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JUDGE EQUALIZES HALTON ASSESSMENT

J. BELL, GEORGETOWN, CHAIRMAN NORTH HALTON BOARD FOR 1952

John Bell of Georgetown was elected chairman of the North Halton High School Board on Monday night at the inaugural meeting in Milton. Vice-chairman is N. Pickett of Milton. The members took their oath of office before F. W. B. Fitzgerald, J.P.

A Striking Committee composed of Messrs. Coon, Pickett, Biehn, Carbert and Beaumont, brought in a recommendation of committee appointments which was adopted by the Board.

Finance — Dr. Milne, Dr. Martin and A. Beaumont.

Management—Messrs. A. Pickett, W. Biehn, G. A. Dills.

Property — Messrs. Geo. Brown, W. Coon, N. Pickett.

Transportation — Messrs. George Cleave, C. Woods, Geo. Brown.

New Building—Dr. Martin, Geo. Cleave, G. A. Dills, Dr. Milne and R. Carbert.

The Board held a lengthy discussion on the building of new schools. A motion was passed that an architect be consulted regarding the renovation of the Georgetown High School. The purpose of the motion was to determine if the Department of Education would approve of rebuilding and to secure a comparison of costs between renovation and new building. The matter was placed in the hands of the new building committee and the Board by motion selected J. D. Kyles, architect, of Hamilton, to contact for this information.

It was also urged by the chairman that members contact their municipal councils to ascertain

their stands on the building program for schools in Acton and Georgetown and gymnasium in Milton and to acquaint councils with the plans and secure their co-operation.

Accounts amounting to \$10,952.98 were passed for payment and the borrowing by-law for up to \$60,000 was passed to meet expenses until the grants and levies were received.

The budget for the year was considered but left over until the next meeting for further details. The figures submitted indicated that the levies on the municipalities would be about \$47,000 as compared with \$24,000 last year. This levy increase came about largely through changes in grants.

The principals of Acton and Georgetown Schools submitted their budgets for the year and the Acton budget amounted to \$1,790 and Georgetown \$1,805. These were referred to the Finance Committee for submission at the next meeting.

It was decided not to carry co-insurance on any of the school properties and change any present policies to straight insurance.

A letter from the Ontario Secondary Schools Teachers' Federation was brought to the attention of the Board. It set forth the salary schedule requested by the Federation. It was referred to the Management Committee to be considered when the matter of salaries was under discussion.

Trustees present at this meeting were Messrs. Coon, Pickett, Woods, Dills, Carbert, Bell, Biehn, Beaumont, Cleave, Brown and Martin.

Served Since 1935 Cleaver To Retire

Burlington, Ont.,
January 21st,
1952

I have served Halton County as its Federal Member continuously since 1935, and as I have decided that I could not accept another nomination, I advised the Executive of the Liberal Association of the County accordingly at its last business meeting on January 17th last. I do not anticipate that an election will be held during the current year, but I felt obliged to advise the Executive of the party so that a new candidate might be nominated and in the field in plenty of time for him to get well acquainted with the electors before the elections. While there is no secret about the matter, I gave this information to the Executive in confidence, as I believed that the appropriate time for me to make a public announcement would be at the party Convention when it is held next fall. Since the news of my retirement has leaked out and has been published in some newspapers, I am now writing to all of the County press.

At this time I would like to sincerely thank the electors of the riding for the confidence extended to me over so long a period. On my part, I have diligently tried to serve the riding to the best of my ability, and during the entire term of my office have served everyone alike without regard to his political affiliations.

HUGHES CLEAVER



HUGHES CLEAVER, present Member of Parliament for Halton, announced recently to a Liberal rally in Milton that he would not contest the seat in the next election. Mr. Cleaver told his audience that his private practice and government affairs were too much for him. A committee was appointed to present possible candidates.

OBITUARY

Hold Service For Geo. E. Goodchild

Funeral services for the late George Eric Goodchild were conducted by Rev. James L. Blair and Rev. Harry J. Mahoney, a brother-in-law of the deceased, in St. Paul's United Church, Milton, on Friday, January 18, 1952.

Born in London, England, in 1905, he moved to Canada as a boy with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. George Goodchild of Woodstock, Ont., where he received his education.

After leaving school, he entered the Royal Bank of Canada and served in Woodstock, Guelph, Barrie and Hamilton. In 1936 he moved to Milton, where he was first associated with his brother-in-law, N. L. Pickett, druggist, and later accepted a position with the Milton Milling Co. Ltd. as accountant.

For the past few years, he has been secretary-treasurer and a director of this Company.

For several years he faithfully served on the Official Board of St. Paul's United Church, the Milton Public School Board and was a member of Waverley Lodge A. F. and A. M., Guelph and St. Clair Lodge, A. F. and A. M., Milton.

Mr. Goodchild is survived by his wife, Mary Mahoney; one daughter, Joan, a student at Macdonald Institute, Guelph, and a sister, Phyllis Goodchild, Woodstock.

Pallbearers were Dr. C. A. Martin, Messrs. C. N. Kerr, G. F. Thompson, C. A. Wood, Milton and F. H. Ralph, C. H. York, Hamilton.

As a tribute to Mr. Goodchild, the Milton Public School was closed on Friday afternoon.

Interment took place in Evergreen Cemetery, Milton, with Masonic rites.

Mt. Union Institute Hold Jan. Meeting

The January meeting of the Mountain Union Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. E. M. Readhead with 28 members, six visitors and six children present.

The president, Mrs. J. M. Readhead, opened the meeting. It was decided to send a \$10 donation to the hospital for sick children. A committee was formed to look after the girls' garden club. It was moved and seconded by the ladies to hold their annual party in the town hall, Milton.

Mrs. Wm. Lake favored the ladies with a vocal solo, "A Folk Song", which everyone enjoyed. The motto was given by Mrs. E. Rocheforte.

Mrs. Velma Norris gave a splendid paper on historical research and current events, also interesting features on Institute work.

The ladies then enjoyed a sing song. Mrs. R. Coulter, courtesy convener, thanked the hostess, soloist and all who helped to make the afternoon such a success.

Car, Tractor Trailer Collide On No. 25

William (Sam) Mills suffered a laceration on his cheek when the car he was driving was in collision with a Hayward transport driven by Joseph McCarthy, R. R. 4, Milton, about half a mile south of Milton on Highway 25 Monday evening about 6.45.

Damage to the truck was estimated at between \$500 and \$600. The 1930 DeSoto car was totally wrecked. It is reported that Mills was thrown out of the car and received the cut cheek and a shaking up. The driver of the truck was uninjured.

Mills was driving south and the truck was coming north. When the car and truck collided the tractor trailer jack-knifed across the road.

Constable J. Bradley investigated the accident.

FRIENDS GATHER TO HONOR NEWLYWEDS AT LIGNY SCHOOL FRIDAY NIGHT

A very happy and pleasant time was spent in Ligny School Friday evening when a large crowd gathered to honor Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carton, newlyweds, presenting the pair with a beautiful Westminster chimes clock and a lovely electric table lamp.

After the presentation was made and the address read by Mr. John Moore, Earl replied in a suitable manner thanking one and all for the beautiful presents.

Before and after the presentation the young folks enjoyed dancing to music provided by Thomas and Mary Joyce.

The splendid lunch provided by the ladies was very much enjoyed by all before departing. They wished the bride and groom many years of happy life.

ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICES IN TORONTO OF MRS. J. A. CARTON, SAT.

Mr. M. J. Carton and Gerald attended the funeral of Mrs. J. A. Carton, sister-in-law of Mr. Carton, on Saturday in Toronto.

The late Mrs. Carton was the widow of the late Joseph Carton. Her maiden name was Polly Duffield, of Oustie.

She leaves to mourn her passing her only child (Verna) Mrs. Gillespie, three sisters, Mrs. Adam Boyle and Lena, Mrs. Thos. Carton and one brother, William, all of Toronto, besides many nephews and nieces.

School Crowding Concern Of Board

Duncan Moffat was elected chairman of the Nassagaweya Township School Area Board at the January meeting on January 16 at the home of the secretary, Mrs. Beatrice Fletcher. Claude Brinklow was elected vice-chairman, and Mrs. Fletcher re-engaged as secretary-treasurer.

Present were the 1951 members, C. Brinklow, and Duncan Moffat; the 1952 members Del Moffat, Stanley Robinson and Elmer Cox and also L. L. Skuce, the school inspector.

Members and Mr. Skuce discussed the over-crowding of schools in the area, considering the next 10 years' estimated conditions. Nos. three, five and 10 schools were especially mentioned.

The Buntin Gillies Co. Ltd. of Hamilton was requested to visit the schools of the area and estimate the necessary supplies for the coming year. This was to be submitted at the next meeting.

The Imperial Oil Co. Ltd. was asked for contracts for oil for Nos. five, four and seven schools.

Bills amounting to \$650.50 were passed for payment.

RECENT ALTERATIONS IMPROVE DINING ROOM, KITCHEN AT MILTON INN

Extensive alterations have been undertaken at the Milton Inn by the new owner, Mr. Webber. A fresh coat of brightening paint has been added to the dining room and the kitchen has been brightened. Re-decoration has also been done in the beverage rooms.

Mr. Webber plans to undertake decoration of all the rooms.

Judge Robinson Amends 1951 Equalization By-law

County equalization of assessment was finally settled Friday of last week by County Judge W. N. Robinson. His Honor amended the equalization by-law after a three hour hearing in Milton. The hearing was to approve and settle the share each municipality in the county should contribute to the county expenditures.

All municipalities had agreed, before the hearing, on the percentages and the assessment to be used as a basis. Georgetown refused to sign the necessary paper because it contained reference to the levy of the North Halton High School District Board.

Mrs. Norris Heads Horticultural Soc.

The annual meeting of the Milton and District Horticultural Society was held in the High School last Thursday night. A moment of silence was observed in tribute to the late G. E. Goodchild, whose death has been felt so keenly by the whole community.

The president, Mrs. Velma Norris, thanked the members for the splendid co-operation which they had shown in carrying out the program of the society in 1951 and expressed the hope that in 1952 further progress would be made. The treasurer's report showed a credit balance of \$182.31.

The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Velma Norris; first vice-president, Mrs. Ed Byerman; second vice-president, Mr. Victor Norris; executive, two year terms, Mrs. Frank Thompson, Mrs. A. R. Coulter, Mrs. Frank McNeven, Mr. M. A. Campbell, Mrs. Delbert Downs; one year term, Mr. Stanley Brown; directors remaining from last year, Mr. G. MacNab, Mrs. G. E. Goodchild, Mrs. Lorne Walker, Mrs. E. M. Readhead; auditors, Mr. J. E. Whitlock, Mr. Frank McNeven.

A euchre party was held following the annual meeting. The prizes consisted of plants, flowers and packages of flower and vegetable seeds. Refreshments and a social time were enjoyed by all and a number of new members were welcomed into the society.

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Display, Skits At Achievement Day

The Girls' Achievement Day was held in Milton Town Hall on Saturday. There was a wonderful attendance and a fine program of skits and a display of dresses the girls had made. The local club, "Omagh Cotton Maidens", under the leadership of Mrs. H. Robertson and Miss E. Chapman made a good showing.

Dr. C. E. Featherstone of this village has taken up residence in Brampton with his sister, Mrs. Gertrude Edwards, since the death of Dr. Edwards a few weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Eves, Donna and Lynn visited Thursday and Friday with relatives and friends at Newmarket.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Clements and Barry of London were weekend visitors with friends in the district.

Nearly 1,750,000 people visited Canada's national parks in 1949.

Solicitor Willis, representing Georgetown, asked to have included in the agreement something to the effect that this settlement would not affect any future proceedings. Other representatives included in the North Halton High School Area would not agree to this.

A Municipal Board hearing in December established the basis for the levy of operation costs in the high school levy, which stands for a five year term unless any one municipality can show a 10 per cent. increase in assessment in two consecutive years.

Solicitor G. Elliott for Milton and Nassagaweya objected strongly to the inclusion of the words "without prejudice to any other proceedings" because the other municipalities planned to upset the Board's ruling in two years. If the present settlement before the Judge could not be used it would add another year to what Solicitor Willis termed a very "favourable" (to Georgetown) agreement.

Mr. Willis said, "Georgetown gained very materially by the Board settlement". Judge Robinson asked, "Aren't you satisfied with it then?" Mr. Willis replied, "We don't want these figures to be used next year."

Mr. Elliott summed up saying, "They're using the settlement figures to gain something but they won't let us use them to gain something."

At one point Mr. Willis concluded, "If they put in what I want, I think it's fair."

In giving his decision Judge Robinson pointed out that all the municipalities had agreed on the percentage and the main dispute seemed to be between Georgetown and the other municipalities in the North Halton High School Area. "The Municipal Board has made a ruling and we have nothing to do with that", the Judge commented.

His Honor equalized the county by-law as follows and each municipality was to absorb solicitor's fees incurred in the proceedings this far:

1951 Assessment for 1952 Levy	County	% of Total	Equalized
Oakville	9,819,391	17.702	
Burlington	8,398,791	15.141	
Milton	2,400,764	4.328	
Georgetown	3,899,577	7.030	
Acton	2,520,580	4.544	
Bronte	999,586	1.793	
Trafalgar	11,136,816	20.077	
Nelson	9,107,149	16.418	
Essex	5,129,359	9.247	
Nassagaweya	2,063,503	3.720	
Total	55,470,519	100%	

There are about 126,000 Indians in Canada today; their reserves occupy five and a half million acres, of which about 200,000 acres are cultivated.

NASSAGAWEYA TWP. COUNCIL HAVE INAUGURAL, MAKE APPOINTMENTS

The inaugural meeting of Nassagaweya Township Council was held on Monday, January 14th.

After the members made the usual declaration of office, they took their seats as the Municipal Council for 1952, namely Reeve J. S. Norrish, councillors A. R. Service, Chas. Thomson, John Milne, John Robertson.

A. R. Service was appointed a representative on the Milton Rural Fire Area for the Township.

Appointments were made as follows: Tax Collector, Chas. Darby; Treasurer, L. W. McMillan; School Attendance Officer, Horace Blythe; Grand Valley Conservation Authority, Chas. Thomson; Caretaker of Hall, Mrs. Blanche Elliott; Caretaker of Memorial Plot, Cyril Elliott.

Membership fees were ordered

paid to the Ontario Good Roads Association, Ontario Association of Rural Municipalities and the Association of Assessing Officers of Ontario. Accounts were paid amounting to \$260.00 and the Road vouchers for \$2089.00.

The tax collector was instructed to subscribe for eight copies of the Municipal World. The reeve and clerk were authorized to submit to the Minister of Highways, the petition showing that during the period December 31, 1950 to December 31, 1951, there had been spent \$28,050.44 on roads and request the statutory grant.

A by-law was passed authorizing the borrowing of money from the Bank of Nova Scotia, Campbellville. The tender of L. Cope-land for supplying 6 cords of wood to the hall was accepted.

Hear Reports At Knox Church Meet

The congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton, held its annual meeting on Monday. Rev. E. Orsborn was in the chair with K. Y. Dick as secretary. There was a very good attendance of members who listened with great interest to the various reports. The financial summary given in the auditor's report showed a total expenditure for the year of over \$12,000, with \$1,600 given to missions and five bales of new clothing and other gifts forwarded to mission stations.

Miss A. Blain retired as church treasurer and suitable recognition was made of her long and faithful service in this capacity. The new treasurer is C. Dobie who was elected with nine others to the Board of Managers. Five of the newly elected managers are serving for the first time, namely, Messrs. T. Bradley, W. J. Higgins, Harold Bundy, John McKay and James McKay. The auditors elected were K. Y. Dick and S. Lockie and re-elected were Mrs. G. McIntosh as press secretary; Mrs. W. Scott, Every Day Secretary; Mrs. R. H. Ptolemy, Record Secretary; Mr. R. T. Wilson, trustee.

Several members expressed themselves as being very much in favor of the campaign now under way in Presbyterian Churches across Canada, the purpose of which is to secure a million dollars for the erection of churches in towns and cities where the building of new houses has out-distanced the erection of churches.

Steps will be taken at once to arrange for the participation of Knox Church in this great enterprise. Some consideration was given to certain local needs and improvements that might be made. These will be given further study and the decisions reached will be announced to the congregation at a later date.

The minister was given a pleasant surprise when, in his temporary absence, the congregation voted him a generous honorarium

Dismissed Charges On Closing By-Law

Charges against A. Restivo, made under the closing by-law passed recently by council, were dismissed by Magistrate Kenneth Langdon in Magistrate's Court in Milton Wednesday afternoon.

The by-law was passed by council when they were petitioned by grocers and butchers for a by-law covering store hours.

Council Approves By-law Regulating Car Parking

A by-law regulating the parking on the streets of Milton was given a third reading at an adjourned meeting of council on Monday evening. This by-law was read twice in December and forwarded to the Department of Highways. They have given their tentative approval and will give formal approval when the by-law is passed by council. This by-law will not be effective until signs are erected.

Angle parking will be in order on the south side of Main St. in the business section from James to Charles St. The only major change is that parking is prohibited on the north side of Main St. from the post office to Ontario St. except in the block which contains the Anglican Church. Parking is also prohibited on Main St. from Commercial to Court St.

A by-law was read a third time limiting heavy traffic on certain streets in town. This by-law was passed in order that heavy trucks would not be able to use certain streets, so that these streets could be kept in repair. It does not prohibit the use of these streets for deliveries or pick-up. This by-law cannot be enforced until signs are erected.

A by-law was read a third time designating a number of "Through Highways" in the town of Milton.

All by-laws dealing with the control of traffic have been given tentative approval by the Department of Highways. They now have to be submitted to the Department for approval and signs erected before they can become law. The Streets and Walks Committee were to find out what signs are necessary and to get an estimate of the cost for the next meeting.

Councillor McKerr reported, for the Streets and Walks Committee, a meeting held recently with Engineer Roy Smith. A wing on the bridge at Mill and Martin St. is needed and the top on a bridge on Main St. Council agreed that the engineer should get a price on these jobs.

Councillor McKerr went over the plans for repairing Mill St., and also regrading and resurfacing of various streets. The straightening of the creek on Bell and King St. was also discussed.

Reeve Fay reported that Harry Coulson was willing to carry on as operator of the sewage plant at his present salary of \$1950 per year.

The Town Hall Committee were instructed to bring in a report of repairs required for the Town Hall for the next meeting. The town workmen have washed the auditorium of the hall and cleaned the kitchen. The council was pleased with the cleaning of the auditorium.

A letter from Solicitor George Elliott gave the findings of the judge in the assessment case.