

Esquering re-elects reeve, deputy Miller, Marshall, Leslie to council

Almost 30 per cent of Esquering township's eligible voters turned out Monday to re-elect the reeve, deputy-reeve, one incumbent councillor and two brand new ones.

Both Reeve George Currie and Deputy Reeve Tom Hill were returned to office by large majorities and Councillor Wilfrid Leslie nosed out Councillor C. F. (Pat) Patterson by 25 votes for the third council seat.

Elected to serve their first terms on council were Russell Miller and Kenneth P. Marshall. Mr. Miller, a resident of R. R. 1, Georgetown, headed the council poll with 857 votes. He was followed by Mr. Marshall with 722 and Mr. Leslie was right on his heels with 713.

Councillor Patterson with 688 votes - 115 of them from his Norval ward - went down to defeat along with James Goodlet, 523 and Percy R. Hicks with 163.

Reeve George Currie more than doubled the count on challenger Malcolm Freeman, making his first bid for the reeve's chair.

Tom Hill had a whopping plurality for the deputy-reeve's post, racking up 1,019 votes against 424 Jim France polled in his first bid for a seat on council. Mr. France ran unsuccessfully for school board in the 1967 elections.

First returns came into election headquarters in the township offices about 8.50 p.m. from the Homby district. It set the pattern for the race for reeve and deputy-reeve as well as showing there would be a close four way race for the three council seats between Councillors Patterson and Leslie and challengers Ken Marshall and Russell Miller. Mr. Goodlet, although he gained considerably in later polls, was close but failed to gain enough votes to overcome the early lead. Mr. Hicks was never in contention.

By 9.20 p.m. with five polls in it was evident the reeve and deputy-reeve had commanding leads and were shoo-ins for their posts but council was a four-way race. Mr. Marshall paced the council vote but he lost the lead to Mr. Miller when the Limehouse and Glen Williams returns arrived, home territory for him.

Mr. Leslie and Mr. Patterson battled right down to the final poll - the large Glen Williams vote - which was late in arriving and kept a large crowd of voters who assembled in the township anxiously waiting. Someone surreptitiously smuggled unofficial returns in before they were put on the board by assessment commissioner Art Benton, who along with Clerk K. C. Lindsay and Del French and Jeff Denny tallied results and had them posted.

The arrival of official returns about 10.30 p.m. made results final and a short post-election meeting followed where both

the newly-elected and defeated candidates who remained spoke briefly.

Reeve Currie recognized he had been re-elected in the largest vote for the reeve's chair in township history. Deputy Reeve Tom Hill said the results gave him a "pretty good feeling" to come back a winner.

Russell Miller said winning the election gave him a wonderful feeling and he hoped to fulfill the trust placed in him. Ken Marshall assured ratepayers he didn't intend to turn things upside down in the township but would give due consideration to all the issues. Wilfrid Leslie said he could see a good council in 1969-70 and would continue to do his best.

Malcolm Freeman said he chose to run for reeve because he did not like to see acclamations and was happy to see the numbers who came out to vote. Jim France said the "people's choice" took the deputy's post but he asked council to do something about the town line north of Norval. The reeve replied it was quite likely the road would soon be part of the county road system.

Councillor Pat Patterson, defeated in his bid for re-election, was last to speak and he congratulated the successful candidates.

A light vote for the Separate School members for the Halton County Board of Education saw Hugh Henderson lead the poll with 30 followed by William Priestner with 22, Kenneth Walsh with 20 and Hubert Clochey with 15.

James Langedyk with 38 votes shaded Angelo Tonelli with 23 for the one seat on the County Separate School Bd.



ESQUERING'S THREE council seats will be filled by left to right, incumbent Wilfrid Leslie, Ken Marshall and Russell Miller as voters expressed their choice in Monday's election. Mr. Miller led the poll with 857 votes. Thirty per cent of the township voters turned out. (Staff Photo)

Last official meeting for high school board

The last official meeting of Acton high school board was held Tuesday at the high school, when chairman Duncan Moffat expressed his appreciation for co-operation the past year. He

said he had enjoyed working with the board and with the secretary.

Commented Chester Anderson: It's a good thing you enjoy it, because it looks as if we'll be meeting for a while yet. (Although the county board takes over January 1, the local boards have been told they would likely be asked to sit in an advisory capacity for some months, till they're phased out.)

Letters of appreciation from winners of scholarships and school board proficiency prizes were read from Trudy Morris, Carolyn Thompson, Valerie Coles, Murray Jamieson, Carol Patterson and Allan Gordon.

The Free Press also expressed by letter official appreciation for past co-operation.

The auditorium was granted a no charge for the Citizens' Band concert Sunday, December 22.

A letter of resignation was read from Mrs. Shirley Brown. Tom Watson, the newly-elected county board member, pointed out in the new year there will be a pool of county teachers to draw from and a vacancy might be filled without the local board advertising.

Due to the coming of the new board, an IBM maintenance contract was cancelled.

A copy of the principal's report for the interim committee

on projected enrolment was read, which shows Acton high school enrolment as 467 in 1968 and ranging up to 538 in 1972.

Principal Hansen reported two bus trips scheduled and professional development day (alias teachers' convention and school holiday) on January 24.

He said the students have packed 625 pounds of gifts for students at Sandy Lake, 200 miles north of Sioux Lookout. New and used gifts and books are in the shipment for Indian

students. The student council is paying the postage.

Routine accounts and repair problems were discussed and the meeting adjourned at 9.30 p.m. All board members were present with principal Hansen, vice principal Bray and secretary-treasurer Fred Salt.

December 7 and 8, from 12 noon till 6 p.m. There is a pictorial history of the building and an art display by four members of the family.

Admission is 50 cents for adults, children free.

Final meeting P.S. board

Final official meeting of the Acton public school board Tuesday night was brief but tinged with sentiment as Principal G. W. McKenzie reviewed the past 30 years of operation for trustees. The Acton board will function only as an advisory committee for the new County Board of Education which takes office in January 1969.

Members were sympathetic to a request from teacher R. Coe for a two years' leave of absence so he can teach the children of armed forces' personnel overseas. It was agreed the matter was a matter for the new board but it was also felt a recommendation would expedite Mr. Coe's request.

John's Texaco Service was awarded the tender for snow removal from the two schools at a price of \$8.50 an hour.

Acton Electric Co. tender of \$1,383, for rewiring two rooms in the stone school for improved lighting was accepted. There were two tenders for the job.

Principal E. Smith outlined purchases he had made of furnishings for the new addition to the M. Z. Bennett school. All the equipment which could be bought in Acton was purchased here and Mr. Smith was pleased with the prices.

Mr. Smith concluded by remarking he was sorry to see the Acton board go. "A big board may offer some advantages but we'll still miss the personal contact with this board," he told trustees.

Attending the final regular meeting were the chairman Cyril Bishop, trustees Charlie Beard, Doug Manning, Orv Chapman, Vic Bristow, Murray Smith, secretary Bill Middleton and the two principals.

Free Press Personals

Mrs. Pearl Kennedy is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Mrs. Doug Price is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Carol Patterson broke her leg Sunday skating at the arena. She's in a cast but able to get back to school.

Mrs. Alex Near visited with friends in Kitchener and Waterloo during the week.

Mr. Ross Ballentine is a patient in Guelph General Hospital. His many friends hope for an improvement in health for him.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Oakes spent the American Thanksgiving weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lawson and Ted in Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. MacDonald of Detroit, Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Small of Niagara Falls and Mrs. W.T.A. Bell of Toronto, visited with their mother Mrs. R. M. MacDonald, over the weekend.

On his birthday, insurance agent Bill Denny had a successful cornea transplant operation in Toronto General Hospital. He is recuperating at home now, and looking forward to improved sight when the bandages are off to stay.

Y's Men start sale of trees

Actonians can start "decking the halls" on Saturday, Y's Men's Christmas trees go on sale behind the Y then, with proceeds for their community projects.

Craft day attracts 79

A crowd of 79 cubs spent Saturday afternoon in the Acton Scout Hall making gifts and Christmas decorations at the Georgetown District Cub arts and crafts workshop.

Under the direction of 15 leaders and one mother, the boys were divided into six tables, each creating a different project. They moved from table to table at 20 minute intervals.

Cubs from six Georgetown packs, Glen Williams, Scotch Block Norval and Acton attended. Convener for the day was Mrs. E. Jordan of Acton, with the help of District Cub Master Ross Coulter of Georgetown.

Scout and guide mothers provided a lunch during the afternoon.

How Esquering voted

	Total	Ward 1 Million Heights	Ward 2 Quatre Bras	Ward 3 Norval	Ward 4 Norval	Ward 5, A-L Stewarttown	Ward 5, M-Z Stewarttown	Ward 6 Dublin	Ward 7 Limehouse	Ward 8, A-L Silvercreek	Ward 8, M-Z Silvercreek	Ward 9, A-L Glen Williams	Ward 9, M-Z Glen Williams
REEVE													
G. CURRIE	976	28	68	73	117	109	68	69	41	57	70	163	113
M. Freeman	486	38	41	26	49	83	42	29	24	38	25	56	35
DEPUTY-REEVE													
T. HILL	1019	37	58	62	102	112	73	56	43	63	67	207	139
J. France	424	28	48	32	69	76	37	39	21	29	21	14	10
COUNCIL													
R. MILLER	857	10	35	41	82	101	69	51	55	68	61	150	134
K. MARSHALL	722	46	97	75	65	106	61	64	23	28	48	46	63
W. LESLIE	713	21	49	52	83	89	42	35	26	42	54	116	104
C. F. Patterson	688	24	50	56	115	82	48	54	24	37	30	101	67
J. Goodlet	523	15	26	18	54	91	64	29	25	38	33	57	73
P. Hicks	163	22	28	15	13	19	9	17	10	5	7	9	9

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Election held by firefighters

Firefighters held their elections at the fire hall Monday night and Mick Holmes was returned as chief by acclamation. Deputy-chief is Bern Van Fleet; A Company captain Dorson Frizzell; B captain Wayne Kelly; C captain Harry Otterbein; secretary Phil McCristall and treasurer Wilfred Duval.

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