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Junior Farmers Best in Ontario

Halton County Junior Farmers walked off with the two major awards Saturday, when their choir and their quartet entries took top honors at the Ontario Junior Farmer spring conference held in Toronto.

The quartet, one of three in the contest, received 85 out of 100 possible points. Members of the group are Graham Reeve, Dave Luckie, Joe Love and Paul May.

The choir received 90 out of 100 for their test pieces, defeating seven other choirs from across Ontario in the contest. Mrs. G. Newell was choir leader.

Members of the choir were Ruth and Wilma Mason, Ria VanArkle, Marilyn and Diane Wrigglesworth, Marion and Margaret Hunter, Marilyn and Graham Reeve, Alleen Harrop, Joy Hayward, Lillian Hoole, Kaye Marshall, Verna Thompson, Ron Brook, Bill Cole, Doug McLean, Joe Love, John Wilson, Dave Luckie, Paul May and Bob Kerr.

This was the first time Halton had entered a choir in the contest. "These young singers deserve great credit for a wonderful performance," said Mrs. Newell, "and Halton should be very proud of them for bringing credit to themselves and their county."

Saturday evening both groups sang again in the Crystal Ballroom of the King Edward Hotel at a concert of winners from all the singing and instrumental groups.

Skater Linda Wickham Wins Novice Award

Novice ladies figure skating champion of the West Ontario sectional competition is Linda Wickham of Rockwood, who has been skating with the recently formed Acton District Figure Skating Club. This is the first year the town has had a club with representatives in competition. The sectional competitions were held Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Fort Erie.

Sixteen-year-old Linda received a silver medal and can wear what she'll keep for a year. She now will compete in junior class. There were 12 in the class.

Linda was one of three skating in the final program of the skating club in the community centre here last year.

Linda Brakla Third

Linda Brakla placed third in the novice ladies compulsory.

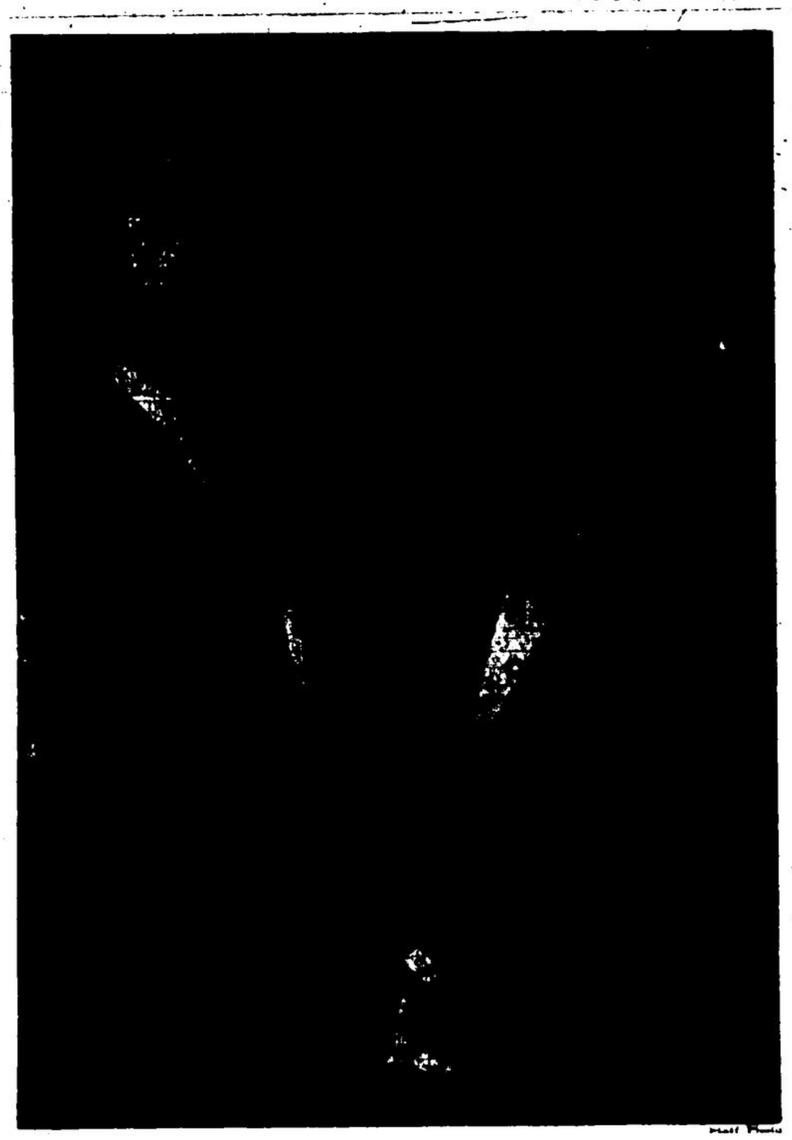
Of a class of 22 Sally Wilson and Sharon Bradley placed ninth and 11th in the novice ladies class. Wendy Dempsey, who's just 12, placed 16th.

For the competitors in their home club's in the Guelph Figure Skating Club.

Winner at the sectionals qualifies on the competitors' record to go to the Canadian championships in North Bay next week.

HIT ACCIDENTS

Milton OPP report two more accidents on district highways this week. Neither was of any consequence. [illegible] Highway 401 near Campbellville Wednesday [illegible] week in which damage [illegible] $1,800 and there were no injuries.



ACTON REEVE H. H. HINTON was unsuccessful in his bid to become Warden of Halton County for 1964, when county councillors chose Burlington Reeve Gordon Gallagher in a three-way race Tuesday. Above Reeve Hinton left congratulates the new Warden. Reeve Herb Merry of Oakville was also in the contest.

Halton Council Inaugural Names Gallagher Warden

In a three-way contest, Halton County Council Tuesday chose Burlington Reeve Gordon Gallagher its 1964 Warden. He defeated challengers Reeve Herb Merry, Oakville and Reeve H. H. Hinton, Acton.

A semi-retired fruit grower, Mr. Gallagher pointed out in his brief address to County Council here that Nelson (now part of Burlington) had not named a Warden since 1949 and Burlington last had a Warden in 1955.

In the first vote to eliminate one contestant, Reeve Merry and Reeve Hinton garnered four votes each while Reeve Gallagher won six votes. Because of the largest assessment, Oakville had the casting vote and Reeve Hinton was eliminated. In the final vote, Reeve Merry won five votes and Reeve Gallagher nine votes.

Make It Unanimous

On motion of Reeves Hinton and Merry, the vote was made unanimous in support of Reeve Gallagher.

At the outset of the meeting Magistrate K. M. Langdon individually swore in each member after Clerk Administrator Garfield Brown welcomed old and new members.

Speaking on his nomination Reeve Merry reminded members last year he had withdrawn in favor of the Burlington representative's candidacy and now felt it was Oakville's turn. He promised to do his best to be a good chairman and to sell Halton to outsiders.

Keen Interest

Reeve Hinton indicated it was definitely Acton's turn to return a Warden since the house had not been held by an Acton representative for a decade. He suggested he had a right and a duty to stand for the position. Mr. Hinton expressed a keen interest in county affairs and reviewed his work on major committees as well as on other county organizations beyond the county council work. He assured councillors that whoever was elected would have his wholehearted support.

Nominees were each allowed five minutes to speak on their nomination before voting was conducted.

14 Members

Members of the 1964 County Council are Reeve H. H. Hinton and Deputy Reeve Bert Wood from Acton, Reeve G. Gallagher and Deputy Reeve Frank Roper from Burlington, Reeve G. Lee and Deputy Reeve W. Tuck from Esquesing, Reeve John Elliott and Deputy Reeve W. J. Hunter from Georgetown, Reeve G. A. Martin and Deputy Reeve A. Tedlowith from Milton, Reeve W. Coulter and Deputy Reeve H. D. Young from Nassagaweya, Reeve H. Merry and Deputy Reeve I. Whiting from Oakville, Councillor Wood, Roper, Tedlowith and Whiting are new members.

Reeve J. K. L. McGowan of Knox Presbyterian church, Milton, was elected a board of education and delivered the brief remarks he was asked, the importance of having church and role prayer behind us based upon the welfare of the nation. He concluded by saying, "My prayer is that you will let Him guide your deliberations, and I hope you will be guided and inspired with integrity."

Iron Curtain Separates Couple-Will Reunite After 35 Years

A 61-year-old Polish woman presently living in the Russian occupied Ukraine will soon be reunited with her husband and daughter in Acton after 35 years.

Peter Fedriko last saw his wife 35 years ago before he came to Canada. Twenty years later he saw one of his three daughters Emilia (Mrs. Joe Pivtaszy) when she arrived in Canada with her husband.

For the past 12 years Mr. Fedriko has tried to win to see his wife to Canada. Finally he has succeeded and she is expected to arrive by plane within three weeks.

Two other daughters, both married, will still remain in the Russian-occupied Ukraine, unable to leave because they are still young enough to work in the fields.

U.S. Born

She was born of Polish parents in Philadelphia and during a return visit to Poland met her husband and they were married in 1924. Four years later Mr. Fedriko decided to make a new life for his family in Canada and on his arrival in this country first settled in Saskatchewan.

He came to Acton in 1931 and worked one year at Storey Glove shop. From there he went to the Blind River to work on road construction for higher wages and then to Ingersoll where he worked in a Stove Foundry. In 1939 he returned to Acton and took a job at Beardmore where he still works.

Saved Money

Saving money during all these years proved quite a chore for Mr. Fedriko as wages were low and living expenses high. In 1941 he had saved sufficient money to become a naturalized citizen and in 1948 he was anxious to bring his wife and family to Canada.

He learned through correspondence his wife had been taken to a Poland to the Ukraine in 1946 and was put to work in the field.

She worked daily pulling sugar beets and twice a year received sugar as her pay. The only rewarding part of her work was the fact the government gave her a small piece of land on which she could grow a few vegetables for her own use.

Slight Hold Up

Up until last summer Mr. Fedriko worked in the fields but now she is getting too old for this type of work and [illegible] been allowed to leave the country to join Mr. Fedriko.

But for a slight mixup a few weeks ago costing the $900 for her fare, Emilia would have been in Acton last week. Another $900 has been paid, unneeded, and it may even be [illegible] before she can come. The original $900 will be returned to her by Ottawa.

Taken to Germany

Mr. Pivtaszy [illegible] her children were fortunate in being able to reach Canada from the Ukraine during the period [illegible]. During the war, at the age of 17, he was moved from place to place and finally taken to Germany to work and after the war was able to leave the country. For 7½ years since she has not heard from her mother.

There will be a great reunion when the Ukrainian woman finally arrives to meet her husband and daughter after 35 years. She will live with them in their at [illegible] home at 241 Peel St.

She will see her three grandchildren for the first time. Anxious to meet grandmother are 12-year-old Mike, nine-year-old Cathy and four-year-old Peter Pivtaszy.

Y's Men Name Safety Reps

After O.P.P. Constable Ron Rupert gave a challenging address to the Y's Men Thursday of last week, two of the members volunteered to join the safety committee in town. Bill Wilson and John Davidson will represent the club.

The guest speaker outlined the Elmer the Safety Elephant program at the public schools and recommended a school bicycle rodeo as a worthwhile project for the Y's Men.

A film was shown of an American school bike rodeo.

The speaker was introduced by Clarence Ragnvaldson. Club Treasurer Guy Ross recommended immediate planning for 1964 fund raising projects. Nelson Edwards was to arrange for a volleyball tournament among the local service clubs. Initial plans were made for the district conference here in April.

Decision Reserved On Goy Application

Decision was reserved during a Department of Transport hearing which lasted three days this week following an application by Goy Transport for a Class A licence between Toronto and Acton.

Board chairman I. J. Shoniker chaired the hearing and was assisted by J. Graham, also a Board member. Mr. Goy had 18 witnesses who testified on his behalf while five major trucking firms caused objections.

At present Mr. Goy is allowed to transport one persons freight only between these destinations and if the licence is granted his trucks will be allowed to carry freight for more than one company on a trip.

Raising objection to the licence being granted were Inter City Truck Lines Consolidated, Mc-Ardle and Direct Western Express Ltd. who were represented by the county solicitor.

This is the third hearing Goy Transport have had for the same licence. The first was in 1954, second in 1961 and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. It is expected a decision will be handed down in about three months.

Agricultural Society Dinner Ends 50th Anniversary Year

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No Melting Pot

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Called On

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4-H Members

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Credit Union to Open Office in Old P.O. Fri.

[illegible] Credit Union [illegible] Acton Community Credit Union had become an operational unit to be owned and operated by the future members.

Following are the duly elected officers board of directors: Robert Dunkwalter, John Last, Charles Blake, James Pope, Jules Fevigre, supervisory committee; Harvey Lloyd, Franz Grandinger, Joe Lauwers, credit committee; Brendan Therne, Fred Kingsmill, Anton Grandinger.

The board of directors made their choice of: president, Bob Dunkwalter; vice-president, Jim Pope; secretary, John Last; treasurer, Jules Fevigre.

The above named officers remain in office until the annual general meeting when members will elect new officers from within the membership.

Future members will be welcomed at the first opening of the office in the old post office, January 17, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Doug Manning P. S. Board Chairman Rehiring, Pay Increases Approved

Trustee Douglas Manning was chosen to head Acton Public School Board when incumbent met for the inaugural meeting Thursday evening of last week. He succeeds veteran member Tom Watson who retired at the end of last year following a 14 year stint on the board.

William Benson was unanimous choice for vice-chairman. He also was appointed chairman of the finance committee and along with Roy Goodwin, will police the finances of the township board.

Trustee Vic Bristow heads up the management committee which comprises the entire board while Louis Bonnetti and Murray Smith form the property committee.

Prayer

Secretary Wesham Mold [illegible] offered prayer prior to [illegible] members taking their seat of office and appointing [illegible] committees for the year.

The secretary presented board members with a bank balance showing almost $[illegible] to the good and congratulated the board on being able to show a surplus for the year.

Re-engaged

Routine business dealt with at inaugural meetings included rehiring the caretakers, Doug Ivis, Peter, Robert Anderson and Conn MacColl with each receiving a $100 increase. Mr. Mary MacColl who has served for [illegible] years as caretaker of the Acton Public School, M. Z. Bonnetti, who has served [illegible] years as caretaker of the Acton Public School, Robert A. [illegible] Mr. Sec. Trustee [illegible] Rick on the staff [illegible] replacing A. Copper who has resigned to teach in Ottawa. It was [illegible] Mrs. Jim Gibson [illegible] Christmas party [illegible] week for [illegible] committee and [illegible] of the school.

H.S. Talk

[illegible] board to hold another get-together [illegible] Mrs. Jack

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GETTING AN AUTOGRAPH from guest speaker Dr. Richard Jones at the Acton Agricultural Society dinner in Ballinafad church yesterday (Wednesday) are 4-H club member Robert Leslie and the president's daughter, Janet Aitken, who won top points in 4-H club work for the county. Calvin Aitken is seated with the guest speaker.

FIRST BIG WHITE mushrooms were chopped this week from the new McNaughton mushroom plant just south of Acton on Highway 25. Manager John Anderson dons a miner's cap with light to check the growth in one of the 10 growing houses. About 25 are employed there already and extensive expansion is planned. Story and more pictures first page of the second section.