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Bucke Has Overdraft Groom Has Headache

The taxpayers were not given a true picture of Bucke Township's finances by the 1960 council, according to Reeve Harry Groom. The Reeve states that this year's council has found itself burdened with a bank overdraft of \$11,000, plus a debt of \$7,000 for the fire department.

"It's nothing but gross mismanagement. When I was Reeve in past years the Council always managed to have some kind of a surplus at the end of the year. This Council has a terrible headache to grapple with," he charged.

Mr. Groom said that no reduction in taxes can be expected. "The re-assessment will result in Trans-Canada Gas Lines paying less, and two service stations in the township have told me they are pulling out because they consider the assessment to be completely unfair," he added.

The Reeve also charged that the action of the court of revision in giving a tax rebate of \$3,105 to the Wabi Iron Works will add to the taxpayers' burden in Bucke Township. "We are going to protest this to the judge," he stated.

Mr. Groom added that he doesn't expect the budget to be prepared very early. "We don't know where

we stand. It seems that many taxpayers are not satisfied with their assessment, or the way they were treated by the Court of Revision, and intend to appeal to the judge. The Council is also under a great deal of pressure from many more taxpayers who didn't appeal to the Court of Revision, but now want to," he continued.

"The township is in the worst financial mess I have seen it for many years, and it will take an immense amount of work to clean it up," he said.

Mr. Groom warned that a drive will be launched to collect the \$25,000 owing the township in back taxes.

Siscoe's Silver

Siscoe Metals of Ontario Limited report that their mine at O'Brien produced 1,420,144 ounces of silver during 1960. This is a very slight decline from the 1,444,425 ounces produced in 1959.

During December of 1960 the company's mine produced 119,369 ounces, an increase over the 109,200 ounces produced in December of 1959.

Unemployment Statistics

Figures released by Unemployment Insurance Commission at Kirkland Lake, show that there were 1,847 unplaced applicants in Temiskaming District as of January 12. These consisted of 344 female, and 1,503 male.

Bogus Bills

The RCMP has released the following list of serial numbers of bogus bills believed to be circulating in Temiskaming.

Citizens, merchants, clerks and others being offered bills bearing the listed serial numbers are advised to refuse to accept the money, obtain a description of the passer's car, and call police immediately.

Following are the serial numbers of known counterfeit bills, all of \$10 denomination:

N-D 9165255,	S-D 8325229
F-D 8447863	G-D 0862006
F-D 9976635	G-D 1829771
U-D 8725017	W-D 9651199
S-D 1547625.	

No Feminine Votes For Separate School

Roman Catholic women in Thornloe are wondering if they are now second class citizens. In the past they have always voted in separate school elections, but last December they found they were disenfranchised.

Women who had voted in the past were turned away when they went to the polls, including some, it is reported, who own property registered in their name.

But according to Separate School Inspector Lorrain Charette of Haileybury, the election was completely legal.

Prior to September Thornloe's Separate School operated under the Separate School Act's provisions for urban schools, which permit all Separate School supporters to vote.

After September 30 the Thornloe Separate School joined a school union with Harley and Hilliard Townships, and became liable to the rules laid down for rural

schools. Under these, Mr. Charette said, only householders and freeholders can vote. In the case of the woman who has property registered in her name, he said she wasn't listed on the voter's list as a property-owner.

"It's very funny," one woman said. "I vote all my life for a member of parliament, but I can't vote for the school board."

Silver Stocks

Cobalt area residents are watching the stock market these days with renewed interest as advances are registered in some of the silver producing mines of the district.

Silver Miller which closed at 32 cents December 30 on the Toronto market, was 42 cents Friday. Agnico went from 56 to 61 cents in the same period.

Figure Skating Club Appoints Committees

Members of the Haileybury Figure Skating Club met in the Hotel Haileybury Thursday evening for the purpose of reorganizing the Club for the current season. C. E. Grozelle acted as chairman with Mrs. G. Thoday reading the minutes of the last meeting.

The new executive which was elected for the coming year is C. E. Grozelle, president; Mrs. G. Thoday, secretary; Mrs. W. Cooper, treasurer.

Conveners of the various committees are Mrs. G. Palmer, membership and registration; Mrs. F. H. Brooks, organization of "Rink Mothers" who will assist the professional instructress during lesson periods, by taking charge of the children; Mrs. J. H. Murphy and Mrs. C. Camsell, Carnival and Costumes; tea convener, Mrs. L. Umphrey, assisted by Mrs. G. Thoday; draw committee, Mrs. A. Barry and Mrs. G. Maddison; bake table, Mrs. Strah and Mrs. J. Gilkes; phoning committee, Mrs. Dalton Dean, Mrs. R. Bryson, Mrs. N. Austin; carnival tickets, C. Grozelle; Mrs. W. Gibson, executive officer; Mrs. W. Adams, Mrs. N. Austin and Mrs. J. Watson, music conveners.

Mrs. A. Barry is in charge of the skate exchange.

Plans were made for the tea to be held at the home of Mrs. J. B. Robinson on Lake Shore Road, and the date set for February 4. There will be a draw for a \$15.00 merchandise voucher.

Members were informed that the Carnival dates have been set for March 10 and 11. They were also reminded that fees are now due

and the executive would appreciate having them all in by the end of January.

Members of the executive of the New Liskeard Figure Skating Club were present for the latter part of the meeting to discuss items of interest to both clubs.

Swastika Wants Hunters Reports

It is currently estimated that some 2900 resident hunters purchased moose licenses in the North Bay District this past fall. It is realized that not all of these hunters hunted for moose in this area, many of them travelling far into the north.

Exactly how many moose hunters did we have in this district and how many moose did they shoot?

In order to get the answer to this question, Lands and Forests personnel must have the cooperation of every hunter who purchased a licence.

A part of the moose licence is printed in the form of a hunter's return card asking questions about

the days hunted, location, date of kill, sex, etcetera. It is most important that moose hunters complete this return card and get it in the mail as soon as possible. It is just as important to make this return even if no moose was shot.

Our field counts and estimates at the present time indicate that over 300 moose were shot in the district. However, it is not possible to interview and check every hunter during the season and we must depend upon the moose hunter being interested enough in his sport to take the time to complete the moose return card. We are now sending out 760 reminder cards to moose hunters who have been se-

lected as a part of a special group drawn as a 30 per cent sample of all our licences sold.

Since we rarely receive sufficient moose returns from hunters to make a total count, we must resort to the sample method. This big game animal has been definitely on the increase over the past few years with an increase in the annual kill. If we are to manage the moose herd intelligently we must know what part the hunter plays during the harvest. Are we taking too many moose or could we take more? Only the moose hunters themselves can provide the answer to these questions. If you haven't completed your moose return for 1960, do it now!



Top potato growers in Southern Ontario were in Englehart last night to talk with members of the Temiskaming Potato Growers Association on problems the association will meet in its plans to make Temiskaming an important potato producing centre. Seated; Clarence Gillis, premier potato grower from Dufferin County, Heber Irwin, President of the Ontario Potato Growers Association who will be guest speaker at the meeting; standing, Bill Marsh, General Manager of the Northeastern Ontario Development Association, Mike Bailey, Ontario Department of Agriculture, Allan Lavery, President of the Dufferin County Potato Growers and Carman Siddall, also from Dufferin County.

CORRECTION

In the account of the Board of Education meeting published in last week's Haileyburian, the name "Mrs. Judith Robinson" was inadvertently printed instead of "Mrs. Julia Robinson."

Also Mr. G. L. Cassidy is a member of the auditorium committee, not "Mrs. G. L. Cassidy".