

Erin township elections

CANDIDATE	Poll								Ad vanced	Total	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
Cunningham	5	5	18	23	10	15	85	49	114	4	314
Cox	20	23	9	23	21	38	65	25	105	10	305
MARSHALL	140	92	60	94	87	42	32	25	63	10	605
McLean	23	81	51	62	26	22	36	34	53	10	376
O'Connor	3	67	26	27	14	11	10	9	25	8	200
ORMESHER	42	35	45	39	34	69	22	36	49	31	402
REID	14	36	21	43	21	37	53	65	114	17	421
Rimmer	45	39	49	33	12	30	34	29	40	8	328

Capitalized Names are Those Elected to Council.

Jack Marshall heads polls in Erin twp. elections

An R.R. 2, Acton, farmer, Jack Marshall topped the polls in an eight person race for three Erin township council seats while one veteran councillor was defeated in Monday's election.

Jack Marshall polled 605 votes to easily claim the top spot in the polling, almost 200 votes ahead of incumbent John Reid (421) and newcomer Thomas Ormesher (402), who will constitute the 1975 township council.

Veteran councillor Bill McLean went down to defeat, ranking fourth in the standings with 376 votes. He was closely followed by Fred Cox with 320 and Eleanor Rimmer with 320 votes. Norm Cunningham was slightly behind with 314 while newcomer Dan O'Connor trailed with 200 ballots.

In a close two way race for the seat on the Wellington Board of Education, incumbent Gordon Gregson topped challenger Virginia

Kennedy by 117 votes, polling 331 to Ms. Kennedy's 214.

There were only two decisions for Erin township voters at Monday's election. The reeve's post went to Deputy Reeve Don Matheson by acclamation and Councillor Bert Wheeler was stepped up into the deputy reeve's seat by the same method, filling the two top seats.

Hydro corridors, gravel and to a lesser degree roads and telephone service seemed

to be the issues involved in the election campaign for council. But observers were reluctant to say whether the change in council reflected any strong views about the issues except in the case of Thomas Ormesher who campaigned vigorously for better roads and telephone service in the township.

The strong support for Jack Marshall who said he would decide on the issues after seeing both sides seemed to appeal to voters. He was born

and raised in the Acton district where he has been active in agricultural affairs especially the fall fair board of which he was president in 1965-66-67. He purchased a farm in Erin township after marrying the former Lorna Bessey and has always been interested in community affairs. He is well known for his athletic hobbies which included playing golf for

teams in Acton, Erin and Hillsburgh.

The two person race for the one school board seat was interesting with Virginia Kennedy campaigning on better communications and more use of school buildings by taxpayers. Incumbent Gordon Gregson stood on his record of 16 years of school board experience.



PLAYTIME at the Tinkerbell Nursery for the Physically and Mentally Handicapped Child includes fun at the sand table. Volunteers Margaret Barret of Acton and Pat Misservey keep a close eye on Barbara Abray and Lise Thibeault.

Tinkerbell Nursery

Tiny footprints lead the visitor to open house

Tiny yellow, blue and red footprints directed visitors to the open house activities at Tinkerbell Nursery for the Physically and Mentally Handicapped Wednesday. The walls of Milton's E. C. Drury School hallways were lined with long posters of small feet, the toes pointing the way.

It was a morning and evening affair with the children moving through their regular, familiar routine during the morning. In the evening slides of the children's activities were shown. Visitors were treated to home-made cakes, cookies and coffee.

Tinkerbell Nursery is part of the North Halton Association for Mentally Retarded. It receives an 80 per cent grant from the government to pay for operating costs. The local association pays the remaining 20 per cent of the staff salaries and transportation.

Volunteers needed. Nursery chairman Edith Hillman is anxious to enroll additional volunteers. A Parent-Teacher Association is in the process of being

formed to encourage further liaison between the home and the nursery. The school has an open door policy and parents are welcome to come in regularly.

Children of volunteers intermingle in nursery activities to stimulate the handicapped child. This innovative experience will no doubt be a benefit to all children.

Chairman Edith Hillman can be reached at Acton, 853-2588.

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Waterloo annual

by Mrs. R. Shortill Sr. Robin Matthews is recovering from a stay in Georgetown Hospital where she had an appendectomy. We're sorry to hear Mrs. Norman Johnson suffered a broken arm.

Mrs. Annie Vannater has been in Georgetown Hospital for some time in critical condition.

Attended Annual Mrs. Frank Smith, Mrs. Jesse McEnery, Mrs. Tom Given and Mrs. Leo Jamieson attended the W.I. District Annual at Waterloo this past week. Mrs. Given and Mrs. Jamieson staying for the full session.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker of Walkerton visited Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McEnery on Sunday.

We believe Mrs. Clayton Beswick has been able to return home from Guelph hospital after treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrow of Toronto visited with Mrs. R. Shortill and Lillian on Sunday.

Many attended Awards Night

A large number of parents and friends gathered at the Rockwood Centennial public school auditorium last Wednesday evening, to see deserving members of the 4-H club receive presentations at the annual Erasmus Awards Night.

The pledge, a welcome from the Jr. Farmers and an introduction of the guest speaker by Randy Matthews started off the evening's program when Barbara and Harry Bonner showed slides of their recent trip to England.

Judy Martin thanked the speaker and Chris Hollinson gave a run-down on the conference held for 15-year-olds which she had attended. Wendy Martin gave a resume of the Junior Farmer Leadership camp and Terry Matthews talked on the Indiana exchange.

Royal bank Top Erasmus member in the South Wellington grain club was Brian McDougall, R.R. 1, Rockwood. He was presented with the Royal Bank trophy by manager Jack Hooghem. Brian also won the award for being the top South Wellington corn club member. Judy Jackson led as top member from Erasmus in the Wellington County sheep club. She took a Royal Bank award. Mrs. Corri Hooghem presented Barbara Major with the Royal Bank trophy as the best homemaking member. The Les Foote trophy for top swine club member went to Philip Timmings, R.R. 4, Rockwood.

Culminating the evening, Charlie Landoni thanked all those who participated and were present at the awards evening. Refreshments were served.

Bible Classes have been held once a week in the church by the minister.

The sermon, on Sunday, was preached on the theme of Advent Sunday and the first candle was lit. The Jr. choir sang an anthem. There was a good attendance.

Mrs. Russell Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Shortill and we Tracey enjoyed dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Shortill on Sunday.

Correction

It was incorrectly reported in last week's paper, November 27, that Keith Andrews was the sole winner of the Kevin Hall Memorial Trophy.

The correct winners of the trophy were Keith, and his wife Barbara. We are sorry for any embarrassment or inconvenience that arose because of this error.

Too many staffers at meetings

Some Halton Region Councillors have expressed concern about seemingly large numbers of highly paid staff officials of the region who attend standing committee meetings on a fairly regular basis.

Acton area councillor Pat McKenzie aired concern on the matter during last week's Tuesday afternoon planning session when he counted half a dozen planners and two members of the clerk's

department.

He challenged the need for so many planners. Planning Director Ed Cumming said those attending the meeting were there because the committee would be dealing with reports which the individual planner had drafted. Cumming said he felt it was of benefit to have the planner to field the questions and he felt planners benefited by seeing committee reaction to their comments and

recommendations.

McKenzie's concern was reiterated the following day at the Finance and Administration Committee when Burlington Mayor George Harrington asked Chief Administrator Officer Ernie Reid to review the policy.

Harrington wondered if there weren't too many staff at the meetings and if more might be accomplished by freeing some of the high

priced help to be at their desks.

The Burlington mayor also challenged the practice of sending staff to conferences and seminars. He said then as he has in the past, that he felt too many people were sent. He claims that the cost of the conferences coupled with the loss of time made it costly.

Harrington challenged the idea of sending people to learn what they are being paid to know already.

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Awards were then given and many district 4-H'ers took trophies as presented by various donors. Jim Reid, president of the Erasmus Jr. Farmers and M.C. for the evening, presented the Jr. Farmers trophy to Randy Matthews of R.R. 5, Rockwood for having the highest number of points in the calf club. Randy took the trophy for the second time having won it last year. He also won the award for top showmanship, the Wilbert Freeman trophy presented by Wilbert Freeman.

Bruce McDougall, R.R. 5, Rockwood received the George Leslie trophy, for having the highest total points for two years as a second year junior farmer member. George Leslie made the presentation.