

Nassagaweya Hearing . . .

(Continued from Page One) narrative, the restoration of No. 3 School as a combined Administration Building and Centennial Project.

Mrs. Newton reported that at last year's nomination meeting Mr. Coulter had stated \$20,000 was the figure he would consider reasonable for the construction of an administration building. She said also that Deputy Reeve Dr. Young had said, "It's \$75,000 is the least that should be spent on new offices for Nassagaweya."

She reported also, "preparations for Canada's Centennial had begun to be widely publicized by John Fisher, the Centennial Commissioner, who had marked in the Globe and Mail article that the women of Ontario are being curiously apathetic about the whole thing." Stirred by this remark, several women of Nassagaweya, including myself, thought how wonderful and sensible it would be, if by using our Centennial grants plus a contribution from the Township's reserve fund of \$15,000, Nassagaweya could be given spacious Township offices while at the same time, new life and purpose could be given to a beautiful old building in the township.

Mrs. Newton explained she and the committee gathered further information concerning S.S. No. 3 school and circulated a petition throughout the Township on behalf of the project. She noted that on May 4 the Committee attended a Council meeting with a petition bearing 320 signatures plus a verbal estimate from A. Cairns, the cost of renovating the school. The estimate was in the neighborhood of \$7,000. An estimate from a reputable stone mason, H. Zimmerman and from L. Husband, Wallace, Dabner, Ellis and Garwood-Jones had also been received.

Had she reported that Council was not impressed with the committee's report, Mrs. Newton described in detail "stalling tactics" by Council. She presented detailed reports on the maintenance of the school from 1951-58. In concluding the first section of the report she stated that "councils are elected to serve the best interests of the taxpayers in the community and on the results of their abilities to do this, are they judged. Leadership is never successful when policies are enforced. Surely by now our Council must know, must realize that much more could have been achieved by inspiring us, than by their refusal to believe in the need for such inspiration. Give us a chance to show them that people do care about the well-being of their Township. Give us the right to Vote."

The Committee's objections to Council's requests for the O.M.B. were based on figures by which it was possible to restore and use No. 3 School. Mrs. Newton submitted letters, paintings, photographs and figures all indicating that the renovation of the school would be highly practical. Estimates submitted for the renovation ranged from \$10,000 to \$11,360.00. She explained, "to finance the cost of the restoration of the school we would receive \$4,600 from Provincial and Federal Governments plus \$2,300 from the Township as its centennial contribution. It is readily seen that our figure is well below the \$20,000 Reeve Coulter considered sufficient expenditure for new Township Offices. Even Proctor and Redfern's figure for the restoration of No. 3 School does not exceed this \$20,000 limitation. However we still believe that our estimate of approximately \$12,000 is more realistic."

Historic Resources In closing the statement, she said, "let us use our historic resources to awaken Canadians to Canada, let us take these glowing embers from the altars of the past and fan them to such a blaze that the light from Canada's Centennial celebrations will shine like a beacon across our nation." As Mrs. Newton's statement ended, a majority of the audience applauded loudly.

Municipal Show-up Gordon Agnew of Campbellville speaking on behalf of the Women's Centennial Committee, quoted press reports that "the provincial government is moving toward the biggest shake-up of municipal organizations in the province's history." The reports referred to the rumor that the powers of municipalities in Ontario could conceivably be sliced severely in the very near future. "Therefore," he said, "it would be imprudent for any small municipality like Nassagaweya to undertake the construction of a new expensive municipal building, that by all odds would not be needed in a very short time. Now on the other hand, in renovating the No. 3 School into a municipal office building at a very low cost to the people, while the new proposed legislative reforms by the Ontario Government are still being formulated."

Mr. Agnew pleaded, "do not deny us the people of Nassagaweya the democratic right to vote on the matter as to whether we build a new building or renovate a good school, for in so much as we violate one democratic principle, we weaken our Government and allow the thin wedge of anarchy to move us to the left and dictatorship. Blagging applause rose from the floor as Mr. Agnew concluded his remarks."

Mr. Jamieson then invited statements and questions from the floor. Maurice Newton asked Reeve Coulter if it was considered economical to build the new Administration Offices for \$40,000. Mr. Coulter said it would be impractical to build it any smaller and Mr. Newton stated, "you still haven't showed me that it would be economical."

Nan Norwich, a past Reeve of Nassagaweya stated, "we elect a council and reeve and if they see fit to spend our money they have a right to. There are only two ways to go, forward and backward and surely nobody wants to go backward."

M. J. Carton, a former councilor, noted, "we need a new hall in the worst way and council can figure on me and lots of other neighbors to support it. If there was a vote taken it would carry a big majority."

Former Reeve Jack Robertson suggested, "we've heard all the pros and cons and I think a vote should be called and let the majority rule." A. R. Service, who served 10 years on municipal council suggested, "I believe council is working in the right direction." Mr. Service said he would like to see a rural school kept in good repair and he suggested S.S. No. 6 would be an ideal project as an extension to museum facilities since it is located near the Halton County Museum.

F. G. Mahon noted, "I'm very much in favor of a new and modern office building in the centre of the township and I'm amazed that an organization would consider the S.S. No. 3 School as being suitable for a Township office." He said, "we don't always buy the cheapest if we can afford better, let's build a hall that the people of Nassagaweya can be proud of."

Have A Vote Floyd Hammond said, "probably we are creating a useful building, the proper way to do the thing is to have a vote." A man who had been a taxpayer "for over 40 years," said, "I'd be very disappointed if there was not a vote. I'll go along with the vote, but I don't think this thing should be bulldozed through."

W. A. J. Hury warned, "we don't want a building that will deteriorate when it is going up, we don't want a two bit, \$40,000 building." He suggested that changes in municipal powers could soon make a new building obsolete. "We want to go into amalgamation with money in the bank, not with a concrete block building."

Architect Clare MacLean suggested that Nassagaweya had a habit of "wanting to take jet propulsion in the wrong direction." K. Robinson questioned the total cost of the new building and it was estimated that the present estimated cost, plus \$2,400 for architect's fees would be the total cost without furnishings and decorations. Alex Wall, representing Halton Crushed Stone reported "Nassagaweya is right in the middle of the most progressive area in Canada" and he warned, "We should be prepared to face facts."

At the hearing drew to a close, there was strong hints that although the O.M.B.'s decision would be upheld by this year's election in the Township would be one of the liveliest ever.



EVERYTHING RAN SMOOTHLY during the first week of operation of the Campbellville cooperative nursery school at St. David's Church, Campbellville. Twelve youngsters enrolled for the first week, at a cost of \$12.50. The enrollment fee for one youngster is \$12.50 per month. Youngsters are shown here as they play games with teacher Mrs. Ridgeway. Youngsters enrolled at the school for the first week included Doug Beaton, Sharon Cramp, Garth Esary, Christina Howard, Dean Goss, Evelyn Kuchnik, Wayne McMillan, Delbie Moore, Ronda Ridgeway, Wendy Roberts and Earl Esary.

CAMPBELLVILLE Church, Auxiliary Meetings Reported in District News

Mrs. J. K. Mahon was hostess to the November meeting of the Women's Association of St. David's Presbyterian Church, on Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. A. T. Moore opened with a poem, "Is It A Dream", followed by a hymn, scripture and Mrs. Howson Lush leading in prayer. Miss Kathleen McPhedran gave the secretary's report and read letters of business, followed by the financial report by Mrs. Wallace King. Plans were made for a quilting this week at the home of Mrs. Allan Moore. \$25 was donated to the Women's Missionary Society for a little memorial.

Mrs. John Schriell invited the society to the manse for the Christmas meeting. Mrs. J. Robertson and Miss K. McPhedran were named nominating committee for the new officers for 1965. Mrs. George Inglis brought in the cheer report of Mrs. Lloyd Crawford. Miss McPhedran is to be responsible for flowers for the church for the next month. Roll call was answered by 11 members and one visitor. Mrs. George Black gave a talk on wheat and bread, a basic food of the world. She later read a paper written by Louis Bromfield, entitled "Bread is Life", which was very informative and interesting. Mrs. A. T. Moore dedicated the offering and conducted a question and answer period which was very amusing. After the hostess was thanked, a hymn sung, Grace was said, and a social half hour followed over a cup of tea.

Thanksgiving The Grace Mission Band, C.O.C. of St. David's Presbyterian Church in Campbellville, held its Thanksgiving meeting in the church school on Saturday afternoon, November 14 at two o'clock. Mary Ella and Elizabeth McLaren had charge of the devotional period, while Pamela Hambly presided. The offering was dedicated by Brenda Colling and Brenda Cramp. Kathy McLaren introduced the speaker, Mrs. Wilfred Greenlee, who took as her text the 4th chapter of Ephesians, verse 11, and likened our lives to the various types of bread. Kimberly Henderson thanked Mrs. Greenlee. The senior class and junior class each rendered a chorus, the senior class singing in Hindi. A duet was sung by Karen Early and Nellie Vandervine. Piano selections were given by

Glen Eden

More than 70 ski enthusiasts from many centres throughout Southern Ontario attended an organizational meeting at Glen Eden Ski Club in the Kelso Conservation Area on Sunday afternoon. Members learned that club officials hoped to extend facilities this winter and learned that an agreement has been reached with the Caledon Town and County Club whereby Country Club members will be able to use ski facilities at Glen Eden and ski club members will be able to use Country Club facilities on special occasions. The snow making equipment installed at Glen Eden last winter will be engaged this year and reports indicate that if it is a "normal winter," skiers will be sliding down Glen Eden slopes by the weekend before Christmas. Club membership totalled 140 last year and club officials Grant Compton and George Davis expect that the membership will reach 200 this year. Mrs. Helen Davis is social convener this year and Mrs. Carol Plitz is membership secretary.

Information Information on Glen Eden can be obtained from the Conservation Office in Milton. Skiing equipment will not be stocked at the club this year but sale catalogues will be available so that equipment can be ordered through the club. The Redistribution Bill has

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By DR. HARLEY HARLEY, M.P. The Minister of Veterans Affairs has announced the changes in the Pension and War Veterans Allowances which have been expected. I think it quite fitting that such announcements be made when we are observing Remembrance Day—a day dedicated to the memory of those Canadians who died in the defence of our democracy and our Canadian way of life. These changes in the Pension Act and the War Veterans Allowance will be brought before the House of Commons as soon as it is possible in our schedule. However, the Minister has promised that such changes will be retroactive to September 1st, 1964. The changes are an across-the-board increase of disability pensions payable under the Pension Act, an approximately 10 per cent, and a similar increase in pensions to widows and dependent children. The attendance allowance for the care of disabled will be increased from \$1800 a year to \$2000 a year. The wear and tear Clothing Allowance (for pensioners who because of their disability wear their clothing out faster than normal) will be increased. The War Veterans Allowance will be increased \$10 a month for single persons (from the present \$44 to \$54 monthly) and \$17 a month for the married rate (from \$144 to \$161 monthly). Corresponding adjustments will be paid to orphans. It is proposed that the annual income ceilings under the War Veterans Allowance Act be raised to \$1,536 for a single recipient and \$2,664 for a married recipient.

The proposed increases in rates and ceilings under the Pension Act and the War Veterans Allowances will result in an additional cost of 33 1/2 million dollars a year. These changes should bring veterans pensions and allowances more in line with today's cost of living. The Canada Pension Plan has been introduced in the House of Commons. It was brought forward by a resolution which, under the new rules, may be debated one day only. It was passed and will now be available to Members of Parliament for detailed study before second reading. This is liable to be debated for up to one week before it receives the second reading necessary so that it may be referred to a special committee of the House of Commons for detailed study. It is expected that many insurance companies and other interested parties will wish to appear before this committee to give their opinion on the Canada Pension Plan. The Redistribution Bill has

again been introduced, now needing only a few items to be passed. These, however, are the most controversial. Several new proposals have been made concerning the composition of the Board of the Commission and these are now being studied by the Opposition before further discussion. The Bill will again be discussed later this week.

EXPERT CHALLENGE

Some of the hills at Glen Eden are described as challenging enough for the experts, while smaller hills are satisfactory for beginners. Instruction classes will be held on Saturday and Sunday mornings throughout the snowy season. Don Smith is ski instructor.

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Our Readers Write

VOTE, THE ANSWER Friday the 13th — A day long to be remembered in Nassagaweya. On this day we had our eyes opened to what was happening around us. Until this day we were happily drugged into a sense of false security, believing the best, and that "the worst could never happen". All that has changed now, for on this day "the worst happened". We had proof positive that our Democratic way of life, which over the years, men had fought and died to preserve, and which we had taken for granted, had been taken away from our autonomy by the hands of ruthless ambitious men. Bigots, obsessed with their own power, which we gave them, whose ambition cares nothing for the Democratic Rights of others. These men had drugged us with promises of concern for our well being, but always begged the question, when asked for positive proof of their intentions. They hoped "Tomorrow would never become Today". Such desperate visions of what might have been our fate, our re-awakened minds can now contemplate with horror, had not Friday the 13th happened, and "Tomorrow became Today". On this day we asked for a Vote, and were again told "All is well, do not concern yourself, with things you do not understand, we know what is best for you, you don't need a Vote, you see we are only doing what is good for you—Surre, NO VOTE." On this day the old drug didn't work. Something told us that "All was not well" — the pill stuck in our throat — this time we didn't swallow it. We were not convinced that "It was good for us". However they were right. We didn't understand (why we couldn't vote), and they were not going to give us the opportunity or time to understand. The Vote would have wasted precious time and it was their haste to write "Finish" to what we had started that told us plainly "All was NOT well!" Can it

be they have a little time left before the end of the year to fulfill their promises? What promises we ask? Surely not their promises to us. Then it can only be less ambition. This could well be, and with time running out, a must act fast to fulfill these ambitions. But time is running out for us. We must rouse ourselves from our lethargy and look to our future, as indeed they must to theirs, but for different reasons. We must vindicate our shame, we must restore our heritage as free men and women almost all from our hands — we must search our conscience for an honest answer and Act. Time is short, and by DECEMBER 7th we must know in our minds what we must do, and knowing, Do It.

VOTE! To save the Democratic Way of Life, **VOTE!** To keep our freedom of choice, **VOTE!** To have done with Bigotry, **VOTE!** For common understanding, **VOTE!** For co-operation in our Community, **VOTE!** For true intentions, **VOTE!** For honest action, **VOTE!** As an example to our Children, **VOTE!** To Honor our Pavi, to Change our Present and to Strengthen our future! But **VOTE!** **VOTE!** **VOTE!** Maurice Newton.

Top Award Ed Van Hook was the C. F. W. Burns trophy for the top showman in the Country breeders showmanship class at the Royal Winter Fair on Monday. He also won a \$100 scholarship from the Federation of Agriculture for his achievement in 4-H work. He is in a diploma course at the O.A.C.

Some of the high school girls have enjoyed horseback riding in Guelph (most for the first time) and swimming in Galt with teacher Miss Sonia Moulton. An unusually great amount of sports news this week.

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Check Lists

Voters in Nassagaweya and Fergus Townships are urged to check their local voters' lists in preparation for the Dec. 7 elections. In Enquising all revisions must be made by Nov. 20, and in Nassagaweya, by Nov. 24. Clerks of both townships have posted lists in the township offices and other public buildings. Both township nomination meetings will be held on Nov. 30, with elections if necessary on Dec. 7.

Growers to Hear Deputy Minister

Everett M. Biggs, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, is to speak to the Burlington and District Fruit and Vegetable Growers, on Wednesday, November 18. Charles Brown, president of the Burlington District Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association, suggests that you get your tickets early, to avoid disappointment. The annual banquet and Ladies' Night will be held again in Appleby United Church Auditorium, 407 Spence Ave., Burlington. Dinner commences at 6:30 p.m.

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