

Elwood Foskett

Finance expert

STOFFVILLE — Experience is the best teacher. Elwood Foskett learned his lesson well, well enough to take over the position of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer and Tax Collector when the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville became a single municipality within the confines of regional government.

That was nine years ago.

At the end of this year, Elwood will close the door on a challenging career, one that began in the Twp. of Uxbridge when the municipality was mostly rural in its make-up and the position of Clerk-Treasurer was only part-time.

"I went in blind-trial and error," he commented modestly, remembering his very first pay cheque of \$166.66 (a month), in a salary of \$2,000.

The township's municipal office was located above Taylor's Store at the four corners of Goodwood. The Council held its committee meetings there. Members included-Earl Dowswell, Reeve; Bob Nesbitt, Deputy-Reeve and Councillors, Alvin Redshaw, Charlie Forsyth and Norman Hogg.

Back in those days, the tax bills were all typed by hand, an onerous task. On occasions, he'd take some of the work home where wife Effie would lend a hand. She was a teacher on the staff at Goodwood Public School.

Elwood's knowledge of the municipality was amazing. He could describe the location of every resident, even



Treasurer to retire

down to the lot and concession. Such information proved a benefit, not only in his work but in assisting the general public.

Elwood grew up in Goodwood, attending public school there and Uxbridge High. To get to Uxbridge, two parents took turns in providing transportation. Between Christmas and Easter, they'd take the train from Goodwood Station. As a lad, Elwood assisted his father in the local blacksmith shop and later took over the Cocksbut tractor and implement agency.

He credits Don Kennedy, now of Markham, with "showing him the ropes". He remembers spending many a night at Don's home, learning the do's and don'ts of municipal rules and regulations. "He (Don Kennedy) taught me all I know," he said.

Council meetings were held once a month "way back then", in the old township hall near the railroad track on the 3rd concession. During the warm-weather periods, members sat around a table on an elevated stage. In the winter, they moved closer to an old brick stove. "Your back would burn and your front would freeze," he remembers.

With the advent of regional government in Whitchurch-Stouffville, Elwood applied for the deputy clerk treasurer's position here and was accepted. He and his wife were already living in town so the job move worked out well.

Being of the "old school", he never minded working extra hours. At tax time, he often came in at 7 a.m., "to keep things caught up".

"I've been used well," he agrees, telling how he was allowed time off in lieu of extra hours required during rush periods.

Elwood and Effie have no definite retirement plans, except to maybe travel a little.

"I just intend to take things easy—at least for a while," he said.

He'll be missed.

York County Board of Education Progress in 1979

REMARKS OF IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN FOR 1979 - W. DONALD COUSENS

What will 1979 be remembered for in The York County Board of Education?

Program - this Board has in the International Year of the Child done much to improve the quality of education that our young people will receive in the 1980's.

The Curriculum Councils and task forces have continued their efforts to write and implement the new course guidelines for the entire system. The resultant improvements in the class-rooms will impact every child in York County in the 80's.

Through the Task Force on Technical and Vocational Education, by co-operative programs in secondary schools, through the community Industrial Training Committee, York County has recognized the need to make technical programs in secondary schools more relevant to the student's future in industry, business and post-secondary education.

The Family Life and Sex Education Program will assist in the development of mature responsible individuals capable of making informed decisions, who can enjoy and be fulfilled by exercising their various capacities in the context of respect and appreciation for the rights and needs of others.

The Special Education Placement and Review Committees will become involved in the placement of exceptional pupils and review of such placements.

An Early Identification Program will be introduced in September 1980 to diagnose the special needs of children in time to plan and implement specialized programs.

Reducing class size in the elementary panel was the objective of hiring 27 additional classroom teachers. These, and the many other refinements to Program have been supported so that York County can provide the highest quality of education.

This board will be remembered for its decisions on Program. Communications - this Board will be remem-

bered as the Board that communicated;

The Director's report and the annual reports from the Divisional Superintendents provided an in depth insight to the system.

With the hiring of the Information Officer, we now have a public relations program to be proud of.

Through meeting with Ministers and officials of the Government of Ontario we have presented York County's need and have received satisfaction from the government's bearings; i.e. approvals for Riseborough and Willowbrook.

We have worked closely in a number of ways with the York County Roman Catholic Separate School system.

I met with the student council presidents and was able to share with them our concerns.

Knowing how critical it is that there be co-operation within the system through many meetings both formal and otherwise, this Board has endeavoured to promote a high level of trust within the system. We have made a deliberate effort to be open in our decision making process and to keep employees and the public informed.

Negotiations-the greatest single source of conflict and resultant lack of mutual faith is the process of coming to a collective agreement between teachers and this Board. Negotiations are a great distraction and the most time consuming activity of the Board.

Through the Board committee just established to assess and evaluate negotiations, I hope we will find new ways to carry on negotiations with our teachers and employee groups.

Through the presentation to the Ministry of Education that is in the final stages of preparation, let us hope that Bill 100 will be amended to remove the conflict that is so prevalent in the present process.

This Board has taken its responsibilities seriously and has made a number of decisions that will set the tone for the future;

The budget of \$6.5 million dollars was kept to an increase of 7 per cent, about 2 per cent below the current inflation rate. This Board has tried to live within its means.

Closing the secondary schools during the teachers' work-to-rule in September was essential for the Board because of its concern for the well being of the students and to fulfill the Trustee's responsibility to those who elected them.

-W. Donald Cousens

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BY SINCLAIR STEVENS

Undoubtedly, one of the immediate challenges facing the Government involves creating jobs for young Canadians. It is no secret that, upon taking office last June, we inherited a problem of high unemployment and that among the hardest hit by this unemployment have been Canadians between the ages of 15 and 24.

At the end of October of this year, the unemployment rate among the 15 to 24 age group was 13 per cent - almost three times the rate for adult males. In absolute terms, there were over 402,000 young Canadians looking for work, and at last report, unable to find work.

The costs associated with such massive youth unemployment are enormous. Unemployment insurance payments for youth alone were over \$1.5 billion in 1978 while welfare payments were estimated at \$360 million. There is also a cost associated with idle productive resources.

But the problem is not just economic. There is a social and human element which cannot be ignored. When young people are unable, for a prolonged period of time, to take an active place in society, their values and their attitudes about themselves and society itself are profoundly affected. If we want our young people to grow up with a confidence in their ability to contribute to society in a meaningful

way, then we must ensure they are gainfully employed as soon as possible.

Thus, job creation for young people has been given a high priority by the Government. The Minister of Employment and Immigration, Mr. Atkey, recently announced several initiatives that the Government plans to take with respect to this pressing problem.

The Government will establish a secretariat with the responsibility of developing a comprehensive youth employment strategy. The Youth Employment Secretariat, working in cooperation with business and industry, will concentrate on creating jobs of a long-term nature. As part of the overall strategy, new legislation will be introduced to provide tax credits as an incentive for employers in the private sector to hire young people. For further details of this program, you should enquire at your local employment centre.

The Government also has plans for a National Youth Service Corps which will involve young people in projects of a vital community service. These will not be make-work projects but real jobs designed to have a

lasting community and environmental benefit. The Youth Service Corps, while providing a useful service to society, will at the same time provide a challenging and rewarding work experience for young people.

Further, the Government has introduced a bill in the House of Commons to amend the Adult Occupational Training Act. Bill C-8 will increase assistance to training and apprenticeship programs

and will make federal training programs more responsive to the needs of the labour market. A revitalized training program, focusing on the new skills demanded by industry will undoubtedly assist young people in finding employment.

In total, the Government hopes to create 119,000 new jobs for young Canadians by March 1981. This should ensure we will not be living with 13 per cent youth unemployment in 1981 as we have been in the past.

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Our family was able to re-live the event as we thumbed through the pages of the Dec. 6 issue.

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