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## Jack Marshall Returned As Fall Fair President

H. Stanley, Halton Agricultural Representative brought greetings and congratulations to the members of the Acton Agricultural Society at their annual meeting on Saturday, January 29. Mr. Stanley presided for the election of officers when Jack Marshall was re-elected as president for his second year.

Serving on the executive as past president will be Calvin Aitken, first vice-president Wilmer Fryer and second vice-president Fred Kentner Jr. with Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer as secretary-treasurer.

### 18 Directors

The meeting favored a motion to amend the Society's method of nominating directors in accordance with the constitution of the Ontario Agricultural Societies Act.

The motion resulted in an election for 18 directors, the maximum number of directors approved by the Department. From this number are elected the president, first vice-president and second vice-president. A society may have any number of associate directors and not more than six honorary directors.

Directors elected by ballot from a slate of 35 nominations resulted in the following serving with the 1966 executive: Don Matthews, Jr., McCulloch, E. Woyrnarski, W. Swackhamer, Nino Braidia, Mac Sprowl, Cliff McKay, Ken Johnston, Wm. Nelles, Laurence Hemmley, Fred Archibald, Gordon Harding, Wm. Thompson and Bob Kerr.

R. L. Davidson and A. Robinson, who have served as past presi-

dent and active directors for many years, were appointed Life Members of the Society and will be presented with the Society Life Membership pins. Other Life Members of the Society are J. A. Swackhamer, D. D. Waldie, S. E. Griffin, A. B. McLean and W. J. L. Hampshire.

One minute's silence was observed in silent tribute to the memory of Robert Kerr and Arlo Dills, Life Members of the Society, and Rae West an associate director, who passed away during the past year. Their years of service and interest in the Society were deeply appreciated.

### Honorary Directors

The following were appointed honorary directors: Warden H. H. Hinton, Mayor L. Duby, Henry Stanley, Halton Agricultural Representative; Dr. H. Harley, M.P. and G. Kerr, M.P.P.

### Financial Success

In his president's address Mr. Marshall commented that the financial success of this year's fair was due to the co-operation and hard work of many people. He stressed the need for the continued co-operation this year when in addition to plans for the 1966 fair, plans for the Centennial Year Project will have to be considered.

### Music Night

This year the M. Z. Bennett school is sponsoring a "Music Night" in place of the customary operetta. The main reason for the change is lack of auditorium facilities for practice sessions. No date has been set as yet.

### Councillors "Bugged"

## "To Tape or Not to Tape"

"To tape or not to tape" the Nassagaweya Council meeting, was the question raised when Township ratepayer Gordon Agnew showed up at a recent council meeting with a tape recorder. Reeve William Coulter suggested "we had it at the inaugural meeting and I don't think we need it tonight, Gordon." Several ratepayers in attendance voiced their approval of the use of the tape recorder.

Deputy-Reeve William Hoy said he had no objection and councillor Mrs. Anne MacArthur said she was in favor of it. Councillor Ross Gordon said, "I think it's an odd procedure."

### Garbage Packer

Town garbage pickup Monday and Tuesday was made easier with the use of a new garbage packer which is on trial.

## One Breakin, Two Attempts Investigated Over Weekend

Weekend thieves smashed a window at Paul's Sunoco Station at the easterly outskirts of town sometime Saturday night and stole around \$35 worth of tools and about \$1.50 in cash from a pop vending machine. Milton O. P.P. Detachment are investigating. The same evening an attempt was made to break into Little Motors across the road but it is believed the watchdog inside scared the intruders away.

### Another Weekend Storm

## School Buses Can't Buck Drifts

High winds estimated up to 50 miles per hour, combined with falling snow, plugged lanes and streets in Acton and area, making several roads impassable first thing Monday morning.

The second storm in two weeks began Sunday with light snow falling, but high winds whipped the light snow off previous drifts, making visibility almost nil for motorists.

**School Buses Halted**  
By Monday morning, several streets and rural roads were impassable and a number of workers living in the rural areas didn't make it to work. Many rural students who attend Acton District High School also enjoyed a holiday when school buses found roads blocked with snow.

Three school buses started out on the routes but only one made the entire round, picking up just eight students. One other bus turned back after several miles of bad driving conditions and a shortage of students. No one was waiting at customary stops. The third bus had picked up three students when it got marooned in a deep snowdrift across the road in Esqueving Township. It wasn't freed until around noon Monday, but the three students were driven home in the bus operator's car, which had been driven to the scene later.

On Tuesday, the three Acton school buses went out. One made the complete trip, while two others could only cover a portion of the route.

**Battle Fire**  
At the height of the storm on Monday morning, Acton firefighters made a cold, blustery run to the farm home of S. Tchorzewski of R.R. 4, Acton, on the third line of Erin Township, to douse a blaze started from over-heated stovepipes.

Firefighters standing on the back of the truck were almost frozen and covered in snow blowing around from the front of the truck as it bucked deep drifts. When the truck returned to the fire hall, almost three wheelbarrow loads of snow were taken off the top of the engine under the hood. The fire hall was awash in melted snow.

When firefighters arrived at the Tchorzewski home, flames had burned through the ceiling in the kitchen, but had almost been doused with water by occupants of the house.

### Minor Accidents

Police investigated an accident Monday afternoon on Mill St. involving two cars and a few other



ACTON FAIR BOARD will be headed again this year by president Jack Marshall. He was elected Saturday at the annual meeting for his second term. Seated left to right are Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer, secretary and Mr. Marshall. Back row left to right are associate director Ken Johnston, past-president Calvin Aitken, associate director William Nelles and first vice-president Wilmer Fryer.

## No Zone Changes Till Plan OK'd Shop, Car Wash Nixed by Board

Acton Planning Board at its inaugural meeting Thursday of last week turned down two applications, one to establish a coin-operated car wash and the other a request for rezoning in order to allow an electrical shop and showroom in a residential area.

The application for the rezoning came from Jack Van Der Kooy and was presented on his behalf by realtor John R. Holmes. Mr. Holmes stated his client did not intend to do any major overhauls of motors which might interfere with neighbors' radio or TV sets. He also said there was ample room in the area to provide parking facilities.

The second application was from Jules Fryters and Cornelis Snoek to establish a coin-operated car wash on a portion of the Fryters property on Mill St., adjoining the Station Hotel. Mr. Fryters presented a plan for the building and noted there was adequate property to comply with the zoning regulations. He said he had planned entrance and exit to the business off Bower Avenue. The car wash is planned as a do-it-yourself business. Car owners drive in and deposit money in a coinbox which provides hot water and soap for cleaning cars.

During a review of the present zoning by-law, Board members could not find a section which permitted coin-operated car washes. The application was turned down in view of this. A new zoning by-law which as yet has not been approved has a clause which permits this type of operation.

**May Apply Again**  
It was noted that both applicants may, if they desire, apply to the Committee of Adjustment for further consideration.

Present for the meeting were chairman Aldo Braidia, vice-chairman William Pendlelop, members Neil Miller, Wm. Wilson, Mayor Les. Duby, councillor Robert Drinkwater and secretary Jack McGeachie. Also present were Denis Flood and Owen Rose of Projects Planning. Absent was Ed Footitt.

The planning consultants told Board members there are a few minor changes to be made in the official plan at the request of the Municipal Board. It was agreed to make these changes in order to speed up final approval.

**Five Accidents Within Week**  
Constable Peter Campbell of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment since last Wednesday has investigated five accidents in town.

On January 26 at 1:40 p.m. a taxi driven by Andrew Williams and a car driven by Milton Hicks were in collision at the corner of Church and John Streets. The taxi which was westbound on Church Street received an estimated \$125 damage and the Hicks vehicle which was southbound on John Street received an estimated \$55 damage. The same afternoon at 3:50 p.m. a car driven by Newton E. Hurst of town which was stopped at the corner of Bower Avenue and Willow Street when it was struck by a car turning onto Bower Avenue driven by Daniel McKinnon, R.R. 1, Erin.

On January 27 at 12:20 p.m. constable Campbell investigated an accident near the corner of Frederick and Church Streets when a car driven by William Hietala which was struck in the rear by another vehicle driven by Charles Joseph Richard, R.R. 4, Acton, when the latter failed to stop on slippery pavement on the down-grade. Damage to the Hietala car was estimated around \$150 and the Richard car around \$100.

On January 28 at 11:05 a.m. the constable investigated a minor accident involving a Gov Transport truck and a car driven by Melvin Mitchell of Perth Street. The Gov truck was driven by Michael Rogers of town and was backing out of the ramp at Micro Plastics plant on Perth Street. The Mitchell car had backed out of a driveway and stalled in the road. Damage to the Mitchell car was estimated around \$75.

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## Inspector Gives P. S. Board Advice on Reading, French

Public school board trustees and inspector W.L. McNeil pondered the problem of Remedial Reading versus Oral French in public schools and which should be given priority at present. Both require teachers with special training.

The subject was raised following application by assistant principal Doug Copeland of the Robert Little school to take an Oral French course this summer at Elliott Lake. Enrollment in the course hinged on whether the board authorized Oral French to be taught at the school. Mr. Copeland had indicated he did not intend to make this subject a full-time occupation.

Principals G. W. McKenzie and Elmer Smith were of the opinion that Remedial Reading should be stressed at the moment. Mr. McKenzie stated that a pupil who was a good reader was generally a good student in high school.

**Reading's Value**  
Both principals emphasized the importance of pupils being able to read properly in order to cope with problems in many subjects. Chairman Vic Bristow was of the

## Open Up Liquor Election Day?

A resolution calling for the repeal of the section in the Liquor Control Act which forces liquor and beer outlets to close on municipal election days, was approved last week by the Halton Clerks and Treasurers Association.

The group, holding their annual meeting in Milton Inn, endorsed a resolution calling for repeal of Section 35C. "Municipalities have a real problem. The section means they cannot have Saturday elections without a lot of objections from the liquor interests," said the group's secretary-treasurer Al Trimble, assistant clerk of the Town of Burlington.

"We feel this part of the act is outdated and has no use in the present day," he added. Mr. Trimble pointed out the law is hypocritical, as if one town closes outlets for an election the neighboring municipality does not hinder people from getting some thing to drink elsewhere.

John White, treasurer of the Town of Oakville, was selected as group's 1966 president, with Halton's deputy clerk Jim Andrews as vice-president. The town of Milton hosted annual meeting and about 25 clerks and treasurers from around Halton County attended, plus four Milton councillors.

Guest speakers were Robert Watson, director of the counties branch of the Department of Municipal Affairs, who gave a report on proposed revisions in the annual auditing report statements municipalities must file with the D.M.A., and Mrs. Mary Brand, chief election clerk for Ontario, who spoke on the possibility of using voting machines for municipal elections.

Driving is still treacherous in some areas and motorists are being warned to drive with care.

opinion Remedial Reading was more important at the present time and the school wasn't ready for Oral French for the near future.

Inspector McNeil noted that some other places had previously adopted Remedial Reading in every grade. Burlington had done this and is now considering Oral French. He informed the board it was his opinion a teacher for Remedial Reading could be kept busy throughout the day at the two schools.

Trustee Doug Manning wondered if there was anything being done to assist the slow pupil in arithmetic. He was told by principal McKenzie there were special classes before and after school being conducted for these pupils.

**Grade Nine Uniformity**  
On the subject of Oral French, the inspector cautioned the board to hire the best teacher possible.

Principal Smith was of the opinion the teacher should be bilingual. He also suggested before the board consider Oral French, consideration should be given to contacting boards of other schools which feed pupils to Acton high school in order to make the grade nine program effective.

Board members agreed to give further consideration toward both Remedial Reading and Oral French before the start of the fall term.

Inspector McNeil commended the board on establishing special auxiliary classes at the school.

**Wonderful Co-operation**  
Administration committee chairman William Benson read a letter from staff members thanking the board for the salary schedule presented them for next term and the wonderful co-operation between staff and board. Mr. Benson said it was necessary for the board to go along with the going rate for teachers or the schools would not have a good calibre of teachers.

The board appointed Rev. Ritchie McMurray as the board representative to the Acton Library Board. Accounts totalling \$8,339.99 were approved for payment.

**Budget Meeting**  
It was agreed to hold a special meeting next Tuesday to review the 1966 budget. Both principals submitted a long list of supplies and requirements to assist the budget committee.

Principal Elmer Smith of the M. Z. Bennett school asked board members to give consideration to crowded conditions at his school. He noted that several changes were being considered for the Robert Little school, with which he agreed, but wondered if his school was being forgotten.

Board member Cyril Bishop agreed a look at facilities at Mr. Smith's school was long overdue.

## Overhead, Underground Costs Of Wiring Compared by Hydro

Hydro commissioners last Thursday evening received a cost breakdown on the installation required in Lakeview subdivision to service all remaining lots. Council had requested the breakdown to determine the differences in cost between an overhead and an underground system.

Estimates run from 40 to 70 lots which require electrical service. The superintendent, in reporting the estimated costs, said a complete underground system would cost \$15,269 plus the cost of underground conduit.

Alternatives suggested were a continuation of overhead secondary lines installed at the rear of the properties with a further alternative of underground street lighting or street lights on wooden poles with overhead wiring.

Estimated cost of overhead secondary lines was \$7,759, of underground street lights \$4,659, of street lights on wooden poles with overhead wiring \$1,653.34. Present installation in the subdivision is overhead secondary lines with underground street lighting lines. The information is to be forwarded to Council.

Commissioners authorized attendance at two safety seminars; approved accounts of \$1,614.17; agreed to continue sponsorship of a public speaking contest; authorized the property committee to investigate the purchase of a truck and delegated the finance committee to recommend an advertising program for 1966.

Commissioners Dawkins and McEachern were present as well as chairman Tyler.

## Propose Many Improvements To Roads in Nassagaweya Twp.

Improvements to a number of Township roads and the drawing up of formal "Town-Line Agreements" with surrounding towns and townships, were proposed and approved when the roads committee presented its first report of 1966 to Nassagaweya Township Council.

The only item in the report which caused controversy was the proposal to continue improvements of Number 3 sideroad at the west end of Kelso Conservation area. Roads department foreman Grant McMillan told council improvements to the road in 1966 would cost just over \$6,000. He said it was planned to continue improvements to the road because it is a route for both High School and Public School buses. He said it had been neglected in the past because other roads needed improvements more.

Councillor Mrs. Anne MacArthur wondered, "is this another road that leads into conservation property?" She then remarked, "I think this is a plum for the conservation pie." She suggested if it wasn't for conservation there wouldn't be as much interest in improving the road and she charged they (The Halton Region Conservation Authority) want to use it as a back entrance to Kelso.

Mrs. MacArthur suggested there was more need for improvements on other Township roads and cited the First Line.

Reeve William Coulter said, "we try to do as much throughout the Township as we can. We certainly don't try to concentrate on one particular area."

Deputy-Reeve William Hoy noted "the improvements that have been made have done very nicely." When Reeve Coulter suggested the formulation of a five-year plan for looking after the roads, the Deputy Reeve stated, "I think that's an excellent idea."

Councillor MacArthur agreed with the idea also but a "ded rider," just as long as every section gets its fair share.

A resident on Three Sideroad spoke briefly and hinted, "if two cars meet on the road, one has

## Three Actonians In Accidents

Milton O.P.P. had a rash of accidents to investigate over the weekend as motorists persisted in travelling despite the high winds and drifting snow. From Wednesday of last week to Monday midnight they report over \$12,000 in property damages and five injured persons in the rash of accidents.

Three Acton residents were involved in the week's accidents. A car driven by Norman Ross Morton of 28 Main St. received \$200 damage in a two-car collision on the Given Rd. at the Third Line Esqueving Friday afternoon. Cars driven by Margaret Bollert of R.R. 4 Acton and John Foley of 239 Main St. Acton received \$300 total damage in a collision on Highway 25 Saturday morning.

## March of Dimes

Due to bad weather and illness the March of Dimes canvass is continuing longer than expected. There's expected to be a total next week.



SONS OF SCOTLAND enjoyed a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings Friday night at Acton Legion Hall. The dinner was topped off with servings of haggis, the traditional Scottish dish. Everyone enjoyed dancing after the dinner. Left to right are treasurer Mrs. Jock Calder and husband Jock Calder, who is chaplain, former Actonians now in "George Town"; Chief Mrs. Tom Hutchison, Georgetown; Rudolph Spielvogel and his wife Mrs. Spielvogel, who is recording secretary, of Acton. Over 135 attended the social function.