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## Bucke Township

Bucke Township Ratepayers will have a chance on Friday evening to learn something about modern assessment and its application to their own municipality.

The Northwest Township of Bucke Ratepayers Association made arrangement for the use of the New Liskeard Council Chambers for a general meeting of Township ratepayers, and have invited the 1960 Reeve and Council and the 1961 Reeve and Council to participate. The meeting, slated for Friday evening will commence at 8 p.m.

Also invited to the meeting is assessor Louis Major, and all members of the Court of Revision.

It is the plan of the Association to air all sides of the contentious question, and for that purpose, all Bucke Ratepayers are invited to attend.

## TB Clinic Days At Local Hospitals

Temiskaming Tuberculosis Association released the final figures for the mass survey made in the district early in the fall of 1960.

In the 17,421 residents of Temiskaming who were tested or X-rayed ten active cases of tuberculosis were found, and 215 persons were found to have chest abnormalities and were referred to their physicians for further check.

Slightly over 40 per cent of the residents were tested or X-rayed in the district-wide clinic, and with the addition of school children tested earlier in the year, and miners who are checked regularly, this means that a high percentage of the population know that they are free from TB.

The Association is starting its regular clinics at district hospitals at once. The next clinic will be held as follows:

New Liskeard and District Hospital, January 27;

Englehart and District Hospital, January 25;

Misericordia Hospital in Haileybury, January 13.

All clinics will be held from two p.m. until 4 p.m. on the days indicated. These clinics are held free-of-charge — all costs are paid out of your contribution for Christmas Seals.

## Few Highway Accidents In Tri-town District

With two exceptions the Tri-Town district was free of major mishaps, and car accidents confined to minor property damage.

Most serious was an accident in Haileybury where one driver is still in hospital in serious condition, and the driver of the second car was released the following day after treatment for cuts and bruises.

Police Chief Roy Feeley said that James Price was travelling north on Georgina Street (Highway 11) when his car was in collision with a car driven by Hector Girard of Haileybury. Mr. Girard was entering Highway 11 from View Street when the accident occurred.

His car plunged down a steep embankment, smashing into a large culvert. The car was damaged to the extent of \$1,200. Mr. Girard suffered a skull fracture and severe cuts about the face.



Latchford Separate School was destroyed on Monday afternoon by a fire thought to have started in the furnace room. The School Board plans an immediate start on a new building and has made arrangements for the pupils until it is built.

## Latchford Separate School Completely Gutted By Fire

Children of Latchford Separate School realized the dream of children all over the continent when their school was burned to the ground on Monday afternoon, and their Christmas holidays will be extended while their elders solve the problem of where they are to go while the new school is being built.

Fire broke out in the furnace room of the four-year-old Latchford Separate School on Monday afternoon and wasn't discovered until too late to save the building. A volunteer citizen force were able, however, to save the fifty-year old Holy Cross Roman Catholic

Church, just a few yards away. Damage to school and contents is estimated at 50,000.

Residents and communicants of the old church carried out pews and sacred vessels when the church was first threatened, and they were spread across the snow covered ground until the danger was over.

The Ontario Lands and Forests equipment was used by department personnel and residents to control the fire in the south end of the school nearest the church, but the rest of the building was completely destroyed, and there will be little salvage. None of the equipment of the school could be removed from the inferno.

Quick thinking on the part of the volunteers in the early stages of the fire controlled what could have been a major danger. Water was poured into the oil storage tanks from an outside vent, and removed the menace of a fire-spreading explosion.

Some excitement occurred when a fire extinguisher took off in the interior of the burning building, battering around the wall and sounding like the build up to an explosion.

A spokesman for the School Board said that a meeting would be held on Monday evening to chart a course of action. He said that the damage was covered by insurance.

"The school was built in the winter, and I see no reason why we cannot start immediately to replace the burned building," he said, "and there is a mixed blessing in this, that it will give employment to some of the townspeople while it is being rebuilt."

Latchford is a small, but active community, about 20 miles south of New Liskeard, dependent on forestry and tourists for its livelihood. It has the distinction of having the first lady Mayor of Latchford, Miss Irene O'Shaughnessy.

## Dogs!!

Dogs may yet run at large in Bucke Township. Reeve Harry Groom's new administration is casting a jaundiced eye at the costs of the Tri-Town Animal Control Association which provides dog control services for Bucke.

At the Tuesday night meeting Mr. Groom opposed continued payments to the dog catcher. He complained that it is costing the Township \$200 a year more for dog control than (Continued On Page Eight)

## Liquor Loss

The Temagami Liquor Store received more than usual attention during the holiday season.

The tourist centre liquor outlet was broken into twice during December.

## Reeve Groom Trying To Kill Assessment

Reeve Harry Groom of Bucke Township is spearheading an all-out attack on the recent re-assessment. He called a full dress meeting Tuesday night when the new council was inaugurated and immediately plunged into the controversial assessment question.

About 75 persons packed the Township Hall, and two petitions were presented asking for the assessment to be set aside. The petitions carried 110 names.

Mr. Groom reeled off a long list of alleged discrepancies in the recent assessment. He charged injustice and incompetence on the part of the assessor.

"An assessment of this type might be alright some places, but in Bucke all we have is bare hills, poisoned rivers, no shopping centers and no industry," he said.

"We cannot set a deadline on justice. There are many persons who did not appeal to the Court of Revision for a variety of reasons, but now they expect this Council to do something for them."

Mr. Groom stated that he will never attempt to set a mill rate on the basis of the new assessment. He charged that the Court of Revision has largely failed to do anything for the small taxpayers, but

has made concessions to big corporations, including a \$3,110 tax rebate to the Wabi Iron Works.

"The assessment is casting a blight over the Township. People are afraid, many are talking of moving away," he said.

Mr. Groom said that the whole assessment should be thrown out. He urged that the Council go to Judge Robinson and ask for a judicial order cancelling the assessment, and granting permission for 1961 taxes to be levied on the basis of 1959 assessment.

Councillor Ollie Shaver, who was the only member of the last Council to survive the Municipal Election, said that he agrees that there are many things wrong with the assessment, but could not agree with throwing the whole thing out. He said that it cost the Township some \$7,000 and warned that in the next year or two the government will almost certainly force the Township to reassess if the new assessment is dispensed with.

He agreed with Mr. Groom that the assessments on bathrooms and toilets should be reduced or eliminated, and that the assessment on two wire hydro service should also be done away with.

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