



HALTON WARDEN ALAN DAY and two staffers retiring after long service to the county were honored Friday at the annual Warden's Dinner, held in Oakville. Miss Margaret Maxted, left, was presented with a watch and a bouquet of flowers in honor of her approaching retirement after 33 years of service as county treasurer. Halton sheriff Andrew W. Frank, right, also received a retirement gift in recognition of his 13 years as sheriff. In the centre are Warden Day and Mrs. Day, admiring the wristwatch and symbolic gavel of office he received. Over 200 attended the dinner and dance.—(Staff Photo)

Three in limelight

# Warden, treasurer, sheriff honored for service to county

Halton's 1970 Warden Reeve Alan Day of Oakville was honored by fellow county councillors, staff members and special guests at the annual Warden's Dinner held in Oakville Friday night.

But two county department heads who are retiring at the end of this year also shared the limelight. Miss Margaret Maxted, Halton's treasurer for the past 33 years, was presented with a wrist watch and flowers and Andrew Frank, who has served as sheriff for 13 years, was presented with a tie pin and cuff links bearing the county crest.

Even an opponent Over 200 gathered in the Legion Hall in Oakville for the dinner, toasts and speeches with former warden Herb Merry of Oakville as chairman. Councillors, county staff members, former wardens, mayors of Halton municipalities, the warden's family and close friends were among the audience.

Even one of Mr. Day's opponents in Monday's election race for the Oakville mayoralty, Oakville Councillor Laurie Mannell was there.

In proposing a toast to the warden, Acton Reeve Dr. F. G. Oakes reviewed Warden Day's background of 15 years as a councillor in Oakville and five years as a member of Halton

County Council as one of the town's senior representatives. "He had a very busy year as warden, said Reeve Oakes. "He is a man of good judgment and has done the job very well — the business of the county has been in good hands."

**Highlight** "Being warden in 1970 was the highlight of my municipal life," Warden Day said in his reply. It was a year he could not repeat, but one he could never forget, he said.

Warden Day introduced members of the county council, his family, and special guests MP Rud Whiting, MPPs Jim Snow and George Kerr and visiting Peel County Warden Ivor McMullen. He praised the co-operation of county councillors and staffers who "never failed to help."

The toast to the past wardens was given by Milton Reeve Ron Harris. There were 13 present of the 19 still living, he noted. Past wardens in attendance were Herb Merry, H. H. Hinton, Dr. C. A. Martin, John A. Milne, William Card, Stan Allen, Doug Sargent, Harold Cleave, J. J. Stewart, George Leslie, Gordon Gallagher, William Hunter and George Currie — and the latter three are still members of the county council. Reeve Gallagher, Burlington, responded.

"Everybody suffering"

# Claim blasting damages homes

News that Campbellville Gravel Supply has been granted another one month extension to continue mining until the end of December, coupled with more ratepayer complaints that blasting at the firm was causing property damage to neighboring homes, prompted another request for stiff provincial action on pits and quarries at a meeting

of Nassagaweya Council last week.

Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur reported a recent blast at the gravel company east of Campbellville had lowered the chandelier in one home by a foot. "Everybody in the village has suffered from it," charged the reeve.

Noting the firm is applying to re-open the Cleveleaf stone quarry just north of the village, Mrs. MacArthur said "they will blast everybody off the map" if and when they open up that operation.

Another woman had told the reeve her home, built on a solid cement foundation, "shook like a matchbox" when a blast went off at the Campbellville Gravel firm a week earlier. Others have cracked plaster in their homes. The firm reportedly set off three blasts within one week.

A letter from Minister of Mines Allan F. Lawrence informed the council the firm has been granted an extension on mining to Dec. 31. "I intend to speak to him directly myself," said the reeve. She reported she had tried unsuccessfully to contact the minister of mines last week by telephone. "I will still phone him," she promised.

Members noted the government has a staff of inspectors and wondered why one couldn't soon come and inspect the Campbellville firm. Councillor Allan Ackman thought the mines department should provide the township with a seismograph to gather legal

evidence against the firm.

No township licence The reeve added the council has refused the firm a licence to operate, yet the provincial licence allows them to go ahead. "They continue to break the law and shake up the people" she charged.

Clerk Campbell Thompson promised the township's quarrying by-law would be more strictly enforced in the new year. He said he had boxes of "work in progress" files before him and right now didn't have the time to work on quarry operations. He felt the township should start a crackdown as the province won't act on local by-laws. Council ended the discussion with a motion despatching a letter to Mr. Lawrence stating how upset council is over the firm's blasting damage.

## Intimidation charges laid

Milton OPP this week laid charges of intimidation against three young Norval area men, following a series of tire fires on the Town Line south of Norval Halloween night. Two area men were charged earlier following intensive investigations.

Spokesmen said the OPP are still investigating a fire the same night which destroyed a barn at the Second Line farm near Moffat owned by Ontario Social and Family Services Minister John Yaremko. Arson is suspected but to date no charges have been laid.

Tower of strength

Halton Judge Alan B. Sprague gave the toast to the county council and thanked them for their contributions to democratic government. "The council of 1970 has worked hard and long for the people it represents." He also praised the services of sheriff Frank and treasurer Maxted — Mr. Frank has performed his duties with dignity and despatch and has brought honor, efficiency and tact to the work; Miss Maxted was not only efficient but also a charming and gracious lady and a tower of strength to all associated with her, he said.

Oakville's Deputy Reeve

William Gillies, who replied to the toast, countered with an unscheduled toast to Judge Sprague for the dignity and respect the jurist brought to the bench.

Present gifts

Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur of Nassagaweya presented Warden Day with a wrist watch on behalf of the councillors and staff, also the traditional gavel. She praised his sense of duty, patience, firmness, courtesy and tact. Esqueing Reeve George Currie, who had been a member of the county council which had engaged Miss Maxted as treasurer 33 years ago, made the

watch and flowers presentation to the retiring treasurer. The gift for Sheriff Frank was presented by Georgetown Reeve William Hunter.

A dance followed the dinner.

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