

County Council Reinstates Employee Votes Confidence in Halton Warden

In a precedent-shattering session of County Council called on petition of a majority of its members, the Council reinstated a dismissed janitor; reprimanded the warden for insisting the dismissal be carried out contrary to the interpretation of the clerk's administrative, and wound up with a unanimous vote of confidence in the warden.

The special meeting Thursday of Halton County Council was called by the clerk on written petition of members of the Council.

At a previous meeting, members learned both Mr. and Mrs. DalBello were on the county staff contrary to county policy about two members of the family on the staff. It was on which was to be dismissed, that the apparent misunderstanding developed.

Reeve I. Ryckman of Burlington was named to chair the discussion in Committee of the Whole, after a procedural flurry of the previous meeting could or should be considered before reverting to Committee of the Whole.

Reeve John Elliott, chairman of the personnel committee, disagreed with the printed order of activities in the minutes of the previous meeting. He insisted it was his committee's understanding that Mrs. DalBello was to be dismissed rather than Mr. DalBello. The original committee report had specified that Mr. DalBello was to be released but, the chairman said, this had been altered prior to approval of the report.

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Work Toward Solution Reeve H. Hinton, Acton, suggested that if there is a recognition of the misunderstanding "perhaps we can work towards a solution and avoid a lot of unnecessary discussion that will not improve the situation."

Chairman Ryckman noted there had been a good deal of gossip going around. "I was appalled a man of the warden's background should place the jobs of our staff in jeopardy. There's no point burying our heads in the sand. We're causing embarrassment to the warden, the staff and the council. I feel the facts should be brought into the open."

By motion of council, the resignation of Mrs. DalBello was accepted and Mr. DalBello was reinstated at no loss in salary. Chairman Ryckman then said he understood Mr. McCallum, a previous county employee, came back expecting his old job back.

Introduction of this brought protests from members of council. The chairman called for the building superintendent to substantiate his understanding. As Mr. Young, the superintendent, arrived, a motion not to hear him was presented. Chairman Ryckman ruled it out of order. "I'm going to get the facts one way or another," he insisted, over continued objections of members.

"Did Mr. McCallum, a previous employee, indicate to you that he was to get his old job back?" Chairman Ryckman asked. "He phoned to see if there was any work here for him," Mr. Young said.

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"Did he indicate he expected his job back," the chairman asked. "He said he was advised by Dr. Martin to contact me," Mr. Young replied.

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"Not at any time. I advised him to contact Mr. Young or Mr. Elliott (chairman of the personnel committee) if he wanted work and despite all the questionings against the wishes of this council you got no more than that from Mr. Young," the warden charged.

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The clerk was empowered to hire a temporary fousekeeper following acceptance of Mrs. DalBello's resignation.

"It has been a trying evening for yourself, and for council," Reeve Ryckman told the warden. "Our relationships will be better for the airings of the problems that confront us," he continued. "Although you may occasionally box our ears," he joked, "now and then we get in a few licks at you."

"It has been a very educational evening," the warden mused. "Let's get on with the work of the county," he urged, shaking hands with clerk Garfield Brown.

SOURCE OF COPPER ORES The Katanga-Northern Rhodesian copper region is possibly the world's largest source of copper ores. It is over 250 miles long and is in places 50 miles wide.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Hansen Celebrate 50th Anniversary

On Sunday, the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Hansen was quietly celebrated by the immediate family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hansen (the former Emma Anderson) were married at the home of her parents, 235 Peel St., on the afternoon of July 2nd, 1913, by the late Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., minister of Knox Presbyterian Church. After the wedding, they went to live in their home at 76 Young St., where they still reside.

Four children were born of this union: Gordon of London, Ontario, Edward (Ted), Wilma (Mrs. Clarence Coles), and Dora (Mrs. Howard Coles) all of Acton. There were sixteen grandchildren, all but one of whom were present on Sunday. Two sisters of the bride, Isabel Anderson and Mrs. Agnes Davidson, both of Acton, were present, also in the family group.

After church, the family gathered at the home to offer their expressions of love and good wishes. Many beautiful cards and gifts were received, some of which were: a platform rocker, and vanity set, with mirror-tray, from the family; a basket of sweethearts roses from relatives in Norway; a basket of flowers from Knox Church Ladies' Aid Society; a pot of chrysanthemums from Mr. and Mrs. George Wusseller; a framed plaque from the Province of Ontario; a telegram of congratulations from the Governor-General and Mrs. Vanier; a card from Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson; a telegram of congratulations from Ontario Premier John Robarts; greetings from Mr. John Wintermeyer, leader of the Opposition; and greetings from Dr. Harry Harley, Member of Parliament for Halton County.

After the ceremonies at the home, all motored to the Parkview Dining Room, Guelph, where a delicious dinner was served. At the close of the meal, a moment of silence was observed as a tribute to departed loved ones.

A toast to the bride and groom was drunk after it was proposed by Isabel Anderson, in poetic form, placing the name of each child and grandchild on the family tree. Mr. Hansen responded, expressing his appreciation and that of his wife, for the honors conferred upon them.

In the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hansen entertained the adults of the party, when a dainty supper was served and family fellowship again enjoyed.

Church Deacons Fred West and Colin Bailie presented each girl with a beautiful silver vegetable dish and platter.

Following an enjoyable dip in Fairy Lake everyone took part in races and games. Results of the afternoon's events follow: Running races: Nursery class, Kevin Evans and Joanne Illsley.

Sunshine Students Hold Tea, Bazaar Students of the Sunshine School held a successful tea and bazaar in the school Friday, June 14. Mrs. R. P. E. Jeffries, principal of the school, reported that \$90.70 was raised toward buying handicraft articles and school supplies for next term. She said that 82 guests attended and signed the guest book.

Handicraft articles made by the all day pupils, were on sale and guests enjoyed tea poured by Mrs. G. E. Elliott and Mrs. G. Addison.

Students received guests at the door, planned on corsages, helped serve tea and sold articles. Several also sang solos accompanied by Mrs. Jeffries at the piano.

The sale was so successful, that Mrs. Jeffries stated, "that plans are being made to make it an annual affair."

W.I. Tours Museum Donates Own Articles

The history of Halton and Peel counties came alive before an interested audience at the Halton Museum, when the Nassagaweya branch of the Halton Women's Institute met for their June meeting.

After viewing some of the 1,700 items on display, they gathered in front of the attractive stone fireplace, for a talk by Major H. J. Newman, who was introduced by Mrs. F. Edwards. As everyone was admiring the fireplace with its iron pots and holders, Major Newman explained the stones from the fireplace were cut by early settlers for their early saw mills. Nearly every old mill of the Halton and Peel counties is represented by a stone. One stone was part of an old mill wheel which has been gone over 60 years. On each side of the fireplace are antique needlepoint screens.

Used Once More An old wooden cradle used by four generations was donated to the Museum, and taken back to hold the fifth generation and then returned. Major Newman pointed out an open plow that had been used to break the ground for No. 5 highway. The yoke with the plough is 170 years old. A bicycle made in 1840 is on display and is the second development stage of the modern bicycle.

The Alexander farm is ideal for the Museum. It was equipped with light and power 10 or 12 years before Milton had electricity, through the ingenuity of the owner Mr. Alexander.

Enthusiasm Contagious Everyone was sorry when Major Newman finished his interesting talk. Mrs. J. Henry thanked him and pointed out that his enthusiasm for his work was contagious.

Mrs. Mullin of Haltonville donated an Auction Credit Sale Notice dated 1886 by Ben King, which they found when they were renovating their dining room floor. Mrs. Pratt gave an old Indian grinding stone that was found in their field at Haltonville. Mrs. J. Henry from Brookville donated a brown pot tery ink pot which she learned had been brought over from Ireland by a pioneer. Each donation will be shown with the name of the donor and location.

After the meeting was over a picnic supper was enjoyed by all on the grounds of the Halton Museum.

Three Seek Title Three Halton girls have entered the annual contest to choose a Halton Dairy Princess who can represent the county in the Canadian National Exhibition's Ontario dairy princess competition. And among them is last year's Halton princess.

Newcomer Adrienne Nurse of the Seventh Line near Ashgrove joins one of last year's contenders, Jeanette Finnie of Hornby, in challenging the 1967 Dairy Princess Margaret Hunter of Burlington for the 1968 title.

Mrs. Hunter won her title in a stiff competition against four other hopefuls at the Hornby Garden Party last July, but was edged out of the Ontario contest during preliminaries at the CNE. This year's titleholder will be chosen at the Hornby Garden Party on July 30, in Hornby Park.

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Native Resident Here, Joseph M. Kelly Buried

Following an eight-month illness Joseph McKelly, 48, of 217 Mason Boulevard, died Thursday, June 20, in St. Joseph's hospital, Guelph.

A tanner at Beardmore and Company before his illness, Mr. Kelly was born in Acton and has lived here all his life. He received his education in Acton.

He attended St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church and was a member of the Holy Name and Altar Societies. He was the son of the late Frank Kelly and Ella Heenen and married his wife, the former Martha Lutz, in 1946.

To his many friends he was known as Joe and while working as a salesman for a local bakery he made many friends with his kind manner and friendly smile.

—Action Rotary Club Tuesday evening, heard retiring president Tom Shields make his retiring speech and incoming president Ron Lewis address the club following their dinner meeting at the Dominion hotel. Plans were also made for the coming year's activities.

He was fond of sports, especially fishing.

Besides his wife, he leaves two brothers and three sisters to mourn his loss. They are William of New York; Frank of Alliston; Kay (Mrs. Andrew Fogarty); New York; Frances (Mrs. Harry Fisher); North Bay and Margaret (Mrs. Tom Kirkham), Toronto.

Requiem Mass was sung in St. Joseph's church Monday with interment in Dublin cemetery. Pallbearers were Robert Winton, Neil Gibbons, Michael McCristall, Phillip McCristall, Fred Stuckey and William Duval Jr.

—Many of the teachers will be going to school for most of the summer. They start summer school and university courses right away.

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