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Personality Profile Of The Week

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J. C. Saddington

J. C. Saddington has been involved with municipal politics for the past 22 years. Being a senior executive when Port Credit was only a village. In 1961 he became the first Mayor of the new town. He relinquished his post to the present mayor in 1966.

Mr. Saddington has lived in the town of Port Credit since 1930. He and his wife Catherine have five children, three girls and two boys. Janet and Jim are twins, Janet being a teacher at a high school in Ottawa and Jim is employed by the Retail Credit Company in Toronto.

Cy as he is known to his friends was born in Almont, Ontario, September 7, 1911. He moved to Arnprior at the age of six and received his public and high school education in that town. In the fall of 1929 Cy enrolled at the University of Toronto and for the next three years his undivided attention was focussed on Commerce and Finance. It was a natural step for him to then proceed towards his chartered accountancy degree which he obtained in 1939. Cy then went into the chartered accountancy business on his own in 1941. His practise was interrupted for three years when he served overseas for his country in the second World War. On his return he resumed his activities in chartered accountancy and in 1950 located his business in Port Credit. At present the firm of Saddington and Roe is doing land office business in the town.

It was in the political field that Mr. Saddington really shone. Politics was and is a sideline which has occupied his thoughts and actions since his first days as a councillor in 1942. If one would care to make perusal of the town records they might find Mr. Saddington's name cropping up at every turn of the page.

He took on the duties of councillor again in 1948 and after an interim of two years the public saw fit to elect him as Deputy Reeve. He served Port Credit in this capacity for three years and the public gave him another

came the first mayor of the fledgling town of Port Credit. He vividly remembers the opening session of town council when the chain of office was placed round his neck. The chain which was a personal gift, is a memento of

County Children's Aid Society and, as a member of the advisory committee on child welfare he helped pass important legislation. Area citizens may also remember that Mr. Saddington sponsored Civic Day for children which ran for five or six years and provided a healthy outlet for youngsters' energies.

Mr. Saddington is astounded by the rapid developments which have taken place over the past 20 years. He cited as an example the rise in assessment for parks from \$300 in 1942 to around \$14,000 at the present time. The overall assessment rising from a meagre \$147,000 to a present rate of \$13,500,000.

Mr. Saddington is still a relatively young man and considering the wealth of experience he has gained over the years the future should probably see him back in the political fray with renewed vigour. He is very much concerned with the annexation question and keeps a watch dog's eye on the affairs of council.

He expressed the view that the time is coming when there is going to be one large municipality in South Peel and in view of this fact every effort should be made to cooperate with other municipalities till that moment arrives. He is dead set against bigness for bigness sake. Right at the present time Port Credit enjoys many services and has an equitable tax rate he doesn't want the town to lose in the amalgamation shuffle.

One might have cause to wonder what a man who has served his town in so many ways can do for an encore. One can rest assured whatever Cy Saddington does it will be well done.



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vote of confidence for the office of Reeve in 1953. The year 1954 saw him appointed Warden of Peel County, a position he had long coveted and one which provided a large scope for his boundless enthusiasm.

By the year 1961 Mr. Saddington had taken part in practically all the phases of office open in municipal government. It was the icing on the cake when in 1961 he be-

came his proudest moment, and is a cherished possession in his home.

Being intricately involved in community affairs, Mr. Saddington was often called to advise committees and boards. He served two years as president of the Peel