

Acton Reeve Bert Hinton Named Warden of Halton

Acton Reeve H. H. Hinton was named Warden of Halton County at the inaugural meeting of Halton County Council Tuesday.

His election came on the second ballot when a tie vote with Georgetown Reeve William Hunter was broken by Oakville Reeve Herb Merry who cast the deciding vote, as reeve of the county's largest municipality.

In the first ballot Reeve W. Coulter of Nassagaweya squarred off with Reeves Hinton and Hunter. That vote gave Reeve Hinton six votes, Reeve Coulter three and Reeve Hunter five. The second ballot was between Reeve Hinton and Reeve Hunter.

Final Ballot

In the final ballot those supporting Reeve Hinton were Deputy Reeve Parker, Reeve Gallagher, Reeve Ledwith, Reeve Merry, Deputy Reeve Day, Deputy Reeve Hoey and Reeve Hinton.

John Bradley Chairs School Board Clarke, Bradley, Lewin Elected

J. M. (John) Bradley, a veteran member of the Holy Rosary Separate School Board was elected Monday evening as board chairman for 1966. Mr. Bradley, re-elected to the board for a two-year term in the election on Thursday, replaces Eleton Tonelli as chairman.

Rev. Father J. J. Murphy was named vice-chairman at the board's inaugural meeting for 1966 and R. W. Clarke was returned as secretary - treasurer. A. N. (Andy) Keilty was officially appointed as the board's representative on the Milton District High School Board and J. C. Langedyk and William Duignan were named as the board's representatives on the Milton Public Library Board.

In the election on Thursday for the three school board seats for a two-year term, only about 30 per cent of the eligible electors turned out to vote. R. W. Clarke topped the balloting in the five-way race with 70 votes. J. M. Bradley was second with 58 votes and Joe Lewin was third with 56 votes. Jim Langedyk with 42 votes and Gary Bunch with 39 votes were the unsuccessful candidates.

Those supporting Reeve Hunter were Deputy Reeve Rogers, Deputy Reeve Hunter, Deputy Reeve Young, Deputy Reeve Menefy, Reeve G. Leslie, Deputy Reeve W. Leslie and Reeve Coulter.

Refers to Turn System

Addressing the council prior to voting, Reeve Hinton noted it was 11 years since Acton had filled the Warden's position. He suggested the turn system, informally used in the past, should not be the only basis for selection. The person must also be adequate. Reeve Hinton reviewed his four terms as reeve and assured members he had studied for the things he believed in and would devote himself to county work.

Reeve Hunter reviewed his four years as deputy reeve and indicated if elected, he would devote himself almost full time to the work.

Reeve Coulter suggested that while he did not agree with the turn system he was standing to indicate Nassagaweya was in line if it was continued. He predicted a great deal of expansion in the county structure and 1966 would be one of the most challenging.

Oath of Office Administered

Judge Alan Sprague administered the oath of office to members and spoke briefly representing the judicial branch of government and assuring his co-operation. "I now wish you magnanimity, patience, wisdom, courtesy and good judgment in all of your deliberations", he concluded.

Accepting the office of Warden, Reeve Hinton said he realized the great honor it was to serve the county in the office of Warden. "I will do everything possible to conduct the affairs of the county in a fair, just and progressive way."

Undertake Heavy Responsibility

Dr. T. Dustan addressed members, expressing his pleasure at the quality of service he found being rendered in the municipalities and the county. He warned members of the heavy responsibility they had undertaken and called for the kind of influence John Kennedy exerted with his zest, imagination and integrity.



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REEVE H. H. "BERT" HINTON of Acton was named Warden of the County of Halton for 1966 at the inaugural meeting of Halton County Council in Milton Tuesday afternoon. He defeated Nassagaweya Reeve William Coulter and Georgetown Reeve William F. Hunter in a three-way race for the county's top seat. Shown congratulating the new Warden are ex-Warden Reeve Herb Merry of Oakville, left, and Judge Alan B. Sprague, right, who administered the oath of office.

H. P. Johnson Chosen Chairman Of Milton Public School Board

H. P. "Johnny" Johnson, a six-year veteran of the Milton Public School Board, was Monday night named chairman of the board for 1966. Ron Harris, a trustee for the past five years, was elected vice-chairman.

The board's inaugural meeting was conducted Monday in the J. M. Denyes school and Rev. Dr. T. M. Dustan of Grace Anglican Church was present to dedicate the Board for 1966.

Other members of the Board, all returned to office in the December election for a two-year term are Alex Cooke, Mrs. M. S. Kerrighan, Don Stinson and Douglas Cruickshank.

An interested spectator at the inaugural was Clifford Ramsay, supervising principal of Ancaster Township schools, who is accompanying Inspector W. L. McNeil for a two-week period, gathering information to assist him in qualifying as a public school inspector.

Board Committees

Committees named at the inaugural included: finance committee, Stinson and Harris; personnel and population, Kerrighan, Cruickshank, Stinson; supplies and library, Cruickshank and Cooke. Named in charge of property for the four schools were, Martin St. Cooke; Bruce St., Cruickshank; Denyes school, Harris; and Dick school, Stinson.

Members approved moving the board's business office, supervising principal E. W. Foster and stenographer Mrs. E. Martin from their present location in the Denyes school to new offices in the Martin St. building. The move was carried out on Tuesday morning and parents can reach the business office now at 878-2335.

For an hour the board went "in camera" to discuss personnel problems.

Change Hours

A change in school hours at the Martin St. senior school was approved, on the recommendation of principal John Bell. The change reduces the morning recess from 15 to 10 minutes, eliminates an

afternoon recess, and cuts the noon break to one hour. Teaching time will be from 9 to 10:40 a.m., 10:50 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 to 3:30 p.m. daily Monday to Friday in future. An earlier dismissal was given to allow students to participate in after-school sports and club activities.

The new hours increase the teaching time by 20 minutes daily, taking care of the 20 minutes daily allocated to oral French lessons.

In other business, the board:

- Appointed Mrs. F. D. Thompson to the Milton Public Library Board for another three years.
- Decided to join four trustees' and school officials' organizations, at a total cost of \$196 for the year.

First Lady Councillor Takes Oath At Nassagaweya's 1966 Inaugural

The first lady councillor in Nassagaweya Township history, Mrs. Anne MacArthur was one of five members of council who took the oath of office for the 1966 term at the inaugural meeting of Township council on Monday.

Mrs. MacArthur, returning councillors Ross Gordon and William Mahon, newly elected Deputy-Reeve William Hoey and returning Reeve William Coulter took the oath of office administered by Township Clerk J. C. MacIntyre. Rev. W. A. Leeman

of Ebenezer United Church read the traditional inaugural meeting prayers.

In his first address to the new council, Reeve Coulter welcomed Mrs. MacArthur and Deputy-Reeve Hoey to council. Returning to office for a third term, Mr. Coulter indicated, "I anticipate a great many problems this year, and also the completion of a great many projects." He hoped for the completion of the Township's Centennial Project and also for the service road that might

facilitate traffic to the Guelph Line.

Urges Co-operation

Reeve Coulter anticipated public hearings would be called to discuss the Plunkett Report (Regional Needs Study for Halton and Peel Counties) and hoped council would have concrete ideas to present concerning the report. He urged the co-operation between council, the Nassagaweya School Area Board and the Planning Board.

In closing Mr. Coulter said as-

essment in the Township had increased \$182,000 in 1965 and that it would possibly increase even more during the next year, but he noted, "increased assessment brings an increase in problems."

Oaths for Trustees

About 20 ratepayers attended the meeting and also saw the clerk administer the oath of office to Horace Blyth, John McPhail and Claude Inglis, members of the Public School Board for the Township School Area of Nassagaweya who were acclaimed to office for a two-year term.

After the swearing in ceremonies council met until 12 noon and then adjourned for lunch. At 1:30 council reconvened and the meeting continued until well after 6 p.m.

Gordon Agnew of Campbellville attended the complete meeting and recorded all the conversation on a tape recorder.



For its second meeting of the year, Milton Councillors and officials were huddled around a council table in use prior to 1951 renovations in the town hall. The table was located in crowded temporary quarters at the rear of the present office location on Martin St. as a major renovation program continues in the town hall. A large council chamber on the second floor, with spectator accommodation for more than 30, will be a feature of the program.

During the Monday meeting members:

- Approved the lighting of the outdoor skating rink in Kingsleigh Court with the lights timed to go off at 10:30 p.m.
- Approved the purchase of a new snow blower to be fabricated by Ed's Welding for \$1,250, based on the present machine. Purchase of the tractor was also authorized from Milton Equipment Co. Ltd. for \$3,549. Members urged early completion of the snow blower and decided to include a penalty and bonus clause. They offered a \$20 a day bonus for every day prior to February 1 the blower was delivered, or a \$20 a day penalty for every day after February 1.
- Agreed to call tenders for a new police cruiser. The type of vehicle recommended would be a four door car with the handles removed from the rear doors inside and a wire screen separating the front and back seat. The chief explained it would be easier for handling drunks and transporting prisoners. The department now has a 1961 Pontiac and a 1964 Dodge. The 1961 car has 130,200 miles and the 1964 vehicle 71,400. Reviewing operating costs, the chief recommended no vehicle be retained beyond two years or 80,000 miles.
- Engaged G. Dunn as town inspector on the town hall renovation project under the supervision of the town foreman.
- Agreed to notify the supplier that unless a communication system between the town office and the foreman's truck was operating satisfactorily, it would be returned. Deputy - Reeve Charles Menefy pointed out the \$400 unit had never given good service even though it was purchased only a year or so ago.

Milton Council Briefs

Milton Gets 214 Acres, But Plunkett Cannot Solve Annexation - Yet

Tom Plunkett, the special commissioner conducting a needs study into Halton and Peel Counties, is unable to solve Milton's long-standing annexation dilemma — at least not yet.

The annexation question was turned over to him for ideas or answers last week, and Mr. Plunkett has refused to give an answer, according to Halton M.P.P. George A. Kerr. Mr. Kerr told The Champion "Mr. Plunkett did not feel he could make a decision at this time. He felt that possibly the adjustment of Milton's town boundaries could have some effect on his studies and this, after all, is one of the reasons why he will be making his inquiries into the municipal setup in Halton. Granting Milton's request at this time may make a difference to his findings, and in view of this, he does not wish to take a stand at this time one way or another."

Hoped for 2,600

The annexation problem has been dragging on for years and town officials were hopeful, late in 1965, when the Ontario Municipal Board granted them a hearing on the latest application to annex some 2,600 acres of neighbor-



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HALTON'S ATTRACTIVE TRIO of Ruth Mason, Joy Hayward and Wilma Mason capped first place honors at the Ontario Junior Farmer Music Festival in Toronto with the weekend. The three young ladies won the honors in the trio section in competition with friends from York, Peel, Hastings, Perth, Carleton and Waterloo Counties. Their selections were "Joshua Fight the Battle of Jericho", and "Desert Song". Mrs. George Newell, Director of Music with the Halton Junior Farmers for the past 16 years, (left), is shown with Ruth, Joy and Wilma. Following their victory the trio sang on Saturday evening at a concert in the Crystal Ballroom of the Royal York Hotel.

Want Auditorium Built in 1966

Plans to provide a new general purpose room for the Martin St. senior public school, already given tentative approval by the Department of Education and the Milton Council, will forge ahead in 1966, members of Milton Public School Board agreed Monday.

The board's finance chairman Don Stinson will request town council to provide the \$60,000 in debentured funds this year, at next week's council meeting. Last year councillors asked the board to shell out the project until 1966, and the amount was placed in the town's five-year capital budget which received O.M.B. approval.

Seal Sales Up

A total of just over \$33,000 has been collected to date from the 1965 Christmas Seal sales campaign of the Halton County Tuberculosis and Health Association, an increase of about \$3,000 over the total at this time last year, the association announced this week.

Proceeds from the Christmas Seals will be used for conducting the mass TB locating survey in Halton County beginning in February, estimated to cost 10 cents per capita.

Arrest 4 Men For Break-ins

Four Brampton and Mowatvale men were arrested and charged in connection with a rash of break-ins at service stations in the district early Thursday morning of last week.

Police report investigating 12 break-ins and found signs that another three were attempted. All were in the Milton, Acton, Georgetown, Norval and Brampton areas, and the men were apprehended in Brampton.

They are presently in custody awaiting trial. Quantities of silver, soft drinks, cigarettes and small vending machines were missing from the service stations. Information gathered by Milton Police Department assisted in rounding up the suspects.



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HALTON'S WINTER SPORTS WONDERLAND in the Kelso Conservation Area had its first big weekend of the year on Saturday and Sunday, and snow lovers from many centres in Southern Ontario flocked to the area. A heavy snowfall on Friday completely blanketed the area and enabled enthusiasts to ski and toboggan to their hearts' content. Eight-year-old Michael Griswold and 11-year-old Margaret Stone are shown getting set to take off on their skis and glide down the flaky slopes.

Letter to Best
Councillor Brian Best, who spearheaded a citizens' protest petition to the Minister of Municipal Affairs that sought a full decision on the 2,600 acre application, was informed by a letter from Mr. Kerr that Mr. Plunkett would give no commitment at this time. Mr. Kerr assured the councillor that an order finalizing the annexation of the 214 acres would be rushed through immediately.

Council, meanwhile, is still sorting out the boundary lines of the 214 acre annexation area, and is planning a submission to the O.M.B. outlining the actual boundaries in the near future.