

News of the district

Attorney-General refuses to be drawn out

GUELPH — Attorney-General Arthur Wishart declined to be drawn out on whether he agreed with a decision by Magistrate Lucien Kurata to exclude the press from a court hearing in Guelph recently.

Replying in the legislature to Opposition Leader Robert Nixon, Mr. Wishart said the magistrate "exercised a discretion that he felt he had under section 428 of the Criminal Code of Canada."

"In exercising that discretion he acted in good faith and in what he thought was in the interests of the proper administration of justice," the minister said.

"It is entirely possible that another magistrate would not have exercised that discretion and I would say for my own part that the names of all accused adults and the results of their trials should be made public in the best interests of the administration of justice."

"But I would not presume to say that a judge should not have some discretion as recognized in the Criminal Code to exclude the public where it is in the interests of proper administration of justice."

Mr. Wishart told the house he did not think any useful purpose would be served "in my indicating my agreement or otherwise with what was in fact the exercise of a judicial discretion."

Refers to transcript

He said the court transcript "clearly indicates that the magistrate did not by his action prevent the reporter from publishing the names and the sentences of the three convicted persons."

Vorne McIlwraith, a reporter for the Guelph Mercury, said the magistrate had barred him from the court and threatened him with 14 days in jail if the newspaper used the name of a man convicted of impaired driving.

Noranda in production Sept. 1

FERGUS — In spite of delays in construction, the new plant of Noranda Copper Mills, Ltd. in Fergus should be starting production about September 1. This was the date that Norm Lang, who will be the manager, gave.

He said that about two months of work was lost during the winter because of the poor weather. They hoped to make it up this spring and so far they have gained back about three weeks. "If the rain will only hold off in the area, we should be back on schedule," he remarked.

New trucking depot in Milton

MILTON — Plans submitted by McKinley Transport Ltd. of Dixie, for installation of an \$8,800 liquid waste treatment facility to serve a new trucking depot on Milton's outskirts, have been approved by the Ontario Water Resources Commission.

The truck depot, to be located at the north-west corner of the intersection of Highways 25 and 401, will include flocculation facilities to aid in removal of oil, sedimenting and settling works, plus an oxidation pond. The works are designed to produce an effluent satisfactory to O.W.R.C. standards, and should be in operation by June 1.

McKinley, one of Ontario's largest trucking firms, presently has 350 employees working at their Dixie terminal and head office. The company has 22 Ontario terminals and several in the United States. The main terminal is to be closed in the near future, and a new head office and main terminal will be built at Milton, a company spokesman revealed.

Erin school enters drama festival

ERIN — Erin District High School presented Drama Night in the school auditorium. This annual event attracted a large audience, as usual.

Three plays were presented, "Rise and Shine," "Suppressed Desires," and "Undercurrent." Players were Nigel Gilby, Bernthe Cheyne, Dick Vanderbert, Susan Maxwell, Brian Craik, Sharon McKinnon, Kris Gilby, Gordon Burt, Kathy Woodward, Lois Burt, Maggie Given, Brian Holmes, Billy Sanders.

The play "Suppressed Desires" will be presented as the Erin school's entry in Simpson's Collegiate Drama Festival.

Joe Martin celebrates 102nd birthday

GEORGETOWN — Every April 1 is another milestone for Joe Martin, Georgetown's most senior citizen and one of Canada's oldest men. Mr. Martin marked his 102nd birthday at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Glassford, Union St. last week.

The former Caledon township farmer was presented with a special Centennial Year certificate by Halton M.P. Dr. Harley on behalf of the Canadian parliament. It was one of the last documents signed by the late Governor General Georges Vanier.

Residents along the new route of Gray Coach buses presented a petition to Georgetown council seeking to bar the buses from it. The new bus route has been in use since March 14 when Gray Coach acceded to council's mandate not to use Main St. The petition got support from three members of council but lost a 5-3 recorded vote. Residents objected to the fact the route now goes through a high tax residential area and constitutes a danger to Park public school pupils.

Rockwood's tax rate lowered by 1.3 mills to 15 for 1968

ROCKWOOD — Rockwood tax rate has been reduced from 16.3 mills to 15 mills. The surplus resulted from the budget figuring at last week's trustee board meeting. The taxes for 1968 are being reduced by 1.3 mills for a population that has just increased by 34, to a new high of 896.

Expenses for the year are estimated at \$20,800 of which \$11,480.20 will be raised by direct taxation. Assessment has reached a new high in the amount of \$765,920, of which \$60,250 is increase following new house construction. Residence and farm assessment total \$660,350; commercial \$82,720; business \$22,850. A surplus from last year was given as \$824.14.

Higher hydro rates are inevitable and soon. Wholesale cost to the village was increased last year by 21.25 per cent and a similar increase was warranted at that time. Three months' mailed notice of increase is compulsory and residents have this temporary reprieve before new rates can be charged.

Hydro consumption is on the increase. Sales in 1967 were 2,846,947 KWH, an increase of 423,167 or 17.46 per cent. Revenue in 1966 of \$32,533.36 rose by 15.84 per cent in 1967 to \$37,687.94. Cost of power increased from \$20,304.17. In 1966 to \$24,819.57, for the increased cost of 21.25 per cent, above noted.

Audit figures revealed a population increase of 34 to a new total of 896 on Nov. 1, 1967.

Fire chief Fred Nightingale requested additional firefighting equipment to cost about \$600.

Two prospective home builders sought advice from the trustee board on procedure to meet legal requirements, and were advised to wait several months, during which time it is expected that the Ontario Water Resources Commission will have presented plans for both water and sewer installation in the village, with construction this year, as a provincial capital expenditure. The signing of documents, it was pointed out, would invalidate favorable bylaws and facilitate construction by reducing village lot size requirements.

One of the oldest former residents of Nassagawaya passed away peacefully at the Wellington Home, Fergus, on March 31, Florence Richardson, widow of the late Thomas Richardson, would have celebrated her 93rd birthday in just two weeks. In her younger days, she was a faithful member at Ebenezer, where the funeral was held on Wednesday.

Eighteen ladies attended the Ebenezer U.C.W. meeting. Mrs. Jess, the president, opened the meeting with "A Thought for the Day." Mrs. Young reported on the supply and welfare. It was decided to send blankets and soap for overseas relief.

The evening's convenors were Mrs. Malcolm Moffat and Mrs. Morvyn Thomson. The topic was "God is Not Dead." A number of hymns were sung.

Mrs. Young, Mrs. Norrish, Mrs. Blyth and Mrs. Hayward took part in an Easter meditation. Mrs. Norrish, Mrs. Nicholson and Mrs. Young served a lovely lunch.

It is impossible to think of Jesus hating anyone. It is not inconceivable that Judas was the beloved disciple. Judas is the only gospel writer, who refers to himself in those terms.

It was wonderful to be a disciple when the people came flocking. But times changed. Probably Judas didn't like tramping around the country preaching. When was Jesus going to set up his kingdom? Judas hoped Jesus would be forced to take some action.

OBITUARY

William Laing dies in 95th year

An early resident of Edon Mills, William W. Laing, died March 23 at his home. He was in his 95th year.

Mr. Laing was born in 1873, on the second line of Nassagawaya Township, south of Edon Mills. He attended Nassagawaya School No. 5, and later entered the carriage shop of Jim Anderson in Edon Mills. Following that he moved to Guelph, where he was employed at the J. B. Armstrong carriage works on Macdonnell St. He then went to Breslau where he worked for the Albert Geiger Carriage Works.

Mr. Laing returned to Guelph where he was employed at the Commercial Auto Body factory for 17 years supervising construction of the first bus built in Canada; the George Stephens firm, where he worked on construction of homes and schools; Robert Stewart Lumber for 23 years and prior to his retirement at age 80, Mr. Laing worked in the home furnishing department of Walkers Stores.

He was predeceased by his wife, the former Janet Ann MacKay, whom he married in 1905 and is survived by three sons, Robert of Kitchener, Melvin of Deep River, Alex at home; a brother John M. Laing of Kitchener, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral was held on Tuesday, March 26.

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Dog control problem aired by township

Dog control is posing a serious problem in Nassagawaya Township. At the last meeting of council two complaints were received, one from Morris Thibodeau and a second from W. A. Johnson.

Mr. Thibodeau's letter charged wild dogs had been doing damage to livestock and could endanger children in the township. He urged council to find a way to control stray dogs.

A letter from Mr. Johnson suggested the Oakville Humane Society had been "dogsnapping." Mr. Johnson's letter said the Oakville Humane Society came wagon had been in Nassagawaya and Mr. Johnson wanted to know what it was doing there, as it was out of his jurisdiction.

Investigation by clerk J. C. McFadyen showed the driver of the canine truck had overstepped his boundary by jurisdiction, but had not picked up any dogs in Nassagawaya.

Announce poster, essay winners

Erin division of the Canadian Cancer Society, sponsored a poster and essay contest on "Smoking" in the Ross H. MacKay, Hillsburgh, Ospringe and Erin-Union schools. There were 40 entries in the poster contest and 20 essays were written.

Winners for posters are: 1st, Mary Weluring, Hillsburgh; 2nd, Heather Sutherland, Erin; 3rd, Debbie Stewart, Ospringe.

Honorable mention, John Vandenberg, Ospringe, and a second entry from Ospringe.

Essays: 1st, Brenda Bryce, Ospringe; 2nd, Colleen McEnery, Erin; 3rd, Patti Ellis, Ospringe.

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