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Nassagaweya reeve council all return

Bill Coulter, reeve of Nassagaweya for the past three years, was decisively re-elected for a two-year term on Monday when 30 per cent of the eligible Township electorate went to the polls.

Despite a stiff challenge from Allan Ackman for the second consecutive year, Reeve Coulter was able to increase his margin of victory over the last election and lead in four of the five polling stations. Incumbent councillors Anne MacArthur, Ross Gordon and William Mahon won re-election with councillor MacArthur leading the council polls for the second year in a row.

Mrs. MacArthur, the first woman to serve on Township council, received 545 votes. Ross Gordon who was elected for a sixth term was second in the race with 478 and William Mahon, elected for a fifth term, was third with 441.

A. L. Goutouski, making his first bid for a township council seat was fourth with 320 and Mrs. Elva Newton trailed in the race with 246. It was her second try for a council seat.

In the nine-way race for five seats on the Township Public School Board, four incumbents, Claude Inglis, John McPhail, Arthur Gibson and Hor-

ace Blyth were re-elected and Carlo Bryce, making his first try for a school board seat, was elected. The fifth member of the 1966 school board — Dr. Cliff Young — did not seek re-election.

The results for school board were as follows: Claude Inglis 544, John McPhail 528, Arthur Gibson 435, Horace Blyth 445, Carlo Bryce 324, Mrs. Willie Essery 250, Mrs. Frances Sweet 246, Patrick Redgrave 238, Robert Gregg 231.

Reeve Coulter polled 490 votes, 147 more than Mr. Ackman. The incumbent led in polling subdivisions 1, 2, 3 and 4 but trailed by 12 votes in the subdivision at Eden Mills.

In December, 1965, he defeated Mr. Ackman for the first time by the margin of 497 to 391.

Despite favorable weather conditions and considerable interest, only 854 of the eligible 1,768 voters cast ballots for a percentage turnout of 48.30, about nine per cent lower than the 57.25 per cent in last year's election.

This was the first time voters have cast ballots for a two-year term and those elected will serve for 1967 and 1968. The council's inaugural meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 4.

Nassagaweya results

Roll 1 — Agnew Electric; Poll 2 — Agnew Electric; Poll 3 — Brookville; Poll 4 — Moffat Res.; Poll 5 — MacPherson Res.

REEVE (One Elected)

	Poll 1	Poll 2	Poll 3	Poll 4	Poll 5	Total
William Coulter	92	137	115	29	490	490
Allan Ackman	55	99	93	55	41	343
COUNCILLORS (three elected)						
Mrs. Anne MacArthur	182	143	156	96	46	545
Ross Gordon	89	94	133	126	37	478
William Mahon	83	112	120	101	25	441
A. L. Goutouski	58	97	91	45	29	320
Mrs. Elva Newton	38	73	76	34	25	246
SCHOOL TRUSTEES (five elected)						
Claude Inglis	114	139	157	109	25	544
John McPhail	109	138	139	111	26	528
Arthur Gibson	83	90	136	104	42	453
Horace Blyth	76	88	144	97	40	445
Carlo Bryce	43	71	105	60	23	324
Mrs. Willie Essery	57	90	58	35	10	250
Mrs. Frances Sweet	38	80	66	43	19	246
Patrick Redgrave	40	58	82	40	18	238
Robert Gregg	24	46	73	54	34	231



A NEW LECTERN BIBLE given in memory of Lillian Mary Hinton was presented to St. Alban's, Acton, Sunday, December 11. The Rev. R. H. Hinton, warden of Halton County, read the

February opening expected for new centennial library

Probable "grand opening" date in February for Acton's centennial library was envisioned for Acton council Tuesday evening by Mayor Les Dudy, one of the keenest supporters of the project and a member of the library board himself. He was bringing back to council for their approval the library board's recommendations for furnishings, and pointed out that the equipment would be delivered about six weeks after it is ordered, bringing a possible completion date in February.

For the first time, the library board met in their new library on Monday evening. Seated on folding chairs around a couple of cardtables with their sweaters and overcoats on, the men on the board contemplated with pride the shining new ceiling tile, coordinated paint colors and the bright peacock blue wall-to-wall carpeting.

Furnishings were the main item on their agenda; various prices were assembled, juggled and totted, to be presented to council the next night.

Locations for shelving, eight round tables, chairs for adults and stools for children, the check-out desk and rolling book racks were measured.

Library board members present were chairman George

Lee, council representative Mayor Les Dudy, Doug Copeland, Rev. Ritchie McMurray, Fred New and Ted Pratt.

They accepted the first book for the centennial library, a presentation of the University Women's Club of Milton and district, which has nine Acton members. A centennial project, the book contains accounts of the lives of 20 famous Canadian women. Although it was presented to the board for the new library, it will be put in circulation as soon as possible.

The pitch of the new bridge has been changed. A more gradual rise was felt to be more satisfactory. Fill will be added at each end and landscaping will follow.

Council discussed and approved purchase of shelving, furniture, drapes and other equipment for the Centennial library at an approximate cost of \$9,500. Of this amount \$5,000 had been previously allotted.

Mayor Dudy reported that members of the board had visited several places inspecting library equipment. He also told council, it was impossible for library board members to estimate accurately what the cost of this equipment would be. "Board members realized the minimum cost should be arrived at and realized the library couldn't open without this equipment. We have the most conscientious group of people on library board and the nicest group working for the town. It's a pleasure being on the board with them." He noted the board had selected the lowest priced units in each case.

Volkswagen bought in Germany destroyed by fire on Friday

Not only did Charles Wright, 188 Churchill Rd. S., Acton, lose his transportation last Friday but a lot of sentimental value went up in flames as well.

His late model Volkswagen, which he personally picked up at the plant at Wolfsburg, Germany, caught fire en route to work at Malton when it is presumed a flexible fuel line broke. Both Mr. Wright and his passenger, Miss Lonnie Marks, were travelling along No. 7 highway-east of town when the driver smelled gas.

The motor caught fire. Unable to cope with the blaze with water, (magnesium fires are impossible to extinguish with straight water or even foam), firefighters tipped the vehicle on its side and shovelled dirt on the fire.

Mr. Wright had driven the station wagon all over south Germany, Switzerland, France and parts of Austria. When he came to Canada from Great Britain he had the vehicle shipped over by boat.

It was a complete loss.

He pulled the vehicle to the side of the road and both got out; the vehicle had caught fire and was partially engulfed in flames. Two passing trucks were flagged down in hopes fire extinguishers would be in the trucks — with no luck.

Acton Firefighters were called and had a difficult time extinguishing the blaze when magnesium castings around

Hot night in old town

On Twelfth Night, the annual gala burning of Christmas trees will again take place on the meadow just north of the town dump site. Plans are being sketched by members of the Chamber of Commerce in expectation of another big bonfire and big crowd.

10-room Stewarttown addition approved by Esquering board

Approval for a \$428,000 10-room addition to Stewarttown Public School was given Tuesday afternoon when Esquering Public School Board and Esquering Council met in the Township hall.

The estimated amount to be obtained through debentures is \$380,000. The school board has a conservatively estimated surplus of \$27,000 which, combined with the debenture sale should cover the actual building cost of \$400,000. The \$28,000 will include furnishings and equipment.

The sum for the furniture and equipment is rebatable in the following year's grant.

\$4,000 of the architect's fees which are non-rebatable, will be paid from the school board surplus. It was expected mill rates in Esquering will be affected by the addition.

Council member Pat Patterson stated he was sympathetic with both the school board in its desire for the addition, and the taxpayer for having to absorb the cost.

He questioned the estimated cost of \$20 per square foot, noting a good house can be

erected at a cost of \$13 per square foot.

School board trustee William Lawson replied the Ontario Department of Education recommends that price, as does the architect.

Mr. Patterson commented the township is in need of utilities and buildings too, but he would not criticize the erection of the building if it was necessary.

Councillor Patterson asked why the Township of Nassagaweya was able to erect their nine-room addition to Brookville Public School at a cost of \$16.80 per square foot.

It was found the square footage of construction of this nature does not necessarily represent the actual area. The figure is doubled for service areas, e.g., corridors, heating, etc. Nassagaweya did not have these additional costs added into their construction.

Mr. Lawson said it would be foolish for the school board to come to council requesting a certain amount of money, then find at the inspection of tenders more funds would be needed. He emphasized that in all probability the \$380,000 figure was liberal.

It was felt the installation of a gymnasium would be more beneficial in a school containing grades seven and eight, and the gym would likely be used constantly if it was the only one in the township system.

"The board must have rooms by September," Mr. Lawson said. "Portable classrooms cost approximately \$1,000 each and cannot attract as high a calibre of teacher. They would have to be replaced eventually, anyway, with permanent type buildings."

It was also noted the board could request a poll of public opinion at council's expense, which would be \$1,000.

Councillor George Currie reminded the school board they had requested \$277,500 for an eight room addition previously; but the new request represented an increase in rooms of two, but an increase in cost of \$103,000.

The board's spokesman Mr. Lawson replied the original

plan had called for six classrooms, a kindergarten room, and a library. The new plan passes up the kindergarten, but replaces it with a gymnasium, Home Economics room, and Industrial Arts room. The three are a specialized type of room, and larger, requiring more money.

Reeve George Leslie expressed his hope the board would not be needing further accommodation shortly.

The operating costs budget of the board for 1967 will be a necessary \$500,000.

It was felt to be beneficial to call for tenders soon; there is a better opportunity for lower bids during the winter contracting months.

After some further discussion, it was decided the council would sit in caucus to arrive at a decision.

In approximately 30 minutes the school board was recalled to the meeting to hear a resolution from council approving the grant of an estimated \$380,000 by sale of debentures to be used in construction of a 10-room addition to Stewarttown Public School. The debenture will be over a 20-year period.

The board was asked to keep the cost of the addition as low as possible.

"We've had a hard fight for this," said school board chairman Russell Miller following the meeting.

Deputy-Reeve R. R. Parker said furnishing a library was a once-in-a-lifetime deal and this would have to be experienced before knowing near costs. "If the board had established \$5,000 approximate price and purchased equipment for \$9,500 they did a good job," he declared. He noted he had seen a lot of engineers come up with an estimated cost for a project and when tenders were called the amount increased drastically.

Council accepts submission on Plunkett for W. J. Spooner

Council's submission to W. J. Spooner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding the Plunkett report was accepted for submission by council on Tuesday night. Members of the special committee, Deputy-Reeve R. R. Parker and councillors Robert Drinkwater and C. F. Leatherland were commended for their work in compiling the report from individual submissions by each member of council.

Mr. Parker remarked, "I don't think I have tackled anything more difficult in the past year. We had to assess 10 dif-

ferent expressions of opinion and compile them into one report."

Clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie informed members he had received official word of the Department of Highways would pay 90 per cent of the cost for installation of signal lights at the Mill-Main intersection. He reported the lights were estimated at a cost of \$47,531 of which 90 per cent grant would be paid. Costs for signs and street marking would be an additional \$357 of which the town would pay 50 per cent and the Department of Highways 50 per cent.

A by-law applying for these grants was approved with Reeve Hinton opposing the three readings.

Approval was given for town workers to have a holiday Friday, December 23 for Christmas and Monday, January 2 for New Year's. Monday, December 26 was also proclaimed Boxing Day.

Council members will receive a Christmas parcel early. Approval was given for the clerk to issue checks for the balance of honoraria owing members.

Following a request to No. 2 committee of council by W. J. McLeod and Dave Manes for town workmen to clear piles of snow from the parking lot at the I.G.A. store and Medical Centre, council approved a committee recommendation to charge \$6 per hour for use of the front end loader and \$4 per hour for a truck for this purpose.

Councillor Drinkwater told council the owners would be responsible for clearing the lots after each snowfall and was informed the parking lots in question, were well-used by ratepayers and it would be an advantage to ratepayers to keep this area cleared.

Councillor Mrs. Doris Fryer noted the parking situation would be worse once the lights were installed and no parking areas designated. Reeve Hinton opposed this action.

Approved for payment were the following accounts for election day and nomination night: \$10 to R. L. school caretakers, \$18 each for five D.R. O's, \$15 each for five polling clerks and \$15 each for use of four places for polling booths.

Vic. Bristow was present from Acton Lions Club to show council samples of centennial decorations which would be sold by the club. He was informed a committee of council would study a brochure and inform the club if any are required.

Burning presentation of committee accounts, Councillor F. (Continued on Page 3)

Head-on collision Tuesday three men receive injuries

Two men were hospitalized and a third was treated by a local doctor following a head-on crash one mile north of Acton Tuesday morning. Damage to both cars was extensive.

Constable Murray Neal of the Guelph O.P.P. detachment investigated the crash and reported a northbound car on Highway 25 north of town driven by Robert Keith Powell of Etobicoke with a passenger, Andrew Broom of R.R. 2, Georgetown and a southbound car driven by Wayne Eason, Brock St., Acton, were involved in the accident at the top of a hill.

Constable Bruce McArthur of the Acton O.P.P. detachment was called and took both Mr. Powell and Mr. Broom to a local doctor for treatment. They were transferred to Guelph General Hospital. Mr. Powell suffered lacerations to his left eye and chin, abrasions to both knees, a fractured left arm and a bruised stomach. Mr. Broom was treated for lacerations to his forehead and right hip.

Driver of the other vehicle, Wayne Eason, was later taken to a doctor for treatment to a cut in his forehead and bruised stomach. Constable McArthur remained for Guelph police as the accident occurred in Guelph territory.

Written by Herman Freuler

Choraliers expect to sing original composition at Expo

When the Acton Legion Choraliers sing at Expo this summer, they hope to be singing a special centennial hymn written by well-known Actonian Herman Freuler. The song has a very pleasant tune which chorus director George Musselle thinks will be very effective when arranged for men's voices.

Mr. Freuler, a Swiss native, wrote the song several months ago.

Although the Choraliers had wanted to sing at Expo on the 24th of May weekend, information from Montreal indicates that weekend is already completely booked with amateur groups. Mr. Musselle will be writing them at once, asking for the first of July or first of September weekend.

July and August are the most popular months, but these weekends seemed to be still available. They would like to sing on a Sunday and Monday, if possible, before returning home.

Band shells are being constructed throughout the Expo site. Each group will be expected to sing or perform from between 30 to 50 minutes, and they'll select their own program. Two performances a day are scheduled.

It is likely that, if no copyright has been incurred, the arrangement of Mr. Freuler's song for piano will be published in the Free Press during centennial

year. Then it can be clipped out, pasted on cardboard, and played.

Although reading the words of a song doesn't give much appreciation of the total effect, the words Mr. Freuler wrote follow:

In our hearts, a feeling is abiding,
Deep and strong, to never, never die;
Canada, our grateful voices rising,
In a chorus clear, and high.

Keep us in your arms united,
Hold us close to your heart;
From you we will never part.

(Chorus)
Silvery moon and starlit skies send greetings,
To our land, serene in majesty,
Canada, toward your future reaching,
For the glorious summit of your destiny.

Should the clouds of war and tribulations,
Mar the skies that were so fair before,
Canada, it is our resolution
To stand ready as of yore.

Abiding God's own inspiration
Guide us through the gloom
Let good will among men embrace us,
Peace clinging to its bloom.

Appointment

Oakville resident Gordon Blake was appointed returning officer for Halton East, a new electoral district, it was announced last week.

No appointment has yet been made for Halton West. Richard West of Burlington handled the entire old riding of Halton in the last elections.



TWO PEOPLE WERE hospitalized Tuesday morning with injuries as a result of a head-on two-car collision, one mile north of Acton on No. 25 highway. Driver of a northbound car, Robert Keith Powell of Etobicoke and his passenger Andrew Broom of R.R. 2, Georgetown

were hospitalized with injuries. Driver of the southbound car, Wayne Eason, 26 Brock Ave., was treated by Dr. Brian Moore for shock and stomach injuries. Constable Murray Neal of the Guelph O.P.P. Detachment investigated. Charges are pending.