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## Bucke Township Candidates Fight for Office of Reeve

While Reeve Harry Groom is content to enter the contest for the position of Reeve of Bucke Township on his record of attempting to kill the equalized assessment in the turbulent township, his opponents in the race are already on the track.

Councillor Chester Hopkins is running for reeve on an excellent record as Finance Chairman during the past year.

"Faced with the fact that government assistance as a mining community had been jeopardized by two consecutive deficits, I took the chairmanship of the finance committee determined that we would end the year in the black," he told the Speaker, "and by October 31, it became evident that this will be done."

Mr. Hopkins also told the Speaker that if elected, he would do

everything possible to reduce the tax arrears which are stifling the townships work program and costing heavily for bank interest.

"There are many persons who are able to pay who are holding out," he said, "and these we will get after. For those who have a more difficult time, I will propose installment paying presently used successfully in many municipalities. Reeve Groom opposed this sensible measure when it was suggested in council," said Mr. Hopkins.

"I would like to continue financial planning for the township as your reeve for 1962," said Mr. Hopkins, "and can promise that close attention will be given to all budgeting and spending so that residents will get the best possible value from their tax dollar."

Leo Deraiche, also fighting for the post of reeve, has found justification for his action on council during his terms in office, and had the following to say:

"Not many years ago the people of the Township of Bucke elected Reeve Charles Courtemanche in place of Harry Groom. I was a member of Mr. Courtemanche's council, and worked closely with him for a number of years.

What we found was almost literally, a 'one horse, one wagon,' township.

We had to completely re-equip the township's work department. We had to bring fire protection to all the township, instead of just the North Cobalt area. We had to build a fire hall, and make many improvements to the township's physical assets and administrative system.

We did all this without any great increase in taxes, but due to the number of inequalities existing in the assessment, we consulted the department of municipal affairs, and we were strongly recommended to re-assess the township.

We also realized, that should the township have to make any major expenditure, our borrowing power was strictly limited to a percentage of the assessment. With the low assessment, the council was virtually powerless to embark on any major project.

Therefore, after taking the best advice, we had the township re-assessed. Naturally, there was a good deal of hard feelings, but these were whipped up for political reasons, and Reeve Courtemanche and almost the entire council were thrown out of office.

During the past year there has been little progress in the township. After, at one time, urging taxpayers not to pay their taxes, the Reeve now finds that the township will face a mammoth overdraft at the bank if taxpayers don't rally round.

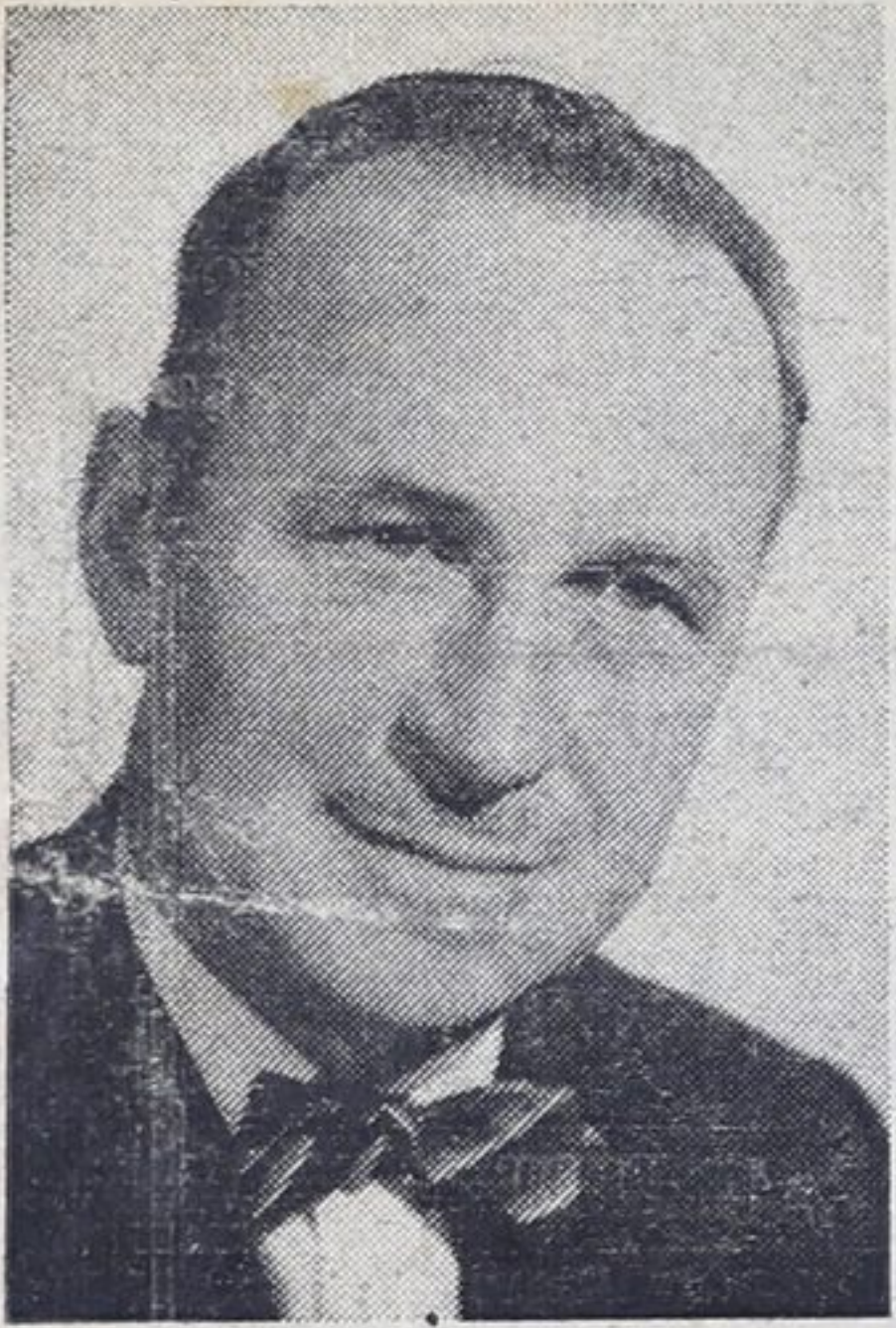
I pledge myself to work towards putting the township back on the progressive lines instituted by Reeve Courtemanche. We will not lower taxes by complaining, but by taking positive action to bring more business and industry to the

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Hong Kong has always been a crowded, busy little island. With refugees escaping from the Chinese mainland at the rate of 300 a day the overcrowding has become a vast and serious problem. The Canadian Save the Children Fund is establishing nurseries for refugee children, enabling parents to work and so achieve some independence and avoid starvation. Here you see "hand inspection" before a hot meal is served. There is stark need; and much work for Canadian dollars to do. This Christmas the CSCF is appealing for funds to expand its help to children in Hong Kong and throughout the world.

## The Candidates Speak



ARTHUR H. COOKE  
for re-election

Arthur Cooke, nine times Mayor of Haileybury, and twice a member of Council has been nominated for re-election to serve the town in the same capacity for 1962.

Haileybury has one of the lowest tax rates in the north," said Mayor Cooke, "and this is due to the fact that in the years I served on council as chairman of the finance committee, and as mayor, I have always been an advocate of the 'pay as you go plan'."

"During my terms of office a complete road paving program was completed, and not one cent was added to town taxes for this important job; the waterworks has been newly equipped; we have given the recreation authority of the town complete moral and all possible financial support; the fire department has the best truck in the north, and I think this is, in part due to my counselling some delay until we were financially in the position to buy the best.

"When I first took office the fire department had nothing but some lengths of hose and a truck to work with, now it has complete ancillary equipment, air packs, etc., and because of this, and the fact that we have a competent staff, our fire insurance rates are lower than they could have been without this efficiency."

"Also, during my years in office, 112 homes have been built, and important industrial plants have been put into operation."

"The evidence of growth is there for all to see, a lovely park, a new town hall and garage, a town police department, formed when I was mayor at a savings of \$6000

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KENNETH BUFFAM  
... seeks promotion

Ken Buffam, an entry in the two-way battle for the mayor's seat in Haileybury, believes that his 14 years of experience in municipal affairs could be of value to the ratepayers of this town.

Mr. Buffam served as mayor of Cobalt for 10 years, there was three years on council there, has had one year on Haileybury council, and in addition to this served for a number of years as chairman of the Cobalt School Board.

"During my years on Cobalt council, close tab was kept on town spending, and my record of annually balanced budgets was the best the Silvertown ever enjoyed," he said.

"I was able to effect this," continued Mr. Buffam, "because I had the complete co-operation of the council, the works department, the town clerk and the police and fire department."

"While it may be suggested that I am not a resident of Haileybury I am, never-the-less a property owner and businessman and during my service as councillor for Haileybury, my responsibilities were never shirked because I live a few miles away from the town limits."

"My experience in municipal work in Cobalt will be valuable if you elect me as mayor of Haileybury," he said, "all towns are faced with problems, the only difference is in degree."

Mr. Buffam said that if he is elected he will work for all parts for the town, not just one section; recommend the extension of pavements so that children will not have to walk on the highway; recommend the widening of roads in the downtown area and around the high schools at the south side of town.

## Wilfred Spooner Heads Temagami Winter Fete

TEMAGAMI — A meeting of the Temagami Winter Carnival Committee was held recently in Goddard's Hall with Wilfred Spooner, general chairman, taking the chair to get the 1962 Temagami Winter Carnival plans "rolling on wheels".

Cliff Cox acted as secretary. Present were members of last year's committee, J. H. Swann, Frank Goddard, Lockie Goddard, Ted Whitehouse, Jack Pacey, Jack Davis, Bill Wells and Ralph Costante.

It was decided after some discussion that the carnival will be held Feb. 16, 17, and 18 in order not to conflict with carnivals being held by other northern towns, which have followed Temagami's example in promoting winter sports.

The Temagami Carnival, first sponsored by the Temagami Chamber of Commerce, has snowballed into an event of sizeable importance in the winter life of northern towns. Visitors attend from many points and sport competitors enter from as far south as New Hampshire.

It was voted that a general chairman be assisted by two appointed vice-chairmen this year in order to compensate for the heavy demand on time and personal attention of men at the head of the carnival project. Some 15 competitive events are anticipated and committee mem-

bers, who accepted the various responsibilities last year will likely be on the job.

Many enquiries are being received in connection with the dog team derby and stock car racing. The carnival queen contest always provokes great interest. It is hoped that ski event will be favoured with suitable weather and snow.

Among those present and participating actively in discussions were outstanding drivers and owners of racing dog teams, Roma Goudrea of Chelmsford, Len Cote of Martin River and Tony Landry of Azilda.

## Shot in the Arm For Area Mines

President Kennedy has dumped a Christmas present into the lap of district silver mines. It was announced in Washington yesterday that he has ordered the U.S. Treasury to stop selling silver from its reserves.

This, in effect, is creating a free silver market, something the operators have been hoping for, for many years. Silver from the U.S. Treasury reserves has been holding the price down to around 91 cents.

It is freely predicted that silver will hit at least \$1.25 an ounce. This will spur an immense new search for silver in the area from Gowganda to Silver Center.

Silver operators are unanimous in the area that the almost inevitable increase in the price of silver will result in vastly extended activity in every phase of mining.

The Gowganda-Cobalt area is one of the few places where silver is found in a pure state. Most silver is produced as a by-product of base metal mining, and the base metal operators are not likely to increase tonnages substantially just for the silver content of their ores.

Mayor Fulton Purdy of Cobalt described the news as the finest Christmas present the town could have. "There is bound to be a boom, and the town must plan to take advantage of it," he said.

## Haileybury to Elect Mayor, Council, Board

Haileybury voters this year will elect a mayor, council and members of the school board, with two in the field for the office of mayor, nine are fighting for the six council seats and eight for the four vacant seats on the school board.

Mayor Arthur H. Cooke, seeking his 12th term of office and tenth as mayor will be opposed by Kenneth Buffam, who has an equally long record as Mayor of Cobalt. Mr. Buffam was on Haileybury Council last year.

Fighting for six council seats will be the present council, James

Whelan, Dr. W. C. Arnold, Ben Budgeon, Merv Lavigne, James Timmins and newcomers Charles Camsell, Ray de Sousa, A. Mitch Deraiche and Maurice Findlay.

On the ballot for Board of Education will be Mrs. Audrey Bond, Bud Brooks, Allan Green, C. E. Grozelle, David McLaughlin, G. P. Thoday, Lorne Umphrey and Lorne Wiseman.

There are four two-year seats open on the board, made so by the termination of the two-year term of Mrs. Bond, Mr. Thoday and Mr. Umphrey.

The election will be held on December 4.