

Ratepayer Queries Financing Of Proposed Fire Department

Brandishing a copy of The Milton Canadian Champion which contained a report of township nomination Ken Marshall of RR 5, Milton, appeared at a regular meeting of Esqueving Council recently with questions about statements he read in the newspaper. He was accompanied by Bill Lawson, a neighbour.

Mr. Marshall addressed his questions to Cr. Pat Patterson in particular asking verification of the statements recorded in the newspaper which said the new fire area would be financed from lot separation money.

This money is collected from the whole township, said Mr. Marshall, asking if it is right to take money from the fund to service one section of the township?

"Would you rather have that or equalized assessment?" enquired Cr. Patterson.

"I thought we had equalized assessment," said Mr. Marshall.

Mr. Patterson replied in the negative.

At this point Deputy Reeve George Currie interrupted to say he wouldn't have anyone fit here and listen to arguments like that.

"People in that area pay debentures for the Milton fire area. Now they'll have to turn around and pay it again," said the deputy reeve.

"There are other ways of doing it," remarked township clerk K. C. Lindsay who outlined another proposal for borrowing money for the Georgetown Fire Area.

The question still stands, reiterated Mr. Marshall. "Is

it right to take taxes from the whole township to finance for one section?"

Many different ways of raising the money are available argued Cr. Patterson. The money is lying in a capital reserve fund, he stated, the main portion of it collected in the Georgetown area.

"I'd have to see figures before I agree with you there," answered the delegate quietly. He said he personally had contributed \$600 to the fund and it was quite possible his neighbours had more. "Is it legal?" he asked. "My understanding when it was taken from me the money was going to be used to build extra schools."

"We changed our minds about that," said Reeve George Leslie, "because of government grants."

Mr. Marshall again questioned the legality of the practice but was reassured by Mr. Lindsay. "It isn't fair," he repeated.

"We ended up with better schools, made the township a better place to live. My argument is the \$600 raised the price of the bond."

The clerk reminded council the capital reserve fund had been used to buy land and pay debentures on the township office building.

"You can do it for the office building," said the deputy reeve, "but it's unfair to use the whole township to pay for fire protection in one area."

"It was just Mr. Patterson's opinion of how we should finance it," remarked Cr. Jim Goodlet.

"I see your point," conceded the reeve addressing Mr. Mar-

shall, who wasn't quite finished with his objections to the proposed Esqueving brigade.

"Milton has one of the best volunteer fire brigades in the province," he stated. "One value of a brigade is how fast it is going to get to a fire. A brigade here would be no use to me," he emphasized. "I hope the idea doesn't spread." The questioner also wanted to know why the township representative on the Georgetown area board didn't bring back the budget from Georgetown.

"We spent four months arguing with Georgetown over costs. Then they said that's it."

Cr. Tom Hill, deputy reeve elect, agreed. "They had us over a barrel. They said we paid 45 per cent of the budget and that would be it!"

Comparing costs in the three township areas, Mr. Marshall said perhaps the unit cost a square mile would be the same if the Georgetown brigade was serving a large area.

The Milton area is larger,

stated the deputy reeve. Costs he claimed, were worked out on assessment. If this had been done in the Georgetown area costs would have been \$4,000 instead of \$13,000.

The fire marshal suggested Georgetown have another truck anyway, said Cr. Goodlet. "Ours would end up in the snow."

"Strikes me if I lived around here I'd be worried," continued Mr. Marshall. "The fire truck's here — but where are your firemen? Please keep on the good side of the Milton brigade!"

Mr. Marshall was reassured by council there were plenty of firemen available within a few minutes of the proposed fire hall. He was also told the fire Marshall recommended the township have a brigade of their own.

"It kind of made me rear on my hind legs when I read that report," said Mr. Marshall. He questioned the costs outlined by Cr. Patterson at the meeting and was promptly re-

assured no decision had been made on the hall yet.

"Then I gather the report isn't right," said Mr. Marshall.

Councillors avoided the question but Mr. Hill said the report should say tenders for the new hall wouldn't be opened until Dec. 8th.

Mr. Marshall and Mr. Lawson left with council's assurance financing for the new hall and cost were not yet decided.

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Seek Practical Answers In Advice to Teachers

Peter Opic and Jack Ardis of Georgetown were among 700 teachers, trustees and educational officials from across Ontario who heard Ontario's Deputy Minister of Education warn they should seek out practical answers and avoid the obtuse at the annual meeting of the Ontario Educational Research Council in Toronto last week.

Dr. J. R. McCarthy said that unless educational research has a practical meaning to teachers and to the public, it will lose its value and will lose the support of public funds.

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Name Five Men Honorary Members of Legion Branch

by Ralph Hawes

At the executive meeting which took place at the Branch on Tuesday evening, Dec. 12th five persons were taken into the Branch as honorary members for 1968 — Thomas Sykes, Charles Hennessey, Harold Eagles, Friend Garbutt and Ronald Lincoln. At this same meeting the usual donation was made to the Welfare Fund chairman, Walter Gray.

The election of officers was held last Thursday following the ladies auxiliary meeting. The incoming executive are as follows: president, Jean Lockhurst, 1st vice M. Arnold, 2nd vice, H. Dumper, financial secretary M. Harley, recording secretary, V. Collins, treasurer A. Capperault, executive committee, B. Emond, A. McCartney, R. Timpon, G. Stoddart, Preston, Sgt. at Arms, M. Hale Sick convener B. Lorusso, eucharist and sports, G. Stoddart, banquet conveners, A. Nicholson and V. Coburn. Entertainment M. Hale and W. Telford, pianist B. Louth.

The Branch annual turkey dart shoot was a terrific success.

Turkeys were taken home by G. Gordon, D. Capperault, C. Valentine, L. Rogers, B. Porter, A. Hills, J. Murphy, L. Boyd, L. Bottoms, S. Tipton, B. Collins, R. McKenzie. We were unable to be there but Bernice threw darts for us, but could not get lucky; however, we understand the walls were bulging and everyone had a good time. A vote of thanks to Bruce McCartney and Harry Bottoms who ran a well organized evening.

President David Bowman wishes all Branch members the best of everything for Christmas. Those New Year's tickets are going fast. It you wish one we would advise you to pick them up soon.

Gord King is looking forward

Halton Farmers Eligible for Forestry Assistance

Halton County farmers may now receive assistance from the Woodlands Improvement Act. This Act permits the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests to enter into agreements with the woodlot owners for tree planting and woodlot improvement work.

This Act came into force in 1966 with counties gradually incorporated under it as personnel and time permitted. Halton farmers may now take part and to date eight have done so. The farmer contacts the District Forester, Ontario Dept. of Lands and Forests, Hespeler. A forester will inspect the forest property with the landowner to discuss the management required.

The owner must pay the cost of any trees planted and protect the area against livestock, fire and insects for the 15-year period. The Ontario Dept. of Lands and Forests plants the trees, prunes, culls, and thins the woodlot.



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