

## Ex-Reeve, Sheriff Opens \$80,000 Esqueusing Building

Esqueusing Township's new \$80,000 Municipal Offices were officially opened Saturday on a five acre site north of Stewarttown, by the township's oldest living reeve, W. J. L. Hampshire.

A crowd of 200 attended the event, including county and township officials, former municipal officials and visitors. Members of the colorful Lorne Scots Military Band under the direction of Elgin Corlett, Director of Music, played prior to the brief outdoor ceremony.

**First Offices**

Township Reeve George Leslie presided for the program and welcomed the crowd. He recalled the township's first offices in Stewarttown, the transition to a different building, and remodeling of those quarters and now the construction of a completely new building.

Veteran Councillor George Currie introduced those who had served in the township and were still living. Among those called on were W. Hampshire, M. J. Cartton, Ted Harrop, Craig Reid, Nelson Robinson, Spencer Wilson, W. Schenk, Campbell Sinclair, R. N. Brown, and Col. G. O. Brown.

Warden C. A. Martin extended the county's congratulations to the township on the construction of the new building. He noted the importance of maintaining the township in agricultural use. Recalling the former township offices, the Warden suggested the move to new facilities probably caused some hard thinking about the many events that took place in the former building.

"We'd do very nicely if we could keep Carl below the Base Line," Chairman Leslie quipped as he noted Milton's efforts to annex a part of the south of the township.

M.P. Harry Harley and M.L.A. George Kerr also brought greetings from the Federal and Provincial governments, and congratulated the township on the new facilities.

Esqueusing Councillor Robert Lawson commended the Lorne Scots Military Band and Director of Music Elgin Corlett for their contribution to the program.

Architect Don Hallford who designed the building commented briefly and said he considered himself richer by five friends for his work on the new building. Councillor Walter Linham expressed the group's thanks to the Ashgrove W.I. for the light refreshments served following the tour of the building.

**Recalls Early Days**

W. J. L. Hampshire—before cutting the ribbon to officially open the new building, reminisced about the early development of the township and the first meeting in the hotel at Stewarttown that his grandfather had attended. "There were many good heated arguments in the old building," he recalled from his own experience on council. He noted he had been on the council when the former township hall was purchased.

Mr. Hampshire paid particular tribute to the service of Col. G. O. Brown. "He was a man of conviction and courage, and a



OFFICIAL OPENING of the new Township Offices in Esqueusing on Saturday attracted 200 from all parts of the county when former reeve W. J. L. Hampshire cut the symbolic ribbon to

officially declare the building open. Members of the Lorne Scots Military Band are shown with the crowd and platform guests at the ceremony.

man who always worked in the interest of the township," he said.

The former reeve also paid tribute to the service of Reeve John Elliott, father of Judge George Elliott.

**Representative**

"I hope you will not consider this just a building of brick and stone but a building representative of the people of the township, a cornerstone of the Dominion and democracy," Mr. Hampshire said. "I am honored in being chosen to cut the ribbon to permit you to enter, to conduct the service of the municipality and lay your plea before your representatives."

Following the cutting of the ribbon Rev. J. E. Maxwell offered prayers of dedication and prayers for those in authority.

Those present then toured the building that includes offices for the clerk, assessor, and other members of the staff, as well as the council chambers.

Lunch concluded the event.

### Legion Ladies Busy Program

The Legion Ladies Branch 197 held their November meeting in the Legion Hall with President Mrs. Chas. Shultis in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and various conveners including the bazaar group gave their reports showing a very successful and profitable month.

Cards of thanks for their flowers were read from Mrs. I. Smyth and Mrs. A. Gordon. There is to be a social evening in Oakville on November 19. Anyone wishing to attend please contact Mrs. Lloyd Masales.

For the sports it will be bowling in Brampton on November 30 and euchre and cribbage in Acton Legion Hall on December 4.

The Ladies will have their Christmas banquet on Friday, December 13 and gifts will be exchanged. For the purchase of gifts for the children Mrs. G. James and Mrs. Robert Angell will assist the men also Mrs. Chas. Higgins and Mrs. J. Mathison.

**Car Shopping**

It was decided to purchase new items for the kitchen that are needed.

Mrs. Alma Schmidt was the lucky winner in a draw for a satin cushion.

Two officers from the Branch were asked to assist in the election of officers and merit beads hope to see a good attendance.

**\$100 for Jackets**

A donation of \$100 will be given towards the purchase of jackets for the boys of the softball champions. There is still an urgent need for bowlers for the Monday night team. Anyone interested please contact Mrs. W. M. Buchanan.

Lunch was served and a social time was enjoyed by the members.

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CONGRATULATIONS to the township of Esqueusing were expressed by County Warden C. A. Martin on the opening of the new Township offices on Saturday. Former Councillor M. J. Cartton, 90, is shown on the left. Dr. Martin congratulates Councillor George Currie, a veteran of 33 years on Esqueusing Council while Mayor Leslie Duly of Acton looks on.



ESQUEUSING OFFICIALS and honored guests had a ring-side seat for opening ceremonies for Esqueusing Municipal Hall Saturday afternoon. Seated on the platform left to right are architect Don Hallford, deputy-reeve Wilfrid Leslie, councillor Walter Linham, M.P.P. for Halton George Kerr, councillor Bob Lawson, seated behind speaker reeve George Leslie, M.P. for Halton Dr. Harry Harley, Halton Warden Dr. Carl Martin, William Hampshire, former Halton county sheriff and former reeve of Esqueusing who cut the ribbon to open the center. Rev. J. E. Maxwell and former Esqueusing councillor M. J. Cartton.

### MOWAT

#### Remembrance Day Services At Cenotaph, Church Sunday

Remembrance Day services were held on Sunday afternoon in Nasagaweya Presbyterian Church. There was a good attendance at both the cenotaph and the church. Rev. J. Schaefer was in charge of the service and was assisted by Rev. W. A. Leeman of Ebenezer United Church and Rev. R. P. E. Jeffares of St. John's Anglican Church. The Scouts Girl Guides and Brownies of Campbellville were present and marched along with the veterans to the church.

**Cemetery Cairn**

A cairn has just been built in Nasagaweya cemetery of the old flat stones that had fallen and

some which were broken. The mason work was done by Mr. Dr. the Lamb of Acton, assisted by local help. When it is completed it is hoped to have a map of the cemetery in the centre under glass.

The Mowat friends of Mr. Bert Freeman, Milton, and Mrs. Thos. Campbell, Guelph, were sorry to learn they are confined to the hospital, both suffering from heart attack. We hope they will soon be up and around again.

**New House**

The bulkhead moved into a vacant lot in Mowat and started to dig a foundation for a new brick ranch house.

### LIVING LONGER

A five-year study of 4,000 older persons in the United States showed that most older people prefer to live independently says the Health League of Canada. The study by Cornell University Centre for Housing and Environment said one of every three persons aged 60 or over has a parent or other relative over 80 and that by the year 2,000 the proportion will increase to two out of every three.

The Ladies Aid of Nasagaweya church are busy quilting quilts. One was finished last week and plans are to try and get two done this week. Invitations to attend a tea and bazaar at Eden Milk and a soup and sandwich lunch at St. David's Campbellville, on Wednesday, were read at the last meeting.

CUTTING THE RIBBON to officially open the new Esqueusing Township Offices on Saturday was the township's oldest living former Reeve, W. J. L. Hampshire shown on the right. Beside him is the present Reeve George Leslie. Mr. Hampshire was reeve of Esqueusing in 1923 and 1924.

### Festival Dates Set

#### March Month for Songsters

March will be the month for songsters in Halton County, the Halton County Music Festival Association decided at their annual fall meeting in the J. M. Denyes school last Wednesday. The presidents, secretaries, inspectors and music supervisors of both regions decided that in the southern region of the county, festivals would be held on March 17, 18, 19 and 20.

The Festivals in the northern division will be held all day March 24 with a special concert in the evening of March 25, at the Robert Little school, Acton. Eldon Brethour of Toronto will be the adjudicator.

The meeting decided that a new type of certificate will be given to each school when the trophies are picked up in the spring.

In an effort to more closely link the two divisions, it was decided that officials would try to make arrangements to have portions of the Northern Festival in Acton recorded for a taped radio show which will be broadcast over CHWO, Oakville.

Last year the program was sponsored by the Fredrick Harris Music Co. of Oakville. The possibility of high school students competing for music scholarships was also discussed.

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