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Ninth Warden

H. H. Hinton became the ninth warden to be selected from Acton since the town was incorporated in 1875.

Preceding Mr. Hinton were W. H. Storey who held the post in 1888; George Havell in 1899; George Hynds in 1914; George Barber in 1924; Amos Mason in 1931; and McDonald in 1943 and J. J. Stewart in 1954.

Guests Attend First Meeting

The election of a county warden attracted a large group of spectators to the inaugural meeting of Halton County Council in Milton Tuesday.

Present from Acton were Mayor Les Duby, Councillor Frank Oakes, Councillor C. F. Leatherland and Mrs. Leatherland and Clerk Administrator Jack McGeachie. Also present to extend congratulations to Warden H. H. Hinton were Mrs. Hinton and Kathy Hinton. All were introduced to members of Halton County Council by the Warden who welcomed them.

Others present included municipal and county officials.

Assign Nurse To Acton, Twp.

Beginning January 3, Mrs. Charlotte Dickey will be assigned by Halton County Health Unit to Acton and Nassagaweya. A full-time nurse in town and the township, she will work out of Milton headquarters. She has "vast experience" in public health nursing, according to Miss G. Leavey, supervisor of nursing for the Health Unit.

Mrs. Dickey's work includes school counselling and also very important is her work in the home with families and preschoolers whom she helps prepare for their entrance into school. She will visit new babies twice in their first month, again at six months and then regularly until they reach school age.

Native of Holland Starts Own Business

An electrician for the past 20 years, Jack Van der Kooij, 65 St. Acton, has purchased electrical business from Leo and hopes to start his own.

Mr. Van der Kooij learned the trade in his homeland beginning in 1946. With his wife and family, he moved to Canada in 1960 and is presently employed at Beardmore and Co. Ltd. as an electrician.

A two-storey addition at his home is being completed. Mr. Van der Kooij intends to open the bottom section as a workshop. Future plans call for a retail store for appliances. The upper section will be occupied as living quarters.

The former Riener Electric store on Mill St. W. still contains electrical appliances and the place is open by appointment for anyone wishing to purchase articles.

Mr. Van der Kooij, who has five children all attending the Robert Little public school, started on his own doing electrical work on a part-time basis January 1.

Children were busy following the recent snowfall shovelling off ice at Fairy Lake for skating.



REEVE H. H. "BERT" HINTON of Acton was named Warden of the County of Halton for 1966 at the inaugural meeting of Halton County Council in Milton Tuesday afternoon. He defeated Nassagaweya Reeve William Coultter and Georgetown Reeve William F. Hunter in a three-way race for the county's top seat. Shown congratulating the new Warden are ex-Warden Reeve Herb Merry of Oakville, left, and Judge Alan B. Sprague, right, who administered the oath of office.

Legion Choraliers, Band Present Program for 250 at High School

The finest performance ever staged by the Royal Canadian Legion Choraliers was witnessed by over 250 people Sunday evening at the high school auditorium. Choraliers marked their first anniversary with a splendid variety program including numbers by Acton Citizens' Band, individual solos and musical numbers.

Applause was tremendous throughout the evening after each selection with the Choraliers stealing the limelight dressed in their new gold jackets complete with Legion crest, dark blue trousers, white shirts and bow ties. Leader George Musselle had the choir members in fine tune as they sang a variety of selections.

Even strangers hearing the group for the first time were very pleased. All anxiously await a repeat performance by the vocal group.

Acton Citizens' Band, seated on the stage, were never better as they struck up a medley of tunes including marches, religious numbers and selections from Broadway musicals.

Special Numbers
Individual numbers were given by soloist Miss Helen Benton, Mayor Les Duby, Choralier John McHugh, and David Benham who played the accordion.

The Five Straws, comprising George Musselle, Vic Bristow, Hamilton Peal and Les Duby, were accompanied by George Hall at the piano.

Master of ceremonies for the evening, Charles Kirkness, in his usual jovial manner, introduced the numbers and praised the singers and musicians after each selection. He told the large crowd the Choraliers were celebrating their first anniversary with the concert and they hoped to make this an annual affair.

For the program opener, members of the band were seated on the stage and the Choraliers lined

up in front of the stage for the playing and singing of O Canada. Headed by band leader Al Perrott, bandsmen broke into the English marching tune "Sussex by the Sea", which was played specially for George Musselle. This was followed by "Colonel Bogey" march.

With voices in splendid tune, the Choraliers sang the following selections, accompanied by Mr. Hall at the piano: "Our Boys Will Shine", "California Here I Come", "The Whirlpool Song", "Bells of St. Mary's", "Kentucky Babe" and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" with a solo part by John McHugh.

Band members broke into selections from the Broadway musical "Music Man" and received a great ovation from the pleased crowd.

The Five Straws abandoned their traditional straw hats as they sang "Corn Field Melodies", "Someday I'll Understand", "Remember Me O Mighty One" and a medley of old songs including barbershop and close harmony selections.

Prior to intermission, band president Ted Tyler Jr. told the crowd it was a pleasure and privilege to be part of the Choraliers' program and said the band is only too happy to play for any public concert if given sufficient notice to prepare. Before the curtain came down for intermission, the band played "Henry VIII" and "Washington Post".

David Benham, who has assisted Lions Club members with musical shows in the past, pleased the audience with a varied selection of accordion numbers and also played background music for Mayor Les Duby, who sang and played the guitar. Mr. Duby sang two numbers, "God Walks These Hills with Me" and "Lives Next Door".

Miss Helen Benton, gold medal-

ist when she entered Halton Music Festivals, was accompanied by Miss Mary Beth Elliott at the piano as she sang "I Could Have Danced All Night" and "Caro Mio Ben".

Bandsman and choralier John (Continued from Page Three)

Part-Time

Hire University Student New Recreation Director

Howard Pearce, a student in the recreation course at the University of Guelph, was hired as a part-time recreation director at a regular meeting of the Recreation Committee Thursday at the community centre.

Mr. Pearce, who has had experience as an assistant director in Haliburton, and two years as director in his home town, graduates in April. He is interested in obtaining the position permanently in Acton where he has already had experience at the Y.M.C.A.

15 Hour Week

His duties will be on a 15 hour per week basis for which he will receive \$22 in salary and a \$3 per week travel allowance. His first job will be to organize and run the school carnival which will likely be held early in March. Extra help with this and other projects must be arranged by the new director.

The committee discussed Mr. Pearce's qualifications with him and indicated they would be interested in his application when a full-time director is hired in the spring. Mr. Pearce told the committee he came from a town smaller than Acton and he was well equipped to deal with problems of centres this size.

Len Lovell Chairman

The committee chose Len Lovell to succeed Hugh Patterson as chairman for 1966 in elections for the various committees. New member Charles Perry was elected vice-chairman.

Committees for 1966 chosen are as follows with the first named chairman:
Finance — Hugh Patterson, C. Leatherland, Owen Coultrup.
Building — Harold Townsley, Charles Perry.

Program — John Gov, Helen Otterbein, Ham Peal.
Administration — Len Lovell, Charles Perry, Hugh Patterson, Harold Townsley, John Gov.

New chairman Len Lovell took over the chair for the remainder of the meeting, thanking members for the confidence placed in him.

Changes Needed

John Gov notified members the community centre had been inspected for liquor license privileges and some changes would be needed before a license was granted, including installation of a three section sink.
"The night licenses are issued, the community centre will no longer be a public building," the committee was told. The public can not be admitted on these occasions.

Negotiations between the curling club and the committee to purchase a sink and to make other necessary alterations are

Acton Reeve Bert Hinton Named Warden of Halton

Acton Reeve H. H. Hinton was named Warden of Halton County at the inaugural meeting of Halton County Council Tuesday.

His election came on the second ballot when a tie vote with Georgetown Reeve William Hunter was broken by Oakville Reeve Herb Merry who cast the deciding vote, as reeve of the county's largest municipality.

In the first ballot Reeve W. Coulter of Nassagaweya squared off with Reeves Hinton and Hunter. That vote gave Reeve Hinton six votes, Reeve Coulter three and Reeve Hunter five. The second ballot was between Reeve Hinton and Reeve Hunter.

Final Ballot

In the final ballot those supporting Reeve Hinton were Deputy Reeve Parker, Reeve Gallagher, Reeve Ledwith, Reeve Merry, Deputy Reeve Day, Deputy Reeve Hoey and Reeve Hinton.

Rack 'Em Up

Side Window Carom Needles Two Doctors

"Eight ball in the side pocket" is normal lingo used at pool halls but when an eight ball pops into the side window that's another lingo — for vandalism.

Doctors Craig Hutchison and Brian Moore were surprised this week when they opened their office at the corner of Mill and Main Streets to find a billiard ball lying on the floor inside the building.

After taking a closer look they found a round hole in the side window where the eight ball had been tossed through the glass.

Even Willie Hoppe, the famous billiard shark, would have a difficult time shooting the eight ball from the table at Acton Billiards down the street and making a side pocket at the doctors' office.

It is believed someone pocketed the ball and tossed it through the window. Perhaps it was a sore loser.

12 Breakins Arrest Four

Smash and grab thieves left a distinct trail of destruction throughout Halton in the early hours of Thursday morning of last week, when they hit 15 garages and stole quantities of silver, soft drinks, cigarettes and small vending machines before being apprehended in Brampton.

Two Brampton men and two Meadovale men were arrested by constable Tom Dube of the Milton O.P.P. Detachment.

Police investigated 12 breakins and found signs that another three had been attempted. All were in Milton, Acton, Georgetown, Norval and Brampton areas. The men are presently in custody awaiting trial.

In town, Bill Toth's Shell Service was entered when a side window was smashed. A small peanut vending machine was smashed and coins taken, and a pop vending machine smashed.

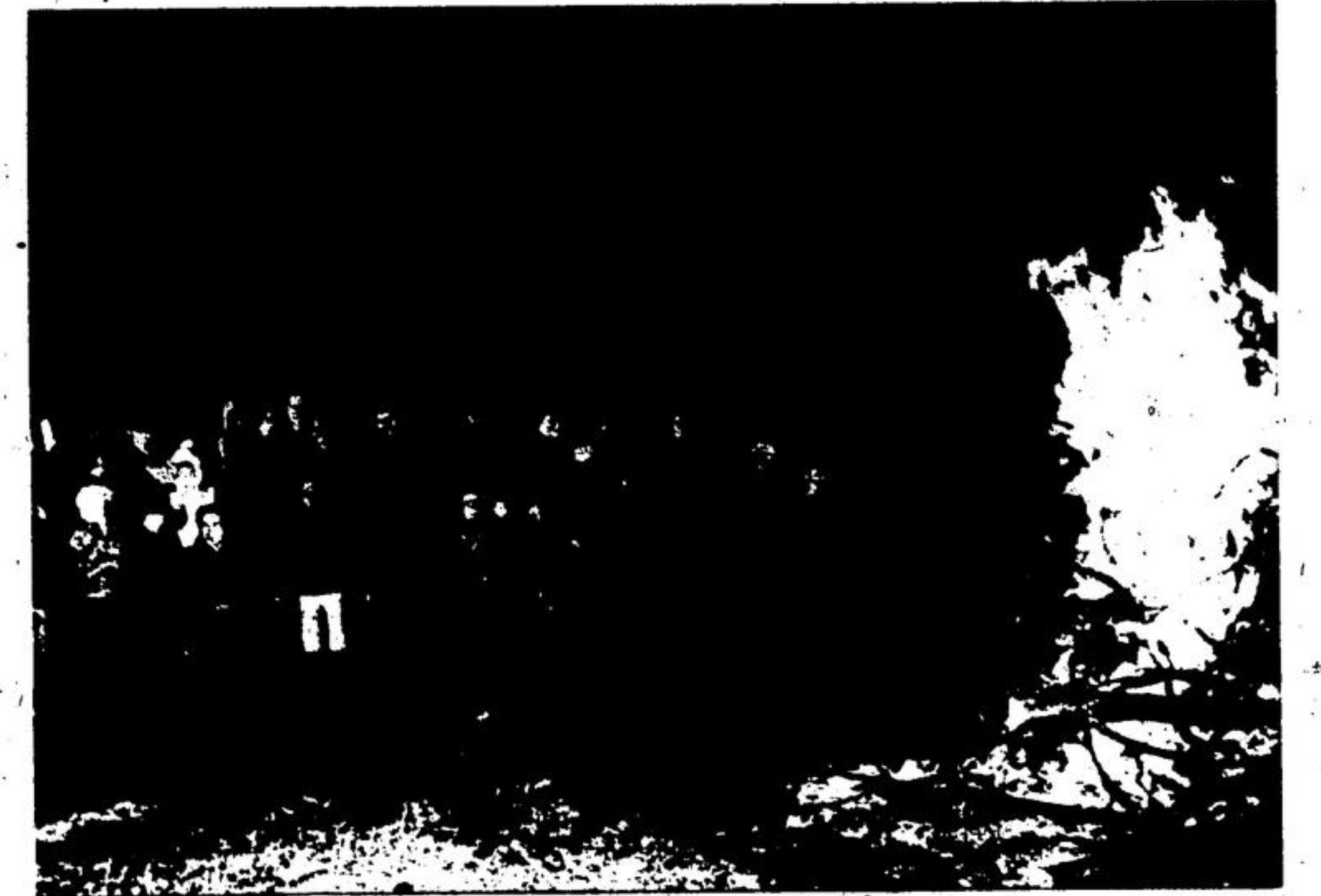
About \$3.25 in change was taken. At Paul's Sausage Station at front panel window was broken to gain entry and a pop vending machine coin box smashed and money taken as well as a quantity of pop.

At Little Motors the front door was jimmied open and a pop vending machine smashed but coins inside the box were left untouched. At all three places cigarettes and candies were left untouched.

Constable Nick Farion was called to investigate the breakin at Toth's but the other two, which are located in the township, were checked by Milton O.P.P. Detachment.

Information gathered by Milton police department assisted in rounding up the suspects.

Dr. Harry Harley, visiting the Free Press plant this week, mentioned that one person in Halton has written him concerning the redistribution of seats. He gets letters on other subjects, though, he said.



HUNDREDS OF TREES went up in flames Thursday night of last week during the annual Chamber of Commerce Twelfth Night Christmas tree burning. Part of the crowd is shown watching the dry trees burn. Over 25 dozen doughnuts and 12 gallons of coffee were handed out to the chilly spectators.



LEGION SONGSTERS entertained at their first anniversary concert at the high school Sunday and sang a variety of songs. Choraliers seated in front left to right are Gil Malcolm, Jim McKnight, Bob Loutter, Bill Taylor, Phil McCristall, John Barr, Frank Spielvogel and Hamilton Peal. Second row left to right are Henry Leachman, Jim Higgins, Bing Ramsden, Ken Papillon, leader George Musselle, Vic Patrick, Jack Cooney and Louis Petric. Back row left to right are Grenville Massales, Paddy Dick, Herb Dodds, John McHugh, Ray Agnew, George Hall and Hugh O'Rourke.