

Reeve Jas. Matches Of Keppel Warden of Grey by Acclamation

Reeve Of Keppel For 20
Years Elected Mon-
day Eve

MANY PRESENT

James Matches, reeve of Keppel township, was elected Warden of Grey County on Monday evening at the Grey County Council inaugural meeting, gaining the position by acclamation.

For a few minutes it appeared that there would be a three-way race when Cecil Ellis, reeve of Normanby township, and Henry Lantz, reeve of Neustadt, were nominated. Both withdrew in favor of Mr. Matches, expressing the hope that they would be considered in 1959 and 1960, if they should still be elected representatives of their municipalities.

Mrs. Vera Bueglas, reeve of Hanover, and Percy Bumstead, reeve of Sarawak township, proposed James Matches for Warden.

Mr. Matches was escorted to the dais by his sponsors and the oath of office administered by clerk, Mrs. Audrey Rutherford.

In his acceptance speech, the new Warden said that his heart was filled with gratitude for the trust placed in him as evidenced by bestowing upon him the highest honor of the county.

He mentioned that he had represented Keppel township for 20 years, receiving the reeveship each year by acclamation, and was very appreciative of the words of encouragement and trust the people of Keppel and his fellow members on County Council had passed his way throughout the years.

For more than a century, he said, men with high thoughts had worked and laid the foundation for the County as it was known today and it was his hope that he should have the wisdom, courage and understanding to be a worthy, efficient and kind Warden.

Mr. Matches asked his council to be earnest and honorable in their work during 1958 and to be builders for the County of Grey.

A large delegation from Keppel was present and on their behalf, Robt. Evans, a former reeve of the township, presented a bouquet of red roses to the Warden's wife. Mrs. Matches expressed her appreciation very

simply.

The Warden introduced his council from Keppel, members of his family and then asked all those from the township to stand. About 40 persons from his municipality were present.

Starting with the immediate past Warden Stanley Acheson of Proton, the Warden called upon all previous Wardens to come forward and say a few words. Those appearing after Mr. Acheson were Carmen Werry, 1956; Leslie Moore, 1955; George Mannerow, 1954; Herb. Timmins, 1951; Same McMillan, 1948; Harold Domm, 1946; Wilbert Sutcliffe, 1945; Howard McCauley, 1938; J. C. Mercer, 1935 and W. L. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor of Osprey township spoke of his first year on County Council 50 years ago and the many changes that had occurred. He stated that of the 38 members of council and county staff in office then only one person was living now.

Mayor William Forsyth offered his congratulations to the new Warden and assured him that the city of Owen Sound appreciated the fine spirit of co-operation that existed between County Council and members of his own council and wished the gathering success for 1958.

Following the various messages of congratulation offered the new Warden, one item of business was brought before the council.

Ivan Brown of Thornbury moved that a committee be formed to strike the standing committees for the year. He named John Dudgeon of Chatsworth, Percy Bumstead of Sarawak, Russell Hill of Euphrasia, David J. McNicol of Collingwood and himself to serve as the committee.

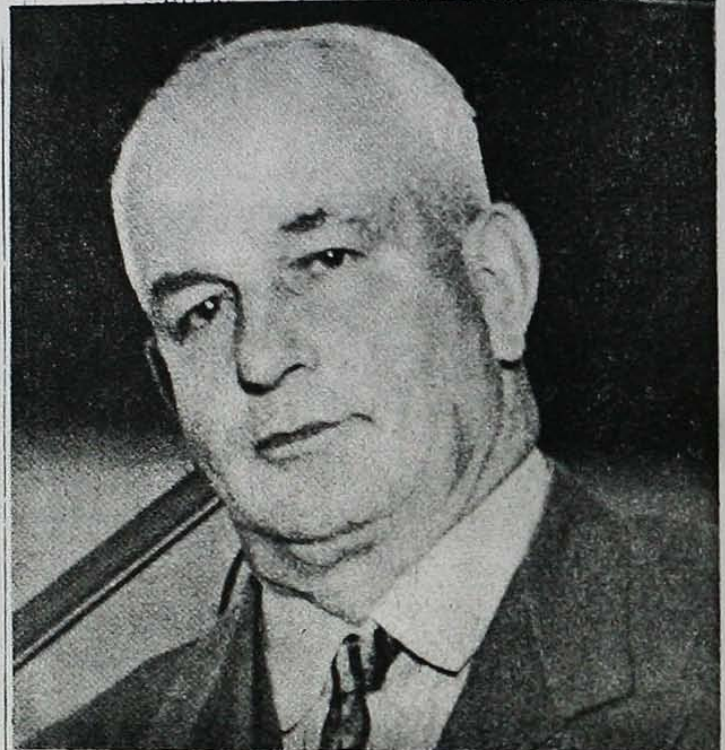
Rev. H. L. Parker, rector of St. George's Anglican Church, opened the proceedings with an inspiring address. After reading a passage of Scripture telling of Pontius Pilate's decision, he said that council too would be remembered by what they are and what they do.

He challenged them to be upright, to be big people mentally mature, knowing what was right and to do it even though it resulted in personal cost. The satisfaction, said Mr. Parker, of knowing that they had conducted the business of the County honorably and to the best of their ability, would be reward enough.

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Warden Of Grey County



WARDEN JAMES MATCHES

Reeve of Kemble for the past 20 years who was elected by acclamation Warden of Grey County at the council's inaugural meeting here Monday evening.—Sun-Times Photo.