

SCHOOL BOARD DEPUTY REEVE ACCLAIMED IN ESQUESING

THREE ESQUESING TOWNSHIP CANDIDATES retained their positions by acclamation. From left are returned Esquensing Area School Board members William Lawson and Russell Miller, and Esquensing Deputy Reeve George Currie.

Saturday Belongs To Santa And Admirers

Riddle: What has five hundred feet, is four blocks long and ends with Ho Ho Ho. If you said a Jolly Green Giant commercial you're wrong. It's the Georgetown Lions annual Santa Claus parade and it will be escorting the man with the white whiskers and red suit from the plaza to downtown this Saturday afternoon.

The 35th annual parade, over 40 units long, will actually start its long journey from Sinclair Avenue just east of the Delrex Market Centre at about 1:30 and arrive downtown at approximately 3 o'clock with Santa himself occupying the place of honour at the tail end.

He follows his colourful escort through the Market Centre along Guelph St. to Main St. N. and then south on Main St. near the Legion Hall after the Santa will remain on Mill St. procession passes to hand out candies to the youngsters.

Simultaneously a clown alley gang will distribute the sweets to the children at the Delrex Market Centre.

Contraceptives being sold openly and publicly. Also, that advertising of such items might become blatant and in poor taste. But the committee feels both practices to be undesirable and proposes in its recommendation certain preventive courses of action.

"Medical knowledge and technique are at a level today where intelligent family planning can be carried out relatively easily," the report notes. "The present laws of Canada have made this impossible in its fullest sense. It is the feeling of your committee that family planning is a personal decision of a married couple and the state should not interfere with action or laws in any way to influence such a personal decision."

Dr. Harley's committee paid tribute to the views of church bodies and particularly commended the Canadian Catholic Conference and other church groups, for their progressive views on the legislation and for their clarification of the position of the Church.

One church body expressed the view that the law should remain at present if it was not possible to legislate any change in such a way as to apply only to married couples.

Commenting on the report, Dr. Harley said that he feels it is a good one and that it is now up to the government to take action.

"I don't intend to move adoption of the report because that would only precipitate a lengthy debate when the government is dealing with other important legislation," Dr. Harley said. "But the recommendations are there for all to see and I intend to put pressure on the two ministers concerned to take action to change the legislation and make the recommendations effective."

He said he would welcome an opportunity to debate the matter.

Rev. Eric Mills New Rector at St. George's

St. George's Anglican Church welcomed a new rector on Sunday when Rev. Eric Mills preached his first sermon at 9:30-11:00 a.m. services. Earlier, Mr. Mills officiated at the monthly communion of the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen which was followed by a special "bacon and eggs" breakfast.

Mr. Mills assumes the pastorate vacated by Rev. John McMullin, who went to the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Hamilton, two months ago. He comes to Georgetown from Palermo.

Born in Wolverhampton, England, he spent his early years in Stourbridge, Worcester-shire. He graduated from Birmingham College of Advanced Technology and was employed in Birmingham until 1957, when he came to Canada to work at Avro, Malton, as a design engineer. After the cancellation of the Avro contract he returned to England and

taught engineering subjects at Birmingham Technical College.

Mr. Mills is a member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers of England and the Professional Engineers of Ontario.

Deciding to become an Anglican minister, he returned to Canada in 1961 and enrolled at Trinity College, Toronto, where he graduated with his S.T.B. degree in 1964 and became rector of St. Luke's and St. Simon's, Oakville.

Mr. Mills is married to the former Joan Arnold of Stourbridge and they have two daughters, Angela, who will be in grade 9 at Georgetown high school and Rosemary, in Grade 7 at Wrigglesworth school.

During World War II he served for three and a half years with the Royal Navy. While employed at Malton, Mr. and Mrs. Mills made their home in Orangeville.

Halton's Harley Releases Report On Family Planning Knowledge

Dissemination of family planning knowledge should be completely available and free from any fear of illegality as a matter of personal choice, the Commons' standing committee of Health and Welfare reported on Monday.

Headed by Halton MP Dr. Harry Harley, the committee's report, based on 15 meetings held since last March, was introduced in the Commons without comment.

The committee points out that the report deals only with family planning and birth control and does not deal in any way with abortion, a subject that the committee proposes to discuss at an early date.

The report says it is striking that in view of the number of interested organizations and individuals who presented briefs, only one opinion was expressed in support of the existing legislation. This legislation is based on Section 100 of the Criminal Code which makes it an offence to offer to sell, advertise, have for sale or disposed any means intended or represented as a method of prevent-

ing conception or causing abortion or miscarriage.

The key words are "prevent-ing conception or" and the committee recommends the deletions of these words.

"Your committee feels that birth control and family planning are matters of personal decision on the part of married couples. This amendment will make legal the dissemination of knowledge and literature on these subjects, as well as the distribution of contraceptives," the report states.

The intent of this and other recommendations is to remove the matter of birth control from the Criminal Code and place the necessary regulations on the distribution and advertising of contraceptives under the Food and Drugs Act.

To this end two amendments are proposed to the Food and Drugs Act. To make clear the meaning of the word "device" and to control the advertising of contraceptives.

The report notes that fears have been expressed that any change in the law would result

Blasts Press for Libel Over County 'Fun Fund' Dispute

Oakville Reeve Herb Merry, focal point on interest in Halton County Council's 'fun fund' row, Monday blasted the Press for making "libellous" remarks.

"In my opinion this thing has been turned into a personal thing," he complained.

He spoke of "half cooked" news reports from Oakville and Toronto newspapers and said "some of the statements are 'libellous'."

Reeve Merry said the Oakville Beaver talked of a scandal being exposed and added: "people won't see this contradicted later. There is too much of this stuff about illegal spending."

He refuted allegations of illegal expenditures and said "I don't think they should be pinned on the warden of 1965 (himself). He acted on the opinion of the council. Then it was council's fault and not the fault of the warden."

Personal Attacks

Reeve Merry said he greatly resented personal attacks also-

ed at him over "illegal" expenditures.

He demanded backing from council and added: "I don't think I personally should be in the spot for this."

And council gave him that backing in the form of a motion, moved by Deputy Reeve Charles Meney of Milton. Passed unanimously it gave a vote of "absolute and utter confidence" to Reeve Merry for his work as Warden in 1965. Halton Warden

Warden Herbert Hinton said he thought such personal attacks were very unfair.

"I couldn't care less about any attitude towards this thing," he said.

"I think we have the right to attend these conventions and the right to challenge any improper use of funds."

He hoped the 1967 authority would give leadership in the matter. "I do think we have got to use common sense" he added.

Deputy Reeve Meney said it was not right for Reeve Merry to have been accused as accounts went before council before being officially passed.

Past Warden

"This really has nothing to do with the chairman. I think it is very unfair for the past warden to have been attacked in this way," he said.

Nassagaweya Reeve Bill Coulter suggested a revamping of the council remuneration system.

"We should have some form of control" he said. He suggested a cut in the number of conventions attended by councillors.

Reeve Coulter said many other councils were paying out convention expenses on an annual basis instead of the Halton per diem rates.

He suggested that one member should attend one convention.

Annual Basis

Warden Hinton said members paid on an annual basis might not be so willing to attend as many conventions. They would then do "as much or as little as their spirits moved them to do" he said.

Deputy Reeve Frank Rogers of Burlington, finance committee chairman said he could not see where council was financially out of line at all.

The finance committee has in its hands a report showing a breakdown of the number of councillors who visited conventions, fees paid to them and expenses paid he said.

He said if Oakville councillors wanted to attend the next meeting to see if they were welcome to do so.

The auditor will also attend "To clean up the whole thing" as warden Hinton put it.

Allan Day

The row broke out when Oakville Deputy Reeve Allan Day said his council 'deplored' the alleged over-expenditure.

The warden said where expenses had been part of the annual budget passed by council, council had the authority to spend the amounts budgeted for.

He said Halton council had spent "an extremely modest sum" compared with a number of other county authorities.

He "completely disagreed" with any suggestion of cutting out conventions altogether.

Warden Hinton said conventions were of a high educational value and were a very important part of council.

Burlington Reeve Gordon Gallagher said provincial legislation on convention expenses for county bodies was thoroughly antiquated.

"It's time the Province related so many dollars to so many thousands of people," he said.

NOTE: Next year — Centennial year — county councils are permitted to spend what they like on conventions and entertainment.

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