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## Ont. Teachers Reject Academy

Hope here of having Rockwood Academy restored by the Ontario Teachers' Federation were shattered Saturday by the Board of Governors of the O.T.F.

Miss Dorothy Martin, chairman of the O.T.F. Centennial Committee, told the Acton Free Press Monday afternoon the project had been turned down. A similar project for Newburg was also turned down. The Ontario Teachers' Federation hopes to proceed with the Douglas Library instead, she said.

Lack of funds was mainly the reason given for turning down the proposed Rockwood project.

Members of the Rockwood Centennial Committee have done a great deal of work on the proposal and were hopeful the old building would be restored and maintained by the O.T.F.

The Rockwood committee members still hope enough interest has been generated to spark interest among members of parliament and officials. Talks will continue.

## New Addition At Blow Press

A 2000 square foot addition is almost completed at Blow Press Ltd. Workmen are now finishing the bonded roof before the heating system is installed.

Steel construction and cement block work have already been completed on the addition located on the west side of the present building.

When finished the building will be used mainly for warehouse for new material as well as finished products. A grinding and painting room will also be located in the addition.

Access from the present building will be gained through a large doorway which will be opened from the old section after heating has been installed.

## Two Pupils Win Poster Contest

Competing against pupils from Milton, Nassagaweya Township and Acton, Judy Howson, grade 6, won first prize of \$10, while Marie Holmes, grade 7, placed second, to win \$5, in the annual Halton County Tuberculosis and Health Association poster contest.

Both winners are pupils at the M. Z. Bennett public school in Acton and last week they received letters of congratulation from the association, accompanied by individual cheques.

For a number of years, the poster contest was open for competition to all schools through out Halton County but last year this was changed and the contest divided into various areas.

The M. Z. Bennett school topped first and second prizes for the area last year as well. Earl Brears is the M. Z. Bennett school's teacher.

Gov. Carriage began operation from its new location on highway No. 7 Monday. They moved Saturday.



WARDEN H. MERRY was elected and officially installed in Halton's top office on Tuesday. Reeve Merry of Oakville (right) is shown following his installation receiving his Warden's crest from Magistrate K. M. Langdon (left) while ex-warden G. Gallagher (centre) adjusts the new warden's robes and symbolic chain of office. Acton Reeve H. H. Hinton withdrew from the contest for the position but assured members he would seek the office in 1966.

## As of January 1

## Authority Assumes Responsibility For Sunshine School's Operation

Operation of the Sunshine School for Retarded Children of Hornby was handed over January 1 by the North Halton Association for Retarded Children to the newly organized Esqueping Township Retarded Children's Educational Authority.

Under new provisions laid down by the provincial government, Esqueping township named four representatives to the Authority since the school is in that township. The North Halton Association, which founded the school, named two representatives.

Under the new legislation, the Ontario Department of Education pays 80 per cent of the cost of operation of the school. A new system has been adopted for the recovery of the remaining 20 per cent. Each locality is billed for the pupils attending from that town or township.

Previously, county council had made a grant to the school and the association was responsible for costs of operation. Government grants were received when the new school was built.

The North Halton Association is relieved of all the costs of operation as of January 1, but will continue to act much as a Home and School Association, and will continue its interest in retarded adults and preschool children.

Members were very pleased to see their school thus recognized and supported by the government.

## First Meeting

The inaugural meeting of the new Authority was held Monday evening at the school and G. W. McKenzie of Acton was named chairman. Paul Armstrong of Georgetown vice chairman and Mrs. Iain Sillars of Milton secretary treasurer. The chairman is principal of the Robert Lytle School, Acton.

Esqueping township named four representatives to the board — one from each locality concerned — Mr. McKenzie from Acton, L. M. Sprout, R. R. 6, Milton, Mr. Armstrong from Georgetown, and Mrs. I. Lawson, R. R. 2, Georgetown, from Esqueping township.

North Halton Association's representatives are Mrs. W. Treahy of Georgetown and Mrs. Sillars of R. R. 6, Milton.

Jobs were drawn to divide the board into members sitting for two year or one year terms; two year terms went to Mr. McKenzie, Mrs. Sillars, Mrs. Lawson, one year terms to Mr. Armstrong, Mrs. Treahy, Mr. Sprout.

The school remains in the name of the North Halton Association, but the equipment and responsibility for cost of operation have been turned over to the Educational Authority, who will operate it on a basis similar to regular public schools. Sunshine School will share Inspector O. G. McDowell of Halton public schools and of course will likely have a special inspector as well. There are 20 children attending the recently built school, which since its inception has gained growing recognition as a vital aspect of education in the county.

## OBITUARY

## Judge George Elliott Funeral on Saturday

George Edward Elliott, judge, lawyer and community leader, passed away at Milton District Hospital at noon, Wednesday, January 6 — and the community and the county lost a kind citizen and a great leader.

The funeral service, held Saturday in Knox Presbyterian Church, was one of the largest in Milton and among the dignitaries attending to pay last respects were: M.P.s, magistrates, friends, relatives and neighbors.

Judge Elliott, a native of the Milton area, spent his entire lifetime in Milton and district and served his community in many ways. He practiced law in Milton for 33 years before being appointed Judge of the County Court, Surrogate Court, Judge of Halton and Local Master of the Supreme Court of Ontario, in November, 1961.

Surviving are his wife, Alice Tipton, and one son, J. William (Bill) of Port Arthur. Two daughters, Janet and Margaret, predeceased him. A brother, John A. of Milton and sister Christina (Mrs. N. Richardson) of Newmarket also mourn him.

Judge Elliott was 62 years of age. Rev. J. K. L. McGown of Knox Church, assisted by Rev. J. E. Maxwell of St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Hornby, conducted the funeral service at Knox on Saturday afternoon. Mr. McGown gave a brief talk on the theme of Judge Elliott's favorite hymn, based on Psalm 42, and explained the three-fold reason for the service: to mark the passing of one who has held an important place in the community, to give thanks to God for the service he has rendered, and to review our own position before God.

O.P.P. Constables Tom Dube and Al Jordan stood guard over the casket prior to the service. (Continued on Page Six)

## Hinton Drops From Race Herb Merry New Warden

Oakville's Reeve H. C. Merry was unanimously elected 1965 Warden of Halton County at the inaugural meeting Tuesday, when Acton's Reeve H. H. Hinton withdrew his nomination.

Both men were nominated for the position but Mr. Hinton, a contestant for the position last year, spoke for Reeve Merry's election "It is with a pleasant feeling that I take this position and assure council I will definitely stand for the office next year. I will work this year to merit the position," he said.

Reeve Merry assured council he would work as Halton's ambassador of goodwill and be proud to be in a position to foster understanding between the towns and townships of the county.

## 14 Members

Members of Halton Council for 1965 are George Leslie and Wilfrid Leslie from Esqueping, John Elliott and W. F. Hunter from Georgetown, H. H. Hinton and Roy Goodwin from Acton, C. A. Martin and A. Ledwith from Milton, H. Merry and T. Whiting from Oakville, G. Gallagher and F. Rogers from Burlington, and W. J. Coulter and B. D. Young from Nassagaweya.

Members subscribed to the declaration of office before Magistrate K. M. Langdon. Clerk Administrator Gathie Brown presided for the opening of County Council before a packed gallery in the new county administration building. He expressed a welcome to Acton Deputy Reeve Roy Goodwin, the only new member of the council for 1965. Warden Merry presented him with a blazer crest.

Past wardens, county officials and Oakville councillors and officials were among the guests present for the election of the Warden.

In accepting the position of Warden, Reeve Merry expressed his appreciation to Reeve Hinton for his action in withdrawing from the election. "It is no

## Fell in Trench Wrist Broken

Mrs. Margaret Thompson, 86 Wallace Avenue, suffered wrist fractures in three places as the result of a fall in a 12-foot ditch Wednesday evening of last week.

Following her customary procedure, Mrs. Thompson called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Binnie, Perth St., for her mail and when leaving the Binnie home took a short cut across the lawn to reach Wallace Ave. on her way home.

Excavation for installation of new sewer mains along Wallace Avenue had reached the corner of Perth St. and Wallace Avenue. Mrs. Thompson fell into the ditch as she stepped from the lawn.

Without help, she scrambled to her feet and walked along the ditch to a section which had partially been filled in. Here she made her escape and returned to the Binnie home.

After the Binnies heard of her experience they called the doctor and Mrs. Thompson was taken by car to Goodwin General Hospital where x-rays showed a trunk break and a cast was put on. She was allowed to return to Acton shortly after.

She is presently staying with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Patterson Church St.

## Seek Interest Square Dancing

Interested in getting kinks out of their bones? Why not consider taking up square dancing?

Recreation Director Harris Roe is hopeful of starting a Community Couples' Club and the main item of recreation will be square dancing. On Friday, January 29, Mr. Roe and his wife, E. J., both experienced square dancers, will appear on the TV program Country Hoedown. The following evening, an "exciter square" dance will be staged at the Robert Little public school auditorium to see if enough interest can be generated to start a club in Acton.

The type of dancing anticipated will be modern or contemporary square dancing.

Charges for the monthly sessions will be \$1.50 per couple. Anyone interested in further information is asked to call Mr. Roe.

discredit to Acton to have a Reeve who is capable of such action," he emphasized.

Deputy Reeve Lester Whiting of Oakville also praised Reeve Hinton's withdrawal. "I do believe Acton has been most adequately represented on County Council by Reeve Hinton."

## 1965 Committees

Following the election of the Warden, Council adjourned to permit the striking committee to name the various committees for 1965 as follows:

Agriculture, F.M.O. and Planning — Hunter, Coulter, W. Leslie, Goodwin, Whiting, Umarge, Wellare and Assessment — Martin, Hinton, Rogers, G. Leslie, Hunter.

Personnel, Legislation and By-Laws — Elliott, Coulter, Whiting, Rogers, W. Leslie.

Property and Office Administration — Coulter, Gallagher, W. Leslie, Ledwith, Goodwin.

Roads — G. Leslie (3 years), Merry (4 years), Hinton (1 year), Young (2 years), Martin (5 years), Gallagher (4 years).

Museum Board — Whiting, Ledwith, Board of Health — Rogers,

Young, Ledwith, Goodwin.

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By-law members appointed — H. C. Merry and Margaret Maxwell to the Board of Criminal Audit for 1965.

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The second suggestion was that the proposed board room of the hydro commission be enlarged so it would be suitable for use as a council chamber as well.

Defer Separate Quarters

He pointed out that the increased size in the hydro building to accommodate the municipal offices would satisfy the town's requirements. When the town has grown to the point where a separate municipal building would be required, it is likely, he felt, the hydro commission would require the extra space for their own use.

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