

# Century-Old Sheriff's Documents Found in Court House Clean-Up

Cleaning up around his office the other day, preparing for the move to the new County Building, Halton County Sheriff Andrew Frank found a wealth of century-old sheriff's and jail documents hidden away in books and crannies.

The gem of the collection was a "presentment" of the Halton Grand Jury drawn after an inspection of the county buildings on October 1, 1858. The Jury deplored the increase of crime in the county, and attributed the blame on the "injurious influences of liquor" that was apparently readily sold at every little shop in the county.

**Early Postcards**

Other items in the papers included several early type postcards, a handwritten sheriff's document, dated 1872, a supplement to the Halton Journal, listing the county's 425-1 annual statement published February 12, 1857, an 1859 poster calling for offers of 100 cords of hickory for the jail furnace, an 1874 sheriff's sale listing a bay horse for public auction, another sheriff's sale of six pieces of land dated 1881, which had no less than 12 admissions, a list of admissions to the jail in 1858, some 1881 telegrams, rather quaint compared to those of today, and the architect's original plans for building the jail dated 1880 and the court house dated 1881.

Following is the text of the "presentment" by the Grand Jury.

**PRESENTMENT**

The Grand Jury of our Sovereign Lady the Queen for the County of Halton beg leave to present—

That they regard the increase of crime in the County with feelings of deep regret, and cannot but perceive but the docket on this occasion presented to the Court is as voluminous as has hitherto been named in a Black Catalogue. The cause, we attribute in a great measure to the injurious influences of liquor, in many instances dealt out by small shopkeepers through the County by the quart, and otherwise having a beneficial influence on society in general. We hope the late Municipal Act will give power to our Municipal Councils, to remedy such a prolific source of crime.

We found as usual the Prison clean and all things well arranged;

## 4-H Clubs Complete Projects Await Annual Awards Night

The six 4-H Agricultural Clubs in the southern part of Halton County have completed the 1962 program.

The 4-H Corn Club, sponsored by the Georgetown Agricultural Society, exhibited sheaves of corn at Georgetown Fair on Friday, September 21, to mark the completion of their club program.

The standings in this 4-H club were as follows: 1st, Ed Van Bockelen; 2nd, Margaret Kline; 3rd, Maureen Succerman; 4th, Bill Robertson; 5th, Bill Alexander; 6th, Art Lawson; 7th, Tom McDonald; 8th, Jeffrey Nurse; 9th, Louie Hill.

**Four Calf Clubs**

The four Calf Clubs, consisting of a Junior and Senior Holstein Calf Club, a Jersey Guernsey Ayrshire Calf Club, and a Beef and Dual Purpose Calf Club, held their annual Achievement Day program in conjunction with Milton Fair on Friday, September 28. Some 88 members from these four clubs exhibited their calves



## Y's Men's Meeting Jim Casburn Sketches Plans \$250 Given by Y's Menettes

"Happiness is not doing what one likes but liking what one is doing," stated Jim Casburn, newly-appointed recreational director for the town of Acton, guest speaker at the first dinner meeting of the Acton Y's Men's club this fall season. Twenty members were present and welcomed the guest, John Waidson. The meeting was Thursday of last week in the Y.M.C.A.

The guest speaker, an alumnus of the University of Western Ontario, was capably introduced by Y's Man Pat McKenzie. Mr. Casburn, former recreational director in Scarborough and Agincourt, outlined the course of action from the town's desire for such a director to the many and varied duties accompanying the office. A director, he stated, must insure adequate opportunity for everyone of every age to enjoy the maximum of recreation. Co-operation and coordination of the present sports activity program by various participating sponsors are very necessary in a well-instituted recreation program.

Among possible projects in Acton are a figure skating club, square dancing club, senior citizens' organization and keeping fit programs.

He was thanked by Y's Man, Sonny Rogvabldson.

**Cheque from Y's Menettes**

Y's Man Pat McKenzie presented to the club on his wife's behalf, a cheque for \$250 from the Y's Menettes. A motion was passed that a projector would be purchased by the club so that the Saturday afternoon movies could begin October 6. The annual fall fair, son and daughter banquet will be held November 8. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The four seasons of the present Spring's clean-up, Summer's diviness, Autumn's get ready, Winter's hot fires.

Photo by Don Hills

**100 YEARS** of continuous service to the community was observed by Rockwood Presbyterian Church last week. Overflowing crowds attended both services. The minister is the Rev. Dr. George Aitken.

### First in a Chain FAME Turns Sod for Plant

Farmers' Allied Meat Enterprises Co-Operative Ltd. of Ontario held its "Sod turning ceremony" to mark the construction of its first and largest plant near Ayr, Waterloo County, on Wednesday, September 19. A large crowd attended with shareholders, their families and friends coming from all over Ontario. A picnic lunch was enjoyed by many. Rain threatened at times but did not dampen the enthusiasm of those present.

At the afternoon ceremonies, local dignitaries welcomed FAME to Waterloo County and wished them much success. The guest speaker was J. A. Courteau, manager of the Co-Operative Federation of Quebec. He outlined, at some length, the program followed in that province. He said FAME was a major step forward for the farmers of Ontario and offered any possible assistance from the Quebec Federation.

**Held "1962" Share**

The first sod was turned by David Ireland of Terravater in Bruce County. He was chosen as his share certificate in FAME was numbered 1962 (1962 - A year of Hope for Ontario livestock producers).

This plant at Ayr is a first in a chain of plants designed to serve livestock producers in Ontario. The need for farmers to process their own livestock in order to have a voice in the selling of a product of their labor is recognized by many progressive farmers.

**Don't Fool With Blowtorch**

Fire safety is no accident and this is particularly true for the "do-it-yourself" operator around the home. Here are practical hints from the experience of Canada's 55,000 fire fighters, pretty self-reliant fellows themselves in family chores and crafts.

Blow torches and welding equipment. No other equipment has greater "built-in" hazards. Fuel and light out-of-doors. You're asking for trouble when you light a torch in a crowded space to thaw out frozen water pipes.

Gasoline and other fuels. Never store in glass bottles, which may fall and break, igniting or vaporizing and exploding. Clean up shavings, sawdust and other debris after each day's work. A tidy work area will make the next go at the job a happier and a faster one.

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During 1961, the Acton Volunteer Fire Department answered 50 fire calls in Acton and the surrounding townships — Representing a loss of property totalling \$9,500 in the townships and \$500 in the Town of Acton. No persons were killed but one family was left homeless.

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**MY PLEDGE FOR FIRE SAFETY**

- I pledge to remove fire hazards from my home daily.
- I will not kill by smoking in bed or being careless when I do smoke.
- I will not clean clothes or start fires with gasoline or other flammable liquids.
- I will not throw away matches without first being sure they are out.
- I will check my heating appliances and chimneys at regular intervals.
- I will not place hot ashes and coals in anything but a metal container and will not leave these containers sitting on a wooden floor.
- I will protect all woodwork close to smoke pipes with asbestos and metal, leaving an air space of at least two inches between this protection and the pipe.
- I will not do electrical wiring repairs unless I am a qualified electrician.
- I will not use pennies, hairpins, foil and such as electric fuses.
- I pledge to make Fire Prevention a year-round obligation by participating actively in the fight to reduce Canada's annual death toll by fire.

ONLY YOU CAN HELP US IN OUR CONSTANT FIGHT AGAINST FIRE, BY OBSERVING THE THEME OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK:

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Next Week October 7-13 has been proclaimed **Fire Prevention Week** IN CANADA

DURING THIS WEEK AND THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE YEAR, WE PLEDGE FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION TO HELP US KEEP ACTON AND DISTRICT FIRE SAFE. WON'T YOU HELP?

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