

Grey County Council in Action

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It was a new experience for us to "sit in" as a spectator at a session of Grey County Council at Owen Sound last week, which gives rise to the thought that comparatively few ratepayers have ever seen their council "in action". Unless they are members of deputations which occasionally appear before the council, or unless it is court of revision time and they have an appeal to make on assessments, ratepayers never attend council meetings, whether it be the township, village, town or county council. It "isn't done." Were it a general custom, it might be as embarrassing to the members as to the spectators for there is always a hesitancy in expressing views when citizens are present.

A thing that impressed us was the undercurrent of noise which marred the session and made it difficult to hear council members. A group of 36 men is quite a large number—somebody told us that Grey had the second largest county council in Ontario—and as they are spread over quite an area of the court room where the meetings are held, and with the warden on the dias and some distance away from the members' desks, an ordinary conversational tone would hardly be heard. The greatest difficulty, however, arose in the fact that some members and spectators or officials would gather in small groups at the rear of the room and carry on a conversation which interfered with efforts to hear what was going on in the council enclosure. It was not to be wondered at, therefore, that members whose hearing is not all it should be, missed some parts of the discussion or of the reports read to the council. It is an entirely different matter to carry on township or town council work, with from four to eight men present, than to carry on county council work among a group of 36.

District reeves were on the job. Mr. Charles Holm, reeve of Normanby, has been at County Council longer than any other member and it was just another session to him. On the other hand, Deputy Reeve Charles Bailey of Bentinck was there for the first time, and he seemed to be enjoying the experience greatly, though the procedure would all be new to him. However, he had been in "the game" in Bentinck for 13 years, and is far from being a novice. Then there was Reeve Austin Ball of Hanover, starting his third year in County Council work; Reeve George Magwood of Bentinck, on whom the mantle of leadership left by ex-Reeve MacDonald sat becomingly, and Reeve Louis Himmeler of Neustadt, conscientious, careful and former chairman of several county committees. Last, but not least, was John Aitken, Normanby's deputy, who has earned important ranking by merit, but who held back from certain valued posts because his "chief" landed the good roads chairmanship and it wouldn't do for Normanby to gather too many "plums". However, "Jock" is a young chap yet, and can well afford to bide his time.

Reeve Holm was elected this year to be chairman of the good roads committee, the body which has charge of more expenditure than possibly all other committees combined. He was a member last year. Mr. Holm is now into his eighteenth successive year as reeve of Normanby and a member of Grey County Council, and was warden of Grey in 1927. He knows all the answers to municipal questions. There are few men who have been able to earn the confidence of his colleagues as has Mr. Holm, and, under his chairmanship, the work of the good roads committee will be carried on efficiently.

Reeve Angus A. McArthur of Glenselg was elected chairman of the finance committee, a position which throws him into line for the wardenship of Grey next year, as there is a sort of unwritten law that the finance head one year is warden next year. Mr. McArthur is known to quite a few Hanoverians, being vice-president of the Grey & Bruce Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and

being in Hanover frequently in this connection. Big physically, pleasant socially and Scotch by inheritance, he should well guard the money bags of the county, and should the confidence of his own electors and of his colleagues at County Council endure until 1937, it may be that he will be "Mr. Warden" next year.

Other chairmen of committees include our own Reeve Ball as head of the education committee, where his years of service on the Hanover Public and High School Boards will stand him in good stead. Reeve Allan Wilkinson of Sydenham heads the county property committee; Reeve William Jack of Proton looks after the county printing; Reeve John Heighes of Holland is agricultural chairman; ex-Warden Emerson Brown of Collingwood is in charge of communications and memorials; Reeve John D. Hewitson of Keppel heads the House of Refuge committee, and ex-Warden Wm. F. Riley of Meaford is chairman of the warden's committee. It will thus be seen that three ex-wardens (Messrs. C. Holm, Brown and Riley) head 1936 committees. The county will gain by having such experience available.

Reeve John Heighes of Holland is a prince among men, a very pleasant and cheerful chap, which is all the more noteworthy because rheumatism has had a crippling effect on his physical being. However, he carries on without any thought of his infirmities.

The Grey County Council made no mistake in electing Reeve John Dolphin of Derby as its warden for 1936. His township was, no doubt, entitled to the honor, but this was only a minor reason for his election, because he seems to have the qualifications of a shrewd municipal man, plus the attributes of a good presiding officer. There is a local touch to this man's career, as his daughter, Miss Rena Dolphin, formerly taught in Bentinck and married Mr. Kline McCaslin of that township.

Much of the municipality's work is carried on by the permanent officials, and it was interesting, therefore, to see the manner in which this work was performed. The treasurer (he used to be known as "Slim" Mercer when he played lacrosse for Markdale against Hanover) was Warden J. C. Mercer in the early part of 1935, later being elected treasurer, and seems to be handling the job in a most efficient manner. There is a lot of confidence reposed in him by the county councillors.

The clerk, Mr. Fred. H. Rutherford, has held that job since 1915, when he succeeded his father, the late John Rutherford, and is only the fourth clerk Grey has had since its incorporation in 1854, over 80 years ago. Indeed, he is introducing his son, Allan, to the work, and the young man may be prepared to carry on the Rutherford tradition when the time comes for "F. H." to lay down the worries and cares of office. Mrs. Rutherford is assistant county clerk, doing the secretarial work, and the "clerking" is in capable hands and well done. Knowledge of municipal law and procedure is essential in a clerk, who must often be adviser and counsellor, and "F. H." serves Grey county efficiently.

CHERRY GROVE

Miss Dorothy Lee of town spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Jack Bradey.

The girls from the neighborhood sponsored a skating party in the Markdale arena on Saturday afternoon. Quite a number were there and they report a real good time.

Messrs. El. Ward and Otto Mills are busy cutting wood for Mr. Ed. Edmunds at Pleasant Valley.

The W. I. meeting was postponed last week owing to the storm and bad roads.

Mr. Murdy Burnett is home on vacation from the Irish Lake district. Miss E. C. McInnis of Beaverville visited one evening recently with Miss Vera Smart.

Miss Elda Ward spent last Saturday evening, the guest of Miss Elsie Michael at Roy Bowler's.

Miss Jane Dickie spent the week-end at the Swanton home at Chees-

KIMBERLEY

The skating fever has Kimberley in its grip again. After a number of years of not having any rink the W. I. is responsible for the present very good sheet of ice north of and adjoining the Community Hall. The electric lights have been extended from the Hall, and with Mr. Stanley Haines in charge of the ice condition everyone, with the usual exceptions, is happy. Two hockey games were played last week. On Friday night the home senior team defeated the Vandeleur senior team by 7 to 5. On Saturday afternoon the Vandeleur junior team came over and were defeated by one goal. Each side had its quota of rosters and all enjoyed the games. On Friday, the 14th, arrangements are made for a carnival. The W. I. is serving hot coffee and sandwiches.

The men of the Church were responsible for a box social recently with a local program. This was held in the Church and was quite a success.

The W. A. of the Church held the February meeting at the home of Mrs. F. J. Weber on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 4th. We all remember that nice windy afternoon. A

smaller number than usual was in attendance. Another quilt was started and other business disposed of. One dollar was realized from the 10-cent tea.

A company of entertainers put on a concert in the hall on Monday, Feb. 3rd. The hall was crowded and all those present were pleased with the program. The concert was followed by a dance, and the boys responsible for the venture found themselves in possession of a nice balance after expenses were paid.

Mr. Ted Myles spent the week-end in Toronto.

A little boy, the son of Mr. R. Hindle of Duncan, met with a distressing accident last week while twirling a button on a string. The button broke and the pieces struck him in the eye, so injuring it that it had to be removed. With the help of neighbors over the almost impassable roads he was taken to the hospital where the operation was performed.

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