



ESQUESING COUNCIL FOR 1969 took the oath. Councillors Wilfred Leslie and Ken Marshall, of office Monday morning. Seated in front are Clerk Del French, Councillor Russell Deputy Reeve Tom Hill, Reeve George Currie, and Miller and Clerk K. C. Lindsay.

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Appoint committees.

preparation for negotiations with the CUPE (union) consideration of staff requirements and a review of insurance.

For Bill Coats on assessment and development, the mayor urged a meeting with the assessor to discuss matters concerning reassessment of land, etc. and results of the consultants' reports.

For Peter Marks, welfare and property, he suggested a review of cemetery trees and roads; condition of all buildings such as the pump station, and a review of welfare procedures.

For Earl Masales on roads he named an early snow blower demonstration, need of repairs to Bower Ave., Church St., and Mill from Elgin to Wilbur; consideration of a westerly connecting link finishing the work at Park and Mill corner, Lakewood paving or surfacing; and new requirements for salt, sand and calcium.

For E. Tyler and sewer and water, he listed a force main from the pump station to the new plant; review of the progress at the new disposal plant; Peel St. drainage in relation to the new developments on Churchill Rd. N. and the Seynuck and Vyse farms.

For Jack Greer, lights and sanitation, he recommended consideration of two-arm lighting on Acton Blvd.; review of dump site requirements; study of the new pollution control regulations.

For Orval Chapman on fire and police he urged a check of bylaws for valid enforcement; especially clauses on overnight parking, and quarterly meetings with the brigade.

A representative of Ontario Housing Corporation, scheduled to speak to council on a new location for senior citizens' housing and low income units,

found the roads from Toronto forbidding and didn't start out. He is expected to come for the next meeting.

On an inquiry by Peter Marks, Joe Hurst said he felt 20 senior citizen units could be filled at once, and probably 30. Some have had their names in two and a half years now.

The Ontario Housing Corporation has had representatives here four times to try to find a site, Mayor Dudy explained. For some reason, all choices have gone by the board, and he urged councillors to give to give Mayor Dudy explained. For some reason, all choices have gone by the board, and he urged councillors to give

A letter was read from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mainprize, thanking council for the card and gift marking their golden wedding anniversary.

Formal aspects of the first meeting of the year included the naming of signing authorities; payment of salaries for salaried and hourly employees of the town; and the usual borrowing bylaw for \$300,000 to cover periods of the year when taxes are not coming in.

The past year was "exceptionally good" in that 98.9 per cent of all taxes were collected, Mr. Hurst said. A "strenuous attack" on arrears a couple of years ago had produced the happy situation in the town coffers.

Central Ontario Regional Development Corporation newsletters were given each member, and Dr. Oakes pointed out to the newcomers that the mayor is chairman. Mr. Dudy added CORDC has now been established by the Department of Municipal Affairs in an advisory capacity to the new regional government. Recognition by the government is the culmination of our work, he said.

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Esquising council took oath Monday

"1969 will be a trying year all over Halton County" predicted re-elected Reeve George Currie in his inaugural speech to Esquising council Monday morning. "We are on the brink of regional government and we are going to be asked to do a lot more in areas we have never dealt with before."

The recently elected Council for Esquising Township took the oath of office this week with two newcomers joining veterans around the table. Councillors Ken Marshall and Russel Miller share duties with re-elected Wilfred Leslie and Tom Hill.

The Rev. R. Ruggles of St. Alban's Church, Glen Williams, led a brief devotional service. He stressed the danger of impersonality with the centralization of powers, and suggested that the Beatitudes could serve as a guide in municipal affairs.

Following a break for lunch, council stepped into 1969 business, and passed a motion authorizing the borrowing of up to \$350,000 from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, to meet current expenses until taxes are collected.

Mr. Marshall questioned the sum of the loan and the interest that will come due on it. He was assured by the rest of Council that according to the municipal act, a council could borrow up

to 70 per cent of their expected tax revenue or \$560,000. "We won't borrow it all at once," Mr. Lindsay assured him. He noted that last year Council approved a loan of up to \$250,000 and ended up borrowing only \$11,000 which was paid back when taxes were in.

A motion was passed to send out a letter of appreciation to Edwin Harrop who has submitted his letter of resignation from the Committee of Adjustment. Mr. Harrop is expected to continue his duties until late spring.

A letter was received from the Georgetown Council agreeing to the principle of accepting sewage from Glen Williams. A study is being made of the entire situation and no action is planned as yet.

In response to complaints from several residents of excessive blasting in the township's two quarries, Council is considering a special meeting with quarry officials to discuss a solution. It was agreed that Council should first acquaint themselves with the rights of industries and what can be termed excessive blasting. A letter is to be sent to M.P.P. Jim Snow for suggestions on who could advise Council on the situation.

The next regular meeting is set for January 20.



ALLAN LAUDER

Poverty chief problem for Indians

Allan Lauder, a former Acton resident, reports on his present work with the United Church of Canada on the Long Plain Indian reserve south of Portage La Prairie.

Long Plain Indian Reserve is some 15 miles south west of Portage La Prairie. It has an area of about 11,000 acres and contains 70 homes with a population of 700. Some homes are very old and others are new. The old homes which are the most numerous, have two rooms. The newer ones have four or five rooms.

There are half a dozen or more families who farm. Thousands of acres of their farmlands are leased out to white farmers. Now the leases are up and next year the Indian farmers will be working all their lands and will involve more of their people in it.

A group of experts have already been consulting with the Indians to improve their farming methods. They will need a lot of new equipment to farm the larger area, and this they will have to purchase on allowable credit.

Many of the people of working age haven't enough education for gainful employment. The standard has risen today, but it is still well below that of the white man. Only 0.7 per cent of the Indian students graduate from grade 12. Many of

the Indians on the reserve, have no means of transportation to travel back and forth to a job.

Medically, the reserve is served one day a week by a nurse. If the Indians need any further medical attention, they come to town.

The work of the Church here takes on many facets. The Catholic Church at present holds mass in homes on the reserve. Several gospel groups hold three-hour gospel services bi-weekly in a few reserve homes. The United Church is at present not holding any religious services, but it is concerned with the problems of the people.

For the most part, they have too much idle time. The Church is working to introduce programs to fill some of this time. We have started a weekly film night and we are pleased that a good representation of teenagers attend. A big Christmas party was held for 400 children at the Reserve community hall. Many gifts were received from United Churches in Winnipeg, High Bluff and Portage La Prairie.

We co-operate with the Department of Indian Affairs, the Friendship Centre which serves Indian and Metis in this region, and the Manitoba Home for Boys.

We concern ourselves with the problems of the poor. They endure many hardships. The weather dipped to 14 below zero one weekend and we brought a young mother and her baby to our home Sunday. She was wearing running shoes. We'll have to try and get her some warmer shoes than those. Her baby was seven days old and she was bringing her by train from a distant hospital to her home on the reserve.

We are also interested in the problems

of those who run from the law. All of the laws are white men's laws and white men enforce them. Very often, it is the white man who is responsible because it is he who sells the Indian the liquor which changes his personality and allows him to do things that he otherwise would not do.

We are concerned about the Indians' attitude toward the white man and about the attitude of many white men toward the Indian. Some say the Indian is not subject to discrimination, but I cannot agree with that statement.

The Indian needs to be lifted out of his present state and he can only do this if the white man gives him a decent break. But he also needs to be socially oriented to meet the demands of the world outside the reserve.

Mr. Lauder's address is C. A. Lauder, 50 - 20th St. S. W. Apt. 36, Portage La Prairie, Manitoba.

Leaves staff

Linotype operator George Ware has left the Free Press to join the staff of the Erin Advocate. Mr. and Mrs. Ware and their two boys, who live on Tyler Ave., are considering moving later to Erin.

The next meeting of the Urban Board is in Acton Wednesday, Jan. 15, for members of Acton, Milton and Georgetown councils.

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Esquising council appointments

The following appointments were made during the inaugural meeting of Esquising Township Council on Monday morning:

Fire Area: Esquising No. 1—Wilfred Leslie and Russel Miller; Acton No. 2—Ken Marshall and Tom Hill; Milton—George Currie.

Hall Boards: Ballinacraigh—Tom Hill; Hornby—George Currie, G. Carney and R. Rigglesworth; Esquising—Wilfred Leslie, Russel Miller.

Conservation Area: Credit Valley—Tom Hill; Halton Region—George Currie.

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