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## COUNTY EQUAL ASSESSMENT BLASTED

### Ratepayers Protest Closing 4 Schools

As the result of a letter received from the Nelson Township Ratepayers' Protective Association by the Nelson School Area Board No. 1, threatening action in regard to closing four schools in the township, a joint meeting of the Association and the Board was held in the Glenwood School on Monday evening to discuss the situation.

Mr. W. E. Breckon, chairman of the Board, presided and asked the meeting to refrain from personalities. Harry McLennan, spokesman for the deputation, presented a series of questions, including the closing of the schools at Mt. Nemo, Nelson village, Tuck's and Tansley, and transporting some 76 pupils to Glenwood, a graded school. Mr. Breckon said it was the plan of the Board to have three schools in the township, Glenwood, Strathcona and Lowville. He stated that was the plan of the board, regardless of the opposition, unless the board was changed next year.

It came out during the meeting that the ratepayers were concerned about the cost to the north end of the township as compared with the south end, and also as to the advantages of a grade school over a one-room school. There was also an apparent fear that Glenwood would be absorbed by the Town of Burlington through annexation within five years. The growth in population in the south end of the township had cost the ratepayers in the north end a tremendous amount in taxes, it was said. The school board promised to submit a set of figures containing data about the schools to the Ratepayers' Association directors.

Following the session, the school board passed a resolution unanimously to enter into an agreement with Cecil Norton of Tansley, to transport the pupils from the three schools on No. 5 Highway, Tuck's, Nelson and Tansley to Glenwood for \$3,000 and from Mount Nemo for \$1,000, the contract to be in force for 1950-51 subject to the approval of the Department of Education. Members of the board present were W. E. Breckon, Charles Readhead, R. C. Williamson and Ewart McKinnon.

### NASSAGAWEYA S. S. NO. 7 W.M.S., Ladies Aid Hold July Meeting

The W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid of Nassagaweya Presbyterian church held their July meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Marshall, 17 Clark St. Guelph, with a good attendance. The president Mrs. W. A. Fraser opened the meeting with a short poem. Mrs. J. Dredge read the scripture and Mrs. H. Dredge gave a chapter of the Study Book. The collection was dedicated by Miss M. Dunkie. Mrs. Roy Allan and Mrs. F. Hathaway led in the prayers. The roll call was answered by giving articles of clothing for the fall bazaar.

The Ladies' Aid met immediately after the W.M.S. and several items of business were discussed and plans made for the turkey supper after the anniversary. Committees were appointed to make definite arrangements and new dishes are to be purchased before the supper. Just before the meeting was brought to a close Miss J. Dunkie asked Mr. A. Marshall, Mr. Stanley Robinson and Mr. D. Henderson to join the meeting, and Mrs. Ed. Dredge read an address of appreciation and thanks for their work in making the kitchen and cupboards at the church. Mrs. John Early presented them with a leather billfold. The men thanked the ladies for their gifts and expressed their willingness to co-operate in making improvements around the church. After the closing of the meeting Mrs. Marshall served dainty refreshments and a social cup of tea which all enjoyed.

### ROSES AND SUMMER FLOWERS DECORATE GRACE ANGLICAN GELLOW-BARTON WEDDING

Grace Anglican Church, Milton was the setting for the marriage vows of Miss Bertha Barton, Kitchener, and Milton, to Mr. Douglas F. Gellow, of Timmins and Preston. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barton of Milton and the bridegroom the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gellow, Preston.

Rev. J. Homer Ferris officiated. The church was decorated with roses and summer flowers.

Miss Margaret Maxted was organist. Soloist was Mr. Arthur Barton, brother of the bride, who sang "O Promise Me" prior to the ceremony and "I'll Walk Beside You" during the signing of the register. The bride chose a gown of embroidered white Swiss eyelet, with a round neckline, cap sleeves, fitted bodice and scalloped waist. The skirt was full and of ballerina length. With it she wore a matching eyelet crownless Dutch hat and white gloves and carried a nosegay of white roses.

Miss Esther Reidt, bridesmaid, wore a gown of white embroidered Swiss eyelet over pink, identical to the bride's. She also wore a similar matching eyelet Dutch hat over pink, and white gloves and carried a nosegay of pink roses.

Mr. Roy Krueger, Kitchener, was best man. Ushers were Mr. Jack Barton, Oakville, brother of the bride, and Mr. Vernon Gellow, brother of the bridegroom.

A reception followed at Hawthorne Farm. Receiving, the bride's mother wore a gray printed crepe gown with black accessories and a corsage of sweetheart roses. The bridegroom's mother wore a gray flowered crepe gown with black accessories and a corsage of yellow roses.

For her wedding trip to Niagara Falls and Buffalo the bride chose a navy fawn crepe gown with white and navy accessories and a corsage of white roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Gellow will reside in Timmins.

The per capita consumption of petroleum products in Canada is the second highest in the world, next only to the United States.

### Over 1500 Attend Garden Party

Over 1500 attended the third annual Hornby Ball Club Garden Party held in Hornby Ball Park last Thursday, July 6 and were treated to one of the finest garden party programs ever presented.

The two teams from the Sunny-side Major Football League played to an 8-2 score. People's Credit Jewellers defeated Cunningham and Hill. The skillful display of model aircraft flying by Les Robinson, member of the Grasshoppers Club, Toronto, was quite entertaining.

Bernie Bray, the great western harmonica player, captured the hearts of the children and his antics were highly entertaining. Attaching a balloon and producing a bag pipes effect from the harmonica was very well done.

Zena Cheevers, leading variety dancer, presented several very clever numbers and her majorette dance was greeted with the greatest approval.

Pat Rafferty and Charlie Jeeves with their songs, comedy, jokes and patter had the crowd in an extremely hilarious mood. These two artists were of Dumbell fame. Charles Colville, magician and ventriloquist; Violet Murray, singing Music Hall numbers; Ernie Bruce, the comedy musical piper and genial Tom Hamilton as master of ceremonies, rounded out a fine gathering of entertaining talent.

Prize winners in the lucky draw were Sharon Bailey, who won a refrigerator; Joan Goodchild, an electric kettle and M. Coulson, an electric iron.

Coffee was popular because of the cool night but the spirits of the crowd were certainly melted with the fine program. When free chewing gum was announced at the booth, a multitude of children responded to the call and the ladies in the booth were literally swamped.

## Burlington and Oakville Reject County Assessment Proposed by the Council

County equalized assessment was blasted wide open when County Council was served notice of appeals by both the towns of Burlington and Oakville. Both municipalities said in their notice of appeal they were dissatisfied with the amounts they were assessed with and asked to have the matter settled before the County Judge. This new phase in the equalized assessment was aired at the July meeting of County Council held at the Court House, Milton, last Tuesday afternoon.

Warden William Vansickle said he was disturbed over the matter as the equalized assessment figures were agreed upon unanimously by all members of council at a special meeting held last month. He advised council the only way it could be reopened was for council to repeal the by-law setting the equalized figures.

Equalized assessment has been a sore spot for council to deal with for the past several years and council instituted an assessment department to set up a new equalized assessment program for all municipalities in the county. This, they said, was progressing, with some municipalities already having completed the program. Others have not, and did not expect to have theirs completed before the fall months.

At previous council meetings, Nassagaweya and Esqueving Township representatives threatened appeals unless some relief was granted. Members of council did not wish to have the costly matter go before the courts, and agreed the entire equalized assessment could be settled amicably between all municipalities. For this reason the equalized assessment by-law was considered at a special meeting of council.

While the rearranging of the assessment figures was left in the hands of the assessment committee, council endorsed and approved of the figures as recommended by the committee. All members of council supported the scheme, as one which was fair until the new assessment program could be put into use. But, as Warden Vansickle pointed out, members of the respective councils did not approve of the action taken by their representatives at the county body.

Reeve Ted Tyler, Acton, thought the Burlington equalized assessment would be completed by the fall, then the whole matter could be cleared up before it came before the court.

Members seemed to be uncertain as to procedure under the circumstances, but agreed with Reeve Dick's proposal that "the clerk notify each municipality that Burlington and Oakville had lodged an appeal of their assessment and ask each council to signify their willingness the appeal should be heard by the County Judge or the Municipal Board."

Council awarded the contract for painting and decorating certain rooms in the county buildings and registry office to J. B. Frank of Acton whose tender was \$465. Only one other price was submitted at \$745.

Members endorsed a motion of Deputy Reeve George Leslie, tendering a hearty vote of thanks to Sheriff W. J. Robertson for his valuable assistance at the Halton County Council picnic held recently.

Reeves Tyler and Dick were chosen as a committee to arrange for a members' trip to be held in the near future.

On request of Nassagaweya Council, members agreed the Halton Sportsmen's Association should seek assistance from the Wild Life Department of the Ontario Lands and Forests Department, regarding repairs to concession 7 caused by water flooding the roadway.

Warden Vansickle explained the Association were responsible for having a family of beaver placed there for the purpose of a water conservation program. These animals did not build their dam where expected to but chose a site closer to the township road. While he did not object to having beaver there, he felt Nassagaweya should receive some assistance in making repairs to the 800 feet of roadway submerged. He suggested that the township would contribute twenty-five per cent. of the cost, the county twenty-five per cent. and the department the balance. He said it was estimated it would cost \$1,200 to raise the road above the water level.

"Frankly, I don't believe the increase as recommended is high enough. I would rather see it go up to ten cents an hour," Reeve Litchfield declared.

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### BOSTON W.M.S., LADIES' AID HOLD REGULAR JULY MEETING HOME OF MISS J. HAMPSHIRE

Boston W. M. S. and Ladies Aid July meeting was held at the home of Miss J. Hampshire. In the absence of the W. M. S. president, Mrs. E. McGibbon presided.

The Sunday School scholars and teachers are to be requested to save their lesson helps and papers which will be sent along with all unused Sunday School supplies to Rev. and Mrs. Andrews to be used in their British Guiana Mission Field where the need for such supplies is great. Further business discussed was the changing of the August and September programs. Mrs. May and Mrs. McDonald agreed to exchange their meetings. Mrs. McDonald will have the August meeting which will follow the program scheduled for September. Mrs. May will have the September meeting and have the August program as recorded in the 1950 program.

Scripture readings were given by Miss Marian Peddie and Mrs. G. McGibbon. Mrs. D. Irving introduced the study book "The work of the Presbyterian Church in Korea." Mrs. A. McGibbon gave an account of the first Canadian Presbyterian to serve in Korea. Mrs. E. McGibbon explained the growth of the Presbyterian Missions in Korea. Mrs. D. Irving closed the W.M.S. meeting.

Mrs. G. McGibbon opened the Ladies Aid meeting. Mrs. P. Peddie presided during the program. Mrs. E. Parsons gave a humorous reading entitled "Stoves." Miss Marion Peddie read a very interesting account of the first hanging in Milton taken from the Hamilton Spectator, November 29th, 1858. The condemned man, in his last speech, warned the spectators to "Beware of bad company."

A music contest brought the program to a close and the meeting was followed with dainty refreshments, served by Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Doug Currie, assisted by the hostess.

### OMAGH Hundred Members At Annual Picnic

Nearly a hundred members of Omagh Presbyterian S.S. enjoyed the annual picnic on Tuesday to Miles Park, Erinade. Dinner was served in the spacious pavilion after which baseball was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Harold Reed, sport convener had a fine programme of races for old and young. Each small child received a gift. A tug of war, a wheel-barrow race, a spot race and novelty contests also provided amusement and of course all had to have a look at the monkeys, the beautiful Peacock birds, the deer, the rabbits and lastly a ride on the donkeys. Miles' Park situated on the Dundas highway is an ideal place for a picnic with plenty of swings and other attractions. The oldest person at the picnic was Mr. Henry Peacock, Milton, the youngest, little Miss Diane Ford.

A large congregation was present Sunday in Omagh Presbyterian church to hear a splendid address by Rev. J. Fraser of Toronto. Mr. Fraser a chaplain in Sunnybrook Hospital will be the guest speaker again next Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Jennings and family of King, Ontario were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Peacock.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas DeMerchant of Bristol, New Brunswick honeymooners in Ontario and Quebec, visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. McFadden. Mr. DeMerchant was a former member of Omagh Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Frank Johnston and grandson Douglas of Toronto last week visited with Miss Sybil Johnston.

A number from this district attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Wm. Palmer of Toronto. The deceased who was in her twenty-third year passed away suddenly on Friday morning. Sincere sympathy is extended her husband and two young daughters also her parents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Reid. Mrs. Palmer was a niece of Mrs. E. Baldoek and had made many friends in the past.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Irwin on the arrival of a young son.

We are pleased to report that Mr. George Peacock is convalescing at his home after a sojourn in a Toronto Hospital.

The Omagh Bible School is now on its second week and students are thoroughly enjoying it. After the study period, there is provided various kinds of recreation including tennis, basket ball, croquet and baseball. Visitors are welcome at these meetings.

### Local Girl Guides Go to Halton Camp

Twenty excited girls, members of the First Milton Girl Guide Company, left on Monday, July 10th for twelve days of training and fun with some 70 other Guides from Halton County. These 90 girls with well over the quota of Guides in charge, gathered in Oakville where they all boarded buses for their trip to the first Halton County Guide Camp near Gravenhurst.

In full uniform and smart camp hats, the girls pulled and pushed their bed-rolls and blankets, suitcases and bundles, struggling mightily, to get everything tucked away for the journey. Luggage was piled high in each bus and strewn in the aisles to make seating space for the overflow who were unable to find seats.

Three of the Guides in charge of the Camp are from Milton: Mrs. John Hall, who has taken her own small children with her and volunteered to take charge of the young children of other Mother-Guides at Camp; Mrs. Ted Wood, who will act as one of the three cooks and Mrs. Fred Smith, who will be working on Guide First Class work principally.

The camp itself is situated about one mile from Gravenhurst, right on Lake Muskoka. The Guides will sleep in tents on the ground-sheets and straw-filled ticks. There will be swimming instructresses and a registered nurse on full time duty to ensure the best of care for the girls, besides the Guides, each of whom has charge of eight girls.

It is expected that many of the Guides will win their second and first class badges while at camp and the Milton girls, who include five from Hornby, will endeavor to be among those badge winners.

Between classes, there will be plenty of fun during the day and camp fire at night with a light lunch before "Taps."

Shining eyes and scrubbed faces were alight with the joy of the occasion of forgetting school for some time although some of the girls seemed to be fighting a feeling of panic at going so far from home and mother. The Guides were cheerful and efficient. The buses were almost all loaded and ready to leave when one of the Guides was observed to leave a store in Oakville with an armful of brown paper bags which she waved over her head at the assembled parents as much as to say—"I've had experience with girls and cars before."

Camp preparations have been proceeding for several weeks and through the generosity of the I.O.-D.E., the Canadian Legion and other interested townfolk, each Milton girl was enabled to attend Camp in full uniform—and best of all to GO. They and their leaders are grateful indeed for this first Halton County Camp.

### CAMPBELLVILLE Grace Mission Band Holds Picnic

The Grace Mission Band of St. David's Church held their annual picnic at Mr. W. P. Garble's park on Friday afternoon. The regular meeting was held first, with the president, Marilyn Moore, in charge.

The devotional period was in charge of Anna and Audrey Hurren. Plans were made for a tea to be held in August. Marianna Greenlees read a short story entitled "The story Jesus told" and Lois Campbell and Anita Smith recited together a very nice poem.

Ruth Roberts read the topic from the study book and the offering was received and dedicated. The birthday song was sung for Ann Parker and Anna Hurren.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the president, after which all engaged in games for a short time, then most of the girls donned bathing suits and enjoyed swimming and paddling in the pool.

Twenty-six sat at tables laden with a delicious picnic lunch topped off with ice cream. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon at this ideal picnic grounds.

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