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Mayor Ken Peers

Mr. Peers has been mayor of the township for just over a year, and said it has been a satisfying year.

"We get along very well, and we have a very good council," he said. "Of course, you never get everything you want done, but we're quite happy that last year our tax rate was held right down and I don't think there'll be any great increase this year. It's also satisfying to get the official plan and roads needs study completed."

Mr. Peers was reeve of the former East Oxford Township in 1970, 1971, and 1972 and before that served as a councillor for five years. On Norwich council in 1975-76, Mr. Peers was councillor-at-large and was a member of a number of county council committees. He was elected warden of Oxford County January 12, 1977.

## Year old, Arthritis Society successful 1977

total of \$1,830.00 was raised in the area, a terrific increase over the 1976 total of \$439.00.

This year's fund raising campaign will be held

## New crest acquired by township last year

It shouldn't be long until Norwich Township councillors are holding Calamity Jane next to their hearts.

Calamity Jane is the Holstein cow who tops the Norwich Township crest. A man plowing with a two-horse team, a corn field and a tobacco field make up the rest of the crest, along with the words "Historical, Agricultural, Beautiful."

A sample crest in gold thread is being prepared by Reg Hall Ltd. of Woodstock. If council is satisfied with the sample, crests for councillors' jackets will be ordered, Township Clerk Robert Watkins said.

Council presented enamelled township crests mounted on walnut plaques to players, coaches and managers of teams honored at a sports recognition banquet in November, 1977.

Controversy over where and when the crest should be displayed has emerged from time to time in township council. In August, 1977, council allowed engineer Ken Smart to use the crest on a roads needs study booklet, but refused the Chamber of Commerce permission earlier that month to reproduce the crest for display at the CNE for Woodstock and Oxford County Day.

"This is a very sacred thing to me, this crest," Councillor Jack Burn said at the Aug. 8 council meeting. "I don't want to see anyone with it unless he's a councillor."

Councillor Norm Lusk agreed, saying, "I'd be very proud to have the exclusive rights to wear it as a councillor."

Ross Butler's design was chosen to grace the township crest after a contest in the municipality in May, 1975 and two proposals by International Coats of Arms of Toronto failed to turn up a design acceptable to council.

Council rejected the first coat of arms submitted by the Toronto firm because it didn't include a cow to represent dairy production in the township.

However, council decided the worst point of the second coat of arms submitted by International Coats of Arms was the cow right in the middle. The crest was returned to the company after council rejected a resolution to accept it if the cow's horns were removed. Les Dickson, the mayor at that time, said any councillor could sit down and do a better sketch than either of the two from the Toronto firm.

In February, 1977, Mr. Butler completed work on his design.

However, Councillor Norm Lusk pointed out, the crest could be the township's trademark without the township having exclusive rights to it. At the June 13 meeting of council, a resolution was passed offering

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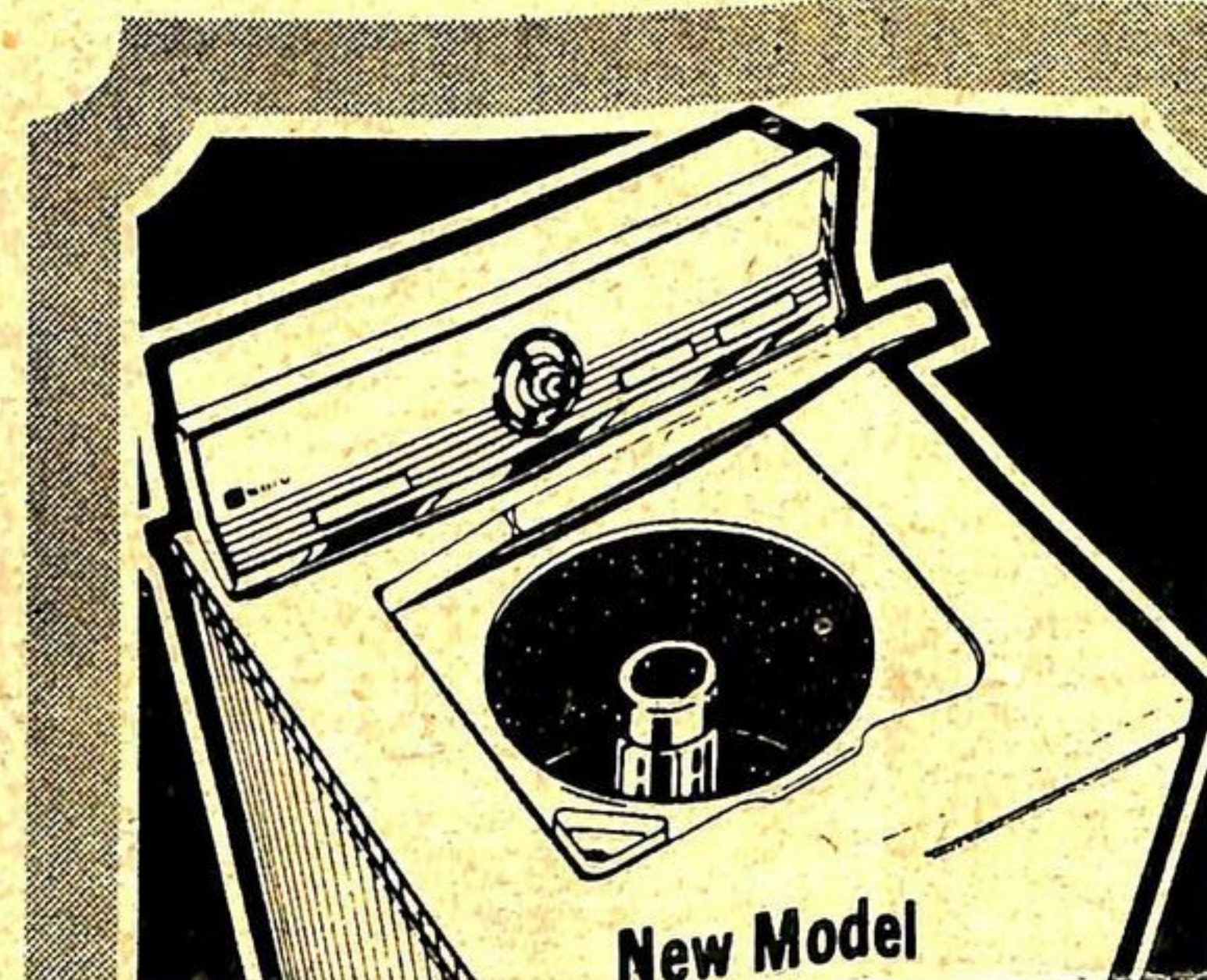


The Township of Norwich is represented by these men on council. Seated from left to right are Councillors Bob Pettigrew, Ross Warboys, Mayor Ken Peers, and Councillor-at-large Jack Burn. Standing, left to right, are Councillors Carman Sweazey, Carl

Beal, Jack Walther, Norm Lusk, Clerk Robert Watkins, Roger Orth, Jim McDowell and Cecil Mingle. Deputy clerk John Gilbert, not pictured here is also present at council meetings.

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