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ENTIRE CAST of Acton Lions Club's first annual Minstrel Show posing on stage after their third and final performance Saturday evening in the Robert Little auditorium. The hall was packed three nights running for the hilarious show directed by Ruth Musselle and her father-in-law George Musselle, seated in the front row at the extreme left. Included in the photograph are the chorus and six end men, interlocutor Jack Doherty, choreographer Mrs. Joyce Carpenter, pianist David Benham, organist Paul Barber, make-up director R. R. Parker and Lionettes who gave out programs. And those beautiful girls in the front row aren't.

—Staff Photo

About Turn Monday as H.S. Board Again Closes Facilities to Public

Acton high school board made an about turn Monday evening when they voted 4 to 1 to return to their original policy of restricting use of high school property to supervised school activities and use by staff.

This action followed a lengthy discussion sparked by chairman E. S. Force who informed members he had been confused regarding his legal right to vote when the school use policy had been changed during the October meeting. Then, the resolution to restrict use of school properties was rescinded. He said he had erred in not asking for a negative vote as well as the recorded positive vote and in not exercising his own powers.

Word of Explanation

(At the October meeting chairman Force and trustees Rev. D. Engel, C. W. Swackhamer and Bill Coon were present with trustee D. Moffat absent. This amending motion to change board policy to allow use of school facilities by outside groups was carried when trustees Engel and Swackhamer voted in the affirmative. Although trustee Coon stated his disapproval to his change prior to the vote being called, chairman Force did not call a dissenting vote or vote himself.)

(When the North Halton High School District Board which included Acton, Georgetown and Milton was dissolved in favor of a separate board in each town, Acton formed a district high school board which included representation from the townships of Nassagaweya and Esquesing.)

Last year after the separate board was formed, a policy was adopted to limit use of school facilities to supervised school activities or staff members. At the October meeting, Mr. Engel sponsored an amending motion to this allowing use of school property to organizations within the jurisdiction of the area board, which was approved. This amending motion was seconded by

trustee Wallace Swackhamer, Esquesing township representative.)

(At the November meeting trustees Moffat and Swackhamer sponsored a motion asking reconsideration of the amending motion at a full board meeting; and this took place Monday.)

During this Monday's meeting, Mr. Swackhamer informed the board he had consulted several Esquesing ratepayers regarding their view on opening up school properties to outsiders and received only one affirmative answer. He stated that in view of this independent survey he would have to alter his thinking on the subject and vote against allowing the facilities to be opened to the public.

Mr. Engel said although a full board had not been present when his amending motion was approved it was evident a quorum existed which in parliamentary procedure is considered as a full board for voting power.

Chairman Force informed the board he was not certain if as chairman he voted as a trustee and had another vote as chairman in the event of a tie. A letter from the Department of Education clarified the point; the

chairman has one vote at the time the question is called and in the event of a tie the question called is considered defeated. The chairman also thought since a full board was not present at the time the amending resolution was approved, the motion should be considered again.

Taking exception to this, trustee Engel stated, "This is a bad idea, giving each member a veto." He explained that any member could possibly absent himself from a meeting on occasions when contentious issues were to be voted on.

Duncan Moffat said he would consider use of the school without the presence of the caretaker and pointed out it might mean the caretaker would be at the school every night as well as throughout the day. "I feel we are going to run into difficulties, if we open up school facilities," he said.

Cool Profit

Trustee Engel declared, "In refusing use of school facilities we are choking off certain activities or groups which could profit by these facilities for the benefit of the entire community."

Not satisfied, Mr. Engel said he would be pursuing further the subject of opening the school facilities to the general public.

"If this is your viewpoint I advise taking a long hard look at the night school," Mr. Engel said, and Mr. Force agreed "it could be classed as adult recreation."

May Delay High School Addition Use Stone School Temporarily

A decision by members of the staff of Acton District High School will be one of the determining factors on whether taxpayers will be asked to pay their share of a proposed four-room high school addition estimated at \$60,000. Monday evening board members instructed principal E. A. Hansen to consult his staff for their decision in by-passing the proposed addition for a year or two in favor of utilizing classrooms in

the vacant stone school formerly occupied by pupils of the Robert Little public school.

Members learned that in view of an austerity program adopted by council this year and the building of a technical wing at Georgetown high school which will absorb some Acton students when completed, they were offered use of rooms in the old stone school on a temporary basis by Acton public school board.

Two months ago the high school board was warned of the increasing enrolment and need for additional rooms by principal E. A. Hansen and steps were taken to seek information from the firms of Barnett and Rieder, architects of the present high school.

Unanimous Agreement

When the verbal offer from the public school board was received, board members unanimously agreed.

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United-Carr to Establish Plant Here Plan Production Start For March '62

"What's the News?"

Two Phone Lines Jangle Relay Results 200 Times

Almost 200 calls within a few hours came in to the Free Press office Tuesday evening, almost every one asking, "What's the latest on the election?" And they all learned the latest, "nothing yet" to the last, just before midnight, who heard everything, figures and all.

The two telephone lines jangled constantly from 10 to 11 with slightly fewer calls before that and after. An extra operator at the Bell office helped channel them.

Presumably many tried to get one of the two phone lines and couldn't. One person tried seven or eight times with no luck, he said.

None of the calls were long for the information was given out as quickly as possible. Some were writing it all down. Reactions of subdued cheers or sighs came clearly over the line.

Although the election service was advertised for Tuesday night, the first calls came Monday — asking for Nassagaweya results which weren't available. More phoned Wednesday for final totals.

Latest results were phoned immediately, ward by ward and office by office, from the town office where they were being hastily tabulated. Many phone calls were interrupted for word of a change, a new total — or the final result.

United-Carr Fastener Co. of Canada Ltd. will develop an industrial operation in 15,000 square feet of space in the Canada Packers building with production scheduled to start in March 1962, president R. M. Healey told the Free Press this week.

"We are going to be producing on a completely automatic basis, automotive oil filter cans for Canadian oil filter manufacturers. We will be the only company in Canada producing in this manner and expect to serve the requirements of the Canadian trade," the president said.

The oil filter cans are a new product for United-Carr Fastener on which production is scheduled for March 1962.

Spray Caps

Also moving to the Acton plant will be the spray equipment for gold coating liquor bottle caps for the Canadian and American market. "Moulders of these caps will ship them to us for coating and we then forward the caps to the distillers for assembly to their bottles. This

operation has been running in Oakville for a few years and we are moving it to Acton," the company president told the Free Press.

Total employment anticipated in the operation will be approximately eight men.

14 U.S. Plants

United-Carr is a subsidiary of an American company of the same name with 14 plants in the United States and plants in England and Australia. Canadian head office is at Hamilton and an assembly plant is located at St. Remi, Quebec.

General product lines of the company include parts for electronics, automobiles, radios, TV, clothing, leather goods, pen and pencil manufacturers and cosmetic containers.

United-Carr will be located in the former Wool Combing building along with Keates Organ, Michigan Bulb and Waleigh Furniture Co.

Bell Short Circuit Causes False Alarms

Firefighters kept in trim last weekend as they raced to the fire hall on four occasions only to find a false alarm each time. Shorting Bell telephone wires with the fire alarm system caused the sirens to sound.

Friday evening the sirens went long and loud and firemen were unable to shut them off without pulling the main switch. A check by the hydro department revealed no electrical or mechanical failure and the Northern Electric crew working at the Bell dial building were notified.

The same evening the sirens sounded twice more and the trouble was traced once again to the Bell dial installation. Saturday firemen had a rest when the sirens remained silent but Sunday at 5 p.m. they rushed to the hall only to find another false alarm. Fortunately the siren was silent while firemen held "Ladies Night."

Fire chief Mick Holomes contacted the Bell workers and has been informed the trouble should not occur again. The maze of wires in the dial exchange building necessitates testing night and day before the changeover on December 17.

Skate Saturday? Watch Window

First to set the skates on the first sheet of artificial ice at the arena were the members of the intermediate hockey team. They held a practice Wednesday night.

The children who've been watching the place eagerly for so long will in all probability be on the ice Saturday afternoon from 24 p.m. for the first free skating. A sign will be posted in the window at the town office in the Y.M.C.A. with final word.

40 Per Cent of Voters Cast Ballots During Municipal Election Tuesday

One thousand, two hundred and forty-one people didn't bother to vote when reeve, deputy reeve, council, hydro commissioners and school board were elected Tuesday. Just 40 per cent of Acton's 2087 eligible voters — 846 — put in the 1962 slate.

VOTING TUESDAY BY WARDS

Following is a summary of voting Tuesday by wards listing each division rejected and unmarked ballots, total number of voters and the results with the names of the men elected to office in capitals. Under the rejected and unmarked columns all ballots for the five offices are totalled.

Ward	Reject	Unmark.	Voters	Eligible	Per Cent.
Ward 1-1	21	5	228	514	44.4
Ward 1-2	1	1	107	392	27.3
Ward 2	13	12	132	297	44.4
Ward 3	20	10	229	476	48.0
Ward 4	11	1	150	408	36.8
Total	66	29	846	2087	40.0

FOR REEVE						
Ward	1-1	1-2	2	3	4	Total
J. HARGRAVE	112	27	58	100	57	354
H. Hinton	75	39	44	80	59	297
H. Lowe	25	31	20	33	18	127
E. Pope	5	8	4	7	12	36

FOR DEPUTY-REEVE						
Ward	1-1	1-2	2	3	4	Total
W. H. DENNY	205	68	116	190	126	705
A. Field	19	38	14	34	22	127

FOR COUNCIL						
Ward	1-1	1-2	2	3	4	Total
L. DUBY	200	88	112	185	124	709
G. V. BARBEAU	179	77	105	180	119	660
F. TOTI Sr.	163	62	95	156	114	590
F. PROUSE	164	56	92	154	98	564
J. WOOD	137	73	74	118	66	468
H. PEAL	62	79	94	128	102	465
A. Johnson	96	62	51	126	70	405
E. McDonald	30	39	25	39	23	156

FOR HYDRO COMMISSION						
Ward	1-1	1-2	2	3	4	Total
R. ARBIC	158	78	78	148	93	555
G. McCUTCHEON	149	62	97	133	88	529
D. G. Ryder	95	51	53	119	76	394

FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD						
Ward	1-1	1-2	2	3	4	Total
W. J. BENSON	199	85	116	179	128	707
T. WATSON	192	90	111	177	127	697
V. BRISTOW	85	60	58	104	64	371
R. Kirkness	92	48	40	96	61	337

Only 14 More Shopping Days Until Christmas — Five Year Old Mary Watson Shops at Home



SHOPPING for three brothers is a big problem. Mary decides that older brothers Bob and David might enjoy mechanical aeroplanes. Three-month-old Johnny can look forward to a soft inflated rubber clown.



SISTERS are fussy and one has to be careful, but Mary decides on a doll and pram for Anne and Jane. She hopes the girls will like her choice. She certainly had a difficult time making up her mind from the wide selection offered by Acton merchants.



MOTHERS always need a new hat or blouse and so Mary tries to decide which to purchase. She found Acton merchants have everything a shopper, young or old, would desire. She enjoyed shopping at home for Christmas.



GRANDMA is real nice to me," thinks Mary as she tries to choose something that would please. In a jewellery store the large selection offered posed a big problem but finally she made up her mind. The purchase remains a secret until Christmas.



FATHER smokes cigarettes . . . but then he can get them at his restaurant! "Maybe a fancy sports shirt or snazzy sports vest?" wonders the young shopper. When her shopping tour had ended she found something to delight everyone—and right at home in Acton.