of the Elmview Estates subdivision, will be informed that a hydro pole there has been knocked over by a car. Since the subdivision has not been turned over to the village, it is not the village's responsibility to replace the pole.

#### Nevada

Council on Monday approved an application from the Elmvale and District Lions Club for a licence to hold a Nevada draw.

#### And Money Too

At its previous meeting, council agreed to part of a request from the local chamber of commerce to give a trophy to the owners of the best decorated house in the village.

On Monday, council further agreed to give out two cash prizes, a \$30 first prize, and a \$20 second prize. Councillor Don Hocken was the only councillor to vote against the chamber request. He could think of a number of retired people who wouldn't want their tax dollars used to support the chamber, he said.

#### Good Water

The quality of the village's water seems to be about back to normal, Councillor Dan

McLean said. Tests of water around the village, including the Elmview Estates subdivision, have proved positive. Complaints about the level of chlorine in the water have almost ceased.

#### Crossing Guards

Referring to the question of how to make crossing the highway to Huronia Centennial Elementary School safer for its students, council was told that an adult crossing guard does not have any more authority than a child to stop traffic.

The only person authorized to stop traffic on a highway is a peace officer, a person who is sworn in by a county judge.

#### Delegations

An unusually large number of people addressed council Monday evening, around seven separate delegations. Council managed nevertheless to finish its business by 10:30 p.m.

#### CRS Subdivision

Two representatives of CRS Crawford Properties, which owns an approximately 20 lot subdivision west of the high school, applied to council for, and was granted, a letter from council to the Ministry of Housing asking the ministry to extend the group's subdivision draft plan for a further two years, to Jan. 2, 1984.

# Calls for action on economy

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It doesn't take much imagination these days to see Canada is in economic trouble. Interest rates have been the highest they've ever been and inflation seems unstoppable.

While the recent settlement of the price of domestic oil and gas will bring stability to our economy, so far the settlement means little more than higher prices for everything. In addition, the price settlement has had a poor effect on the stock market.

At the beginning of August Ontario Premier William Davis urged Ottawa to take a constructive attitude in the upcoming First Ministers' meeting on the Economy. The Province is concerned about proposed Federal cutbacks in funding initiatives shared with other levels of Government.

For example, Ottawa has proposed to cut funding to colleges and universities, leaving the Provinces to pick up the remainder of the tab. In the Barrie area we are well aware of Federal plans to cutback transportation services.

Davis is urging Ottawa to take a more co-operative approach in these spending cuts. Many of the programs due to be axed were initiated by the Federal Government, not the Provinces. Their continued existence depends on an effective shared-cost funding plan.

In addition, Premier Davis is pressing for constructive action in senior citizens' pensions. The Canada Pension Plan, as presently established, will soon be unable to meet its responsibilities to our growing number of aged. Action must be taken in the near future to prevent disaster.

But the Premier is not alone in his concern for economic leadership from Ottawa. The Ontario Treasurer, Frank Miller, has called for a Federal Budget.

Miller has urged Finance Minister MacEachen to take action which will demonstrate to the world Canada's commitment to deal with the uncertainties affecting our economy. The Treasurer singled out investor uncertainty about Canada as one of the chief reasons for the present hardships.

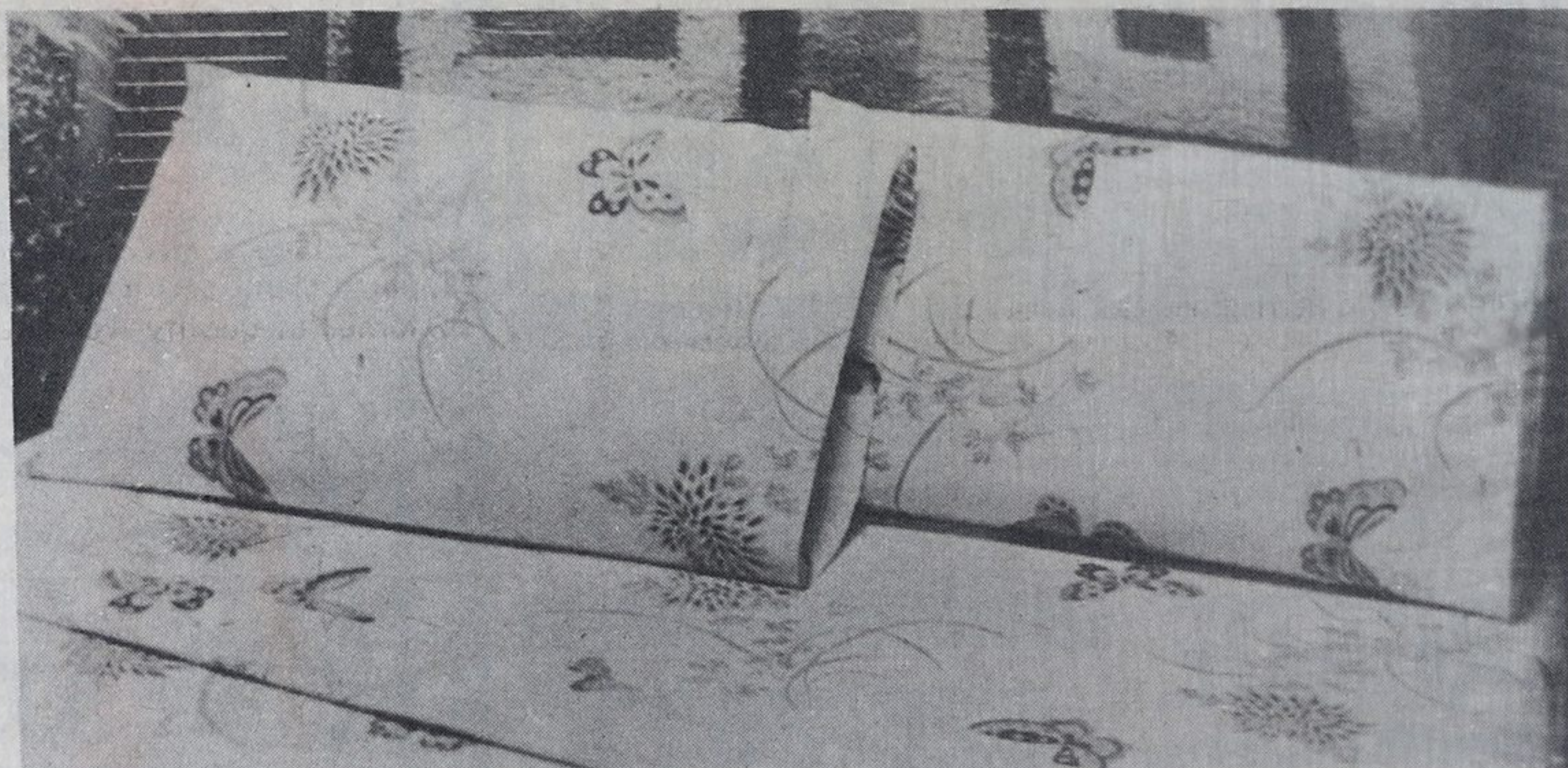
The Ontario Treasurer has called for steps to rebuild investor confidence in Canada and action to reduce the Federal budgetary deficit.

Last year Miller was forced to announce his own "mini budget" when the Federal Finance Minister devoted his budget to energy concerns. The "mini budget" brought much needed support for industry, resource development and retailers.

If Canada is to truly recover its economic strength, and take advantage of its many resources in the decade to come, we need sound economic leadership from Ottawa.

Up to now, Ottawa has provided the image, but not the substance, of leadership. Now that Canadians are enraged about mortgages and interest rates, about inflation and wasteful government spending, I hope to see a more co-operative attitude develop between Ottawa and the Provinces which will result in genuine improvement.

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