Exeter man named officer of Maitland hiking group

By WENDY HOERNIG

When one is nurturing a project that is young, yet important, many are the anxieties, and concerns over its development. But oh, the delight when it starts to grow and flourish! How much more worthwhile the seemingly unending problems become!

These feelings must have been shared by the initiators of the Maitland Trail Association, Thursday evening, October 28, when they held their first annual meeting in the music room at the Robertson Memorial School, Goderich. Close to 60 people packed the room — many of them newcomers to the Association.

Chairman Heinz Hoernig described the first year's activities and outlined the Association's plans and projects for the following year. The eventual aim is to have a hiking trail that stretches from Goderich to Wingham, following the Maitland River — including branch trails. It's development is similar to the way the Bruce Trail was built.

First, the most appropriate route is worked out. Then, since much of the route must cross private property, the owners are approached, with the hopes of obtaining their permission. This takes the form of an unwritten "gentlemen's agreement", which may be withdrawn if the owner has a change of heart. Where permission is not granted, the trail must detour around that section. Road allowances and public lands are also involved.

The reponsibilities of the Association don't end with the construction of the trail, however. Members inspect the trail to repair damage, if any, and to clean up any debris left by unthinking users, and also endeavour to teach users proper "trail manners". The most important rules, of course, are to stick to the trail, since it is often on private land, to leave no garbage, and to do no harm to the environment.

As Mr. Hoernig reported, the first year's work has resulted in three excellent and scenic sections, to provide good hiking, snowshoeing and cross country skiing for outdoor enthusiasts. Indeed, many hikers have already enjoyed these sections.

Trail Construction Director Bill Wisser reported on the actual trail construction. Many local members of all ages — from members of the G.D.C.I.'s "Outers", under John Smallwood, to members whose vigour and enthusiasm belie their age, gave the trail construction great momentum. They trimmed overhanging branches, painted blazes, built steps and bridges, and reported "It was fun — I'll come again."

Secretary treasurer Jean Knight outlined the Association financial position, and then the new officers were elected.

Executive officers are elected for a two year term. Those in their second year are Chairman Heinz Hoernig, Secretary-treasurer Jean Knight, and Director in charge of Trail Construction and Maintenance, Bill Wisser. First Year officers are the Vice-chairman Jim Bishop of Exeter and Landowner Relations Director, Maurice Wilkinson. Two positions, those of Club Activity Director, and Public Relations Director are yet to be filled.

Ideas put forth by Nick Hill concerning the best ways of extending the trail as far as possible in the next year were then discussed at length. Comments and questions from the floor showed an abundance of interest in the Trail's extension and success.

With the business portion concluded, everyone shared in a combination coffee, cookie, conversation and leg-stretch break. Then, thus refreshed, they settled down to view an excellent film about the Bruce Trail called "Among Other Things".

In concluding this report, there is one more important aspect, and that is the deep appreciation felt by all members and hikers for the permission given through the generosity of the many landowners already involved. They are truly unselfish, public-spirited people. Because of them, there will be many healthy, happy hikers in Huron County. May we all live up to their trust!

WELCOME WARMTH — People who participated in Sunday's Remembrance Day parade in Exeter were thankful for the warmth of the Legion Hall and the hot chocolate following the event. Harvey Pfaff, John Wraight, Ann Nicol and Esther Hillman were among those on hand to pass out the warm drinks to the Guides, Brownies and Cubs who participated. T-A photo

Okay snowplow tender

The township of Usborne has accepted the tender of Jim Siddal Trucking of Kirkton for the supply of winter maintenance.

The Siddall firm submitted the only bid. It calls for the supply of a truck and snow plowing equipment at the rate of $19 per hour and $10 per day standby time. This pact is subject to approval of the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and Communications.

Any ratepayers requiring gravel from the township supply during road gravelling operations will be charged $2.10 per cubic yard.

Tax collector Harry Strang reported that the final 1976 tax billings totalling $312,748.79 were ready for mailing.

Council approved a grant of $165 to the Huron County Junior Extension fund for 4-H programs.

Building inspector Doug Triebner reported issuing three building permits during the month of October with a value of $21,800. He also made eight inspections.

The report of the Prout municipal drain initiated by the township of Stephen is being referred back to the engineer at the request of a number of Usborne ratepayers. An on the site meeting is being arranged with the engineer.

Council will be asking the Huron County Board of Education and the Huron-Perth Separate School Board to accept two dates for payment of requisitions in 1977. These would be June 30 and December 15.

Application is being made for the receipt of an interim subsidy on road expenditures to date in the amount of $121,300.

Biddulph Township
MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS

Take notice that nominations will be received from

9:00 a.m.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 11th 1976

TO

5: p.m.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 15th 1976

at the Clerk's Office R.R. 1, Lucan, for the purpose of nominating fit and proper persons for the offices of a Reeve, a Deputy Reeve, three Councillors, three Trustees for Police Village of Granton to hold office for the years 1977 and 1978.

Nomination forms are available at the office of the undersigned.

Austin Hodgins
Clerk, Township of Biddulph

NOMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the Town of Exeter, County of Huron that in compliance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1972 Chapter 95, the period for nominations in the said Town of Exeter is the period

FROM

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 11 - 9 A.M.

UNTIL

MONDAY NOVEMBER 15 - 5 P.M.

for the purpose of nominating fit and proper persons for the office(s) of Mayor, Reeve, Deputy Reeve, six Councillors, two Public Utilities Commission of which all Electors are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

E. H. Carscadden
Returning Officer

NOMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the Township of Usborne in the County of Huron that the period during which nomination papers may be filed in the office of the clerk for the purpose of municipal elections will commence on

NOVEMBER 12th

AT THE HOUR OF 9:00 A.M.

AND CLOSE ON NOVEMBER 15th

AT THE HOUR OF 5:00 P.M.

for the purpose of nominating fit and proper persons for the office(s) of Reeve - one to be elected, Deputy Reeve - one to be elected, Councillors - three to be elected for the Township of Usborne; of which all Electors are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly, and further take notice that the manner in which said nominations shall be filed is set forth in section 34 of the Municipal Elections Act.

If a greater number of candidates than required to fill the said offices, are nominated and make the required declarations, notice of the time for the holding of the poll, including the advance poll and notice of the last day for making applications for a certificate to vote by proxy will be given forthwith.

Given under my hand this 4th day of November 1976.

H.H.G. Strang
Clerk and Returning Officer

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