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Fire Prevention Scrap Book Was Brigade Second Place

Acton Firefighters brought home to the community this week when it was announced they had placed second with their Fire Prevention Scrap Book. They competed against other Fire Departments in the class with a population from 2,500 to 5,000.

Winning first place was Maniowag with Gananoque third. Honorable mention in this class went to Halleybury, New Lakehead and Petrolia. Last year Acton received honorable mention.

The scrap book project was a combined effort of the Acton Firefighters under the supervision of deputy-chief Bill Williams and firefighter Harry Otterbein. For outstanding county-sponsored fire prevention programs, Halton County received special recognition by the judges. Milton competing in a population class from 5,000 to 10,000 received honorable mention with Oakville receiving the same in a population class from 10,000 to 25,000.

J. Goy First Chairman Recreation Committee

John H. Goy was named first chairman of the newly-formed recreation committee during the second session of the year Thursday evening, January 17. He will also head the administration committee, one of five standing committees.

Committees selected during the evening include administration; Chairman, Mr. Goy; Dr. Frank Oakes, Doug Widdie, Len Lovell and Jack Bullough; finance committee, chairman Doug Widdie, Claude Cook and J. Bert Wood; recreation and programming, chairman Jack Bullough, Mrs. S. Kates and Albert Irwin; refreshment committee, chairman Len Lovell and Mrs. H. Otterbein; building and equipment committee, chairman Dr. Oakes and C. Cook.

Wading Pool?
The chairman suggested the program committee establish a program to begin as soon as the winter ice program is over. He also felt the wading pool might come under the jurisdiction of the recreation committee but suggested the board and administration committee hold a joint meeting for this purpose.

Lloyd Minshall, district representative of the Department of Education, would meet with the recreation committee and parks board at the meeting. Also scheduled for discussion would be hiring a full-time secretary to handle secretarial duties of both bodies.

Following a general discussion on recreation programming, it was decided to hold regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month.

Mr. Goy, a prime instigator of the community centre and artificial ice, has been keenly interested in the formation of a recreation committee here. He has just retired as mayor.

Esquing Joins Color Battle To Protest Yellow Margarine

Esquing Councillors this week joined the "uncolored margarine" campaign as they endorsed a protest against any legislation allowing manufacturers to color margarine to resemble butter.

The resolution was sponsored by the Halton Cream Producers, and was "strongly" endorsed by the township council.

Councillors were non-committal, however, when Mr. Bowen of Physicians Services Inc. appeared to outline the county-wide sales program of the medical services. The firm is one of two attempting to enroll Halton residents in a pre-paid medical scheme and council refused to give support to the one firm.

The council's \$1,077 share of Hornby Park expenses were approved.

Many Sports Headliners Slated To Attend Dinner Here Feb. 1

Sports personalities from Canada and the U.S. are still sending in confirmations that they will attend the sports celebrities dinner planned for the legion auditorium here, Friday, February 1.

Acton Lions club's committee chairman, Alec Johnson, has received definite notification from eight of the celebrities contacted that they will attend.

Headlining the dinner will be special guest, Maurice (Rocket) Richard, probably hockey's best-known personality. Also stating their intention to attend are:

- Danny Nikjask of the Toronto Argonauts football club.
- Cliff Lumden, one of the world's best swimmers.
- Timothy Geohagen, star of the wrestling world. He's one of Frank Tunney's stable of grunners.
- Bill Adair, Toronto Maple Leaf's new baseball manager, formerly with Milwaukee Braves of the National League.
- Tyd Elmes, president of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association.

Car Fire

Acton firefighters made a fast run to the home of A. Bethel, Wynford Place, Glenlea Subdivision Thursday evening, January 17, to extinguish a car blaze. Apparently a heat lamp under the hood was the cause. No estimate of damage has been received.

790 Tons Sand

With a total supply of salt and sand amounting to approximately 790 tons at the town workyard, winter road conditions will likely be combated successfully until spring arrives. Clerk Jack McGeachie stated Wednesday morning only a small amount of the supply has been used to date and compared to 700 tons used other years, he anticipates the present stockpile will be adequate.



ANNIE BENNETT, popular grade 10 student at Acton high school, placed first against students from Guelph Continuation Vocational Institute and Fergus district high school during a public speaking contest sponsored by the Industrial Accident Prevention Association in Guelph Monday evening. Pictured above are the six speakers from Acton who tried out for the finals before Anne was picked to compete by judges at the Acton school. Left to right are Miss Bennett, Sandra Hargrave, Bryan Hammond, Gay White, Bernie Frueler and Alex Nieszerl.

Meeting Saturday

Calvin Aitken Heads Fair Board For Society's 50th Anniversary

A good crowd attended the annual meeting of the Acton Agricultural Society on Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Community Centre.

The financial statement read by Mrs. C. Swackhamer showing an expenditure of \$7,338.09 was evidence of the active year that the society has had.

Retiring president Nino Baida expressed his appreciation of the co-operation he had received from the officers and directors and made special mention of the contribution the ladies' board had made since they had organized and their active part in the work of the society. He also voiced appreciation to all those who gave donations and contributed advertisements to the Acton Fair prize list and to those organizations who work with the society on fair days. He noted there were a record number of exhibitors this past year and reminded the gathering that these were the real supporters of any fair.

4-H Work
J. A. Francis, Agricultural Representative for Halton County, congratulated the directors on the work that they were doing. He made special mention of the work that the society was doing for 4-H clubs in this district and stressed the need for carrying on this work.

This year will mark the 50th anniversary of the club and also the 50th anniversary of the Acton Agricultural Society.

Leading the executives for this anniversary year will be: Past president, Nino Baida; president, Calvin Aitken; 1st vice president, Jack Marshall; second

Mayor Praises Legion During Annual Dinner

Nearly 150 legion members from Branch 197, Acton, heard mayor George Barbeau praise their branch for the important role Legionnaires have played in Acton during the past year, during the annual dinner at the Legion hall Saturday evening.

The mayor expressed thanks on behalf of the town and council for the community job the branch has done on behalf of minor sports and wished them continued success during the coming year.

Halton federal representative Dr. Harry Harley assured the veterans he was willing both as a veteran and member of parliament to hear any problems they might have and assist in any way possible.

Father V. J. Morgan, rector of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church, who is an annual visitor at the legion banquet, opened his brief message to the branch with several witty anecdotes and then expressed his pleasure at being invited. He wished the members every success in the coming year.

The following head table guests were introduced by banquet chairman secretary John Hufnagel, Dr. Harry Harley, mayor George Barbeau, George Musselle, 1962 first and second vice presidents Jack Bullough and Jim Gunn, retiring president James Milne, newly elected sergeant-at-arms Norman Douglas and 1963 second vice president Frank Spielvogel. Guests included Legion padre Rev. A. H. McKenzie; Father V. J. Morgan; Rev. Dwight Engel, United Church minister; Rev. Stanley Gammon pastor at Acton Baptist church; Rev. D. H. West, rector at St. Alban's church; lady

Night School Group Stresses Annual Meeting's Importance

Perennial problem of drawing a good crowd to the annual meeting of all those interested in the night school was discussed when a dozen committee members met Wednesday evening of last week at the high school. While parents were in the gym discussing high school students with the teachers, the committee members were talking over their adult counterparts and wondering how many would be at the most important meeting of the year, when new officers are chosen.

Chairlady Mrs. Jack Creighton reported that for the first time in several years the popular night school had a comfortable cash balance of about \$100. This would not be enough to permit lowering of fees next year, however.

The attendance of 156 was slightly down from last year and varied comments had been heard on holding all the classes before Christmas. Many would have liked to continue. On the other hand, attendance held up much better this way. Overall attendance was 11 per cent, much better than other years when there were many drop-outs who didn't show up for classes again after Christmas.

"Display night" attendance was up with better weather this year.

Date of the annual meeting is Wednesday, February 13.

Several committee members intend to resign, including the capable chairlady for the past three years, and replacements are being sought.

United Annual Meeting Increases Boards' Size

A group of 50 at the annual meeting of Trinity United Church heard reports, named officials, increased the size of two boards, debated and accepted the budget and then adjourned to chat over coffee last night (Wednesday).

The Rev. Dwight Engel chaired the meeting with George Bowman, secretary. It began with devotions.

Elders, Stewards
The number of elders on the session was increased from 25 to 28. Reappointed to the board were G. W. McKenzie, Ken Allen and John Blandell. New members named are Norm Fryer, Lloyd Gahn, John Bousfield, Mrs. Alf Long and Mrs. Anthony Ironside. They will be installed next Sunday morning.

Added to the committee of stewards, which was given the power to increase its number up to 12, were Roy Knapp and William Morrison.

Orwell Johnston, clerk of session for many years, was re-named lay delegate to presbytery and to conference, with an alternate

(to be named by the United Church Women. Jack Creighton is again church treasurer and auditors again George Bowman and G. W. McKenzie.

Thanks to Engels
A "hearty vote of thanks" to the minister and his wife, made by F. Bert Wood and seconded promptly by R. H. Elliott, was applauded. "Very few know the demands made on the minister," Mr. Wood said.

Reports showed total resident membership 412; 11 infant and five adult baptisms, 14 marriages (more than usual) and 10 funerals.

Four hundred is about the size of the first Christian congregation as recorded in the Bible, Mr. Engel pointed out, and it's well above average size for a United Church.

Figure Skaters Place at Galt

Bringing honors to Acton in the Western Ontario Figure Skating Championships at Galt on January 17, 18 and 19 were Acton district high school students, Linda Braida and Sally Wilson, two members of the Guelph College Figure Skating Club.

Sally Wilson, who was on her fourth figure test and silver dances, placed ninth in the class of 20 in the novice ladies' singles for her free skating performance. Sally skated to music from My Fair Lady in a blue velvet dress trimmed with white and silver sequins. Sally is being trained by senior professional Mrs. Patricia Hoy of the Guelph College Figure Skating Club.

Class Second
In the junior ladies' singles Linda Braida placed a close second in a class of 10 with a 135.9 behind first place Sharon Davis of Aylmer with 136.5. For her solo performance Linda wore a black wool dress with white sequins and skated a three-minute program to selections from Bohemian of Spain.

Linda is being trained by Richard Rimmer of the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club. Linda is on her gold figure test and gold dances.

"The old saying 'early to bed and early to rise' paid off as both skaters were on the ice at Guelph every morning at seven o'clock and back in time for classes at nine. Ice was provided by Guelph Figure Skating Club.

Esquing Offices

April Deadline for New Building

Workers hope to finish the project to meet the architect's date of occupancy in April.

In spite of below-zero weather conditions, interior work on the 38'3" x 39' building continues as a portable oil furnace is heating workers warm. Some plumbing and wiring has been done already and sub-contractors are attempting to complete this phase of work as soon as possible. Main contractor for the project is J. B. Mackenzie and Son, Georgetown.

Five-Acre Site
The building is being erected on a five-acre site purchased from Charles Gregg under the supervision of architect D. O. Baker, Oakville. When it is completed the new administration building will replace the present building purchased in 1925, which is located in Stewarttown.

The administration building will house a separate council chamber 19'4" x 30' feet, set back 12 feet from the main entrance, offices for the clerk, supervisor, assistant treasurer, janitor, two spare offices and a wash at the main floor. The basement area is designed to accommodate a furnace room and utility offices if required. Attention to any future expansion is allowed at the rear of the building.

The "panda" roof on the new building will hold approximately four inches of water during the building cool down from the weather.

Ken Hardman Heads 1963 Planning Board

Ken Hardman was appointed chairman of Acton Planning Board at its inaugural meeting last Thursday evening. Present also were two new members to the board this year, Wes Maaless and Dave Manes and three members from previous years, Aldo Braida, R. H. Elliott and H. H. Hinton.

An application from Beardmore and Company for rezoning of the tennis courts and bowling green was turned down. The application called for a zone change from O' parks and recreation, to C1, commercial. In the property involved in the application are three lots fronting on Mill Street and two lots facing Church St. While the various possibilities for rezoning the property were discussed, the

Esquing Budget

The \$22,328 budget was accepted as presented by chairman Fred Gordon after brief discussion. It is substantially the same as last year.

It was decided to change the policy on Missionary and Maintenance giving. Just the exact

Secretary Jack McGeachie

Secretary Jack McGeachie reported the by-law which had been submitted to the Department for its study had not been returned. The department offered to review the by-law some months ago and the secretary reported he had just about given up waiting for it.

He reported he had telephoned and written requesting its return. He was instructed to telephone again to attempt to speed its return.

The possibility of hiring a new consultant for the board was discussed and interviews are to be arranged to have planners visit the board and discuss their proposals.

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186 DAYS without a lost time accident is the record for personnel at the A. P. Green Firebrick Company in Acton. Plant Manager George V. Barbeau points to the board as employee John Buckman looks on. The board was installed Tuesday in the plant. At the bottom of the sign a green light glows after 100 days have been reached. This is to encourage the employees to practice safety habits. A total of 19 employees will be keeping their eyes on the board in hopes a red light doesn't flash. This indicates an accident and wipes the board clean.

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