

Acclaimed to Esquering Council



REEVE GEORGE LESLIE



DEPUTY-REEVE W. LESLIE



COUNCILLOR G. CURRIE



COUNCILLOR W. LINHAM



COUNCILLOR E. LAWSON

Rev. W. Leeman's Topic Missions

Rev. W. Leeman's morning theme at Ebenezer was on "Missions," stressing the need for continued support for the missionary and maintenance fund. He quoted the late famous American minister, Philip Brooks, who said if he came to a church which was having trouble with local giving, he immediately preached a missionary sermon. The two have to go together.

The United Church works with the native churches in Hong Kong, Japan, Northern India, Jamaica, Korea, Trinidad, Angola, Brazil and Rhodesia.

Only about a quarter of the Church's large budget for M and M is spent outside of Canada.

The choir rendered the anthem "Teach Me, O Lord the way of Thy statutes."

Special Prayers
Special mention was made in the pastoral prayer of the American idea of their beloved president Jack Kennedy and prayers for God's guidance for his successor, Lyndon Johnson.

The U.C.W. are catering for the Guelph Presbyterian Executive on December 3.

Mayorality Contest For Georgetowners

In Georgetown, former mayor Joe Gibbons and Mayor E. T. Hyde will fight it out for the mayorality next Monday. Reeve John Elliott received an acclamation.

Deputy-reeve (one): Martin Horan, W. F. Hunter.
Ward One (acclamation): Dan Powers, Bob Francis.
Ward Two (two): Jim Young, Jim Emmerson, Ollie Brownridge.
Ward Three (two): Fred Harrison, Bill Smith, Charles Hildebrand.
School Board (four): W. E. Wilson, Sig Sigurdson, H. J. Shattell, E. A. Fintav, Mrs. Magdalene Wright.
Metro (acclamation): E. W. Binley.

Two Films Shown Area Institute

The regular monthly meeting of the Bannockburn Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. S. Morrison on Thursday evening, November 21, with 15 members and one visitor present. Gifts were donated for the penny sale at the community hall in Ballinacord on November 30.

After the business was completed Mrs. A. Brooks, convenor of the Citizenship and Education program, took charge of the program for the evening, which consisted of an historic reading by Mrs. Collett and two films shown by Mac Sprawl. One picture was from the Bell Telephone Co. showing the service given by the telephone company, and the other picture was from the public library in Georgetown on interior decorating. Both films were very interesting.

Mrs. Hyslop conducted a contest which was won by Mrs. Lysball and then gave a reading on the uses of plastic in the modern home, and passed around samples of plastic.

Lunch was served by the committee in charge, and a social half-hour was enjoyed.

Truth is stranger than fiction — to some it's a total stranger.

TO THE ELECTORS OF ESQUESING TOWNSHIP

V - O - T - E
Alfred R. Spence
FOR SCHOOL BOARD
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 1963
"FOR SINCERE ADMINISTRATION"

Acclaim Reeve, Deputy, Council Esquering Votes on School Board

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still unhappy. Finally the levy was set at \$25,000, but I fought a long and hard battle for it."
He informed the meeting the Georgetown high school board normally met the same evening as the Esquering nomination meeting and he had requested and was granted a postponement of the board meeting for a night. The other Esquering representatives are not present tonight. Somehow, someone saw fit to call a committee meeting of the board. I say this is an excuse for them not being present, not a reason.

He pointed out the school maintenance cost amounted to \$121,000. He also stated the administrative salaries for office personnel in 1960 amounted to \$4,300 and by 1962 they had increased to \$22,420 while the pupil and staff increase had only amounted to about 50 per cent. He also pointed out the salary for the secretary-treasurer in 1960 was \$1,800. This secretary had been granted a full time assistant to handle some of his duties but in spite of this he was given an increase from \$1,800 to \$3,000 per year. Including the secretary and assistant salaries amounted to \$11,620 in 1962.

He reviewed the transportation costs of \$52 per day in the term 1960-61 against the present costs of \$103 per day. "There has been only a few more students added to the bus routes compared to the increase in costs," he emphasized. He also queried the joint costs which in 1960 cost the board \$9,000 and in 1962 had amounted to \$29,000, while the area to be cleaned had only doubled. Col. Brown noted after a discussion the cleaning contractor agreed voluntarily to a reduction of \$4,500.

Col. Brown who joined the board as Esquering's representative this year, remarked, "The impression I received when I joined the board was I had joined a bunch of vigorous big spenders."

School Boundaries
He reviewed the confusion over the proposed change of high school boundaries and said that Georgetown, Milton and Acton school boards as well as Esquering, Nassagaweya, Georgetown, and Acton councils had agreed originally to the change on two occasions. However, Milton suddenly lost interest in the change when the by-law approved by county council went to the Ontario Municipal Board.

"The change didn't go through because county and provincial politicians got into the picture. I suggest Esquering township only look after debenture issues and let Mr. Kerr (M.L.A.) keep his nose out of high school business," he stated.

His remark was made after noting at the official opening of the Esquering municipal building Mr. Kerr told the audience the provincial government had paid a grant of half the cost of the building. However, Col. Brown said the cost of the building will be paid entirely by the township. In fact the municipal building caused the first debenture for this purpose in the history of the township.

Col. Brown emphasized the importance of the boundary change going through before each of the towns affected issued further school debentures or a number of ratepayers might be paying on two high school districts in the event of future additions to schools.

Reeve Reports
Reeve George Currie outlined his duties at both local and county levels and praised the intelligent work of Miss Margaret Maxted, treasurer of the county for keeping records in order.

He noted the debenture debt of the county had increased on account of increases to Halton Acton and the construction of the county building as well as other projects. Mr. Leslie stated the former county building was being put to good use and facilities at the county jail had been improved. He also said an addition to Halton Centennial Manor was being considered.

The Reeve praised the work of the county workers in keeping roads in good condition and stressed the need for new industry in the county. He stated the entire county would benefit from new industry no matter where it was located. He remarked Esquering had land for sale for industrial purposes.

Increase in Fires
Deputy Reeve Wilfred Leslie pointed out the increased number of fires in the township this summer and warned ratepayers a by-law preventing burning leaves or garbage would have to be passed if fire costs increased. Councillors Walter Linham, Robert Lawson and George Currie also reviewed the year's activities and thanked ratepayers for their co-operation during the year.

School Increase
School Board chairman R. J. Cunningham reported on the year and noted when he came on the board in 1952 there were only 237 pupils enrolled, compared with 1161 today. He expressed alarm at the malicious damage being caused at new schools through vandalism.

Trustee Mac Sprawl told the ratepayers the board had gone through a hectic year. He stated during the four years he had been a member he had attended over 300 meetings and favored increased payment for trustees. He said the classrooms had increased in the four years from 21 to 39 and further additions to some schools were evident.

Importance of Job
Trustee Bill Lawson reviewed the transportation problems and told the ratepayers "The person you elect to the board should have convictions of his job and should consider his duties second only to earning his daily living."

He also stressed the importance of a trustee giving a decision on a problem after considering the affect it might have for the entire school area in place of one section. In conclusion he said a trustee should execute his duties faithfully and be a servant to the ratepayers but not a slave to his job. He also stressed the remuneration presently received barely covered the cost of the trustee's transportation while on school business.

I.S. Addition
Wallace Swackhamer, township representative on the Acton high school board, gave a brief report on the proposed addition to the Acton district school. He also thanked Esquering council on behalf of the Acton board for their prompt action in maintaining the rural roads during the winter months to make travel by school bus easier.

Ratepayers' questions were mainly aimed at the school board chairman R. J. Cunningham. One of the queries was from Spencer Wilson who wondered why the fence covering the cost of the building was not being built so close to the road when there had been almost five acres of land entailed; land grades were explained in reply. Another came from Fred Ballentine who asked if the board intended to erect a fence around the steep cliff outside the Linthouse school to protect the children from being injured, but was told consideration will be given.

Don Lawson congratulated the board on supplying new drainage and interior decoration at the schools but stated the end product which leaves a school is a

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successful student and board members should be more concerned with a good program of education.
Before the meeting ended nonagenarian William Hampshire, former Esquering Reeve and sheriff of Halton county, urged candidates to have courage in their convictions and praised the school board for erecting four fine new central schools.

Program to Develop Job Opportunities

The Federal Government recently announced details of a program whereby an incentive payment may be made to employers who provide employment, with which training is associated, to either male or female workers who are 45 years of age or older.

The intent of the program is to provide more employment opportunities for the long term unemployed in this age group who could be expected to benefit from employment and training to the extent that they could hope to obtain or remain in steady employment. Both the jobs and the workers involved in the program must meet certain qualifying conditions.

Not Final Answer
This program is not the final answer to the employment problems of older workers and for this reason, it is introduced on an experimental basis for one year. The government intends to evaluate carefully the experience gained under the program as a basis for the development of future action.

The plan involves incentive payments to employers who hire eligible older workers between November 1, 1963 and January 31, 1964. The payments will amount to 50 per cent of the monthly wage paid or 75 per month, whichever is less.

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FOR COUNCILLOR
Township of Nassagaweya
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Township, Village Nominations Well-Attended in Town Hall

Nominations at Town Hall last Friday for township and police village were well attended. Results of nominations: Joseph L. Oakes and Cameron Lush, both qualified for the reeve ship; T. D. Forsyth is back as deputy-reeve by acclamation; councillors nominated were Fred Cox, William Hindley, W. Jackson, G. Wheeler, D. H. Storey who all qualified. Cameron Lush and William Jackson were also nominated but failed to qualify.

Howard Price Reaches 90 Friends at Celebration

About 25 friends of Howard Price, Esquering Township, gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Matthews, No. 7 Highway, on Saturday evening. The event was to congratulate and wish him many happy returns on his 90th birthday.

Mr. Price was born at the family homestead on November 24, 1873 in Esquering Township now owned by Charles Thompson and still resides on a lot on the southwest side of his birthplace. He has been a resident of the township of Esquering for practically all of his life, except a few years spent in Toronto. Mr. Price is enjoying good health and has all his faculties.

HURRY, HURRY
Local merchants are offering the best selections and best prices on Christmas gift merchandise. Shop at home and support your hometown merchants. Remember, there are only 22 shopping days left before Christmas.

—One local resident already has his outdoor Christmas decorations arranged. (Of course, many just left them up last year, too.)

Township school trustees Dr. E. J. Hilton of O.A.C., William Jackson, Arthur Leslie and Warren Parkinson. In the evening session of nominations Police Trustees are Robert Leslie, James A. Milne, Ken Murray and Lloyd Waddell.

In connection with the funeral of John A. Harris last week which took place in the United Church, Rev. R. R. Connor conducted the service assisted by Rev. Earl Lautenschlager of Emmanuel College, Toronto. Two hymns, that were sung during the service with George Day at the organ were, "O God of Bethel" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus".

Pallbearers were Don Hills, James A. Milne, Alex Graham, David and La Verne Harris, and John Glendinning. Interment took place in Rockwood Cemetery in the family plot. Both Rev. R. R. Connor and Rev. Earl Lautenschlager officiated in the committal.

In the continued absence of Rev. Dr. George Aitken of the Presbyterian church, Rev. Fred Williamson of Guelph, conducted service Sunday morning.

First Ice
As a result of the hard frost of Sunday night and Monday morning, a thin film of ice was noticed on the river adjoining the highway and a corner of the mill dam along Valley Road.

Work on the addition to the town hall is gradually making progress. Cement block wall is up, some height.

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