

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Opens New Hall in Ballinafad

Months of planning, weeks of hard work and days of last minute detailed preparations all culminated in bringing about a dream of many years when the Ballinafad community officially opened their new hall on Friday night. The building is situated on the same site as the old hall on the Erin side of the townline, between Wellington and Hutton County and on Friday night the doors were open to 400 or more from these areas, who witnessed the cutting of the ribbon by Ron Beggs, Dep. Minister of Agriculture for Ontario.

The members of the hall board were on the platform and were introduced by John Handcock, the chairman. They are Mrs. Frank Smith, Mrs. R. McEnery, Ernie McEnery, Walter Linham, Robert Rowan, and Mrs. E. McEnery, secretary.

This group of people have spent a great deal of time and effort and are to be congratulated for their foresight and enthusiasm. Others mentioned who have given a great deal of help to the committee were Norman Sinclair, Bud Snow and Paul Wilson. Representatives from both Esqueving and Erin councils were also present and Mr. Mel Barden, reeve of Erin township brought greetings.

John Root, M.P.P. introduced the guest speaker, Ron Beggs who then officially cut the ribbon. Mr. Hall, the contractor, was called on to present the keys to the Ballinafad Community Hall to John Handcock who replied by paying tribute to the contractor and workers for their sincere co-operation and help in all the little difficulties that had arisen.

Vince Mountford as master of ceremonies was sponsored by Bill Bailey, the Oil Man, and with his usual wit and humour kept the evening's program moving along with plenty of laughter and good fun. Those taking part in the program were Mrs. Herb Reid, accordion solo, Mrs. F. J. Shortill, vocalist, Mrs. Ward Bruce, readings, Patsy Gulle, dancer, the O'Rourke Sisters, violin duets, The Northwest Squares from Palermo, Mrs. N. Sinclair and Ernie McEnery, vocal duet and lastly the Ballinafad Belles who maybe didn't want to be known but anyway they were John Wood, Dick Shortill, Jr. and Dean Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Early received a lovely bouquet of daffodils for having a wedding anniversary closest to

the date and Mrs. D. Russell, a corsage for the oldest lady present, both gifts from Harris' Flower Shop in Georgetown.

Following the program lucky door prizes were given away as the dance prizes and these were donated by a number of firms.

Everyone adjourned to the basement where lunch was served by a very busy committee and the rest of the evening was enjoyed by dancing to music by Mary Wood's Orchestra. During the dancing, the draw was made for the \$100 bond, transistor radio and 35 m.m. camera and these were won by Goldie Gillies, Don Houston and Harvey Handy. The Autograph Quilt, made by the Women's Institute that won third prize at the Exhibition, was auctioned by Frank Petch and went to Mrs. Wm. Kirkwood for \$35.

Prof. Ralph Dent, Alf Hales, Dr. Sandy Best, and Dr. Harry Harley all federal election candidates, took time-out from their busy campaign schedules to attend during the evening.

George Kerr, and Owen Mullin, provincial election candidates were also present.

1963 Rate Set at 4.35 County Cuts Mill Rate 1/4%

County council cut its mill rate by one quarter per cent at the budget meeting but there were some representatives, notably Reeve John Elliott from Georgetown, who would have liked to see a reduction at least twice as large.

The 1963 rate was set at 4.35 mills for general rate and 1.4 mills for roads, making a total of 5.75 mills. The mill rate for roads is unchanged from last year.

Warden C. A. Martin started the move for a reduction in rate. He wanted the rate reduced one half per cent because he felt the county had budgeted for surpluses in the past, and that it was good in a private business but I don't think it is the proper policy for the county," he said. "If we make a reduction we will show in industries and the people that we are trying to run economically."

Reeve F. I. Ryckman of Burlington, chairman of the county finance committee, said he was worried about the county's debt structure and wanted to keep the rate stable to prevent excessive borrowing. "The total annual levy to retire debentures is \$500,190," Reeve Ryckman said. "There will be no relief from this levy until 1967 following the final payment on the original manor buildings in 1968."

Reeve Elliott of Georgetown tried to get a budget provision of \$100,000 as cash payment on the new county building reduced so that the rate could be cut further.

"We will pay off this building in three years whereas we should really do it in ten," he said. "We should not have population of today paying for service of those who will be here tomorrow. In ten years our population will have increased and the load will be spread among more people."

Reeve Ryckman pointed out that half the cost of the building \$500,000 was already covered by debentures over a period of 20 years. The remainder was covered by a bank loan which would be paid off from surpluses in the next few years.

The reduction of one quarter per cent in the rate was accepted as a compromise by all representatives except Oakville's Deputy Reeve Herb Merry. He wanted the rate to remain as last year.

It was agreed that \$50,000 could be cut from the Hutton Centennial Manor budget of this \$15,000 was in estimated operating expenses which the superintendent had notified county council that any future building could be accommodated on the present land.

The purchase of land for reforestation was also questioned and \$6,400 estimated for this purpose for 1963 will be struck out. This would give a total saving of \$56,400 towards the necessary saving of \$60,000 one quarter mill.

Warden Martin opposed purchase of wood lots for reforestation saying the conservation authorities in the county were purchasing land for the use of the community. Deputy Reeve Merry on the other hand called the wood lots "an investment for the people."

Acton's reeve H. H. Hinton wanted the grant of \$5,000 to the Lorne Scots reduced to \$2,500. Noting the item was listed under patriotic contributions, Reeve Hinton remarked that this was being too patriotic. The item was left in the budget at \$5,000.

Reeve Hinton claimed that

originally the county grant to the Lorne Scots was \$1,500. This had been raised to \$2,500 when the pipers went to the Edinburgh Festival as a special grant, he said, but in the following year had not been put back to \$1,500.

The Lorne Scots have asked for an extra grant this year to cover cost of uniforms for the presentation of colors at the World Plowing Championships in Caletton in October.

There is no allowance in the 1963 budget for the provision of psychiatric services for the county-level as proposed by Dr. Archie Bull, two weeks ago.

Reeve Hinton wanted to include \$25,000 for this purpose but received no support from the rest of the county council. Dr. Bull said he would prefer to defer introduction of any new service rather than have to get back on existing services in order to pay for them.

Burlington's Deputy Reeve, Gordon Gallagher, chairman of the road committee, said more should be spent on roads rather than less, and that no reduction could be expected in the county's budget. "Good roads attract population and industry to the area," he said.

Proponents of a general mill rate reduction pointed to the estimate of the county assessor that an increase of slightly over \$10,000,000 could be expected in assessment during 1963.

Oakville pays 43.9 per cent — Burlington pays 38.7 per cent — Georgetown 6.4 per cent — Esqueving 3.4 per cent — Acton 2.9 per cent and Nagsawakeya Township 1.24 per cent.

A chief reason for taking the 1963 census in Canada is to adjust the membership in the House of Commons in proportion to population changes in the Provinces.

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Notice to Creditors

IN THE ESTATE of Alex D. Hume, Gentleman, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the Estate of Alex D. Hume, late of the Town of Georgetown, Gentleman, who died on or about the 18th day of February, 1963, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of March, 1963, after which date the Estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claims she shall not then have notice.

Dated at Georgetown, this 5th day of March A.D. 1963.

Mildred Blanche Hume, Executrix of the Estate of Alex D. Hume, by her solicitor, Frederick A. Heison, 116 Mountainview Rd South, Georgetown, Ont. 3-21

Industrial Group Urges Reopening CN Crossing

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Leprechaun Upset Strikes Back!

An unidentified Leprechaun has taken sweet revenge on The Herald for being captured on film by Herald photographer Peter Jones. The little fellow appeared in a picture on the front page of the March 7th issue, scolding Christopher Jones for picking him off a fence post near his home. The credit line under the picture which, of course, should have read Peter Jones Photo, somehow got changed to Milton Chapman Photo. Nobody knows how it happened, but smudge marks on the linotype keys Wednesday morning resembled tiny foot prints according to the operator.

Call Firemen when Light Standard Shorts

reason for a fire alarm late Monday night. When firemen arrived the standard was smoking apparently the result of a short in the wires. They called in the hydro men.

A 'flaming light standard' at the Mountainview Rd. entrance to the Delrex Plaza was the

A Word of Advice to FURNITURE BUYERS

GONE ARE THE DAYS when most manufacturers of upholstered furniture used quality fabrics and nothing but the best of foam cushioning or kept the arms and backs of their high enough for comfort. Today most manufacturers use cheap materials which are the latest in design but you are fortunate if the material doesn't wear out before three or four years, whereas a few years ago the fabric they used was meant for 15 or 20 years of wear. Today the largest percentage of foam used is commonly known as (poly foam) a soft urethane plastic which mostly after a certain amount of use flattens out but doesn't retract. Today furniture of almost all periods and designs is not built for comfort but for design and appearance only, so that the retail store owner may make a quick sale. After you've bought it you wish you had your old furniture back.

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LEGION NOTES

by Don. N. Platt

A well known musician dropped into the Branch on Saturday night to renew old acquaintances. Alf Perrott, Bandmaster of the Georgetown Citizens' Band and the Lorne Scots Band for twenty-eight years. He took his post in 1930 as leader of the Citizens' Band which later became the Lorne Scots Regimental Band. Retirement in 1958 was too quiet for Alf so he formed a band in Streetville, then moved to Acton where he is now Bandmaster of the Acton Citizens' Band.

Alf remembers a Georgetown Band of eighty players that won over twenty trophies, many of them firsts. He recalls the faces of surprised officials when little Georgetown took first prize over entries from cities all over Canada and U.S.A. at the Canadian National Exhibition.

Alf is no chicken but we think he will be marching at the front of some town band for a long time to come.

The Anniversary Waltz was danced on Saturday night in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Russ Lowrie who were celebrating 18 years of marriage. Congratulations, folks!

LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary welcomed Phyllis Findlay as a new member at their last meeting. Securing new members is one thing the ladies do love to do.

Their next meeting will be Thursday, March 21st, when Doris Lusty and Mary Pette will be initiated. Keep it up girls, you may soon catch the men's section.

SPORTS

On the darts scene The Fred Glimmer Memorial Trophy will be up for grabs on Friday evening, March 15th. For those members wishing to compete a sheet has been placed on the sports bulletin board.

Our Zone Championship cricbage players will travel to Brantford on Saturday, March 16th to compete in the District Tournament. Good luck, fellows.

Curling made a one day appearance on the sport scene on Saturday, March 2nd, when a local team journeyed to Crookstown for competition.

SMITTY'S RAFFLE

A small raffle was held in the Branch last Saturday afternoon to help defray the expenses of a team venturing out of town. Roy Smith started the draw. Roy Smith sold the tickets. Then, lo and behold, Roy Smith won the goodies.

As yours truly pulled the winning ticket we cannot cast a jaundiced eye in Roy's direction but it certainly seems like we have an organizational genius in our midst.

50-50 DRAW

Lucky winner: Herb Robinson. Ticket seller: Jim Murray.

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