

Inaugural meets herald new term

Two local municipalities held their inaugural meetings Monday, during which council members for both groups for the upcoming two year terms were sworn in to office.

The ceremonies, lasting approximately one-half hour apiece,

were performed for Flos Township and the Village of Elmvale Councils.

In each case the respective clerks led the groups through the Oath of Office and the Pledge of Allegiance, following which incumbents addressed those in attendance.

The group facing Flos Township Clerk Maxine Berry Monday morning, was the same that had taken the Oath two years previously.

Heading up the council was Reeve Gerard Moran, acclaimed in November's municipal election and Deputy-reeve Don Bell,

also in office by acclamation.

Along with them were returning members Don Bertram, J.O. (Pete) Tracy and Graydon Giffen. Rev. Finney offered the prayer.

All members of the 1981-82 council took part in the swearing in and proceeded to speak to

friends, relatives and area residents on hand for the meeting.

Reeve Moran thanked members of council as well as township staff and ratepayers for the co-operation received over the past two years and pledged to continue to work in the best interests of the township in the upcoming term.

Deputy-reeve Don Bell promised to keep a close eye on exactly where taxpayers money was being spent and suggested perhaps council would have to say "no" more often in future when it came to expenditures.

Councillors Bertram, Tracy and Giffen expressed their appreciation to voters for the confidence displayed in them and also promised to control spending.

At that point SCBE Trustee Wendy MacKenzie was asked to address the group.

Mrs. MacKenzie expressed her delight at the proposed spending restraint and quipped "What you save at the municipal level, we at the County level will be happy to spend."

Wendy thanked council for the co-operation received in the past and noted she was looking forward to working together in the future.

Elmvale Reeve Ken Knox, on hand for the ceremonies, congratulated Flos Council on their return to office and wished the group well in future deliberations.

"Not all the decisions you make will be

correct, but may the best percentage of your decisions over the next two years be right," he stated.

A few words were heard from Separate School Trustee Joe Klein Gebbinck, Clerk Maxine Berry, Assistant-Clerk Violet Graham, Roads Superintendent Jim Boyle and Bylaw Enforcement Officer Archie Wanless. All congratulated council members and expressed their hopes of continuing the good working relationship of the past.

Council members and invited guests then recessed for a luncheon celebration in Barrie.

Elmvale changed Village of Elmvale held their inaugural meeting in council chambers Monday evening and they too drew a crowd of relatives, friends and local dignitaries.

Clerk Faye Townes led members through the Oath and Pledge and Rev. Sidney MacDonald offered the blessing.

Two newcomers to village politics Keith Rossel and Dan McLean uttered their promises for the first time that night. Along with them were elected representatives Earl Vollick and Don Hocken.

Reeve Ken Knox spoke of how he was pleased with the turnout and noted that seldom do people attend council meetings in such numbers. He explained that council was the connecting link between village government and

the people and urged greater participation in the council process.

He expressed his thanks to retiring member of council Marion Baker and former councillor Ken Barnett, for their hard work in the past, then called on members to say a few words to those gathered.

All seemed a little ill-at-ease, but councillors Rossel and Vollick expressed their appreciation for votes received and pledged to "do their best" in the next two years. Both said they were looking forward to working with the new group.

Councillor McLean stated he would try to do his job in an unbiased and honest manner and pledged to promote recreation in the village while attempting to keep spending down.

Don Hocken noted he had a "big chair to fill" after he moved to the position at the table previously reserved for former councillor Barnett and mentioned he had enjoyed working with the old council and was looking forward to the next two years with the new group.

Former village Reeves Cecil French and Alex McAuley were on hand for the swearing in ceremonies as were Flos Reeve Gerard Moran, SCBE trustee Wendy MacKenzie and Separate School Board trustee Joe Klein Gebbinck. All spoke briefly to those in attendance.

The ceremonies concluded with a luncheon.



Some snowblower

Now that's a snowblower! Richard Quesnelle, a public works employee for the Town of Penetanguishene operates a sidewalk plow in effort to clear the walk on Church Street,

Penetanguishene, following Tuesday night's blizzard which dumped about 10 centimeters of snow on the region. By the way, the snowblower can't be borrowed to clear your driveway.



Two methods that work

There's more than one way to skin a cat and more than one way to clear a driveway as brothers Cleo, left, and Eugene Brunelle demonstrate while clearing the driveway to their garage at their Brock Street residence, in Penetanguishene. The six

inches of snow which fell during Tuesday's blizzard resulted in most residents taking part in their first driveway and sidewalk clearing program of the winter.

Resident home from hospital

by Mrs. Aubrey Giffen Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Mac Sewers were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Vanesse and daughter Kelly from Kent Bridge, and

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Moore from Orangeville.

Glad to report Mrs. Douglas Giffen has returned home after

spending a few days in Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie.

Mrs. Gordon Giffen and Mrs. Eric Ball enjoyed a weekend in Toronto recently.

Weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Giffen were Mr. and Mrs. John Dockman of Toronto and Mike Arsky of Barrie.

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