

Handles Halton Finances, One Of Few Women in Such a Post

A smiling well-tailored, slim woman of 32 who looks much younger, presides over a spacious office in Halton County's Administrative and County Court Building on the northern outskirts of the town.

She is County Treasurer Margaret L. Maxted and with her personality it's almost a pleasure to pay taxes. She also has an expert's knowledge of county finances, tax procedures, assessments and a score of other facets of the county's intricate tax machinery, and the expeditions of taxes from the municipalities and from government grants. She does not make Halton's financial policy, set by

the county council; she merely carries it into effect.

Her knowledge of Halton and conditions in it, economically and otherwise, is far-reaching, perhaps because she has spent most of her lifetime serving the county and learning as she went along.

FATHER MAYOR

Her father John Maxted, with whom she makes her home at 115 Thomas St., was mayor of Milton in the late 1920s and from him she has gained practical knowledge of a town's economics within the county system. John Maxted and his wife, the late Mrs. Elizabeth Maxted, were born in Halton

and Miss Maxted is a native of Milton.

After early schooling in Milton Miss Maxted attended a business school course in Toronto, and later worked in that city before returning to Milton, including a part-time assistance in the office of the crown attorney the late W. I. Dick, the late David Hutcheson, county treasurer, and later in the office of Acting County Treasurer Harry Pettit, who became ill in office and died within a month.

FOUR WOMEN...

When applications were invited for the vacant post in 1937, many friends advised her to go after it. She did and confessed her amazement that the application was accepted. She is still one of only three or four women county treasurers in Ontario.

It was the combination of experience already gained earlier with two former county treasurers, and in the crown attorney's office that made her a natural for the job and she got it.

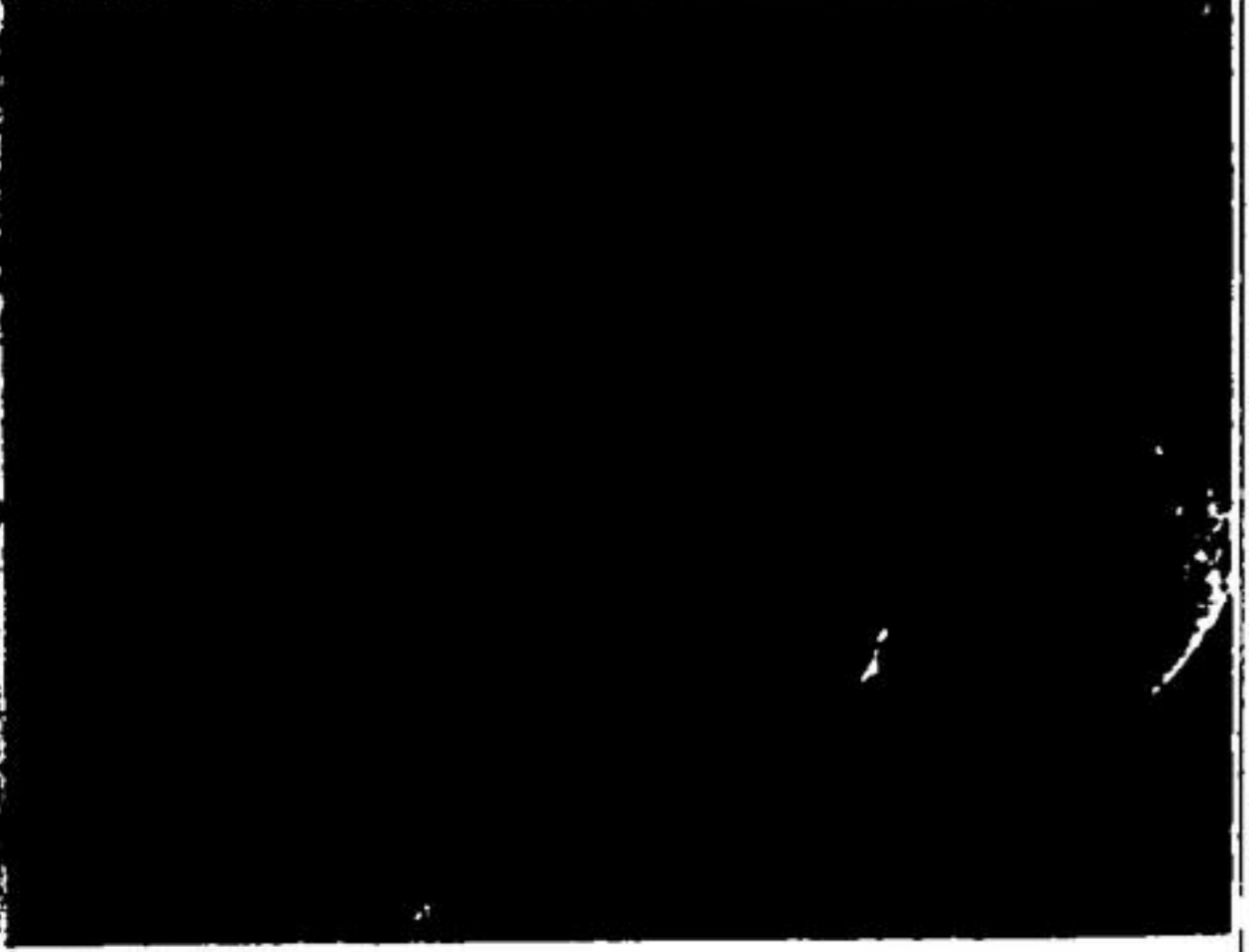
DEBT FINANCING

Miss Maxted also speaks of the trend in recent years in debt financing. The county's debture debt was \$700,000 in 1937 and by 1952 there was no debture debt at all. Today the staggering figure is over \$5,000,000.

Such figures have become commonplace for Miss Maxted, since 1937 when money to run the county was worth more than today's dollar, but thousands of Canadians without jobs, found it hard to exist on starvation incomes, and as for taxes they had to take their turn in the fight to survive.

That has all changed. Mean time Miss Maxted lives happily with her father, attends Grace Anglican Church, as an active member and was active as a Sunday School teacher. Her favorite hobby is gardening.

Try This One For Sighs LEMON ROASTED STUFFED TURKEY



A BLEND OF THE OLD AND NEW

At the time the Spaniards were colonizing the North American, planting lemon trees and dreaming about a new breed of poultry — the turkey! Europeans were using lemons (juice, white wine and rose water) to baste their roasting fat hens. This Lemon Roasted Stuffed Turkey recipe blends the old and the new, and results in a superb finish and rare flavor to roasted poultry.

LEMON ROASTED STUFFED TURKEY

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup of butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 1/4 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 cup dry Sherry
- 1 (10 1/2 oz.) can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1/2 cup chopped parsley
- 3 (8-oz.) packages seasoned bread stuffing mix
- 1 (9 lb.) ready-to-cook turkey
- 1/2 teaspoon salt.

METHOD: Melt butter in a skillet. Remove 4 tablespoons melted butter and combine with lemon juice. Set aside. Add onion and celery to remaining melted butter in skillet. Sauté until tender; add Sherry and chicken soup. Blend parsley with stuffing mix. Pour chicken soup mixture over stuffing mix; toss ingredients lightly with two forks until blended. Rub inside cavity of turkey with salt. Stuff and truss turkey. Heat lemon butter mix until butter melts; brush over turkey, repeating every half hour during roasting period. Place turkey on a rack in a shallow roasting pan, uncovered. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for four hours. Yield: 16 servings.

DISTRICT NEWS AT A GLANCE

HILLSBURGH...

Plans have been made by a Toronto technical school teacher to start a school near Hillsburgh to put his radical new policy into practice. He intends to let the students decide the rules of the school. Enrollment will be 15 students in the Grades 8 to 10 level.

ACTON...

Acton council last week withdrew a resolution supporting an Ontario Municipal Electric Association request for council's support in blocking the dissolution of local hydro and public utilities commissions.

MASSAGAWEYA...

Provincial approval of Nambury Township's Centennial Project has been received. The project consists of development of a municipal park, and improvement of municipal parks at Campbellville and Eden Mills.

ORANGEVILLE...

The clerk of Dufferin County, who was to have retired after 40 years on Monday, Dec. 13, died at his home on the eve of his retirement. W. H. Hunter was the oldest county clerk in Ontario at 70.

CALEDON...

The recently completed Caledon Central Public School was officially opened by Education Minister William G. Davis last Wednesday night. A highlight of the ceremony was showing of CAC films taken during closing of the last one room school.

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BRAMPTON...

Brampton council has offered to have residents' walks shovelled for a fee. Lots of 10 feet would be kept clear of snow for \$15, over that for \$25. Residents have until Dec. 24 to apply for the service.



Plant Wins Yule Favor

One plant particularly favored at Christmas is the United States and Canada to the present. The holiday season is the great time for the plant. It is the most popular of all the plants. It is the most popular of all the plants. It is the most popular of all the plants.

Omens Dim Yule Spirit

"Merry" Christmas? Not always, according to some ancient beliefs once associated with the day.

Take, for instance, the old belief that cattle and other stable animals were given the power of speech on Christmas Eve.

Any person who heard the animals speak would die within a year, so superstition said.

Somber omens of death were read into still other Yuletide legends. When the Yule log burned, bystanders were told to watch the shadows on the walls. If the shadows of any persons appeared to be headless, this supposedly meant death for those persons, again within a year.

MANY BROKE

One contrast between those days, reflecting the inescapable depression effect was that municipalities too were having their troubles, and many, although not in Halton, went broke and had to be administered under an Ontario plan carried out by A. J. H. Gray, Metro Toronto's present assessment consultant. Municipalities that could meet the county levy were often late, and had to pay a penalty as required by law.

Today things are different and most, but not all Halton municipalities take advantage of a discount by paying the county levy early.

Miss Maxted noted the changes 38 years have brought in the financing of Halton, and the accelerated growth of population in post-war years. One of the indices is the equalized assessment of Halton which rose to \$286,940,000 for 1965 against \$31,913,000 in 1937. The mill rate however has remained almost constant at four mills for 1937 and 4.1 mills for 1965. The consistency of spending on county roads, second highest item of expense in the Halton budget is shown by the 1937 rate of one mill. It has since risen to 1.65 mills.

As the Mass followed at 8 o'clock, to find and worship Him, so may you find the peace and joy of a holy Christmas.

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God bless the Master of this house,
The Mistress also,
And all the little children
That round the table go:
And all your kin and kinsfolk,
That dwell both far and near;
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
And a Happy New Year.

— 17th Century Carol

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