



"Credit to Halton"

Assessors honor Ford Rogers

Halton County assessors and men in the assessment field throughout the province gathered Wednesday night in Oakville to honor one of their own—Halton County's assessor for the past 20 years, J. Ford Rogers.

Mr. Rogers, appointed in January of 1946 as the County of Halton's first assessor, officially retires today, June 30, after serving in that position for 20 years.

Members of the Halton County Assessors' Association, which he helped found, honored him at a banquet in the County Square restaurant in Oakville and presented him with a life membership certificate in the association and a wrist watch.

Other men in the assessment field with whom he has been associated throughout the years

also attended the banquet and presented a gift to the guest of honor, Mrs. Rogers (Irene) received a bouquet of red roses from the association.

Men representing each of the townships and the municipalities in the county spoke briefly, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Rogers many years of happy retirement and thanking Mr. Rogers for his help throughout the years.

Joe Gibbons, mayor of Georgetown, and the only other living member of the association, summed up the thoughts of most speakers when he suggested, "Ford reached his goal — to bring better assessment practices to Halton county. He has been a credit to Halton County Council; he has been a credit to all assessors and through all this, he has been a credit to himself."

And jokingly, the mayor suggested "even if he has lost all his faculties, he can be mayor of some place."

Speakers for the evening included Arthur Benton, assessor for Esquesing; E. M. Dunham, assessor of Oakville; Ernie Williams, assessor of Burlington; Edgar Marshall, former assessor of Nelson Twp.; Aubrey Pickert, secretary-treasurer of the association; Calvin McIntyre, clerk of Nassagaweya Twp.; Bill Erskine, assessor of Acton; John Charlton, assessor of Milton; Halton County's new assessor, Robert Beach; Stanley Symons, assessment commissioner of Simcoe County; Max Sloan, representing the Department of Municipal Affairs; Harvey Tasker of the Department; Cliff Hibbert, assessor of Georgetown; R. D. Baxter of Etobicoke and Percy Spurgeon of Oakville.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by a quartet of Oakville ladies who sang several songs and escorted Mr. Rogers to the seat of honor (complete with soap box) where he received several gifts.

Nearly 300 register for playground program

Recreation director Howard Pearce has the summer playground program lined up and already is starting to think about a winter program.

Nearly 300 youngsters have registered for the summer playground program which begins next Monday. This year the program will be run both at the park and the M. Z. Bennett school grounds. It will also be an all-day program this year. Others are expected to register opening day.

Miss Donna Landsborough has been named supervisor and will have Jo Marie Marchment and Cavell Marshall working with her. Miss Landsborough will travel between both playgrounds to assist her helpers. Other leaders-in-training will also help out.

Miss Trudy Morris will supervise swimming in the pool and

will be assisted by Paul Cooper of Acton and Miss Susan Mitchell of Georgetown. On certain occasions swimming events will be held at Fairy Lake.

Mr. Pearce plans a special event each Friday for the playground program. The theme of the first one has been named "Batman".

Response to the ladies' Slim and Trim classes has been so great, the recreation director plans to extend it throughout the summer months. It will be held one night a week during the summer in place of twice.

Mr. Pearce also reports attendance for roller skating has been good and this continues as well, throughout the summer. Frank Thompson, attendant at the arena, started painting the interior of the arena this week. Seats will be painted blue and gold and the rest of the interior white.

GRADUATION EXERCISES were held Thursday night of last week for grade 8 students of Ospringe school. Front row left to right are Barry McArthur, Kevin Mitchell, Norman Buck and George Taylor. Second row left to right are John Brouwer, Margaret DeForest, Tracy Vlietstra, Marion Gates, Norma Leslie, Carol Long-

street, June Upshall and Tom O'Donnell. Third row left to right are Darlene Fines, Ivan Wheeler, Ken Cole, Eugene Champaigne, David Cripps, Ken Gates, John McConnell, Alan McDonnell, Mike Hurren and Chris Zabder. Back row are supply teacher Mrs. Ann Graham and principal Bruce Macpherson.

First communion

At a service in the cool downstairs chapel of the United Church, the young people of the communicants' class received their first communion Sunday morning. Others attended the early service as well. The first 10 a.m. summer service was held later. Visiting Scouts arrived late, unaware of the change, and were welcomed.

Back to school

It was back to school for mothers with children in kindergarten.

Last Friday mothers accompanied children to the M. Z. Bennett public school for closing exercises.

Tuesday mothers of children attending the Robert Little public school visited kindergarten classrooms to join with children in closing exercises there.

Bride, groom both in Navy



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bolton are pictured after their recent wedding in the Stella Marie Chapel on HMCS "Stadacona" in Halifax. The bride is the former Anne Deebank, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Deebank of Rockwood. The groom also of Rockwood, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bolton. Both the bride and the groom are in the R.C.N. and will be residing at 56 Dawson St., Apt. 13, Dartmouth, N.S.

Warden suggests County ambulance but Kerr foresees hospital plan

"I think the day will come when ambulance service will all be part of the Ontario Hospital Services plan", George Kerr, M.P.P., told 25 members of north Halton municipal councils at a meeting in Georgetown last week.

The meeting was called by the North Halton Urban Board to review ambulance service in the municipalities and their experience in costs. Mr. Kerr noted a new Act will govern the minimum standard of ambulance equipment and pay a 50 per cent grant on any municipal subsidy paid by the municipality.

Halton Warden H. H. Hinton suggested the operation of an ambulance service under the Board of Health to serve the county would appear to be a logical move, with the introduction of the new grant structure.

Grant five licences for Nassagaweya pits

The granting of licences to W. J. Mahon, Charlie Mitchell, Joseph Currie, Floyd Hammond and B. F. Neary for the operation of small gravel pits in Nassagaweya Township was approved by township council on Monday evening of last week.

Applications for the permits have been in the hands of council for several months, but were passed without opposition.

"I feel something is being done about quarries and gravel pits, I have nothing against these permits to small operators for \$2," Councillor Anne MacArthur said. Other councillors expressed a similar opinion.

Urban Board chairman, J. Young of Georgetown, presided for the meeting attended by eight members of Milton Council, five members from Georgetown, four members from Acton and one member from Nassagaweya council.



ACTON AND AREA WINNERS in the 1966 weed control poster contest sponsored by the Agricultural Committee of Halton County Council were among 70 contestants honored by the council on a tour of the Royal Botanical Gardens near Hamilton on Thursday. The area winners are shown here with Nassagaweya Deputy-Reeve William Hoey and Halton Warden H. H. Hinton of Acton who presented the awards. From left to right are Jim McKeown, Mark Nielsen and Olive Marshall of Acton Denise Paxton of Nassagaweya, and Susan Ismond and Roberta Southcott of Esquesing.

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