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HALTON LIBERAL ASSOCIATION members enjoyed an all-day convention at Hornby recently and part of the program included selection of this year's executive. Shown in front are vice president Mrs. Dorothy Mullen of Burlington, president Bob Blake of Oakville and vice-president Mrs. Heather Mason of Oakville. In the rear row are vice-president Maurice Manderson of Georgetown, treasurer William Logan of Burlington and vice-president Peter Papillon of Acton. Another vice-president Gerry Addison of Milton and the group's secretary Mrs. Sally Walker of Oakville were absent at the time.

HALTON MANOR

25 Acton Dancers Entertain Residents

By Miss Muriel Thompson
A group of talented young Acton friends came to the manor on Thursday night, March 10, when Miss Carol Whitton brought 25 children who are pupils in her dancing school to present a dance recital for the residents.

After Miss Whitton had extended greetings to the audience, she announced the various dances, which were performed to the music of a record player. Most of the dances were tap dances and the remainder were modern jazz dances. They were performed in very pleasing fashion and the costumes worn by the various dancers were very appropriate and attractive.

The opening number Double Shuffles, a tap dance, set the pace for the entire evening. It followed. Three tiny children, four years old, dressed in white satin costumes and caps to represent white ducks performed a dance called The Little White Duck. Older girls danced the modern jazz numbers Birth of the Blues and Take Five. The last dance on the program, a tap dance, Act 1 Blue, was performed by five girls dressed in blue and white ballet costumes.

A talented instrumentalist, Elaine Lamb lent variety to the program by playing several numbers on her accordion. One of these was When the Saints Come Marching In.

After a sing-song had closed the program the children assisted in the serving of cold drinks and snacks. They received many cordial invitations to come again soon.

One picture may be worth a thousand words, but for some reason most people seem to prefer a thousand words.

Acton Hydro

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been installed for short periods over the last few years; however, because of the short time of the tests no conclusions were reached to improve the power problems of the company. The company, by owning and installing the meters for a more lengthy period, expects a more thorough study will be beneficial.

Lakeview Lights
Installation of Hydro services in the balance of Lakeview subdivision came up for another lengthy discussion. Mayor Duly opened the subject when he asked for a breakdown and confirmation of the Commission's estimated costs. The superintendent reported an increase in the price of copper which he thought would result in an escalation in cost. The subject was concluded when the superintendent and secretary agreed to have a detailed cost breakdown prepared and submitted for consideration by Council at a Monday night meeting.

Two Proposals
The mayor reported council was favorably inclined toward an underground distribution system but had some concern on the cost. Under consideration are two proposals. The first proposal is to continue the present method whereby street lights are on steel standards fed from underground wires, and the distribution of power to the homes is made from overhead wires running at the rear of the properties.

The second proposal is to have the distribution wires as well as the street lighting wires underground.

(At a special meeting of council on Monday, council decided to continue the present system of wiring, which is underground street lighting and overhead distribution).

Cost of the extension of the system is charged back to the municipality annually. The superintendent estimated four weeks would be needed for the extension.

Accounts totalling \$1,519.09 were approved for payment. Chairman E. Tyler presided over the meeting attended by Mayor Duly and commissioners Brown and McEachern.

The chairman showed the commissioners the illuminated scroll which had been awarded to him by the O.M.E.A. in recognition of his 15 years service on the Hydro Commission.

HARLEY...to HALTON

By DR. HARRY HARLEY, M.P.

In the past week the House of Commons has returned to its normal pattern of business. The end of last week saw many Government Resolutions passed, as first stage of pieces of legislation and settling up of various committees to investigate penal matters, divorce and consumer credit.

Munday and Tuesday saw the debate of the first Supply Motion, which enabled the estimates of spending for ten Government departments to be referred to Committee for study. This was the opportunity for the Opposition to move a vote of non-confidence in the Government which they did in the form of criticism of the rise in the cost of living in Canada. At no time during this debate and in the vote that followed did the Government appear to be in any danger of defeat.

Free Vote
The issue now before Parliament is capital punishment. This is not a Government measure but a private member's one. The Government is merely providing the time for debate. In this way the Government, as a Government, neither supports nor opposes capital punishment. At the end of the debate a free vote will be held. Based on the result of this resolution the Government will have to introduce, if necessary, any changes in the legislation to make it law. The resolution is introduced as:

"Resolved, that it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Criminal Code for the purpose of:

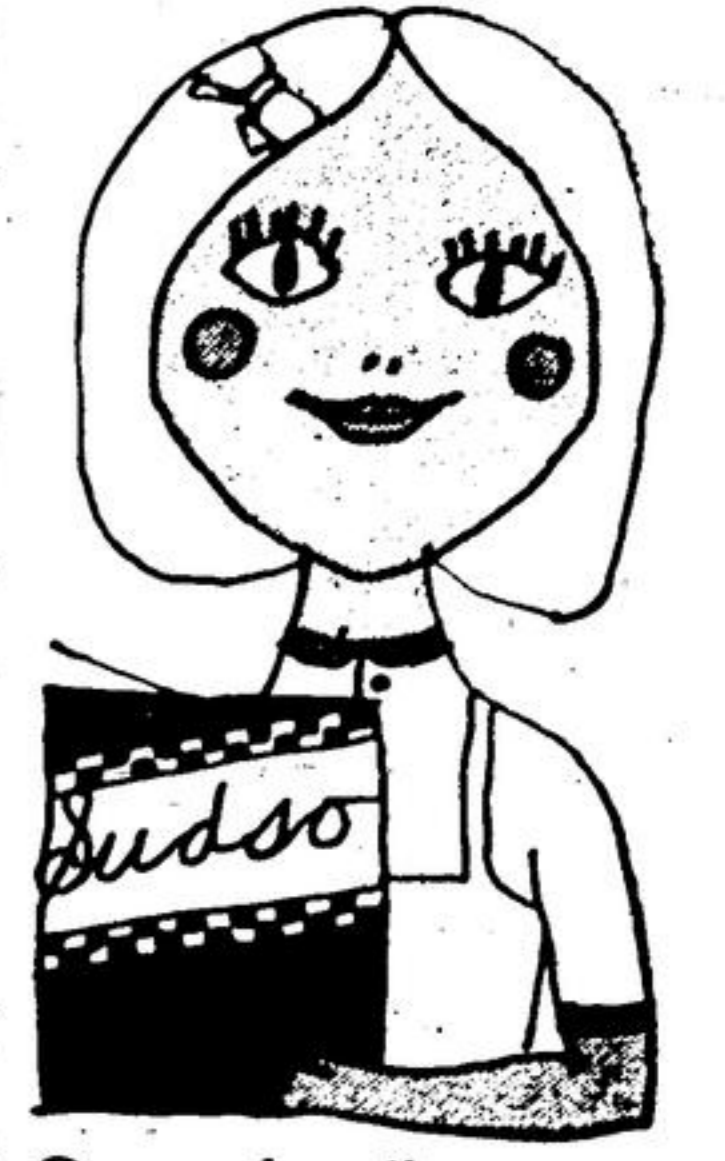
- (a) abolishing the death penalty in respect of all offences under that Act;
(b) substitute a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment in those cases where the death penalty is now mandatory; and
(c) providing that no person upon whom a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment is imposed shall be released from imprisonment without the prior approval of the Governor in Council."

It is expected that this may be amended in many ways before a final and complete vote on this matter is taken.

Dairy Policy
The dairy farmers in Halton will, I am sure, be pleased to learn of the dairy policy for the coming year which starts on April 1, 1966. In brief this consists of a price support of \$4 (from dollars) per hundredweight of milk and a price support of \$6 per lb. of butter. This should assist the farmer caught in the cost-price squeeze, with more assurance of an adequate income for his produce.

SHOE STANDARDS
Shoe sizes are not standard, as to length and width. A five-A width from one firm may equal a six-AA with another. Fashions in shoes range from causing high spikes. Before purchasing any footwear, have each foot measured individually.

9:55 a.m. Hot water washes away your washload faster. Get more hot water when you want it...with Natural Gas. Call your plumber dealer, department store, or United Gas.



Gas makes the big (hot) difference.

—Only 269 days until Christmas!

—There are quite a few robins around now.

—Music festival here Tuesday and Wednesday.

—Flu, scarlet fever, measles. Many are ill these days.

—Easter store hours are announced in an ad today.

—Youngsters in the skating carnival held a full rehearsal last Saturday.

—Acton Pentecostal Tabernacle has changed its name to Evangelical Pentecostal Tabernacle.

—Know church congregational pot luck supper was held last night (Wednesday) followed by a program.

—Although a little premature, a few residents were out on the weekend raking flower beds and lawns.

—The street sweeper was on the job again, clearing the winter's accumulation of dirt off the road Monday.

—Merchants are advertising the Acton Chamber of Commerce "clean-up" contest this week urging residents to enter.

—Spring has a lot more springing to do before it's spring. One benefit: the muddy roads have just frozen up hard and firm again.

—During an executive meeting members of Lakeside Chapter of the I.O.D.E. tied quilts for the Save the Children Fund last Thursday.

—One of the columns of rural correspondence, mailed on Monday, didn't reach the Free Press till Thursday morning, too late for publication.

—Ice at Fairy Lake is usually out about the first week in April although it was very late last year. Ice is still there now, but it's "pretty rotten".

—Guelph College Figure Skating Club's "Rhapsody on Ice" was attractive and well attended. Mrs. Sharon (Bradley) Dwyer is one of the club professionals.

—The record cold of the weekend set spring back a little. The new crocuses were blanketed in snow and again the robins proved that they're too hasty a bunch.

—This is Library Week but with a library as overcrowded as ours, it needs no publicity.

—It's just a year since changes were made in the Roman Catholic Mass with more use of English. The parishioners here are more accustomed to the innovations now.

—Aroused neighbors telephoned staff members and the police when the Free Press sprinkler alarm began sounding Monday evening. There was no fire — just an air leak.

—Bantam and Midget teams in the Acton Legion Minor Sports hockey league are playing in the finals at the arena tonight (Thursday). Sports enthusiasts wishing to see some interesting games are advised to visit the arena.

—Make your neighborhood the envy of your town; make your town the envy of your county; make your county the envy of your province; make your province the envy of your country! That's one of the Chamber of Commerce slogans for Home Beautification competitions, announced this week.

—Anyone particularly interested in the Plunkett hearings will find just the concluding part of the report in this week's paper. The town of Acton proposals, favoring a metro-type government and retaining the division between Halton and Peel, was published in full March 10. A resume of this report, and of Warden Hinton's own report, appeared on March 24. Back copies are available for any who wish them.

—A columnist in a neighboring weekly paper muses: "County Council's 1966 budget calls for expenditure of \$32,500 in salaries, mileage, expenses, receptions and dinners for the 14 members of county council. The figure shows the Warden receiving \$3,500 plus \$1,900 mileage and expenses; the other 13 councillors get \$15,500 plus \$2,000 mileage and expenses; and the remainder goes for convention fees, a personnel consultant, public receptions, the warden's dinner and miscellaneous. The budget is up \$7,000 over last year's. Comment: In addition to the salaries and expenses paid to councillors by their own municipal council, that makes service on county council a pretty lucrative thing. What price public service?"

REPORT FROM QUEEN'S PARK - BY GEORGE A. KERR HALTON M.L.A.

A great deal of publicity is being given to the new Ontario Medical Services Insurance Plan, commonly known as OMSIP. The enrolment period is now in effect and people may obtain an information pamphlet and application form at any bank. This material has also been mailed to every home in Ontario.

The application should be submitted to the Ontario Government before May 1 next. Coverage under the plan will commence July 1, 1966.

I have been receiving substantial mail requesting clarification of one or two points under Section 5 of the OMSIP pamphlet. This is the section which explains how people with low incomes are assisted in paying the cost of the OMSIP. It points out that OMSIP will automatically provide fully-paid coverage, effective April 1, 1966, for people who are receiving benefits under certain Provincial statutes such as Mothers' Allowances Act and the Disabled Persons' Allowance Act.

Not Automatic
The pamphlet goes on to say: "OMSIP will also automatically provide fully-paid coverage for all old age security pensioners who are declared eligible for coverage by the Ontario Department of Public Welfare." It is important to realize that this does not mean that all people receiving an Old Age Pension will be automatically covered by OMSIP. It is only those people who are obtaining

assistance through the Ontario Department of Public Welfare; that is, who are receiving an Old Age Pension between the ages of 65 and 70. The average person who receives an Old Age Pension at age 70 still has to apply and complete an application form for OMSIP and forward it to Toronto.

If anyone is still confused about this particular section, I would suggest, to play safe, that they complete an application form in any event and forward it to Toronto. If they are eligible for automatic coverage, they will be so advised. However, in order to avoid the possibility of not having any insurance at all, if a person is not completely certain of his or her status, it is quite simple to complete an application form.

Welcome Amendments

The Department of Labor made a rather important announcement this past week. The Minister introduced an amendment to The Hours of Work and Vacations with Pay Act and it has the effect of providing a vacation with pay of two weeks after an employee has had three continuous years of service with an employer and also a vacation pay credit of four per cent under similar circumstances. The present law provides just one week after one year of service and a vacation pay credit of just two per cent. I think everyone will agree that in 1966 these amendments are most welcome and acceptable.

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