

Villagers Decide Against Proposed Mercury Lighting

A ratepayers meeting of the village of Norval was held on Thursday evening March 28, in the parish hall with about 35 present. Mr. K.C. Lindsay, Clerk of Esquesing Township, was chairman.

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Each person present was given a typed statement on the cost of installing 30 new 175 watt mercury vapour lights on the existing poles. This is the present number of lights in the village with one mercury vapour light added at school. The total cost would be \$3,800. By spreading the installation cost over 3 years and adding the operating cost for a year the amount for a ratepayer on a \$3500 assessment would be \$20.96 a year for 3 years.

Mr. Lindsay read the statement then everyone waited for someone to explain the views of those who felt it advisable to change the present system but no one was present to give this information. Questions were asked as to who had requested the mercury vapour lights and if some ratepayers had any complaints about the present lights but Mr. Lindsay didn't know. Another ratepayer asked the cost of the street lights for last year but this information was not available.

Mrs. Stanley Fishburn stated that they had requested a street light near their home many times with no results. The last on the street, by Ray Pomeroy's and there are 3 more homes where the residents have to walk in the dark. A light is also needed very badly, she said, further along the road at the bridge. Anyone walking on the road here could very easily fall into this hole and end up in the river.

Another ratepayer asked the present 13, 100 watt bulbs and 17, 150 watt bulbs could be changed to 150 watt and 200 watt bulbs and what would the difference be in cost to operate. Mr. Lindsay said he thought the present system would carry the higher watt bulbs but didn't know what the cost would be. He pointed out the fact that due to rising school costs and planned road improvements the taxes would be up this year.

Julian Reed, who had to leave to attend another meeting, stated that speaking for himself and his mother, they felt there were other improvements needed in the village where our money would be better spent than a change in the lighting at the present time so they were voting against the mercury vapour lights. This seemed to voice the opinion of all the rest at the meeting. Bill Hunter made a motion seconded by Ken Gould that there be no change in the lighting at the present time. This was carried unanimously with no objections.

Elmer Carney suggested that a motion be put to the ratepayers regarding paving the side streets of the village that are in very poor condition. Others felt this would be more beneficial at this time but Mr. Lindsay replied that he had nothing to do with the roads.

Before adjourning the meeting Mr. Lindsay said he would like to explain to the ratepayers about some statements made in letters written to the Georgetown Herald recently regarding Esquesing Township. Referring to a statement regarding a large

sum of money the township is supposed to have for loan, Mr. Lindsay explained this \$90,000 referred to is the amount necessary to pay for the construction to Stewarttown School. This money was in the current account in a Georgetown bank. It was not needed as soon as they thought it would be so this sum was taken from the current account which was costing the township \$75 and a deposit certificate for this amount was purchased at 6 1/2%. The cost then was 1 1/2% instead of 6 1/2% for the month it was in the bank before it had to be paid. There is no large surplus amount for loan.

Other statements in a letter inferred that Georgetown taxpayers are footing the bill for Esquesing fire protection and police protection. Mr. Lindsay said this is not true. He said an explanation to the ratepayers in regard to these statements was necessary as many township residents do not fully understand the fire arrangement with

NORVAL

Union Woman is Speaker Norval Dessert Luncheon

Mrs. Lee Campbell of Union Presbyterian Church was the guest speaker at Norval Presbyterian Church WMS Dessert Luncheon in the church Tuesday afternoon March 26th. She spoke on the real meaning of Easter — the resurrection. As we have faith in the lilacs blooming again, the green grass to return and the grain to grow, so we must have faith in the resurrection. Every morning when we awake should be a resurrection.

The afternoon started with the dessert luncheon with a good attendance. The committee charge were Mrs. Clure Archibald, Mrs. Art Clare and Mrs. Hyatt McClure. After the luncheon Mrs. Wm. Sandals of Brampton, Literature Secretary of Brampton Presbytery, gave a short talk on books available.

Mrs. John M. McClure was in the chair for the service which followed. The devotional was given by Mrs. Sam McClure and Mrs. Dixon Duff, Soloist was Mrs. Wilmer Little and the organist Mrs. Best. Mrs. Andrew McClure and Mrs. Tom McClure took up the collection and Mrs. Harold McClure gave the courtesies.

A little after 4 p.m. on Saturday afternoon March 30, a large crowd watched the ending of the Javee sponsored boat race at the River which had started at Glen Williams earlier in the afternoon. There were 24 entries with 49 participants. Some from as far away as Oshawa.

Boats, kayaks and other craft had to be portaged around the paper mill dam and the Norval dam, and a couple of big rafts didn't make it past the paper mill dam. By the time the racing boats, etc. reached Norval the contestants were very wet, very cold and very tired. The only contestants from Norval were David Carter and Julian Reed. David represented the 2nd Norval's Templar Rover crew and finished 3rd in the boat race. Julian was accompanied by Douglas Fishburn and came in 5th in the same race. The winners for comic race using a raft made of plastic bottles got trapped in the whirlpool and went round and round

the town, and could be misled by the letter.

The facts regarding the fire arrangement, he said, are that Esquesing Twp. pays to Georgetown council 45% of their total firefighting costs plus the house fee, insurance, and any major repairs on the fire truck which is owned by the township. The town has the use of the truck whenever they need it.

Regarding police protection, Mr. Lindsay explained that the township is served by the OPP, the North Halton Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police stationed at Milton. This has been the arrangement for many years, ever since the OPP have been in Milton. The Georgetown police have no authority outside the town limits.

Following these explanations the meeting was adjourned.

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for 45 minutes before getting out of this strong current.

The last one to reach the River arrived about an hour after the others so tired that he couldn't drag his boat to shore. It was picked up later at Huttonville.

The river had gone down considerably from the previous day which was just as well as the contestants had all they could do to keep their craft "ship shape" in the fast running water of the Credit River which is still at flood level.

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