

Our Readers Write

DISGUSTED AT TACTICS

Calling in the O.M.B. apart from other implications, would seem to indicate the inability and unwillingness of Nassagaweya's council to handle matters above kindergarten level, or which are brought out into the open for all to see. Instead of showing a modicum of desire to work for the people, despotism and politicking seem to be the order of the day.

The impact of the denial of the right to vote, imposed by the O.M.B. who were called in by our "five good men and true" should not be lost on the residents of this township. It invites interesting thinking, just to reflect on Council's apparent fear of the free, unfettered vote. Did Council deny a right for fear of the outcome? If they were so sure the majority would be theirs, why were they so anxious to evade the democratic right of expression?

The function of the O.M.B. members is not to decide whether one side is right or wrong, but rather whether or not a township can afford a proposed expenditure. Since Council knew this, and knew we have funds and can afford to use them without fear of bankruptcy, the decision handed down must have been a foregone conclusion — it being not a matter of whether we could have our right to vote, but whether the Township (and the taxpayers) are good for the money. The public meeting could, therefore, be regarded as conscience-saving window dressing.

It should be of interest that at no time did Council "unveil" their plans in detail for the renovation of S.S. No. 3, resulting in Proctor and Redfern's estimate of \$20,000, for which \$400 was paid by Council. For a price difference of \$10,000, no one was afforded the courtesy of comparing apples with apples, but then it has been obvious from the outset that rejection of the Committee's proposal was all that mattered. So much for the promises of discussion — no different from election promises. Many local residents have commented on Council's indifference to people's opinions — and that is why so much regional apathy has been evident in the past, but when deep local interest, all the better for being controversial, rises to the top, it is so flagrantly ignored.

A firm believer in democracy, I left the meeting thoroughly disgusted that such tactics, such lobbying as has been going on, would exist in other than a totalitarian state: that an elected, supposedly representative body can divorce itself from its people's wishes is deplorable.

So —
—If you failed to vote at last election...
—If you want capable, democratically minded representatives...
—If you are interested in your taxes...
—get out and vote — for your rights — for the representative of your choice...
—to the servicemen who died defending freedom, your freedom to speak, to vote, you can say "I will not forget" — and vote!

to those who sit on the fence, feeling their vote won't make any difference — vote!
—if the proper running of local affairs, which concerns us all, does not interest you—take the plunge and vote! It's no good complaining afterwards.

As Premier Robarts recently stated in a press release that the abolition of a small township administrative bodies is being studied, rather than run the risk of making a very foolish investment, would it not seem prudent to agree to shelve the whole project until positive information is available? Surely on indication of future trends can, and should be, made the object of council's endeavours during the next few weeks, such a step would show more responsibility than has been evident of late.

Yours very truly,
K. Robinson.

"PASSAWAY" RHYME
Five little Council Boys
Always crying "MORE!"
One slept himself away,
Then there were Four.

Four little Council Boys
On a building spree,
Forgot to check the architect,
Then there were Three.

Three little Council Boys
Wasting something new,
One burnt his old house down,
Then there were Two.

Two little Council Boys
In a rush to get things done,
One choked on his big cigar,
Then there was One.

One little Council Boy
Crying "I have won!"
The Voters came and put him out,
Then there were None.

Maurice F. Newton,
Lang Acre Farm,
Campbellville.

TO YOU
Don't cry to me in six month's time
of taxes, roads and such;
Don't shed your tears on me,
my friend
or use me for a crutch.
Don't sob "The schools aren't big enough" or
"the bridge is falling down"
Don't shout "the School Board's idiots".
Or the Council men are clowns,
Don't tell me what we ought to do.
NEXT time we get the vote
Don't call me on the telephone,
or mail a little note,
Don't wait for spring but do it now

It's your duty, so remember
Get up, get out and cast your vote.
THIS seventh of December,
W. A. Johnson,
R.R. 2, Rockwood,
Ontario.

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Acton Public School Board Report

The following is the public school board report submitted at the ratepayers' meeting by trustee Roy Goodwin.

"On behalf of our public school board I am pleased to submit that you have a very conscientious hard working board of trustees.

"This year, we have a teaching staff of 30 full time teachers and three part time teachers. Mrs. Dalen replaced Mrs. Farrow in the Home Economics Department. Mrs. Ena Gibson is teacher for Grade 8 assisting Principal McKenzie three days per week. Mrs. Olga McCaw is back with us teaching kindergarten half time to take care of the overflow of K.P. boys. Bruce 30 days per week, teaching grade 8 at the M7 Bennett Public School. Grade 7 and 8 students from Nassagaweya are being taught Home Economics and Shop in the Robert Little Public School. Nassagaweya Area Board reimburses us \$2,000.00 for this service.

"We have had fine cooperation from the Town in having dangerous dead trees removed and work that our own men could not handle.

"We have a planting program to replace the trees which have to be removed each year.

"Our board members were pleased to comply with council request for accommodation area for the Centennial Project of a new Public Library. Our inspector, Mr. McNeil, procured approval from the Department of Education.

"We are indebted to Provincial Police Constable, Ron Rupert for his splendid safety program. May we express our grateful thanks to council for complying with

heartedly with the Safety Committee and providing the safety walk on Acton Blvd. and on Mill St. East.

"I'm unhappy to report that we had to replace 30 panes of glass in the Stone School during September and October. Several of the bigger windows were broken and have been replaced. We know who caused the vandalism and authority has been given to take the necessary steps in future, if necessary to prosecute.

"Our schools continue to maintain the high standard which is very commendable. Our six new teachers have made a fine start in their profession.

"Our physical education program is going to be enhanced by the purchase of the "Canadian Climber" which we hope will be delivered early in the New Year. Inspector McNeil and our trustees journeyed to Guelph to check on Physical Education equipment and were most enthusiastic about the Canadian Climber which will fold back to the wall when not in use. It will be installed in the auditorium.

"Trustee Bonnette has signified his intention to resign standing for re-nomination. He had made a fine contribution to our schools during his term of office.

"It is anticipated that we have an ambitious program next year. We hope to be enabled to establish an opportunity class in the Stone School. I have enjoyed being a Public School Trustee and again offer my services for re-nomination."

SCHOOL DAYS
Mother was worried when daughter told her the teacher taught them a song about the Cross-Eyed Bear. She called the teacher and asked what was going on in that school. The teacher explained she taught them the hymn, "Gladly My Cross-Eyed Bear..."

ESQUEMONGE BEEVER,
GEORGE LESLIE,
Acclamation

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District High School Report

The following is a report of the Acton District high school operations as presented Thursday night of last week by Vice-Chairman Dwight Engel during the annual nominations and ratepayers' meeting.

1. Curriculum
During the past year we have continued our introduction of diversification according to what has become known popularly as the "Roberts Plan". This means continual changes with regard to timetables, equipment and options.

The introduction of the various streams and levels is made possible as the school population increases. Our present school population is 430. This means that we are permitted to offer the 5 and 4 year levels in the Arts and Science stream and the 4 year level in the Business and Commerce stream. These are now part of our curriculum and when possible we shall offer additional opportunities to district students. During the year we have increased our efforts to help the Elementary school systems encourage their senior students to make the best possible selection of stream. We are concerned about

1. The fact that courses not taught here are supposed to be available to our children in other centres. However, the course is only open to our students at the discretion of the other Board. This means that it is possible for our children to be denied educational opportunities through no fault of their own or their home Board.

2. We are completely unable to offer a full course for those children who are very slow learners. Neither are we able to secure their admission to occupational courses at other schools.

2. Staff
During the same period of extensive changes in curricula, we have had three areas of concern in connection with our staff. We have been concerned about:

1. The proportion of inexperienced teachers. We are pleased to report that this year our proportion of inexperienced teachers is much lower.

2. The level of qualification of the staff. We are again pleased to report that with several additions to the staff, and the successful studies of several other staff members, our level of qualification is rising rapidly.

3. The problem of high turnover. We have every indication that the bettering of the situation last year will improve again this year. Our teacher pupil ratio is roughly 1:21. If administrative responsibilities are removed from this calculation, the ratio is higher. The Dept. is quite strong in indicating that the maximum is 1:25. Our ratio will remain lower as long as we offer the number of options that we presently do.

3. Building
At the same time that we have been dealing with the expanding and changing curriculum, the student population has also been expanding and changing. Several years ago, crowding in the High School made it necessary to seek new accommodation. Our Council was reluctant to increase the debt burden at that time, so a reasonable arrangement was

made with the Public School Board, that gave us the old Stone School for an annual rent of \$4,000. This was not entirely satisfactory from an administrative and teaching point of view, but eased a serious situation for us.

However, the new building is now in use, and the following may be of interest:

1. The capital cost of the addition on a sq. ft. basis is much the same as the older portion of the school, despite the fact that the concept and detail of the new is superior to the older.

2. The operating cost of the new part should not be more and may even be less than it cost to lease the Stone School. This would indicate that no additional

levy should be necessary for school maintenance.

3. The building is still not completely finished but when it is, an Open House will be held.

4. The present structure should be adequate until 1968 when the school population should be nearing the 600 mark. At that time, crowding and added acres of curriculum will likely necessitate another addition.

5. We are pleased that a number of district organizations have made use of different school facilities subsequent to the Board decision to allow the use of school property and equipment to responsible and worthwhile district groups.

Respectfully submitted,
Dwight Engel.

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NASSAGAWEYA

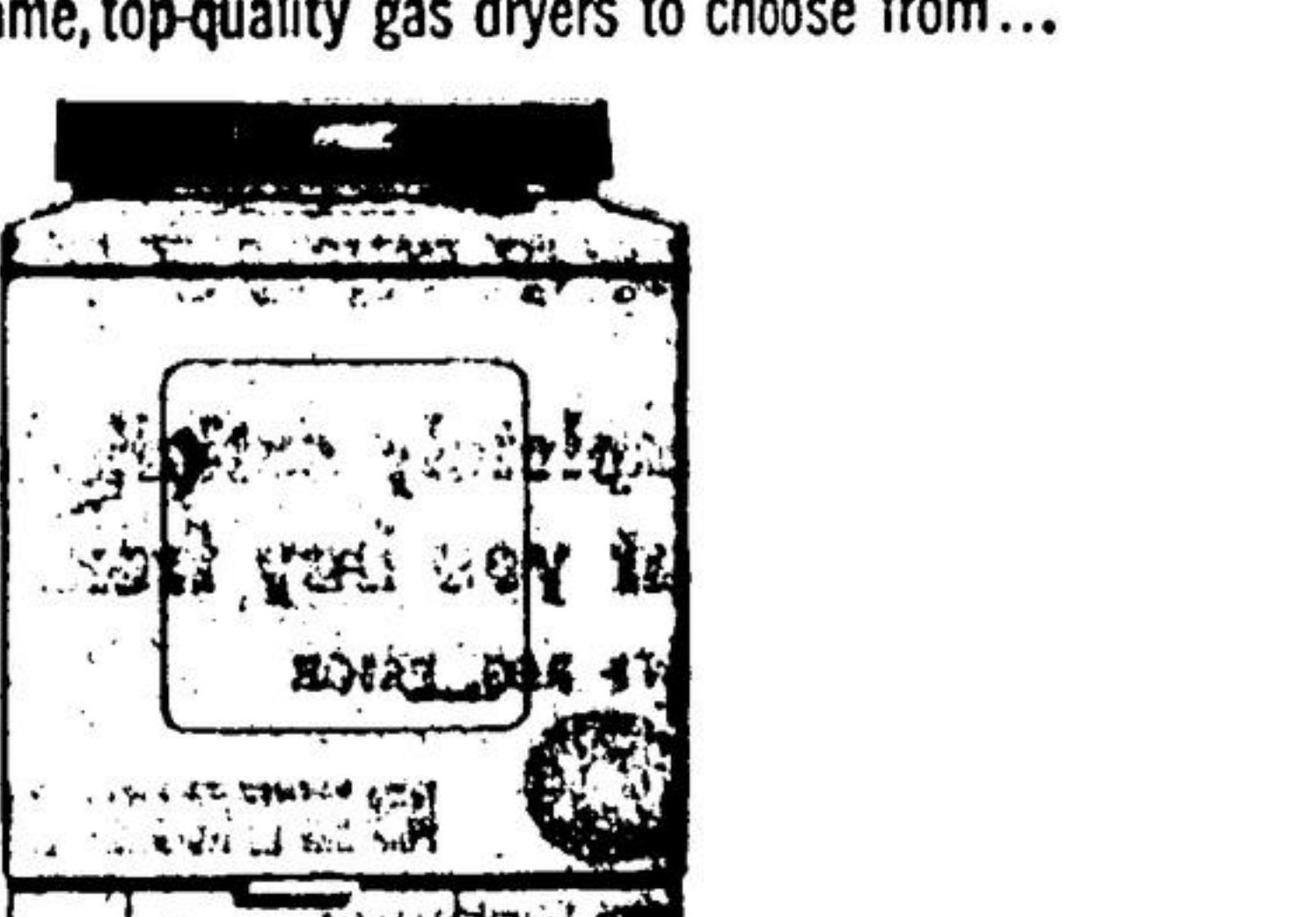


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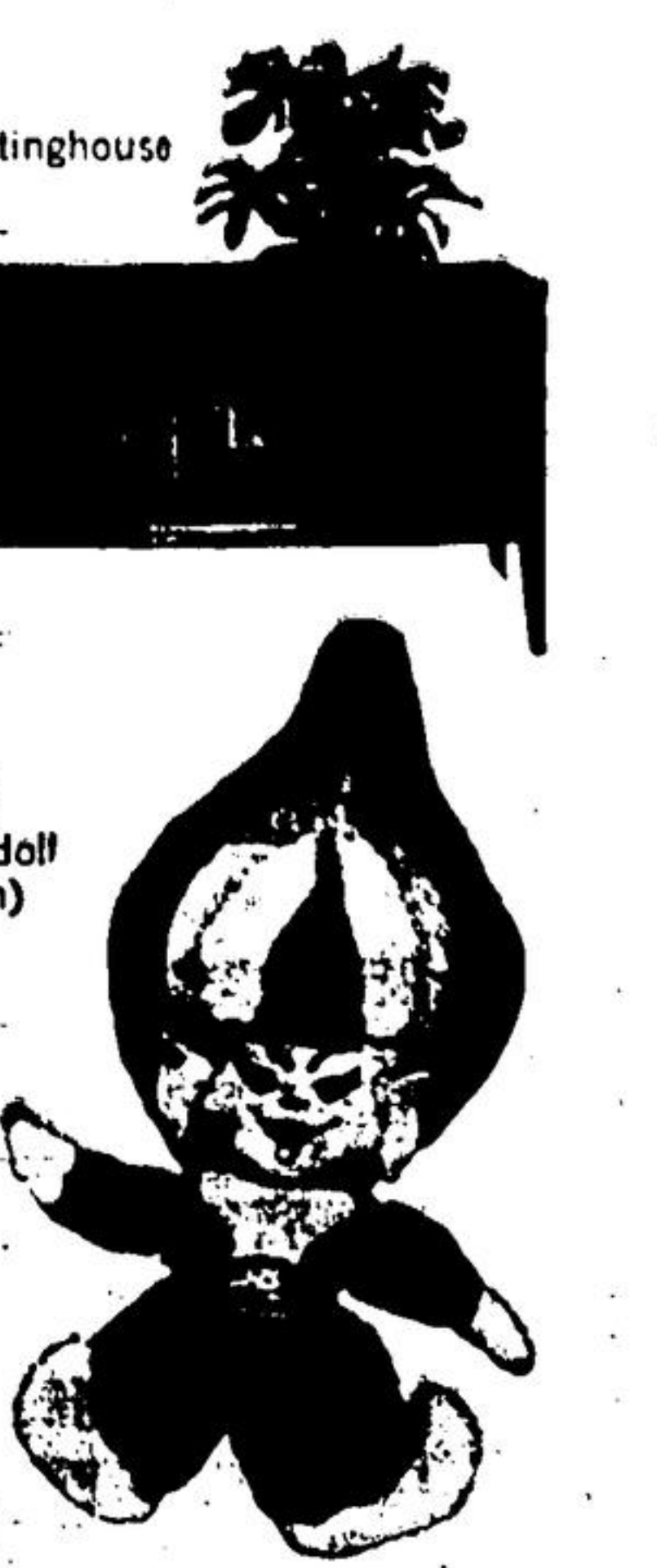
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