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## Delay high school approval await consultative report

Milton Council agreed Monday to await the March 15 presentation of a report by the County Consultative Committee on High Schools, before reaching a decision on construction of a \$1,309,000 addition to Milton District High School.

Milton District High School Board presented its proposal for the addition, which would make the local school a full composite school accommodating up to 1,100 students, late in January.

Deputy-Reeve C. Menefy urged council to reach a decision on the project, reporting he had promised to have Nassagaweya and Esqueping officials advised that night, during their meeting, of Milton's position. The three municipalities support the local school and make up the district served.

"If we don't go into this addition, what is the answer?" he wondered. "It is obvious to all one or the other has to be done, whatever the other is," he mused. "In view of the pressure being put on by the High School Board, we have to give an answer in the shortest possible time," he suggested.

In the initial presentation of the proposal, board members noted grants of up to \$900,000 were available on this type of project, but the Federal-Provincial agreement under which much of the grant was available expires March 31, 1967. The board urged council to reach its decision before the deadline expires.

Councillor C. Johnson reported on a meeting of three members of the council to discuss the proposal, and the suggestion a commitment should be delayed until the Consultative Committee report is presented March 15. He also suggested more information should be obtained on the breakdown of grants and how it compares with the regular grants. Information on the number eligible

from this school to attend the new College of Applied Arts and Technology in Brampton next September should also be obtained, he suggested.

Councillor G. Krantz recalled the finance committee had been working on the proposal and he asked for that committee's views.

Chairman of the finance committee C. Menefy observed it was a large sum of money. He suggested a composite school is a burden on taxpayers

until it has 1,000 students and this would not occur in the projected enrolments until 1971 or 1972.

He wondered about changes in legislation that could affect high schools, about regional government and about the "fantastic debt". He concluded that he was not arguing for or against. He was asking the mayor and council what their thoughts were, and he would go along with the majority.

Councillor Krantz endorsed the suggestion of awaiting the Consultative Committee report and acting on the issue at the March 20 meeting. All other desired information is to be gathered in the meantime.

Councillor Best observed the merits of the school seemed to be revolving around having enough students. He wondered if any discussions had been held with Acton to work out a plan for full utilization of the

### \$1,309,000 addition

## School board explains expansion

Answers to more than a dozen questions concerning the Milton District High School Board's \$1,309,000 expansion plan were provided for 14 members of Milton, Nassagaweya and Esqueping Councils on Wednesday evening of last week.

The councillors met at the Halton County Administration Building with six officials of the high school board, to gather information prior to making a decision on their share of the costs. The questions stemmed from an earlier meeting of the three councils where it was agreed the councils needed more information

before they decided to provide their \$400,000 share.

As the meeting closed, each council agreed to give further consideration to the proposal and make their decision as soon as possible.

The board plans to provide four additional academic classrooms, five commercial rooms, five shops, an increased dining area, an extra gymnasium and an enlarged library to the existing facilities in Milton.

A federal-provincial grant of 75 per cent of the costs of vocational areas, which is expected to expire at the end of March, would give the board a cash grant of close to \$900,000 toward the total cost. The

remaining \$400,000 would be shared on an assessment basis by the three councils. It would make the school a full composite school, capable of handling 1,100 students.

In answer to written questions the board answered:

• It would not be feasible to send students to neighboring schools for vocational training, because the local board would have to provide transportation or buy it if available. There is no guarantee the neighboring schools could provide the education needed for a period of years.

• By 1973 the school will be full, taking present enrolment figures in town and district schools. But all the new rooms would be partially used right away.

• A levy of approximately \$35,000 a year over the district will meet the debentures required.

• A public referendum was ruled out because of the time element involved, with the grant expected to expire at the end of March.

## Resurface Highway 25

Highway 25 between Highway 401 and the southern outskirts of Acton will be completely resurfaced this year, the Ontario Department of Highways announced last week as the 1967-68 estimates were tabled in the Legislature.

O. Harron of the Information Section, D.H.O. explained the program would probably begin late this summer. The resurfacing covers a 9.3 mile stretch of the two-lane highway.

The work also includes a minor widening on the first mile of the highway north from Highway 401. The present 20 foot wide pavement will be widened to 24 feet, he said.

### Safety equipment in place at M.P.S.

Supervising Principal E. W. Foster of Milton Public Schools, contacted Tuesday by The Champion, reported later he made an immediate inspection of the shop and was satisfied with the safety precautions.

He noted guards were in place on the saws in use, and on the grinders. Students working on lathes were wearing the goggles and the teacher was taking all the usual precautions necessary for the safety of the boys.

he reviewed the need for technical training and the inability of large companies to operate apprenticeship programs because of union restrictions.

He referred to a lack of guards on saws and other pieces of equipment and charged that "when you have unsafe

attitudes, the teachers are not qualified".

None of the other members of council commented on the deputy-reeve's charges that came at the end of lengthy discussion on the construction of the Milton District High School.

## Groups meet to co-ordinate town centennial festivities

Representatives of 25 local organizations met last week to review plans for Milton's Centennial celebrations that ranged from a Centennial Caper dance, bazaars, art displays, antique exhibitions, bowling tournaments and parades to the town's Mill Pond Project dedication and community church service.

Centennial manager E. R. Pearen chaired the brief meeting, stressing the importance of co-operation and urging organizations to plan events and advise him of the dates to avoid overlapping of scheduled events.

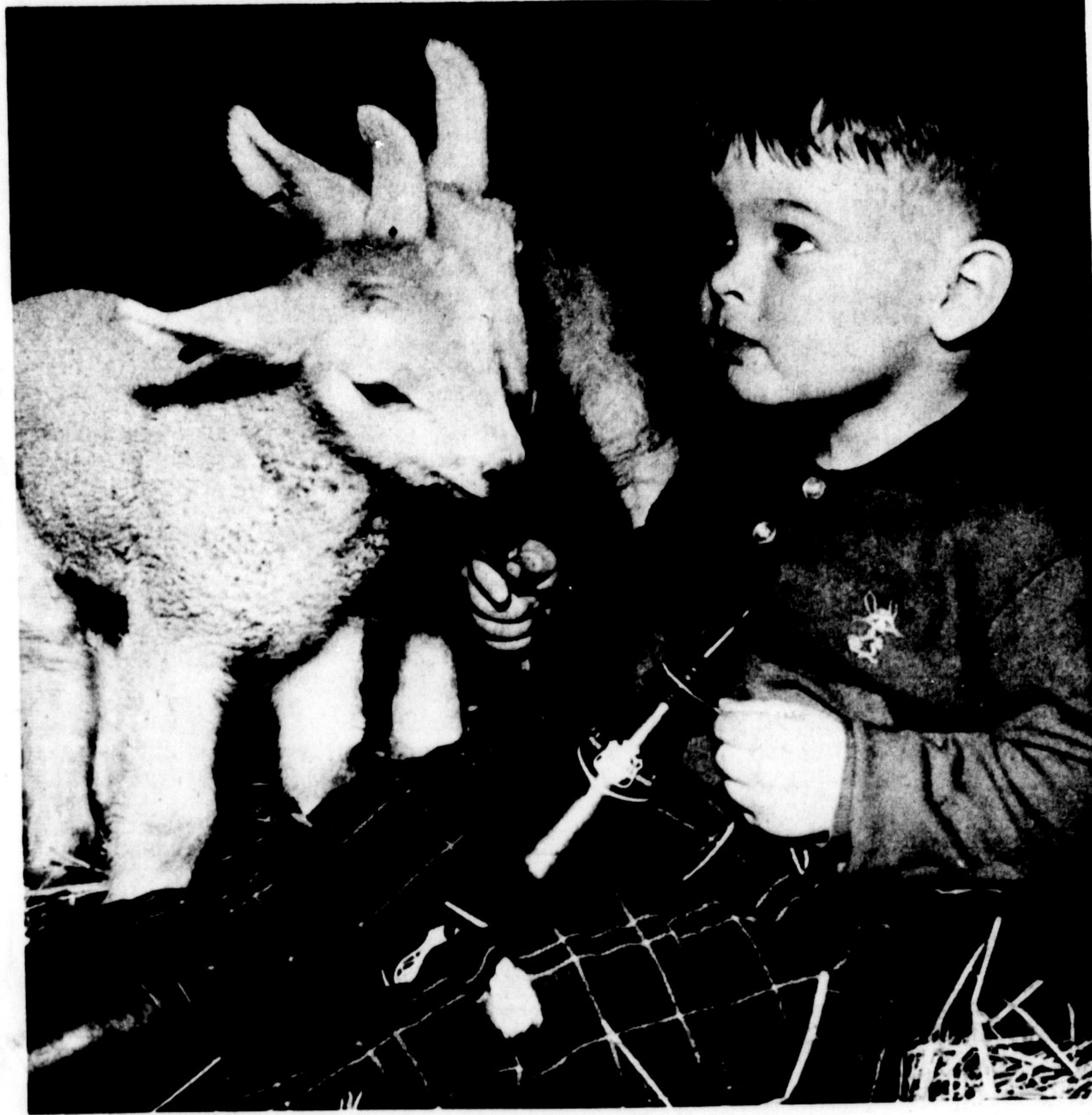
Mr. Pearen noted the community church service was

planned for the Agricultural Grounds on June 25 to be followed by the dedication of the Mill Pond Project. The two weeks beginning August 19 with the arrival of the Centennial Caravan for its two day stop and concluding with the Steam Era on Labor Day, were established as the period for the town's concentrated celebration.

It is hoped by mid-March to produce a calendar of events for the Centennial year and post it on the Chamber of Commerce sign at the corner of Main and Martin St., it was reported.

Among the events reported to the meeting as planned were a Centennial Caper by the Sarah Martin Chapter I.O.E.; a mixed trebles bowling tournament by the Milton Bowling Club on July 1; a zone rally by the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary; an art display and contest by the Milton Arts and Crafts group; the Fall Fair with special centennial contest; a Centennial tea and antique display by the United Church Women; a tree planting by the Rangers, Guides and Brownies at the hospital; a Guide and Brownie level; Old Fashioned Days; rock gardens at the town entrances by the Lions Club; a Centennial Dance by the Dutch Canadian Club with the possibility of a building also being erected; a planting depicting a Canadian flag by the Horticultural Society and a flower show; a special film showing by the German Canadian Club as well as participation in Old Fashioned Days; a Campbellville-Milton grudge ball game for the trophy first presented at the town's 1957 centennial celebration; school projects; a showing of a film on the Christian pavilion at Expo and the possibility of a school parade for the dedication of the mill pond project.

Concluding the meeting, Mr. Pearen suggested there would probably not be further meetings of the entire group but he was available to discuss plans with individual groups during the year.



THE SPRING LAMBS have arrived at the R.R. 2 Georgetown farm of William Brain, but most of the seven lambs on the Brain farm. For Milton and area residents are still looking forward to warmer, spring-type weather. (Staff Photo)

## Airport blasted again stalled for four weeks

Oakville's on-again, off-again municipal airport was stalled again Monday night — for at least four weeks while town staffers study the proposal and present council with a detailed report on the uses and financing of the airport.

Several councillors, backed up by two dozen Omagh district residents whose lives would be affected by the airport, managed to get the airport stalled until Oakville Council's April 3 meeting. While members voted unanimously to table the subject for a month awaiting the staff report, their opinions on the airport were anything but unanimous.

Discussion, at times heated and often interrupted by the banging of the Mayor's gavel, ranged for nearly two solid hours before Mayor MacLean Anderson finally called a halt to the debate. Council on a recorded vote part way through the evening turned down a motion delaying further discussion until January of 1968 and placing the airport project before the people for a referendum.

The item at hand was a recommendation from the planning board to amend the town's official plan to permit an airport on the lands south of Five Sideroad between the Third and Fourth Lines at Omagh. The municipally-operated airport was first talked about 18 months ago, but a controversy has ranged over the need, the site and the costs for the past year. It would be a joint project of Oakville and Burlington, with financial assistance for the construction from the federal government.

Omagh area residents have protested the site, but most key figures in the debate are satisfied the site is the only suitable one in Oakville and Burlington. At Monday's meeting Donald Stone, a Department of Transport representative, said the site was ideal

and no other property could match its benefits and location.

Some are worried about the costs. Councillor Bill Gillies warned council the oft-quoted "10 cents per capita per year" was a low guess on the maintenance cost. Burlington has set aside its \$75,000 share of the land cost in the 1967 budget and the Oakville council has yet to make the decision on its \$755,000 share. The D. O.T. would install runways and necessary buildings, but maintenance is left up to the municipalities.

Others worry about the airport's usage. A Chamber of Commerce survey showed many industries in Oakville in favor of an airport for executive planes and small cargo freights, and it was suggested the availability of the airport would encourage more industry to locate in Oakville. Opponents claim it would be used mainly for pleasure craft and they say the expenditure is exorbitant if the airport is used primarily for recreation.

Solicitor F. David Thompson, appearing for Gordon and William Rayner whose 100 acre farm will be swallowed up by the airport project, launched a series of questions at the council Monday. He charged there were no statistics indicating the airport would benefit the whole town, and there was no proof it would entice industry.

The owners could not improve their farm and cannot take on any long term contracts for their work, because of the impending expropriation, he explained. "The town is holding them in limbo and demanding taxes for land they do not own," he charged. "You are not acting in the interests of all the people you represent if you rub salt in their wound."

Mr. Thompson suggested council should defer the amendment to the official plan until the airport is more of a

reality, suggesting the Department of Transport or the Federal Treasury Board could still turn down the airport.

Another district ratepayer who appeared was Frank Opsteen, whose farm is at the end of the dead-end Third Line. Mr. Opsteen worried he would have no access to his farm, and would have to cross an airport runway to get his children to school.

Mr. Stone, in replies to a barrage of questions from Ward One Councillor Donald

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### Warn parents spring danger

Parents are urged to impress on their children the dangers of swollen creeks and ditches in the springtime, Milton Police advised this week.

"Any day now this snow is going to disappear and the creeks and ditches will be full of water," Police Chief Ray Andrew said Tuesday. "I hope parents will warn their children about the dangers of playing near water, and make sure their children are safe at all times."

One child was drowned in Milton several years ago when he fell into a swollen creek. Officials hope there won't be another this spring.

### Driver burned, hospitalized truck catches fire at dump

A Milton man was hospitalized with first and second degree facial burns Tuesday morning, when a delivery truck caught fire at Milton's garbage disposal site.

Reports indicate Reg Wolseley of Ontario St. backed a Ledwith's Food Market truck to the dump's burning pit and unloaded some papers. As he went to put the garbage box back into the truck a fire broke out in the box, searing his face and setting fire to the truck. The truck was destroyed before firefighters arrived.

In the only other fire of the past week, a bedroom at the home of Antonio Volpe, 96 Miles St., was damaged Saturday afternoon. Firemen were unable to explain the cause of the blaze.

Fire Chief A. E. Clement reports two groups of kindergarten students toured the fire hall on Tuesday to view the equipment and see films on fire prevention. One class got a thrill in the morning when a real fire alarm was turned in while they were at the fire hall, and they watched the big red trucks roll out.

### Nass. plans approval high school expansion

Nassagaweya Township Council voiced its approval Monday night of the proposed expansion plan for Milton District High School.

In a formal notice of motion, the council stated it is prepared to accept its proportionate share of the debentures required for the proposed high school addition.

Councillors indicated, "if we turn down the outright gift,

we'll be doing everybody an injustice." If the plan is approved by Milton, Nassagaweya and Esqueping councils, by March 31, the expansion program would be eligible for higher than normal grants.

Referring to Milton council's delay in approving the project, one township councillor said, "they're biting off their nose to spite their face."

## Deputy-reeve censures schools for lack of safety in shops

Deputy-Reeve C. Menefy "severely censured" the local high school and public school Monday for lack of safety devices on shop equipment, which he told Milton Council he had noted when he toured the local schools.

The deputy-reeve's charges came at the conclusion of a lengthy dissertation in which



GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S memorable "The Mikado" came to life on Friday and Saturday evenings in the new general purpose room at the Martin St. Senior Public School. Close to 600 attended the two performances by the grade six students of the W. I. Dick school.

The popular operetta was only part of a two-hour program which utilized a cast of 200 in its finale. Four featured players in The Mikado — Richard Case, Robert Addison, Virginia Wooland and Ronald Downs are shown following a performance. (Staff Photo)

### Inspectors check H.S. shop equipment

Principal R. C. Hunter of Milton District High School denied any lack of adequate safety devices on shop equipment, when contacted by The Champion Tuesday morning.

Mr. Hunter noted equipment in the school had been thoroughly checked by shop inspectors of the Department of Education. The saws have guards and necessary safety switches are in place on all equipment, he noted.

### Delay report on new clerk

No report on the possible hiring of a town clerk will be made until Mrs. A. Brush, presently hospitalized, returns to work, Deputy-Reeve C. Menefy told Milton Council Monday.

The deputy-reeve suggested he would meet with the deputy clerk and finance committee before reaching a decision on what action to take.

Mrs. Brush has been acting as clerk since the resignation of R. B. Reynolds in January 1966. In October of 1966 Deputy-Reeve Menefy told council the finance committee would be considering the position. In mid-February he also suggested the committee would be bringing in a recommendation. The next week Mrs. Brush was hospitalized.