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NASSAGAWEYA SCHOOL BOARD members were installed into office for 1966 Monday, January 10 as they joined with the township council for inaugural ceremonies. Shown in front are the new chairman Horace Blythe and Board secretary Mrs. B. Fletcher. Standing behind are trustees Dr. C. L. Young, John McPhail and Claude Inglis. The fifth member, Arthur Gibson, was absent when the photo was taken.

First Lady Councillor Takes Oath At Nassagaweya's 1966 Inaugural

The first lady councillor in Nassagaweya Township history, Mrs. Anne MacArthur, was one of five members of council who took the oath of office for the 1966 term at the inaugural meeting of Township council on Monday.

Mrs. MacArthur, returning councillor Ross Gordon and William Mahon, newly elected Deputy Reeve William Hoey, and returning Reeve William Coultter took the oath of office administered by Township Clerk J. C. MacIntyre. Rev. W. A. Leeman of Ebenezer United Church read the traditional inaugural meeting prayers.

In his first address to the new council, Reeve Coultter welcomed Mrs. MacArthur and Deputy Reeve Hoey to council. Returning to office for a third term, Mr. Coultter indicated, "I anticipate a great many problems this year, and also the completion of a great many projects." He hoped for the completion of the Township's Centennial Project and also for the service road that might facilitate traffic to the Guelph Line.

lic hearings would be called to discuss the Plunkett Report (Regional Needs Study for Halton and Peel Counties) and hoped council would have concrete ideas to present concerning the report. He urged the co-operation between council, the Nassagaweya School Area Board and the Planning Board.

In closing Mr. Coultter said assessment in the Township had increased \$182,000 in 1965 and that it would possibly increase even more during the next year, but he noted, "increased assessment brings an increase in problems."

Oaths for Trustees
About 20 ratepayers attended

the meeting and also saw the clerk administer the oath of office to Horace Blythe, John McPhail and Claude Inglis; members of the Public School Board for the Township School Area of Nassagaweya who were acclaimed to office for a two-year term.

After the swearing-in ceremonies council met until 12 noon and then adjourned for lunch. At 1:30 council reconvened and the meeting continued until well after 6 p.m.

Gordon Agnew of Campbellville attended the complete meeting and recorded all the conversation on a tape-recorder.

Nassagaweya Council

Grants 10 Per Cent Raises

Increases in pay of about 10 per cent were granted to most employees of the Township of Nassagaweya when Township council reviewed the salaries of its employees at its inaugural meeting of 1966 on Monday. Although all increases are a good thing, there was a general concern about the size of the raises.

Deputy Reeve William Hoey suggested, "I don't question the need for increases but I wonder if we are giving enough of a raise and if we are going about it in the right way. I think we're doing this entirely too haphazardly — there needs to be more study than just picking figures out of a hat."

Reeve William Coultter explained that at present the Township didn't have a salary scale but the basic salaries and increases are usually based on a slightly lower figure than that used at the county level.

After discussing the problem at great length it was understood that increases in the general area of 10 per cent would be granted this year and it was hinted that

the possibility of setting up a scale for salaries and for increases would be considered early in the new year.

Township road department employees were put into three classes, grader operators, truck drivers and laborers. Grader operators received a raise to \$2 per hour while truck drivers were raised to \$1.90 per hour and laborers are to receive \$1.70 per hour. It was also agreed to pay time and a half for overtime over the ordinary 45 hour week. Speaking for overtime for the road department employees, councillor Mrs. Anne MacArthur said, "I don't think I'd like to be out to midnight and after for much less than \$3 an hour, and I don't think those men should have to either."

Assistant clerk Mrs. V. Cochran received a \$275 raise and Township Clerk J. C. MacIntyre received an increase of \$400 plus an additional \$100 per year for car allowance, bringing his car allowance figure for the year to \$500. It was decided to review recently appointed Mac Anderson's salary after he completed six months as

assessor. Again this year it was agreed that the Reeve, deputy Reeve and councillors would receive \$15 per meeting. Road department superintendent Grant McMillan was also granted an increase of about 10 per cent.

Nassagaweya Briefs...

During their marathon five and one-half hour inaugural meeting for 1966 Monday, Nassagaweya councillors:

- Agreed to renew membership in the Ontario Good Roads Association for 1966.
- Renewed membership in the Ontario Association for Rural Municipalities.
- Received requests from the Township of the Canadian Mental Health Association, The Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Canadian Medical Alert Foundation, for consideration of grants from the Township.

- Decided to refrain from making any decision concerning the grants until a list of Associations receiving grants from the county can be obtained.
- Learned approval had been granted for grants totalling \$1,138 from the Federal and Provincial Governments as their share towards a phase of Nassagaweya's Centennial Project. The grants covered improvements to be made at parks in Eden Mills and Campbellville. Previously grants had been approved for a park site adjacent to the new Municipal Building in Brookville.
- Instructed the clerk to send a letter of appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. B. D. Young for the "lovely oil painting" which they donated to the new Township Building.
- Congratulated clerk-treasurer J. C. MacIntyre for his hard work, which resulted in cutting down on the tax arrears within the township.

Motel Building Permit Largest In \$610,750 For Nassagaweya

A proposed service station - motel complex to be constructed at an approximate cost of \$200,000 accounted for the largest single building permit to be issued in the Township of Nassagaweya during 1965. The total value of the permits issued during the year was \$610,750 and is believed to be the second largest in the township's history, exceeded only by the 1962 total of \$1,715,625 which included a permit for Mohawk Raceway.

Urges Co-operation
Reeve Coultter anticipated pub-

Some of the largest building projects in the township in 1965 included the addition to Brookville school, the construction of the \$50,000 township administration building, the construction of the new Campbellville post office, several residences and the pump house for the town of Milton in the Kelso Conservation area.

High Month
Although details on the service station - motel complex have not yet been finalized, a permit for the project was issued in October. Permits with a total value of \$217,850 including the figure for the complex, accounted for the highest monthly total of the year.

Permits for the year are as follows: January \$27,000; February nil; March \$47,500; April \$26,000; May \$83,000; June \$97,600; July \$52,700; August \$38,700; September \$20,400; October \$217,850; November \$7,500; December \$700.

SILVERWOOD

Kingdom Hall Holds Services Regularly

Kingdom Hall, erected by members of Jehovah Witnesses, has been holding services for about six months though it is not yet dedicated. It is built on No. 7 highway near the Limehouse side-road.

The services are conducted like school classes with Mr. Mel Taylor as congregational servant, Mr. George Corneil assistant and Mr. George Mummy as a top officer.

In 90th Year

Mrs. Hannah Duffield died in Toronto, January 1, after a long illness, in her 90th year. Her son, Mr. Fred Duffield, is a district resident.

Snowfall

Silverwood district received a 6 inch snowfall on Friday.

DEER DIES

Another deer met its fate on Highway 401 on the weekend, when it ran across the road and collided with an Orangeville man's car near Campbellville. The accident caused \$300 property damage and the deer was killed.



THE FIRST WOMAN COUNCILLOR in Nassagaweya Township history, Mrs. Anne MacArthur, took a seat at Township council on Monday. Mrs. MacArthur and Deputy Reeve William Hoey are the only newcomers to council and they learned on Monday just how long meetings can be. Members sat through more than five and a half hours of discussion at the inaugural meeting. Shown seated are Deputy Reeve Hoey and Mrs. MacArthur. Standing behind are councillor William Mahon, Reeve William Coultter, councillor Ross Gordon and Township clerk J. C. MacIntyre.

Planning Appointments Bring Heated Discussion

"Planning is the most important thing to take place in Nassagaweya this year," Deputy Reeve William Hoey charged at the inaugural meeting of Nassagaweya Council on Monday, and set the stage for more than an hour and one half of discussion on appointments to the Township Planning Board.

A combined suggestion from the two new members of the council, Deputy Reeve Hoey and councillor Mrs. Anne MacArthur, that the Planning Board membership be increased from four to six members was approved. Coun. MacArthur pointed out there are five voting regions in the Township, and suggested each region should be represented on the Planning Board. Members of council, after a brief discussion, agreed to increase the size of the board but when it came to appointing members, there was a great difference of opinion.

New Members

Alex. New, a member of the board in 1965, has still two years to serve and Stuart Cramp, also a member in 1965, has one more year to serve. After many suggestions had been forwarded Maurice Newton and Gordon Agnew were appointed to the board for three year terms, 1965 Planning Board chairman Grant Campbell was re-appointed for a two-year term.

and Bill Lowrie was appointed for a one-year term.

Councillor MacArthur expressed great dissatisfaction with the action and the results turned in by the 1965 Planning Board and said fresh blood was needed on the board to "spur it to greater achievements."

Deputy Reeve Hoey also took shots at the 1965 board and said, "I don't think it did a good job." Mr. Hoey was displeased with the decision of the 1965 council to hire professional planners at a cost of \$5,900 and said, "we need people from Nassagaweya with an interest in planning — not professional people from Toronto." He said the increase in the size of the Planning Board would give better representation to each area and suggested the increased size would also promote better cooperation between the Planning Board and council.

Reeve Coultter agreed to the increase in the size of the group but said it was important to have "a reasonable balance of new members with old members." Although he agreed with the need for reasonable balance, Mr. Hoey reported, "I can't see appointing persons for three years who have done nothing but raise

100 objections from ratepayers." Appointments to council committees for the year were: road committee, councillors Hoey, Gordon; property and building, councillors Gordon, Hoey; assessment and planning, councillors Mahon, MacArthur; finance and welfare, councillors MacArthur and Mahon; personnel and office administration, Hoey and Gordon; property and building, councillors Gordon and Hoey.

More Delegates

Other appointments were handled very quickly and without disagreement. They included; Duncan Moffat to the Acton District High School Board for one year; Reeve Coultter to the Halton Region Conservation Authority for one year; Reeve Coultter, councillor Mahon, Ken Moore, Len Andrews, Doug Agnew, C. L. Young and Claude Inglis to the Campbellville Community Centre committee; Charles Thomson and J. A. Milne to the Acton Fire Area Board; A. R. Service to the Milton Fire Area Board and Ross Carbert to the Milton District High School Board.

Perce McGillivray and Nelson Howard were appointed pound keepers, J. E. Parsons and Arthur Norrish were appointed livestock inspectors, Stanley Norrish was appointed school attendance inspector and Ed Cairns, James Robertson, George Driedge and Charles Tashby were named fence viewers.

Golden Age Club Entertains Over 60 Members from Guelph

The Acton Golden Age Club members were hosts to the Guelph Golden Age Club at their regular afternoon meeting, Thursday, January 6, in the Y.M.C.A. building. Over 60 visitors arrived accompanied by their Assistant Recreation Director.

R. L. Davidson, president, warmly welcomed the visitors and the meeting opened with the theme song "The More We Get Together, The Happier We'll Be."

Mrs. Hewittson, president of the Guelph Club, led their rhythm band in pleasing renditions of "Overs the Waves," and "Home On the Range." Robert Winton on the piano and Robert O'Hara on the mouth organ pleased all with a duet "Master MacGrav" and were brought back to play "Believe Me if all Those Endearing Young Charms."

Guelph Skit
The Guelph Club put on a hilarious skit "The Old Grey Mare." Mrs. Ballantine gave a monologue on her experiences in the Big City and was encored back to give another "Age is a State of Mind." Another skit "The Quilting

Parties" by the Guelph Club to the tune "Sceng Nellie Home" again brought down the house in roars of laughter.

Recites Poetry
Petec Woods surprised all with his remarkable memory and Scottish accent, as he recited Robert Burns' lengthy poem "Cotter's Saturday Night" and was called back to recite "The Burning of the Prairie-Bell."

Charlie Cutts told some "yarns" in his own witty way, and led in the singing of "Do You Ken John Peel?"

The rhythm band played "Star of the East," followed by "Abide with Me" and all joining in singing. Mrs. Hewittson spoke briefly, thanking the Acton club for an enjoyable afternoon.

The program closed with the Queen.

Eukere and crokinole, social chat and reminiscing followed as old friendships were renewed and new friendships made.

A lovely lunch was served by the kitchen-committee. Then as evening was approaching, friends reluctantly said "au revoir."

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