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## Fred Hanson Jr. Hurt at Quarry

An Acton man, Fred Hanson Jr. was hospitalized late Sunday evening following an accident at Acton Limestone Quarries around 10 p.m. Mr. Hanson received internal injuries and underwent surgery. A report from St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, Wednesday, gave his condition as "reasonable".

He was injured in one of the stockpile tunnels while attempting to break up a frozen mass of gravel. At the time, railway cars were being loaded for shipment to Toronto.

## 16 Kinds of Birds Counted in Garden

Sunflower seeds have been drawing birds all winter long to 214 Mill St. E. The man who feeds them there is L. A. Campbell, who has kept a record of the types of birds he has seen in the last few months.

He has actually totalled 16 varieties of birds, and here they are:

Blue jay, hairy woodpecker, downy woodpecker, white-breasted nuthatch, black-capped chickadee, evening grosbeak, cardinal, song sparrow, tree sparrow, slate-colored junco, English sparrow, starling, purple finch, red breasted nuthatch, bronzed grackle and, marking spring's arrival, the robin.

He has given 50 pounds of sunflower seeds to these hungry birds.

He lives with his son, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Campbell.



M. Z. BENNETT SCHOOL won the Milton Home and School trophy when the senior choir placed first at the music festival Tuesday. Admiring the award with vice-principal Walter Dubois are left to right Gail McHugh, Michael Cooper and Jeanie Sproston.

## Acton's Share \$56,615 for County Set Rate at 5.75 Mills for 1964

A quarter mill increase in roads expenditures was coupled with a quarter mill decrease in general expenditures to establish the county mill rate for 1964 at 5.75, the same as the 1963 rate.

County councillors set the county mill rate at a special meeting on Monday of this week after an item-by-item, committee-by-committee study of the budget calling for expenditures of \$2,471,509.90.

Dollar-wise, this year's expenditures are up from last year's \$2,106,279.84. Road expenditures are expected to be up \$79,516.29 while general expenditures are up from last year's \$1,334,312.20 to this year's \$1,525,474.

What We Pay  
The total county levy, by municipalities, would be as follows:

Acton — \$56,615.56; Burlington — \$58,845.49; Georgetown — \$128,500.80; Milton — \$68,556.34; Oakville — \$447,641.53; Esquimaux — \$74,241.90; Nassagaweya — \$25,742.42.

Estimated revenue in the current year is \$282,190.69.

"Every year we have large surpluses. I don't agree on surpluses. We should budget to a more actual figure," Deputy Reeve J. Rogers challenged as he sparked discussion on the surplus in the general fund of \$137,804, and the roads accounts of \$44,818 from the past year.

Costs Municipalities  
"It may save the county money but it's costing the individual municipalities," he said as he noted most municipalities didn't expend what they budgeted in 1963.

Creditable  
"It's not curious, it's creditable," countered Reeve Martin.

Treasurer Miss Margaret Macted explained that there were many things over which the county has no control. She noted no one had any idea how many criminal cases there might be, or how many injuries would be summoned. She explained that last year's surplus developed also because new provincial legislation increased grants after the budget was set.

Deputy Reeve Lester Whiting, Oakville, suggested it was very creditable to have a surplus at the county level as long as over-budgeting was not the reason.

Highlights  
Among the items revealed in the budget study were:

• A family councillor has been provided for in the budget.

• 43 Halton boys and girls are in Ontario Training Schools at a cost of \$14,128 and "more are going every week". Half the cost is paid by the province.

• Increases in the Children's Aid Society budget are caused by an increase in staff, increasing population and adoption of a Metro salary schedule. Reeve H. H. Hinton objected to adoption of a Metro salary schedule, suggesting this could result in considerable increase in all departments if Metro standards were applied. Warden Gallagher pointed out the Metro schedule was actually lower than that of Hamilton and the Society was in competition with both for trained workers.

Question Salaries  
• A \$47,000 increase in salaries at Halton Manor was questioned by Deputy Reeve Rogers. It was explained as \$11,000 for new staff, \$5,000 for sick benefits, \$7,000 which was removed from the amount because it was duplicated elsewhere in the budget and the balance because the Manor would be operating at capacity for a 12 month period while (Continued on Page Seven)

## Vote 80 Per Cent to Investigate Separate Curling Club Further

By an overwhelming majority of over 80 per cent, members of the curling club agreed to "investigate further" the matter of separate facilities. The meeting in the community centre last Thursday was attended by a very satisfactory 101 and there were 23 proxy votes on hand as well.

A finance committee was named to determine how many would buy the proposed shares. On the committee are Charles Kirkness and two bank managers, Bill MacKay and Chester Anderson. They have already begun distributing forms to the skippers to give to their team members.

A letter will be sent to all members and former members informing them of the decisions made at the meeting.

John Huffnagle succeeds Chester Anderson as president. Other officers named: vice-president Alex Zbecznoff; treasurer Bill MacKay; secretary, Lorne Youngblut; by-laws chairman Rev. A. H. McKenzie; draw chairman George Williams; membership chairman Bill Toth; social chairman Tom Watson; property chairman Harry Otarbin.

President Mr. Anderson was chairman for the meeting to hear preliminary proposals on separate facilities. The curling club has had a meeting two days a week for the past two and a half years.

No Location Yet  
An investigating committee — Claude Cook, Lorne Youngblut, Ted Toler Sr. and Bill MacKay — reported on various aspects.

No location for the proposed rink has been determined. There would likely be four sheets of ice with job room facilities.

It was recommended a family share be \$150, single share \$100, plus annual dues, 200 memberships would be required.

Membership will be open to anyone, members or not, regardless of where they live. Considerable interest throughout the district has been evidenced.

When a vote on whether or not to investigate further was called over 80 per cent were in favor and enthusiasm was high.

Anyone wishing further information may contact Mr. Kirkness, Mr. MacKay or Mr. Anderson.

Canada's latest growing sport has been very popular in Acton, too. Most other centres where Acton curlers have gone to bonspiels have separate curling rinks.

## Over 800 Participate in Music Festival Competition Keen Tuesday, Wednesday

Adjudicator Eldon Brethour, former music supervisor of Toronto schools, praised young singers taking part in North Halton Music Festival this week for their conduct on stage, ability to sing and interest shown in music.

Mr. Brethour adjudicated the two-day festival at the Robert Little school in Acton when schools from Milton, Acton, Brookville, Glen Williams, Limehouse, Sneyside, Norval, Stewartown, Campbellville, Pineview, Kelso and Milton Heights took part.

The school auditorium was packed for the two-day festival which took place all day Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Competition was keen and the adjudicator had a difficult time choosing winners in some classes.

Following are the results of the Tuesday classes, names of trophy and shield donors and persons who presented them.

In the triple duet grades five and six, J. M. Denves school from Milton won the Milton Kinette Club trophy presented by Mrs. J. Hunter and Milton Bruce St. schools received the Milton Bank of Nova Scotia trophy from Mrs. W. J. Switzer. In the primary choir class kindergarten to grade three, Acton M. Z. Bennett school received the Milton John Milton Chapter I.O.D.E. trophy from Mrs. R. Case after winning first and Brookville school was presented with the Acton Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. shield by regent Mrs. H. R. Force.

In the junior choir class grades 4, 5, 6, Mrs. Marguerite Taylor, Acton, presented the Acton Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. trophy to Milton Bruce St. school for first place and Esquimaux music supervisor Mrs. Mary Kidney presented the Miss Ruth Evans shield to Milton J. M. Denves school for second place.

Junior Choir  
Esquimaux Pineview school was presented with the Glen Williams Apple Products trophy by J. Reed for winning the junior class grades 1-4 for schools with six rooms and under. Norval school accepted the Norval Business Men's shield for second spot. It was presented by Mrs. W. J. Kirkwood.

In the choir class for schools with three rooms and under, Milton Heights school received the Milton public school board trophy from Ron Harris and Kelso school received the Acton Women's Institute shield from Mrs. Charles Curtis.

The Acton Bank of Montreal trophy presented by accountant Dick Wilkie went to Pineview school in the boys' unchanged voices choir while the Sarah Martin Chapter I.O.D.E. Milton shield presented by Mrs. John (Continued on Page Seven)

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Last week, the intermediate class members wrote their examinations for their Canadian Citizenship papers. Included in this class were Mrs. Chris Duker, Mrs. W. Lorenz, Mrs. A. L. Riemer, Mrs. John Van Arragon, Mrs. Fred Tepstra and Mrs. Casper Pauw. Mrs. Van Arragon was not present Monday as she had left for a three week visit to her native home in Holland.

Mrs. H. R. Force, regent of the Duke of Devonshire chapter, welcomed the group and voiced the members' interest in assisting New Canadians. Mrs. Jack McGeachie, who is citizenship convener, was in charge of the lunch.

Other chapter members present to join with the New Canadians and serve lunch included Mrs. George Young, Mrs. Harry Holmes, Mrs. Joe Whitlam, Miss Ruby Clark, Mrs. Ed Lidka, Miss Mamie Manprize, Miss M. Z. Bennett, Mrs. Ann Mowat and Mrs. A. E. Newton.

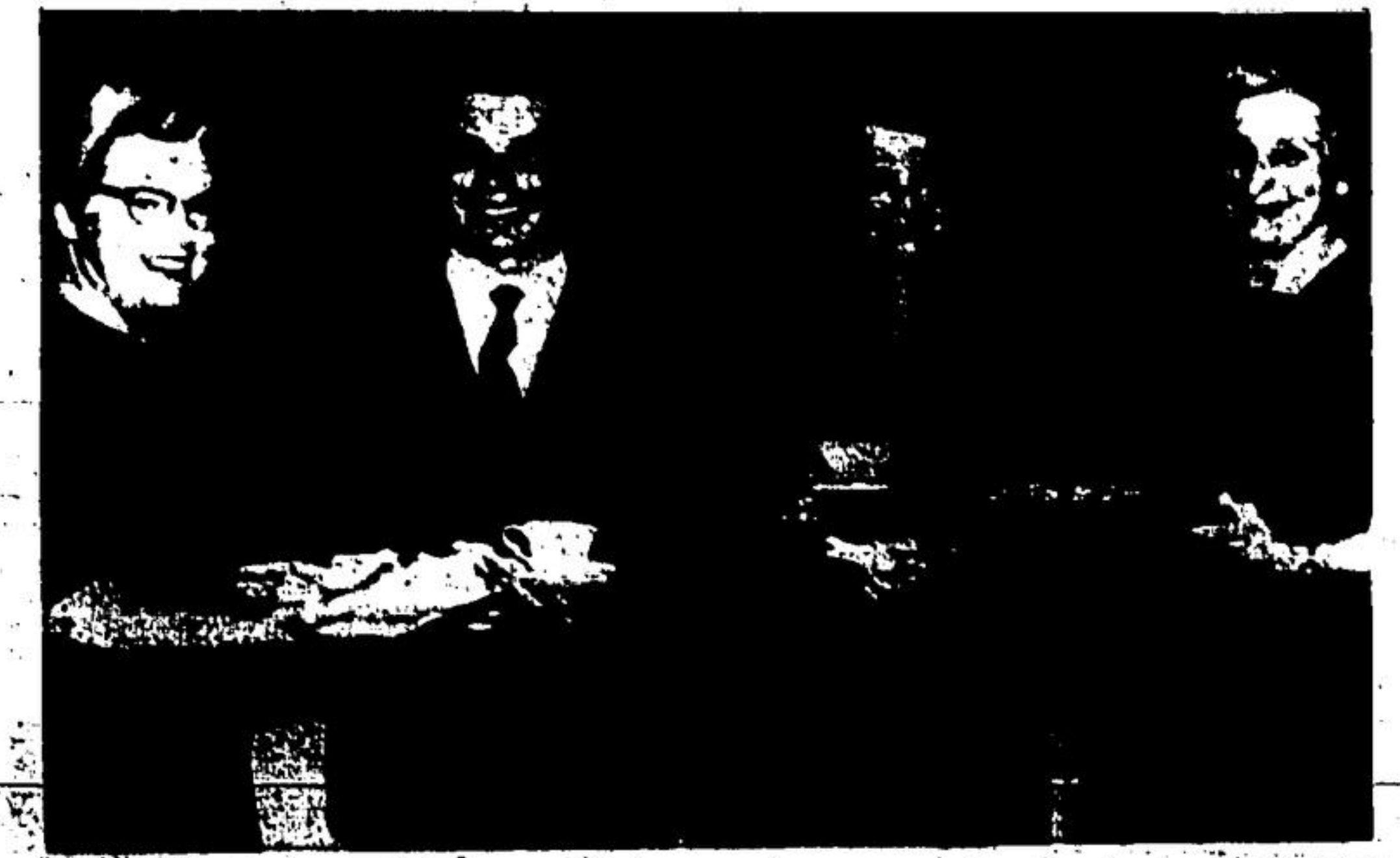
## I.O.D.E. Holds Reception For Students of English

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HALTON COUNTY BUDGET	
GENERAL RATE	
Expenditures	
General Government	
Executive and Legislative	\$22,000.00
Administrative	66,815.00
Other	83,277.21
	\$172,092.21
Protection to Persons and Property	
Administration of Justice	58,250.00
Jail	67,132.00
Other	45,375.00
	170,757.00
Public Welfare	
Children's Aid Society and Maintenance of	
Wards	171,500.00
Halton Centennial Manor	69,500.00
Hospitalization Indigents	16,250.00
Welfare	4,000.00
Retarded Children Schools	27,065.00
	288,315.00
Debt Charges	577,520.69
Other Expenditures	
Halton Health Unit	127,570.00
Lorne Scots	2,500.00
Museum	18,070.00
Reforestation	1,900.00
Agriculture Grants	5,250.00
Discount to Munic. on Prepayment of Rate	14,000.00
Miscellaneous	7,500.00
	176,790.00
Capital out of Revenue	
New County-Building	135,000.00
Purchase Reforestation Lot	5,000.00
	140,000.00
Revenue	
Grants, Subsidies, Recoverables	197,618.40
Other:	
Registry Office Surplus	61,000.00
Rents and Interest	12,780.00
Salary Refunds	2,500.00
Telephone Refunds	4,000.00
Miscellaneous	804.00
Interest	3,688.14
	84,772.20
	\$282,390.69
Revenue	
Rate 1.65 Mills	420,727.00
Department Subsidy	474,907.00
1963 Surplus	44,818.00
	940,452.00
Expenditures	
Maintenance, New Construction, New Machinery	946,035.00
Estimated Deficit	\$5,583.00

## Go to Council

## Library Board Prepares First Centennial Project Proposal

A new roomy library for Acton's centennial project? That's the hope of the library board, which will be the first group to bring a definite proposal for a centennial project to council. They are sending a letter to say they will form a delegation to the first council meeting after the upcoming budget session next Wednesday.

Meanwhile, they are assembling facts on government grants which have been offered for centennial projects. Facts and figures assembled by the secretary, Miss Esther Taylor will show the highest ever circulation.

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## Sheep, Spinner Slated for TV

On George Atkins' Country Time television program on channel 6 Saturday afternoon, April 4 at 6 p.m. Mrs. W. A. N. Hoey will be a guest, sharing billing with two of the family's sheep! She has been asked to tell about the work she does with wool and she expects to explain her dyeing process and to demonstrate spinning.

She will be taking down a black Persian sheep and a white Western sheep, two of the many on the Hoey's farm at Moffat.

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## Power Switchover Began on Friday

Acton's power supply is now being received from Pleasant substitution near Brampton, Friday afternoon, Ontario Hydro Inspectors "raised the taps" increasing voltage by 5 per cent, at both No. 1 and No. 2 substations in town.

A previous attempt to switch over the power to Pleasant was not successful and the only solution feasible was to raise the taps here. The switchover has been done so lines between Rockwood and Guelph can be rebuilt. Normally, Acton's power is received from Guelph.

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## On Band Wagon?

Acton Citizens' Band is considering requesting a band shell and practice quarters but hasn't approached council. Information is still being assembled for the presentation.

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PLANNING STRATEGY for their game Friday, members of the "Blue" team in the Acton hockey school listen to assistant coach Kerwin McPhail. The youngsters played before a cheering crowd Friday night prior to the N.H.L. Oldtimers and Acton Tanners game. Left to right are Blair McCallum, Leslie Coles, Kevin Marcoux, Ken Jordan, Bill DeHaan, Allan Green and Mr. McPhail.