

Toasts, speeches, presentations

County honors Warden Coulter

Season's significance explained by rector

It was "Bill Coulter Night" at the Club Galaxy in Oakville on Thursday.

Over 400 fellow county councillors, relatives, county department heads, past wardens and other special guests gathered to pay a big "thank you" to William Coulter, Reeve of Nassagaweya Township and Warden of the Halton County Council for his dedicated leadership during Canada's centennial year.

The toasts, speeches, presentations, and a talk by an inter-denominational minister who is the Warden's brother-in-law were among the highlights of the night.

His four daughters, his father, brother, two sisters and other relatives sat in on the dinner and dance. Special praise was offered to his wife for tolerating his prolonged absence on county business, and to his father and brother who shouldered the extra load when the warden left the most counter at the family's general store in Campbellville for several meetings around the county, the province and the country.

When the dinner ended, Nassagaweya Deputy-Reeve William Hoey made presentations on behalf of the warden's county councillors -- a framed Halton coat of arms done in the silk screen process by Deputy-Reeve Hoey's artistic wife Elizabeth Wilkes

Hoey, a two-piece set of luggage, and the gavel symbolic of the office he held. "The warden has done a remarkable job this year in holding the county together," he said, "he has earned a great deal of respect from his fellow councillors."

Arthur H. Gibson, a member of Nassagaweya School Board and a personal friend of the warden, chaired the dinner. Head table guests were piped in by piper Don McEachern of the Lorne Scots Band. The dinner music was supplied by E.A. Barnard and floral centerpieces were provided by the Royal Botanical Gardens.

Toasting the warden, past warden Herb Morry of Oakville said

he was grateful to have been able to sit on a council led by such a capable warden. He estimated the warden had attended over 300 functions in the past year, and thanked him for his work on such accomplishments as settling the health nurses' dispute with the county, seeing the new Martin House home for the aged completed and opened, and being in on the planning for the county's centennial project, the crafts house at Halton County Museum.

In reply, Warden Coulter suggested it was a "tremendous" year but the councillors and county staff have rendered unquestionable support. He congratulated the local municipal-

ities on the completion of "some of the finest centennial projects in the Dominion of Canada" and had special words of praise for Esqueping Township which did not have its own project for 1967 but contributed its centennial funds toward the County's Centennial building at the Museum.

He introduced two visiting wardens, Ken Harper of Wentworth and Cameron Lush of Wellington County.

Halton Judge Alan B. Sprague proposed the toast to the county council, thanking each individual councillor for the expenditure of his time and ability for the good of the citizens of Halton. "The 1967 council has reason to be proud of the fact it has worked hard and long for the people it represents," he concluded.

Georgetown Reeve William Hunter replied.

The toast to the past wardens was given by Milton Reeve Austan Ledwith. He reviewed Halton's history, noting the first meeting of the county council was held in July of 1853 when James Young of Esqueping was named the first warden. Since then there have been 101 wardens, one of them the late Mrs. Mary Pettit who was Halton's first lady warden and the first lady warden in Ontario.

In his reply, Reeve Gordon Gallagher of Burlington introduced 10 former wardens who were in the audience.

The guest speaker was Rev. Gerald W. Paul, B.A., B.D., who is the interdenominational chaplain at Carleton University, Ottawa. His wife is a sister of Warden Coulter's wife. His talk was

on "Why Youth are Rocking the Boat" and he claimed the youth of today want to "shove back the fences" that confine them.

They are disgusted with adult authority and even the Bible is no longer sufficient authority for them, he said. The concept "because it's old, it's right" is no longer applicable. They don't like the complex society in which we live, and they are uncertain about the future. Due to culture's change from one of poverty to one of affluence, they no longer need a goal of affluence to make them work or behave. Too-cautious parents are losing their role as parents, he said.

Youth wants participation, not direction, the minister claimed. Their protest demonstrations, drinking LSD, and openness about pre-marital sex prove they want to be heard and seen as individuals, not conformists to the rule. On the subject of pre-marital sex, he claimed that while it is openly discussed today, its practice is no more prevalent now than it was 20 years ago.

On drugs, he suggested older people are critical of LSD and marijuana, yet they try to justify their own consumption of alcohol.

He grouped today's youth into three classes -- the activists who demonstrate against racial discrimination, hunger and the Vietnam war; the subjectivists who try drugs and talk openly of pre-marital sex; and the hippies who have "opted out" of our society because they don't like what the society has provided them.

This Sunday, December 3, is the first Sunday within the Church Season of Advent.

Advent itself is a period of preparation for the commemoration of the Birth of our Lord as well as for the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God. There are important overtones for the meaning of the presence of the Kingdom here and now and for Christians' efforts to speed on its accomplishment. In other words, Advent is a special time for considering the Christian involvement in the issues which appear on the front and editorial pages of our newspapers, explains St. Alban's rector Rev. R. McMurray.

The liturgy of Advent Sunday opens with a prayer and response whose wording goes: "I look from afar; and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth." The word "advent", of course, means "coming" and specifically the coming of God's Kingdom.

The service at St. Alban's comprises a number of hymns and carols and anthems in which the congregation takes part, along with some special pieces by the choir. It is a service of meditation. There are a number of readings from Holy Scripture: Isaiah's vision of God's majesty in the great Temple at Jerusalem, his mission to proclaim God's mercy, and the promise in Zechariah of God's dwelling with his people.

These are followed by two selections from the New Testament which are the "Gospel of the Incarnation" and the "Gospel of the Advent". The first, from St. Luke, depicts Mary receiving the news that she is to bear the Son of God. The second contains Matthew's version of the same material.

Immediately before the Gospels are read the first of four canticles is lit on the Advent Wreath. On each successive Sunday in Advent new candles are lit on the wreath until Christmas Eve when their cheerful light welcomes the "New Born King."

The climax of this "preparation" is the Holy Eucharist beginning with the Offertory in which the worshippers offer their own life in the life of Jesus and especially in His great sacrifice for us and for all men. The offering of the participants' life cannot fully be made unless it includes some intention to carry the Gospel of Christmas into the world in which we all live.

The Parish of St. Alban the Martyr extends an invitation to its many friends in the community to join with it in this significant service of preparation for Christmas this Sunday evening at 7:30 a.m.



HALTON COUNTY WARDEN WILLIAM COULTER, Reeve of Nassagaweya Township, has guided the 14-man 1967 county council through one of its stormiest years, and on Thursday evening he received his just awards. He was honored by fellow councillors and guests at the annual Warden's Dinner in Oakville. Here Warden Coulter shows off a framed county coat of arms and a piece of luggage presented by the councillors, to his wife and daughters Christine, Cindy and Valerie. He also received a gavel, symbolic of the high office he has held. (Staff Photo)

Township approves plans for factory on Baseline

Approval to the proposal of Paul Krohnert to build a manufacturing plant and house on part of Lot 1, Con. 4 in Esqueping township was given by Esqueping Council but it was stipulated he must first get a green light from the County Health Unit and comply with all township by-laws.

The Krohnert company has operated in Westhill for 20 years building steel tanks. Mr. Krohnert wants to relocate away from built-up areas.

A deal for the 20-acre parcel of land Mr. Krohnert intends to build on is not yet closed since he wants all details cleared up first.

At the previous meeting a letter from Mr. Krohnert asking council's blessing on the project was held over until council had a chance to discuss it with him.

department at a starting salary of \$4,800. per annum. Mr. Denny previously worked in the department.

* Requested the Ontario Housing Corporation be requested to undertake and carry out a survey to determine the need and effective demand for senior citizens' rental housing accommodation in the township. Any costs incurred in taking of the survey will be borne by the Kinsmen's Club of Georgetown.

* Requested the Blue Chip Building Restoration Co. to replace the centre wall in the township hall where needed at an estimated cost of \$195.

* Approved the transfer of \$25,000 from construction of roads to maintenance of roads subject to the approval of the Department of Highways.

Lindsay, Delmar French, A.W. Benton, Stephen Saxe, George Leslie.

All members were present at the meeting with Reeve George Leslie presiding.

Blame ice

Police said John Arthur Jeffery, R.R. 3, Burks Falls, skidded on the icy shoulder at 12:03 a.m. Saturday Nov. 25 before his car came into collision with a parked vehicle owned by Gladys Davidson, 43 Yonge Street.

Damage to the parked car was estimated at \$25. The Jeffery vehicle's damage was estimated to be \$450 to the front end.

Sputniks are coming

Chamber of Commerce Members are having their annual pre-Christmas work bee tonight (Wednesday). They'll be repairing and preparing the sputnik lights for the Christmas decorations on the main streets.

The men work on the lights in the Free Press plant.

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