

## Six Council candidates



**PERCY R. HICKS**  
Council bid



**JAMES GOODLET**  
Wants seat



**RUSSELL MILLER**  
for Council



**WILFRID LESLIE**  
Seeks re-election



**KENNETH P. MARSHALL**  
Wants Council Seat



**C. F. PATTERSON**  
Seeks re-election

## Deputy-Reeve contest



**TOM HILL**  
Seeks re-election



**JIM FRANCE**  
Challenges Tom

## Two run for Reeve



**MALCOLM FREEMAN**  
Contests Reevship



**GEORGE CURRIE**  
Re-election bid

### See show

Two busloads of Guides and Brownies enjoyed the Ice Capades in Toronto one evening last week.

THE OUTDOOR shots in Tuesday's Quentin Durgens television show were filmed in Georgetown. There were two episodes partly made there.



**WM. LAWSON**  
In by acclamation  
Board of Education

### Time for tea?

Lost a tea service lately? A woman phoned Acton police this week to say she had discovered a package containing a tea service. So far nobody has reported losing it.

## Esquering electors to vote...

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entire municipal system.

"The administration of justice, the registry office and the jail have all been taken over by the province now," the reeve stated but it's difficult to give a financial picture of the county because the province is slow paying the bills. The province is paying 82 per cent of the county administration building on the base line.

"Another flea in the ointment is the Board of Health" the reeve continued. The province offered to pay 75 per cent of the cost of the Board of Health if Halton amalgamated with Peel County. "Halton voted 100 per cent for it, Peel thought different," Dr. Dymond said the province would pay 75 per cent if the counties unite 50 per cent if they stay apart.

Mr. Currie and the county had to increase the mill rate for roads because the Department of Highways didn't think they were spending enough. "The province is running the road system," he said, "and they'll soon run everything else."

The reeve's parting shot was a prediction that Halton and Peel would soon be united by regional government.

He reviewed township finances by stating, "We're \$1,000 in the hole—much like everybody else," and said dogs had become a major nuisance in Esquering requiring heavy expenditures for damage to cattle by the township.

Mr. Currie emphasized he would be a candidate for the reeve's chair.

Deputy-Reeve Tom Hill also made it clear he was running for the post again. He reviewed his maiden year on county council and publicly thanked the reeve for his assistance.

Mr. Hill said he attended 40 or more meetings in the township this year and thought the Roads Study program was one of the most important pieces of business council enacted. It is being implemented and roads in the township are better than they ever had been although we still need a couple of bridges."

The deputy reeve also thought the township's initiation of a Planning Board was a feature of the past year because of population growth.

Councillor Bob Lawson who later announced his retirement from municipal politics, agreed with Mr. Hill that the formation of the Planning Board which should be operative by January, 1969, was "one of the most forward steps" council took. He also paid tribute to the council of 1967 for initiating the Road Needs study.

Mr. Lawson reviewed the agreement with the Georgetown Fire Area. He said the mill rate for the three fire areas—Milton, Acton and Georgetown—gave the impression the Georgetown area cost too much. However, assessment in the Georgetown area was based on buildings alone and the comparative ratio matched the other two areas when it was read correctly. Esquering contributed \$11,447 to the Georgetown area or 45 per cent of the cost.

Councillor C. F. (Pat) Patterson assured the ratepayers he would "like to be back on council next year." He paid tribute to Bob Lawson's work on council and felt the large slate for council was good.

Mr. Patterson did not agree with the reeve's assumption about regional government. He said Esquering ratepayers would still be able to vote under regional government but "instead of having five to natter at" they would only have one.

He reviewed the large assessment increase in the township and told ratepayers \$3,795,000 in building permits had been issued in 1968, 453 of them for new houses. "I don't know where we're going," said Mr. Patterson. It could be either regional or municipal government. He said a planning board had been talked about often but it took Bob Lawson to put it through.

Mr. Patterson reminded farmers in the audience that every time they sold a lot it meant more people in the township. But he was philosophical about a councillor's duties. "It's hell if you do, and hell if you don't."

Mr. Patterson also promised electors he would see to it that the finance committee would function if he was elected.

Wilfred Leslie, in a brief appeal and report, said he would again be a candidate for office. He blamed boiling roads for the \$1,000 the township overspent and felt more time should be spent on ditches and draining.

Dr. C. A. Thompson reviewed the operations of the Esquering township school board for the meeting. "The budget continues to climb," he stated, "but it is justified for the educational opportunities it was providing for the 1,691 students in the Esquering system."

Dr. Thompson paid tribute to the board members, the teaching staff, secretary Mrs. Betty Grant and supervising principal Eric Balkind for their work. He regretted the demise of the township board but hoped the new county board of education would be a change for the better.

Malcolm Freeman, candidate for the reeveship, told the audience he didn't believe in acclamation so he was offering his services. He asked why the council had waited so long to appoint a planning board.

Percy R. Hicks said although he had no previous experience he held strong views and would run for council. Education costs would "Beggars" society unless they were curbed, he said. He scored the township quarries for their methods of blasting in conclusion.

James Goodlet announced he would be a candidate for council, stating he'd like to sit with an aggressive council with a more aggressive roads plan. Bridges close to his home, he charged, were "Death traps" and it was council's responsibility to have them fixed. He advocated an industrial board for the township and elimination of frills in the schools as part of his platform.

Mrs. Kerwin McPhail, the only woman nominated, declined to run, citing a growing family at home as sufficient reason.

Russell Miller, a member of school board for five years, declared his candidacy for council. "I have no axe to grind," said Mr. Miller.

William Knight declined to run for a council seat.

Kenneth P. Marshall of St. R. 5, Milton, said he accepted requests for him to run.

"Council needs alert and interested people who study the situation carefully before doing anything," he felt. He felt the township should be able to retain some measure of autonomy over its affairs and would be willing to work with adjoining municipalities on mutual problems.

James France announced he would be a candidate for the deputy reeve's post. He accepted last year's defeat when he ran for school board as a challenge. R. L. Davidson thanked those who nominated him but declined to run.

Kerwin McPhail said he had made no decision yet to run for the new county Board of Education but urged ratepayers to give the person elected every cooperation because "he will have the biggest job in the township."

William Lawson, school board chairman, announced he would be a candidate for the new board. In his remarks he reviewed the history of the Interim School Organization Committee (I.S.O.C.) Purpose of the new board, he said was equality in educational opportunity for all children in the county.

In 1968, Mr. Lawson attended 26 regular meetings and 13 I.S.O.C. meetings. He said the Esquering board's survey on department in transit was an integral part of the I.S.O.C. report along with a policy on salary negotiations, held in common with Acton.

Mr. Lawson said if elected he would oppose deduction from honorariums for trustees missing meetings.

The reeve ended the meeting by answering what he felt was criticism of council's work over the year.

## Seek cash in phone booths

Attempted thefts on both pay telephones in town have been investigated by Acton police. A caller phoned to say she had seen a man attempting to break open the pay box in the booth on Main St. N. The alarm sounded and the man fled south in a black vehicle. The Mill-Willow booth had also been tampered with, police discovered.



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