

Frank Petch Heads Liberals in County

Frank Petch, Georgetown was elected president of the Halton Liberal Association when Jack Kehoe, of Burlington, retired at the annual meeting of the Halton Liberal Association, held in Milton on Friday, January 28.

Miss Julia LaMarch, a Niagara Falls lawyer, and executive vice-president of the National Young Liberal Federation of Canada, made a scathing attack on the legislation of the Frost government, emphasizing the highways scandal and the operation of the Liquor Control Board.

The new president urged an early convention to select a candidate for the anticipated election. The matter was left in the hands of the executive and a special committee to choose a date before the end of February.

Other officers elected were: Gordon Lever, Burlington, first vice-president; P. Watters, Oakville, second vice-president; K. Y. Dick, Milton, secretary; Victor Hall, Sr., Milton treasurer; delegates to annual convention, Mrs. Percy Leslie, Georgetown; Main Johnson, Oakville; Grant Campbell, Moffatt; Frank Petch; Lorne Bird, Esquimaux; Mrs. Frank McNiven, Milton; alternates, Mrs. M. E. Gowland, Milton; William Anderson, Oakville; John Kehoe, Burlington; and Mrs. Frank Petch.

Adoption Reasons Are Vital Factor

Montreal (CP)—Reasons for adopting a child are much more important than the prospective parents' "material circumstances," says Mrs. Muriel McCrea, executive director of the Children's Service Centre.

The husband's income must be good. But the vital factor in adoption is that couples take children for the same reasons they would want to have some of their own, says Mrs. McCrea.

The Centre, which is Protestant, has five applications for every child in their care. Couples who are still interested after learning of the conditions of adoption usually get a child but they generally must wait up to a year.

When Mrs. McCrea started her career a quarter-century ago adopting parents were unusual and every effort was made to provide them with a child who was perfect in appearance and background. Since then welfare agencies began offering "risks" for adoption. These were children who had correctable defects.

"We found that parents weren't nearly as demanding as we had assumed. They were just as interested as we in meeting the needs of the child," she says.

Couples aren't demanding concerning the sex of a child although most state a preference for girls. The agency tries to match the coloring of the child and the prospective parents.

Unmarried mothers who approach the agency for help are encouraged to give up the child, "in the child's best interests," and about 60 per cent of the children are offered for adoption.

Antique Jewel Box Is Valuable Piece

Victoria, (CP)—A Canadian collector recently purchased from an antique dealer a fabulous jewel box once owned by Catherine the Great of Russia.

Made by the famous silversmith, Samuel Courtland of London, Eng., in 1763 for the Russian empress, the box is gold over silver in ornate design.

Empress Dagmar, sister of Queen Alexandra of England and mother of the last czar of Russia, took the box with her when she escaped to her native Denmark during the Russian revolution.

The empress left the box to her nephew, Prince Harold of Denmark.

Site to be Shown During Trade Fair

Scale models of areas in Toronto Township available and suitable for industrial development will be included in the first display by the municipality being arranged at the Canadian International Trade Fair in Toronto in June, Township council was advised last week by J. Ross Raymond, planning engineer.

"Already five major industries in the township have contracted us to use space in our section," Mr. Raymond said.

Developers Ask OK On 100 Home Area

Rice Construction Co. Ltd. returned to Brampton town council last week to renew their efforts to get credit from the town for the imminent arrival of Chr. Hansen Ltd. The company, if given the green light, proposed to erect 100 houses on the Armstrong property next to their present subdivision.

To do this Rice Bros. have to come within the town by-law of 30 per cent industrial assessment for 70 per cent residential. With credit for Chr. Hansen's and two factories they will erect in hopes of luring industries into them. Rice Bros. hope to get the go ahead sign. H. R. Lawrence, speaking for Rice Bros., said that his clients had been led to believe their firm was to receive credit for Chr. Hansen's. At the last moment it was denied by the 1954 council. Had Rice Bros. been able to go ahead with their plan of putting up the two factories "there is no doubt," said Mr. Lawrence, "that at least one industry would have located in Brampton. Instead they went to Georgetown."

Rice Bros. he continued, were yet willing to gamble on putting up the factories and then looking for industries to use them. Further, said Mr. Lawrence, as an act of good faith Rice Bros. will post \$400 with the town on each house they build until such time as they produce the proper assessment.

Council for the time were not saying a great deal on the matter one way or the other, preferring instead to send the subject to the industrial and planning committee.

R. Everdell Heads Acton's Fall Fair

Ray Everdell was returned unanimously as president of Acton Fall Fair for his second year at the annual meeting in Acton town hall recently. Officers and directors were named and reports indicating a very successful year were read at the meeting.

Returned to the positions on the board they held in 1954 are first vice-president, Smith Griffin; second vice-president, William Thompson and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Irene Swackhamer.

Oakville To Seek Town Manager

Oakville Clerk Clare Byers was ordered to advertise for a town manager pronto and Deputy Reeve Ernest Savin was named chairman of a manager-searching committee Monday night, despite his protest that he opposed such an appointment until annexation was settled.

Reeve J. F. Haldenby brought the matter to a head when he insisted on advertising immediately for a town manager. When he said a manager was mentioned at the pre-election ratepayers rally, Councillor William Card offered: "The time arrived several years ago to have one."

"Three years ago the electors gave Council the go ahead," added Councillor Fred Tilley. "Annexation should make no difference. The man would be paid in accordance with the responsibility assumed. If more responsibility, then he'd get more money."

Canadian railways moved 156,107,052 tons of freight during 1953.

Visualize Park In Oakville Dump

Two-way vehicular traffic over a widened radial bridge, a terraced park instead of the town dump, and a municipal center replacing Central School were envisioned and encouraged by Oakville Council last week.

Councillor William Card led the dreamers, when he suggested that the School Board be offered \$1 for Central School grounds, and that engineers ascertain if the radial footbridge could carry motor traffic.

Pretties Own Dumpland

"It's ironical that I should take on the job of improving the dump," said Councillor Herbert Merry. "It's on my own land 'borrowed' by the town." He said a bulldozer to level refuse placed in the marsh below the dump would cost less than \$13,000. The town now hires one at \$10 per hour. It would take 10 to 12 years to build the marsh up to the present level of the dump.

"If we're to buy a bulldozer, and find a new school site for the School Board to replace Central grounds," said Mayor Lachlan McArthur, "you'd better sharpen your pencils, and start figuring where the money's coming from."

Palermo Statue Said Misleading

A suggestion that the CBC and the National Film Board produce anti-Communist programs and films was made in the Commons. Russell Reinke (L—Hamilton South) said some public funds should be spent "to bring to the attention of the Canadian people the purpose, effects and results of communism."

These productions would remind Canadians to guard their freedoms. "Freedom is like a bag of sand," he said. "If there is a hole anywhere in the bag, all the sand will run out."

Speaking at the resumption of the throne speech debate, Mr. Reinke indicated alarm that a 22 foot bronze monument on a picnic ground in Palermo, Ont., was sent to the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians by the Soviet Ukraine.

The English and Ukrainian inscriptions on the monument were purposely different to mislead the public, he said. The Ukrainian inscription, he said, was misleading and indicated that the monument was sent to Communists of the Labor-Progressive party by a Communist government.

Mr. Reinke said later outside the Commons that the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians should not be confused with the Ukrainian National Federation which he described as an anti-Communist league.

The association, he said in the Commons, owned the Palermo property, east of Hamilton. It also owned some 100 assembly halls across Canada, a \$1,000,000 co-operative and a \$3,000,000 insurance business.

Outside the Commons he told reporters the Palermo property is used as a summer camp for young Canadians who are taught Communist ideas.

Repair Dam After Hurricane Damage

Repairs to the dam at McCarthy Milling Co. Ltd. at Creditvale, which was washed out by the raging waters of the Credit river the night Hurricane Hazel struck have now been made.

"The unprecedented high water washed out a retaining wall and tore off the west corner of the dam," J. J. Page President said.

"Repairs have now been completed on the dam and the mill race embankment," said Mr. Page, "which enables the company to use again their long established source of water power on the Credit River."

Magistrate's Court In Township Hall

Commencing February 2 and 3 Oakville and Trafalgar Magistrate's Court which has been held in Milton the past few weeks has been returned to that area and held in the Township Hall at Trafalgar. It is understood that during the past week arrangements have been made between the Township of Trafalgar and the Magistrate's Court for the use of Township facilities. Bronte, Oakville and Trafalgar cases will be held on the Wednesday and Ontario Provincial Police on Thursdays.

Soil Test Stalls 10-Room School

Members of Burlington's public school board received a severe shock at their inaugural meeting recently when it was found they may not be able to proceed with the proposed 10-room school in Bell-Blair survey. It had been hoped to have at least seven rooms ready for school opening next September.

Now, according to Trustee Bruce T. Lindley, property chairman, not only will the school not be ready by that time, but it is probable it may never be built. "We are stymied," he told the board. "We don't know which way to turn."

The shock came when Trustee Lindley reported on an engineer's soil test. "The texture of the soil is of such a nature that in order to get adequate support for the two-storey building it will be necessary to go down 14 feet to get footings for the piers," he said. It was estimated this would require an additional \$14,000 to \$20,000 expense.

The Ontario Department of Education recently approved the architect's sketch plans for the \$200,000 building.

Safe Driving

How much of your safe driving experience can be credited to someone else who anticipated a wrong move on your part? —Rainy River (Ont.) Record.

Farm Federations

These are days in which people must organize to be heard. Practically every other group in the country has an organization to work on its behalf. If this is necessary for other groups, it is necessary for agriculture. —Barrie (Ont.) Examiner

Developer Fetes Town, Twp. Brass

Last week in the Georgetown Legion auditorium, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Heslop entertained a group of Georgetown people at a dinner and dance.

It was, as Mr. Heslop explained a "get-together" of those whose properties had been purchased by the Delrex Company for subdivision development and various municipal officials and their wives. Those present included members of Georgetown and Esquimaux councils, bankers, municipal employees such as the hydro commission, school board and parks board.

Mayor Jack Armstrong acted as chairman for a brief speaking program which included a few remarks by Mr. Heslop and a short talk by Reeve Bev Lewis of Etobicoke Township.

Mr. Lewis had a particularly interesting message, as he is reeve of a municipality which contains Rexdale, the large subdivision which Mr. Heslop first promoted and on which Georgetown's will be modelled.

Today there is six million dollars of taxable assessment and industries still coming to this area Mr. Lewis pointed out speaking of Etobicoke Township. It is an economically sound development on what was farm land a few years ago, he continued.

He spoke highly of the honest and ethical manner in which Mr. Heslop had conducted his business giving him a full share of credit for the success of the township development.

Georgetown Seeks Town Zoning Plan

"Some day we are going to be forced to build a new high school in the vicinity of the Reid farm because we have no other suitable land in town," said Mayor Armstrong at a recent Georgetown council meeting.

The mayor was proposing a master plan of the town before any more municipally owned property is sold. Council has asked Dr. H. G. Faludi, a town planning consultant who has already made an industrial survey for the council, and who is also working for Rex Heslop in planning the meeting next month and give an idea of the probable cost and the method of procedure in zoning the town.

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