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Approve County Health Unit Salaries, Despite Protests

Despite expressed misgivings by M.O.H. Dr. A. Bull, of a salary schedule covering Board of Health employees, County Councilors Tuesday gave approval to an implementing by-law.

The schedule was one of two presented by the Personnel Committee after consultation with G. Boles, the County's personnel consultant.

Dr. Bull told members of council he was concerned about the image of County Council after approving a resolution earlier this year setting salaries at one thing and altering it now before the year begins. "If you find that decision was an unwise one, changing it now will create an unfavorable image."

"We would like to continue to operate a superior program. If we can't get staff, that will be impossible," Dr. Bull cautioned.

In the summer the County authorized advertising for public health nurses at a minimum salary of \$4,500. The new schedule sets the minimum at \$4,300.

Deputy Reeve Wood, Acton, pointed out the Health Unit was supposed to have 25 nurses and presently only had 19. He also noted the Unit was without sanitary inspectors.

Basic Problems

Dr. Bull pinpointed two basic problems in the schedule: (1) there was not a wide enough range between the minimum and maximum for public health nurses and (2) people in the service for a period of years have not been classified high enough to compensate them for their years of service.

Reeve C. A. Martin suggested adoption of one of the schedules was in effect setting basic salaries in other departments with which they had not been discussed.

Deputy Reeve F. Rogers pressed for adoption of this schedule covering the Board of Health and the County Administrative employees. He promised discussions would be held with other departments as schedules were prepared.

Deputy Reeve Whiting suggested that with so much dissatisfaction evident from the Board of Health the personnel committee should take another look at the by-law.

Everybody's Classified

Deputy Reeve Wood, a member of the Board of Health, pressed for delay in the schedule adoption until all departments were covered. "If this goes through, everybody's classified whether they know it or not," he concluded.

Deputy Reeve Rogers admitted this was true in some areas but it was necessary to "get this behind us so we can get on with the other departments."

TRUCK FIRE

A dump truck owned by Wilson Bros. of Milton and driven by Bob Wilson, Milton, was partially burned on Highway 25 south of Boyne Sideroad Monday evening. The driver told firefighters that smoke and flames began pouring from the floorboards, as he drove up the highway. Milton Fire Chief A. E. Clement reported most of the wiring and part of the floor was burned.



A GALA ARRAY of Christmas lights is brightening up Milton's shopping areas in this busy, bustling, pre-Christmas season. The lights were turned on by Milton Hydro crews Friday. Several hundreds of dollars' worth of lights were purchased by the Chamber of Commerce, through donations of members. They lend a gay spirit to the town as crowds of shoppers flock to the stores — and the lights have brought the town many compliments from visitors. Strings of colored lights, stars, candy canes and bright balls have been used with astonishing effects. Shown is the Main-Martin St. intersection, looking west along Main St.

—Staff Photo

Power Off

Approximately 2,000 hydro customers and 10,000 hydro users in the Milton district were affected on Saturday when a conductor on a feeder line to Milton came loose and all electricity was shut out. The electricity was off for one hour and 32 minutes from 9:05 a.m. until 23 minutes to 11. Workmen have still not found the cause of the trouble. The conductor affected is located near Bronte.

Santa Parade Coming Dec. 5

Santa Claus is coming to town December 5 this year! Yes, that's the day the Milton Santa Claus Committee's annual parade will hit the streets. Giving St. Nick a helping hand for the big day will be dozens of clowns, costumed characters, bands, floats and marching groups. A big show at Milton Arena will follow the parade from the Bruce St. school at 1:30 p.m. and all children will receive a free bag of candy at the end of the show.

The annual parade is a joint project of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 136, and the Milton Fire Department. It is financed by the committee's annual summer "fun fair".

Bill Ferguson and Max Black are in charge of floats this year and more floats are needed. Anyone wishing to enter a float is asked to contact them ahead of time. George Bundy is chairman of the parade this year.

Nassagaweya Nominations Interesting At Least 10 Seeking Council Seats

Probably the most interesting nomination meeting in the history of Nassagaweya Township is shaping up for Monday evening, since 10 Township residents have already indicated that they will seek the five available positions on Township council. After months of wrangling between council and the Nassagaweya Women's Centennial Committee, the Ontario Municipal Board recently approved requests by council to go ahead with the construction of a new Township Hall.

Riled by the decision of the O.M.B. and stirred by the "many inadequacies of the present council," Township residents are expected to attend the nomination meeting at the Township Hall in Brookville and name a record number for Council positions. All present members of council have stated they will again seek positions and unanimously stated, "under the conditions there is nothing else we can do." Present council members are Reeve Bill Coulter, Deputy Reeve Dr. B. D. Young and councillors Allan Parsons, William Mahon and Ross Gordon.

Runs for Reeve

Former Township Reeve J. Robertson who ran for reeve last year and was defeated by Mr. Coulter has stated, "I'm interested in the position and I think I'll run for it."

Mrs. Maurice Newton of R.R. 1 Campbellville, the most outspoken critic of the present council, reported, "I am going to seek a position on council because many of my fellow townspeople have expressed the hope that I would do so." Mrs. Newton was chairman of the Nassagaweya Women's Centennial Committee.

Campbellville resident Gordon Agnew who joined the Women's Centennial Committee in its plea for the renovation of S.S. No. 3

school for use as Township offices, has also tossed his hat into the boiling election kettle.

Any Position

W. A. N. Hoey R.R. 1 Moffat has stated that he is willing to run for any position that he is nominated for. Both Mrs. Newton and Mr. Agnew have said that they would seek positions on council rather than as Reeve or Deputy Reeve.

Floyd Hammond of R.R. 1 Campbellville has also said that

he hopes to gain a position on the Township council, as a councillor.

Nominations for Reeve. Deputy Reeve and three councillors for the municipality and for five trustees for the Township School Area will be accepted at the nomination meeting which is slated to begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Township Hall. Township Clerk Calvin McIntyre has stated that 8:30 p.m. will be the deadline for nominations.

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Walker's Line

Wild Dogs Molesting Sheep

Sheep at a Walker's Line, Burlington farm were molested by what is believed to be a pack of wild dogs last week, and north Burlington farmers were warned to be on the lookout for marauders on their farms.

A. E. Wood, Walker's Line, reported one sheep was so badly mauled it had to be destroyed, and another was injured by the invaders. There were fears the dogs might be rabid.

Livestock evaluator for this section of Burlington, Albert Hunter, said he was certain the damage was done by wild dogs, as wolves are pretty scarce in the district. He said it was the first claim reported to him in two years, but there were "a surprising number of dogs running around." The Town of Burlington will reimburse Mr. Wood for the loss.

Mr. Hunter pointed out that if the sheep owner can prove

the identity of any wild animal molesting his sheep flocks, the owner can legally shoot the animal.

The evaluator has sheep himself, but hasn't had any trouble since 1947 when 13 of them were killed by wild dogs. Since then, Mr. Hunter said, his sheep have worn bells and the noise of the bells scares off any marauders.

Mayor's Dinner Enjoyable Event

Municipal councillors and officials were guests of Mayor and Mrs. S. G. Childs at the annual Mayor's Dinner on Saturday evening.

Following a delicious roast beef dinner served by members of the Ladies' Firefighters Auxiliary, Mayor Childs expressed his welcome and his thanks for the co-operation during the past year. Reeve C. A. Martin praised the efforts of the mayor in presiding at the meetings of council and for his impartial ruling of debate.

Jig Saw

K. Y. Dick, on behalf of the group, presented the Mayor with an electric jig saw and sander and Mrs. Childs with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Mayor Childs, on behalf of the council, presented a book to Mr. Dick who retired this year as town solicitor after serving in the position for 13 years.

Following the dinner guests enjoyed cards.

Write Santa

Writing a letter to Santa Claus this year?

Drop it in the local Santa's mailbox, Milton Chamber of Commerce officials urged this week. Bright Santa's mailboxes will be on the streets soon and all children's letters to Santa Claus will be answered, they promised.

Last year, the Chamber forwarded 160 local letters to Saint Nick, and all got a personal letter of reply from the busy gent.

Little Excitement

Town Nominations Thursday Night

Nomination meeting for Milton is scheduled for this Thursday evening, Nov. 26, in the Town Hall auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

The nomination meeting promises to be interesting, but there is little excitement about the elections this year and a Champion survey has unearthed very few new candidates to challenge the present councillors.

Eighth Term

Mayor S. G. Childs will be seeking his eighth term in office, and is unopposed to date. Reeve C. A. Martin is still non-committal, while Deputy Reeve Austan Ledwith is definitely seeking another term. There are no new candidates for either office.

In the race for six open council seats, incumbents Gerry Addison, Charles Fay, Charles Meney and Brian Best are definite starters — but councillor Norm Pearce is bowing out of council after five years. The other incumbent, Charles Johnson, hasn't made any announcement yet.

Three members of Milton Public School Board are due for reelection for two year terms this December. Chairman G. C. Gowland hasn't decided yet whether he'll run or not, while trustee

Ron Harris says he will seek another term. Don Stinson, the third member whose seat is open this year, is also running. One newcomer, Douglas Cruickshank is also seeking a seat on the board.

In the race for the single seat

on the Hydro Commission, incumbent Bill Rowney says he'll run and is so far unopposed.

Dark Horses?

However several possible candidates are holding back, and waiting for Thursday's nomination meeting before making any commitment. Among those contacted by The Champion in recent weeks — and remaining non-committal — are former deputy-reeve Jim Bell, former councillor Ivan Stessor, and former council candidates D. C. Smith and Douglas Ptolemy.

Following Thursday's nomination hour, candidates and incumbents will be given a chance to speak to the crowd that is expected to attend. To date no other meet-your-candidate nights have been scheduled in town.

Nassagaweya Sells \$40,000 Debenture

Nassagaweya Township council has decided to offer \$40,000 worth of school debentures for sale to township residents.

An advertisement in today's paper announced the details of the debenture sale. They will be sold up to Dec. 15 and bear interest at five and three-quarters per cent annually. All sales will be in denominations of \$500 and at par, with varying maturity dates from one to 20 years.

The money will be used to finance the two-room addition to Brookville School.

Plows, Sanders Ready

Road Crews Gird for Winter

Over the past month, roads department crews throughout the district have been getting ready for their annual chore; plowing and sanding the town, township and county roads that are so heavily travelled each day of the winter.

The climax came Friday, when winter dumped an estimated four to seven inches of soft, wet snow on the area. After such a mild fall and early winter, some areas were caught short and hurried preparations had to be made to get plows and sanders on the roads. However there was no serious trouble.

10,000 Ton Piles

Roy Smith, Halton roads superintendent, said the county has stockpiles of 10,000 tons of sand at the county sheds in Milton, Stewarttown, Base Line at Fourth Line, Brookville, Lowville mountain, and Waterdown. About one-quarter of the stockpiles are made up of calcium which melts the ice.

The county has six plows and eight sanding units standing by for work this winter. Some of the men are on 24 hour call and they have 152 miles of county roads to keep free of snow.

In Nassagaweya Township,



—Staff Photos

AND WE GOT SNOW . . . Everybody's been a little worried of late, because the winter has been pretty mild. Heavy snowfall Friday and Saturday changed all that, however, as several inches of the white stuff fell on Milton and district. This mailbox on the mountain west of town, with a seven inch high topping of crusted snow, should be proof enough for most skeptics that winter has finally arrived.

Snow Removal

Milton's picture is a little different than the county or townships, as snow must not only be plowed, it has to be removed. Town foreman Bruce McKerr reports two front end loaders, a snow blower, grader and truck are ready in case of a heavy storm. The town has 300 tons of sand and 25 tons of salt stockpiled at the south end of Williams Ave.

The town will conduct all snow removal through the night, beginning about midnight, when there is little traffic on the main streets. The men are on call at all times but there is no permanent night shift for snow removal.

Excess snow will be dumped first in the creek at Main St., then the fair grounds and then in the triangular piece of parkland north of town. Mr. McKerr said the weekend's first snow was a hard one to get rid of, for the soft snow packed down so tight it was almost impossible to scrape it off the street.

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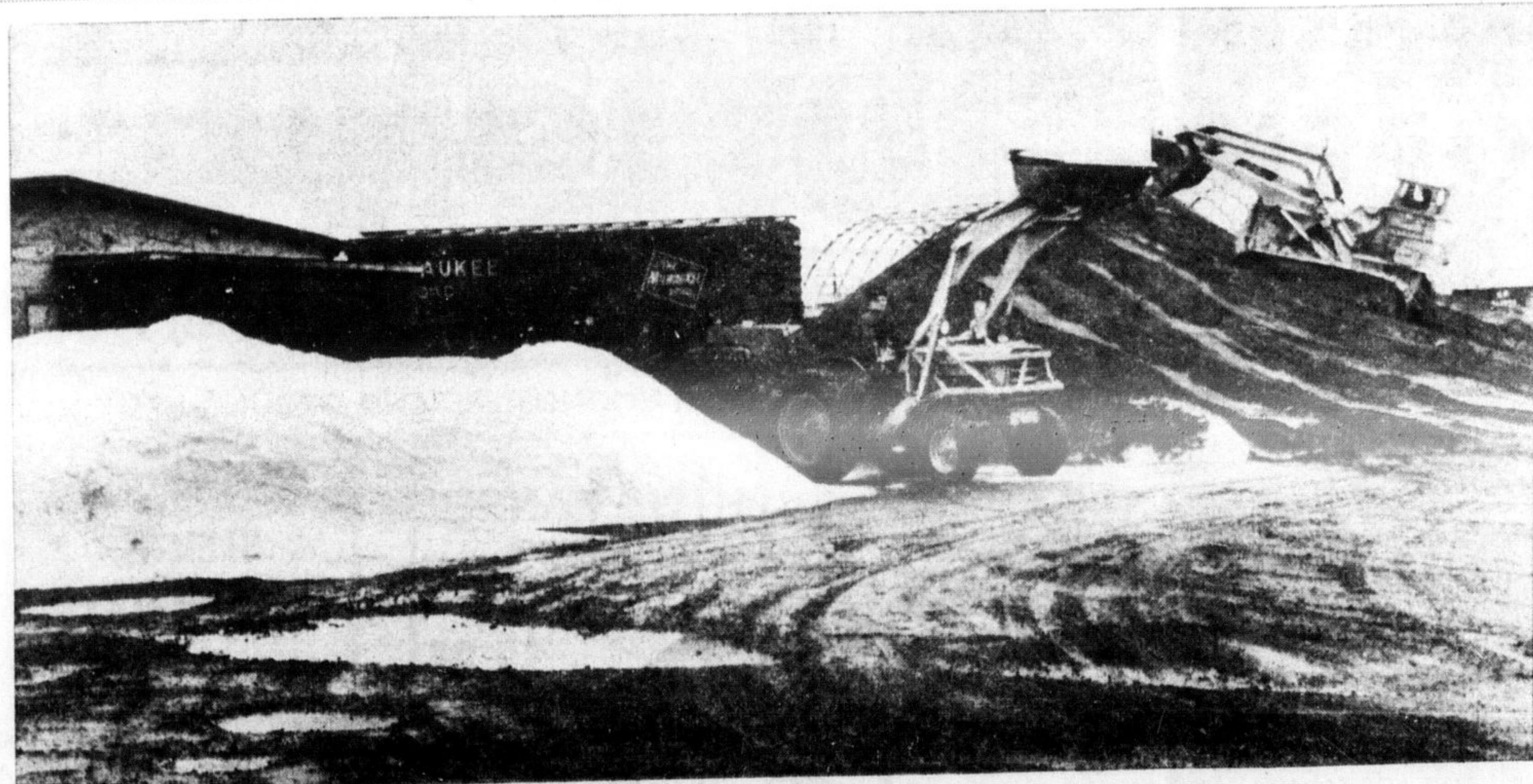
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SALT PLUS SAND EQUALS SLUSH: Halton County roads department crews have been busy for weeks preparing for the ravages of winter, and part of the chore is the assembling of mountain-sized stockpiles of sand and salt for the sanding crews. Machine operators are shown here with part of a stockpile at the

county sheds in Milton, part of 10,000 tons that will eventually be spread over the district roads to keep traffic moving and ice at a minimum. They got their first call on the weekend when the season's first storm dumped several inches of snow here.

—Staff Photo