

Nassagaweya Election Race

Nassagaweya Reeveship Race Nassagaweya Deputy



JACK ROBERTSON
For Nassagaweya Reeve



BILL COULTER
Deputy Seeks Reeveship



DR. B. D. YOUNG
Nassagaweya's Deputy Reeve

Seek Council Seats in Nassagaweya



ROSS GORDON



BILL MAHON



ALLAN PARSONS



CHARLES THOMSON

Farm Safety Stressed at W.I. Learn Nuclear Attack Steps

Mrs. Chester Allan was hostess for the November meeting of the Greenock Women's Institute. Mrs. Wm. Butler, vice-president, was in charge of the meeting. Following the Opening Ode and the Mary Stewart Collect, the Scripture reading was given by Mrs. J. McCulloch. Sixteen members and three visitors attended the roll call of an essential article for survival following an atomic attack.

Two UNESCO Coupons will be purchased from proceeds received from a recent social evening in Greenock school at which Dr. Margaret Mackie was guest speaker and showed slides. Plans were made for a paper drive and also for a meeting of the dessert store course.

Mrs. Eva Per gave the report of district executive meeting which she attended recently. CAC bulletin was received by two members giving special attention to wise purchases of children's shoes and electric kettles.

Mrs. James McCulloch, safety convenor, conducted an instruction program concerning precautions to be taken in the event of a nuclear attack, everyday safety on the highways and in the home. Farm safety must be stressed more as the average factory worker is five times less likely to have an accident than the farm worker. Slow moving farm equipment should be well marked as such.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess assisted

by Mrs. Elwood Johnston and Mrs. C. Dunne. Mrs. J. Thompson extended thanks to the hostess, program and lunch committee for a pleasant evening.

St. Andrew's Dance Draws Small Crowd

A disappointing crowd attended the annual St. Andrew's night dance at the YMCA. Saturday night but those present thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

During the night, plans for the annual Christmas dance to be staged at the Robert Little school auditorium were discussed and members were reminded of proceeds from this party went to purchase music, books, records and handwork material for the school for the retarded. Several draws will also take place.

Ransack Home Steal Money

Thieves who broke into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hargrave, Arthur St., Sunday, stole a sum of money from a purse in a bedroom dresser drawer while the couple were out-of-town visiting.

When the couple returned home Sunday night they found the trail of disorder from the front porch into the kitchen as the intruders ransacked cupboards and drawers apparently in search for money. Entry to the house was gained when the thieves smashed a lock on the back door, according to investigating officer Bruce Kressler. The Acton O.P.P. officer was assisted in the investigation by constable Charles Johnson of the fingerprinting department, Burlington.

New Hall, Widening "Hot" Topics

Nassagaweya Votes for Reeve, Councillors

About 1,400 voters are eligible to head for the polls next Monday in Nassagaweya Township, to choose their reeve and councillors for 1964. The deputy-reeve and school trustees were all acclaimed to office at the township's annual nomination meeting at Brockville Hall on Monday.

Present Reeve Jack Robertson will be facing opposition from the incumbent Deputy Reeve Bill Coulter, in a race for the reeve's seat this year. Four men running for the three council seats include incumbents Ross Gordon and Bill Mahon; former councillor Charles Thomson; and one of last year's defeated candidates—Allan Parsons.

Wine Seat

Councillor Dr. B. D. Young stepped up into the deputy-reeve's seat won an acclamation without a fight, when Deputy Reeve Coulter moved up into the reeveship race. School trustees R. McMillan, Claude Inglis and Horace Blyth were all returned by acclamation.

The vote will be held next Monday, December 2, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Clerk Don McMillan chaired the public meeting following nominations, when present councillors and trustees reported on the past year's work. The possibility of a township office building sometime in the future was discussed, and this and the proposed widening of Five Sideroad proved the only "hot" topics of the evening.

About 70 ratepayers attended the meeting. REEVE JACK ROBERTSON commented there were several ladies in the audience. He called it "a remarkable year for the township" as the opening of the new Mohawk Raceway "proved to be a great asset to the township and Nassagaweya" (and Halton's) first development road was a great convenience for the south end residents.

The assessment increased 33 per cent and the population rose by 125, compared to the usual annual increase of 25 or 30. He reviewed the road projects the works staff had undertaken and noted the severe winter last year meant extra road work was necessary. A new truck was purchased to replace a 1947 model.

The County Council spent \$45,500 on county-controlled roads in Nassagaweya, but the township only had to raise \$4,300 toward county road expenditures, so the township got a good deal here, he felt.

Widening No. Five
Halton's county road rate is 1.3 mills, lowest in the Province, he added. Reeve Robertson explained a survey was being taken on Five Sideroad between Highway 25 and the Fifth-Line corner, and it was proposed to widen the road to 80 feet. Next year the County will go ahead with the first concession in Esquimaux and the seventh concession in Nassagaweya and the rest of the work will follow.

He reviewed his work on County Council's roads, agriculture, personnel and health committee, closing with "the county rate was reduced one-quarter mill this year. We could have reduced it more but we would have had to raise it a lot more next year. It takes \$500,000 a year to pay the county's debt, and there is no relief in sight for two or three years."

School Costs
One township matter that was causing him concern, the reeve said, was the rising cost of education. School costs last year, compared to \$60,000 for other township expenses, and the

tax rate seemed to rise five or six mills every year to cover the cost of education.

DEPUTY-REEVE BILL COULTER dwelt mainly on his work as a member of County Council. The county this year provided new facilities for the Health Unit, Children's Aid Family and Juvenile Court. The county investigated a five year projection on expected expenses, and "I think this is something that should be looked into for the township."

Dam Repaired

The leaking dam at the Kelso Conservation Area was repaired, and the official opening will be held next spring, he reported.

"The facilities are quite interesting and worth looking into," he added. The Conservation Authority is considering a merger between the 12 and 16 Mile Creek bodies, "which would bring us a more equitable amount of taxes all expenditures." Halton roads department was taking over the roadway entrance to the Kelso area, this had been a "headache" for the township to keep it in good repair in view of the heavy traffic there.

Halton County had also purchased the Easley property in Campbellville to widen the corner and relieve traffic congestion, for deputy-reeve reported.

He reviewed that a planned addition to Acton High School had been discussed at a meeting of the board with Nassagaweya and Esquimaux councillors, and the meeting seemed to be a wonderful idea. "We should get together more often to discuss these things, and we can bring about a better mill rate," he concluded.

DR. B. D. YOUNG, acclaimed deputy-reeve, recalled he had earlier spent 11 years on the township school boards, and seven years on the council. "I would like to finish up now with a year or two on county council," he explained as he expressed his thanks to the electors for the acclamation.

Dr. Young noted the township faces the winter with "very good equipment," including a new truck, two snowplows that are now ready, and three sanders ready to start in January. **ROSS GORDON**, councillor for the past two years and seeking re-election, noted council was unable to complete all the proposed road work this year due to a lack of finances, but several portions had been widened or resurfaced or graded. The township held its first winter works program for cutting brush this year.

Payments Up
He said he had helped inaugurate a discount system for earlier payment of taxes, and collections to the end of August had risen from \$6,000 two years ago to \$50,000 this year. "And that didn't include the race track," he added. "I would rather pay the interest to the people of the township and not to the bank," he explained.

Tax arrears are "under constant surveillance" and are being kept down to a reasonable figure, the councillor noted.

BILL MAHON, who has just completed his first year on council but earlier served many years on school boards, told the ratepayers their new development road had cost a maximum of \$3,000 to the township. He explained the assessment system and noted not many other municipalities charge as low as \$10 to \$40 per acre for farm land.

ALLAN PARSONS said "I think I will be an asset to your council. I have experience with road construction which could be helpful." It will be his sec-

ond attempt to win a seat on council.

CHARLES THOMSON, fourth council candidate, said he would "throw my hat in the ring again this year" after a rest of a few years from previous council work.

School board trustees, all returned by acclamation from last year for another two-year term, occupied the stage next.

HORACE BLYTH noted he was enjoying the work on the board. "I am deeply interested in our young children, they are our greatest asset. I would like to see them get the best education they can."

He noted Nassagaweya was the only municipality in Halton offering free dental care for public school and pre-school children. The board obtained home economics and shop classes at Acton Public School for Grades 7 and 8, he added, and "this will be a wonderful benefit to them when they reach high school."

The township is one of few rural areas providing this facility, he added.

Mr. Blyth also praised George Inglis and his staff for the excellent transportation, and explained the board had to hire a station wagon to cover the St. Helena area because it was an impassable road for a bus to travel.

He also defended the board's financing of the past years, asuring the crowd all expenditures were "talked over seriously... at no time did we spend money that we didn't feel was necessary."

JACK MCPHAIL, chairman last year, mentioned the resignation of board member Calvin McIntyre last June, noting he was "a tower of strength" on the board. The chairman also mentioned the retirement of Mrs. Annie Paul, who had taught 40 years in the township and left "quite a rest" behind her.

One of the board's biggest capital expenditures this year was over \$5,000 spent on paving the driveway and fixing the play area at Brookville school. The move was necessary to cut down on the mud and dirt pupils were tracking in, which caused a cleaning problem and was ruining the floors.

The schools are "just about at capacity" with 214 in Brookville and 100 in Campbellville Junior School (grades one to six). "It is possible that next September we will have to look for more accommodation," he warned. Mr. McPhail also thanked the roads department for their cooperation in keeping roads open for the buses in winter.

CLAUDE INGLIS, who replaced Mr. McIntyre on the board this summer, also spoke before the meeting for a minute.

Acton District High School Board representative Duncan Moffat was also called on for a report. He noted the board had reluctantly raised the mill rate this year, and more accommodation would be needed next year because rooms rented from the public school board would not be available. Public school trustees Dr. Cliff Young and Art Gibson, who were elected last year

forming a centennial committee to plan a local celebration. Others concurred they would favor a new office if the price is reasonable and if some financial assistance can be obtained.

Members reviewed the hall was not a definite project, just a distant possibility. When the Municipal Loan Fund was being established, officials wrote the township to see what future projects might qualify—and the council had decided to list an office building at a tentative price of \$75,000. Clerk Don McMillan pointed out this figure was a "purposely high guess" because it would be easier to reduce the figure at construction time, rather than raise it.

The councillors pointed out it would cost \$5,000 or more to bring the present building up to the standards called for in a Fire Marshal's report, and the township would still have an old building.

Reasons the council members listed for needing a new office included the fact there is no vault and some 100-year-old records are stored in the township garage across the road, the clerk and assessor and assistant all work in one small office, which doubles as a council chamber, and also contains the building's heating unit, and the chairs are "just wired together." They emphasized it was new offices, not a public hall that was needed.

Other ratepayers wanted to pay some \$10,000 to pump water from underground wells at Kelso would not double private wells in the area, one wanted to know why the county was purchasing the 1400 property in Campbellville for road widening, another questioned a miscellaneous expenditure of \$26,000 in the annual report that turned out to be an item transferred into "other" payments, one lady charged it was "a disaster" if the council had no other money but to approve the school budgets as set by the school boards, and finally a ratepayer closed the meeting with a request for a fan in ventilation for the township hall because "it was warm when a crowd gathered, and you can't even get a window open."

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