HALTON'S 1968 WARDEN is William F. Hunter, reeve of Georgetown. He was elected Tuesday afternoon at the inaugural meeting of Halton County Council in Milton. Retiring Warden William Coulter, Nassagaweya [illegible] left helping the new warden into his chain of office, while Judge Alan B. Sprague looks on. (Staff Photo)

Wm. Hunter, Georgetown is Halton Warden

William F. Hunter was elected Warden of Halton County Council at the inaugural meeting on Tuesday, succeeding William Coulter.

He was unanimously elected to the position following the nominations of himself and Reeve A. Ledwith of Milton. Reeve Ledwith declined the position but indicated he would probably seek the position in 1969.

Mr. Hunter is a veteran of six years on Halton County Council representing the town of Georgetown. He served as deputy-reeve from 1962 to 1965 and as reeve for 1966 and 1967. He is completing the final year of his two year term this year.

Owner of W.F. Hunter Real Estate and Insurance in Georgetown, Mr. Hunter lives on a 350 acre dairy farm at Terra Cotta.

Active in Georgetown, he is a member of the Lion's Club and Chamber of Commerce. Married, he has three children, William John at home, Irene (Mrs. Bill Wheeler) of Glen Williams and Hughes of Sundridge, Ont.

The last warden elected from Georgetown was Doug Sargent in 1960.

Members of the 1968 County Council are Reeve Alan Day and Deputy-Reeve William Gillies of Oakville; Reeve Gordon Gallagher and Deputy-Reeve Evelyn Burke of Burlington; Reeve W. Hunter and Deputy-Reeve A. Speight of Georgetown; Reeve A. Ledwith and Deputy-Reeve Ron Harris of Milton; Reeve G. Currie and Deputy-Reeve A. Hill of Esquesing; Reeve H. Hinton and Deputy-Reeve F.G. Oakes of Acton; Reeve W. Coulter and Deputy-Reeve W. Hoey of Nassagaweya.

Judge Alan B. Sprague addressed members of council, outlining the development of democratic government in 1215 and challenged them to uphold the trust placed in them by the electors. He then administered the oath of office to the members.

In his nomination address Mr. Hunter predicted 1968 would be a very busy, challenging year. He cited the plan for a county school board as one in which the county would be involved. He expressed the hope a county assessment commissioner would be adopted in 1968, the updated local government review would be considered, and the controversial question of Health Clinic amalgamation would be dealt with.

A new site for a manor in the south end of Halton would have to be located, the centennial project at the Museum completed, and the film prepared by the county previewed and distributed. Mr. Hunter also foresaw the need to expand the county road program.

Present for the inaugural meeting were past wardens H. Merry of Oakville, Stan Allen and Douglas Sargent, members of Georgetown council and Mr. Hunter's family.

Rev. Kelvin C. Johnston, St. Andrew's United Church, Georgetown, gave the prayer of dedication for the newly-elected warden and invocation for the council.

Past Warden William Coulter presented the chair of office to the newly elected Warden.

Bill Buchanan band president

Bill Buchanan was elected president of Acton Citizens' Band at the annual board meeting Wednesday night. He succeeds Ted Tyler Jr. who held the post for the past eight years.

Other officers elected were Charles Kingsmill, first vice-president; Gordon Ramsden, second vice-president; Bandmaster George Elliott, secretary-treasurer. Committee - Chuck Wright, Joe Vostry, Sims McPhedran, Barry Buchanan.

Tribute was paid to "Bing" Ramsden who has served as immediate past president for the last 12 years.

Following the elections a lunch was served by the entertainment committee, Charles Kingsmill and Barry Buchanan.

Acton is locale for '67 "highlight"

In her weekly column in The Canadian Maggie Grant reminisced about 1967 with a series of unexpected highlights including this one: "Justice: During 1967 the scales of justice continued to wobble, as ever. While awaiting trial for filching $2 from a girl's wallet, a Toronto boy of 16 spent two weeks in jail because he couldn't raise $1,000 for bail.

But in nearby Acton, a lad who stole $156 was not only set free, but accorded a free trip to Vancouver. He had pleaded that this change of scene might help him go straight and the magistrate approved the idea. So did the town of Acton, which paid his train fare. No one thought to ask the City of Vancouver how it felt about acquiring this new resident."

Township investigating protection for crossings

Discussion about protecting level railway crossings took priority at Nassagaweya Township's first meeting of 1968 on Monday night.

Council received an estimation of $22,000 to protect a double track crossing with lights, a ringing bell and gate plus $650 to cover the annual maintenance of a double crossing.

Eighty per cent of the cost is absorbed by the Railway Crossing Fund and 12 1/2 per cent is charged to the municipality.

Council received word from District Engineer J. E. Reynolds informing them of a meeting to examine the crossing at the Second Line. Mr. Reynolds asked that council send representation.

Inspection will take place Wednesday, January 17 at 11 a.m.

Council instructed Clerk J.C. McIntyre to apply for protection on the Town Line crossing as well as protection for the controversial crossing on the deviated First Line. The municipality's share of the cost for the Town Line crossing would be shared by Esquesing if they agreed to the plan.

Council also wrote to the Board of Transport Commission supporting a recommendation made by an inquest jury asking all Canadian Pacific and Canadian National railway cars be painted with all reflective paint on the side of the cars.

Cars collide

Two cars collided at the intersection of the Guelph Line and 15 Sideroad at Haltonville Thursday afternoon, causing a total of $200 damage.

Milton O.P.P. report the drivers were Dr. B.D. Young of R.R. 1, Campbellville and Mrs. Annie Paul of 239 Mill St. E., Acton. Neither was injured.

Fire call

Firefighters answered a call to the home of Earl Brears on Knox Ave. at 4.45 p.m. last Wednesday. The motor on the furnace fan was smoking and source of the smoke couldn't be traced until the brigade arrived.

Mansewood crossing

Esquesing Township Council applied for protection last June for the Mansewood C.N.R. railway crossing on Five Sideroad. They received permission from the Board of Transport Commissioners to go ahead in December, one week before the tragic accident that snuffed out the lives of two young Milton people.

Esquesing clerk K.C. Lindsay said the railway has 10 months to provide the specified protection.

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