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Over 900 applaud Lions' variety show

As a follow up to the original 1965 Round Up the Lions Club show Saturday evening followed a different tack from last year's but it again proved to be a highly entertaining variety which delighted over 900 people in the community centre.

Headlined by the Rhythm Pals, an instrumental trio featured on the Tommy Hunter TV and radio programs, Saturday's show had something for almost everybody. It was run on a western theme but the music and the humor was not restricted, combining popular, country and comic songs in the two and a half hour production. M.C. was Vince Mountford, popular entertainer and wit from Brampton, who tied in the different acts and led the cheering sections. Partial to the Lions since he's one himself, Vince was introduced by a phalanx of the Acton club welcoming the crowd on the arena floor and spilling over into the bleachers on the south side of the arena.

Gaily decked out in their regalia topped by 10 gallon hats they advised everyone to smile and after a short welcoming speech by the Lion chief they sang along with Vince until the Rhythm Pals recovered a hot pick which slowed up the show opening.

On came the Rhythm Pals and they quickly found the audience receptive to their instrumental and vocal harmony. They led off with Tumbling Tumbleweed and went right in to popular western and folk music.

The Pals were followed by Joyce Carpenter and her dancers who first sang the folk song "Blowin' in the Wind" with Joyce accompanying on the guitar and featured a dance number by Karen Ashley, Mary Frances Marcoux and Marianne Coles. The girls formed up for a square dance and Norm Wilcox called off for them.

Billed as a banjo virtuoso, Chuck Ford, an amiable young man whose attractions include a boisterous grin and a real feeling for southern and Al Jolson melodies didn't disappoint Saturday's throng. With background from the Rhythm Pals he kept them toe-tapping and humming throughout his performance.

Led by George Musselle the 30 voice Legion male chorus from Acton gave a rendition of an old Scottish number, My Bonnie Lassie and The Bells of St.

Marys in four part harmony which changed the mood of the audience until intermission, with Acton Citizens Band entertained with music from The Sound of Music, some stirring marches and the theme from Exodus.

Second part of the program was identical to the first with some new acts thrown in.

Les Duby, Acton's singing mayor, backed by the Rhythm Pals received the loudest applause of the night for his three western numbers. The mayor said it was one of the greatest thrills of his life to sing with the Pals and the trio afterwards commended Les for the quality of his work.

The Pals and Squares, Acton's square dance group, entertained as caller Norm Wilcox led them through intricate routines. In the squares were Mr. and Mrs. Mansell Nellis, Charlie Perry, Joyce Blundell, Marg and Ev Whitford and George and Marie Haysgrave.

The Chorale sang the rousing, The Happy Wanderer to polish off their part of the second half and the Rhythm Pals appeared twice and along with Chuck Ford.

Chairman of the very successful show was Vic Bristow and he was assisted by: talent and food booth, Murray Harrison and Bob Hall; purchasing and seating, Art Gordon; stage construction, George Lockerbie; Neil Miller and Perry Lamarche; ticket sales, Dave Hunter; program advertising, Vic Bristow and Al Lauder; promotion, Ray Evelan; ushering, Andy Nolan; gate, Peter Papiilon and Ray Arbie.

Fines total \$354 11 cases from town

Acton O.P.P. detachment had 11 offenders up on charges in police court in Milton, Monday. Fines totalled \$354 with court costs amounting to \$51.

Included on the docket was one local youth charged with drinking under age, who paid a \$95 fine and \$5 court charge. A Guelph offender charged with drinking under age paid a \$77 fine with a \$23 court charge.

Other charges related to minor traffic offenses including going through stop signs and speeding.



ACTON'S SINGING MAYOR, Les Duby, had plenty of accompaniment Saturday night when he sang during the Lions Club annual show at the Community Centre. The Rhythm Pals, popular TV entertainers, played background music as the mayor sang three numbers. Left to right are Michael Ferby, emcee Vince Mountford, Jack Jensen, Mayor Duby and Marc Ward.

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Councillors debate

Taxi fare, Manor rate increases high maple mortality in county

Fourteen surviving trees of the 92 planted didn't sit well with council at their regular meeting Tuesday. Deputy-reveve Parker reported his conversation with the deputy county clerk had indicated the same situation exists throughout the county. The clerk has been in touch with the nursery and billing of local residents for their portion of the costs of the trees will not be made until the situation has been clarified.

Mimeographing of the auditor's report and voters' list was approved at a total cost of \$220.

The ten per cent per diem increase in cost of care at Halton Centennial Manor was reported to council. The rate has been increased from \$5 per day to \$5.50.

The O.W.R.C. reported visits to the local waterworks system and inspections indicated the proper chlorine level was being maintained and the water quality was quite satisfactory.

The request by the local taxi to have the maximum rate increased from 50 cents to 75 cents for local calls, established by by-law, was sent to committee for further study. Councillor Drinkwater suggested the 75 cents would be the maximum rate and councillor Masales said "with the insurance rates the way they are today, we are lucky to have one taxi in business." Increased costs were cited as the reason for the suggested increase.

The clerk was authorized to attend Ontario Municipal Association Clerks' and Treasurers' convention to be held at Honey Harbor June 20, 21 and 22.

Cheques will be issued to councillors for half the year's annual honorarium. Mayor Duby expressed his appreciation of the effort put forward by councillors during the first half of the year.

Solicitor Sharpe advised council that Beverley Blvd. was never opened for traffic and could become a part of the property for an apartment project if the town passed a by-law returning it to the owner of the adjoining lots or an order could be made by the county judge returning the street allowance on the plan of subdivision to the owner of the adjoining lots.

Notice was received that John Dunn had been awarded a Class A sewer and waterworks operators certificate as a result of training with the Ontario Water Resources Commission. Word was also received that assessor William Erskine had completed his three year course in municipal assessing and requested council to present him his certificate at a later date.

Transport Department calls another Mill-Main survey

At council meeting Tuesday, clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie reported information received from the Department of Transport indicated another survey would be taken at the Mill-Main intersection.

It was suggested if this survey indicated the installation of stop signals was warranted, this would compound the parking problem on Mill St. Complaints have been received about double parking of delivery vehicles and buses on Mill St. between Main and Willow.

Mayor Duby, in speaking about the hazard, reminded councillors that any vehicles which crossed the solid white line to pass a double parked vehicle were breaking the law and could be held responsible for any accidents which occur. Reeve Hinton suggested council should be actively trying to get off-street parking for the present properties. Mayor Duby replied to the reeve, saying council has been considering parking for three years and said this problem cannot be solved without costing the town money. He was almost sure there would be no parking on Mill between Main and Willow St. if the stop lights are installed.

Councillor Doris Fryer suggested the parking problem could be eased if businessmen would leave their cars at home or park on back streets.

Solicitor Aldo Braidia was authorized to institute the collection of business tax arrears up to December 31, 1965. He was authorized to collect them through the division court if necessary.

Clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie reported business tax arrears up until May 31, 1966, amounted to approximately \$14,000. He felt this was "not too bad" at present, but reeve Hinton pointed out the town had no security on which to collect business tax and he thought of the arrears as representing two mills of the present taxes.

Another complaint received by council was a letter from parks board expressing strong dissatisfaction with the inadequacy of police supervision in the park during the busy weekends.

The letter said the race track was being used as a drag strip for motorcycles and recommended regulation and co-operation.

P.O. centennial

New iron railings have been installed on each side of the main entrance to the post office. This is part of caretaker George Collins' centennial project. Shrubs were planted recently.

ion of council if a tragedy is to be averted.

The mayor commended the parks board for speaking in such strong terms indicating their concern. He deplored the lack of respect accorded law and order, but didn't agree with councillor Fryer's suggestion that parks board members themselves might endeavor to correct offenders at the park.

Councillor Robert Drinkwater advised council he would be bringing forth a resolution to provide for a two-year council term later this year. Other members of council might consider that matter before he branches the subject again, he said.

Improvements to Eastern Ave. were approved when council accepted their share of the costs. The project will see the widening of Eastern Ave. west of Young St., widening of the railway crossing and the installation of warning signal lights. Total cost of the project will be \$19,730, of which Acton's cost will be \$2,385. Annual operation and maintenance costs on the signals are anticipated to be \$900.

Twice a week garbage collection returns to a year round schedule next week. By resolution, council set Monday and Thursday as garbage pick-up days for the whole town. If a holiday falls on the Monday or Thursday, garbage will be picked up on the next day. The twice a week pick-up was made possible when council purchased the new garbage pucker to speed operation.

Collection will begin at 7 a.m. and the two workmen and driver will be finished work for the day when the pick-up is completed.

Reeve Hinton objected to this policy on the basis that it would tend to make the workmen hur-

ry and might result in less safety.

A by-law regulating the dumping of sewage effluent and sludge within the town of Acton was given two readings. The by-law which was recommended to council by Halton County Health Unit sets up conditions under which sludge may be dumped and was submitted so uniform legislation would apply throughout the county.

Another by-law authorized the clerk-treasurer to sign quitclaim deeds on lots in Lakeview subdivision under the agreement with Long Term Investments Ltd.

Car wrecked narrow escape

Norman Smith, R.R. 3, Acton, had a narrow escape from serious injury Saturday morning when his car ended up in a swamp a complete wreck at Rockwood.

The driver received a few minor cuts and bruises after his car went into a spin after entering an oil slick on the road. It careened out of control across the road, struck guard rails and nosed over on its roof in the deep swamp below the big hill entering Rockwood from Acton way.

Mr. Smith was returning to his home from work in Guelph after finishing the night shift.

96th birthday

Frank E. Rawlings, former resident of Acton, observed his 96th birthday on Wednesday, June 8. A patient at St. Joseph's Chronic Hospital, Guelph, he is able to be about most of the time and enjoys visits from old friends, reading, writing and a friendly game of cards.

Esquising council debates road to fourth line lots

The road designated "no man's land," two months ago by three Esquising ratepayers came back into prominence at last week's Esquising Council meeting.

The owner of the land on the 4th Line, just north of the old Bannockburn school, Clarence Coles, asked council for tentative approval of the road if he brought it up to Department of Highways, and Esquising Township specifications. He has sold several lots there recently.

"Why would you go ahead and sell these lots and then come to council?" asked Councillor Pat Patterson. "You sell the property, and then expect the town-

ship to put a road in." Mr. Coles denied this saying he was going to put the road in, but only wanted to know if council would accept the road for maintenance purposes after he brought it up to specifications.

Councillor George Currie pointed out that Mr. Coles would have to put in entrance culverts also, but Mr. Coles thought that each individual householder had to provide their own culverts.

Mr. Patterson felt it was up to the township to set down the specifications so Mr. Coles would know what he had to do. "The road superintendent should have that information," said Clerk K. C. Lindsay.

The discussion closed on the adoption of Mr. Currie's suggestion that council visit the area before coming to any decision.

In presenting a report to council, Donald Lawson, Esquising's representative on the Georgetown High School Board pointed out that the large number of new courses offered upped the cost to the taxpayer. He suggested that larger units serving a whole area, might be cheaper.

The vocational courses are expensive to operate, he claimed, and felt it might be wiser for only one school in the area to offer some special courses rather than each one duplicating the courses. "It would be cheaper, to transport the students than to have the same facilities in neighboring schools," he contended.

"That's exactly what we had under the old North Halton Area High School Board," commented Clerk K. C. Lindsay.

Mr. Lawson pointed out that Esquising's high school population has not increased a great deal in the past few years, but explained as Georgetown's population grows, Esquising's financial share will grow accordingly.

In conclusion he stated that no member of the Georgetown District High School Board has accepted remuneration for their duties, as they could under the present legislation.

Building Inspector informed council that permits valued at \$254,550 were issued in the township during the month of May. These were all residential buildings.

Sarnia architect meets hydro commission here

Sarnia architect William Andrews and his associate, Hank Wasyl, met with Acton hydro commissioners at a special meeting Wednesday of last week to discuss possibilities of proceeding with plans for a new hydro building on Alice Street.

Previous attempts to construct a new building with plans drawn by architect Donald Skinner were met with excessive bids on two occasions. An estimated \$60,000 building by architect Skinner and commissioners was considered by the lowest bidder at around \$100,000.

Following a visit to Strathroy where commissioners viewed the

recently completed hydro building built there at a considerably lower cost, local members agreed to meet with the Sarnia architect who designed the Strathroy building.

At the special meeting, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Wasyl and the commission toured the present Alice Street workshop in order to discuss tentative plans. It was agreed later the Sarnia architect would review proposals for a new building submitted by the commission before an appropriate cost and future plans are made.

During the meeting it was also agreed to consider "Open

House" at a future date in some of the new all-electric homes in Lakeview subdivision.

Accounts totalling \$21,909.72 were approved for payment.



Architect's sketch of Acton's proposed Centennial Library for which tenders are called and will be opened on June 29.

More police supervision at park sought by board

Speeders, careless drivers and drinkers at Prospect Park came under fire last week when Parks Board members discussed the need for more police protection to Prospect Park patrons from offenders.

Secretary Art Cooper was instructed to write a letter to Mayor Les Duby outlining parks board's case, its stand on the need for more police protection and request a hearing at the next council meeting to discuss the problems.

Member Gordon Hanling was of the opinion more police protection should be allotted to the park.

Nino Braidia said patrons should be protected from speeding and theft. He felt the police cruiser did not patrol the park often enough to discourage young drivers from racing and causing a disturbance.

He also claimed liquor was being consumed in the park and stressed this should be stopped.

New member Brendan Ahern was of the opinion the ban would be heavy-handed as many picnickers enjoy a beer with their lunch.

Mr. Braidia stuck to his opinion about the ban but agreed there was no use laying down the law without proper police backing.

Board members learned about an incident opening day (June 5) when motorcyclists raced down the beach area scattering young swimmers. Mr. Braidia added this was another reason to seek added police protection.

The new park charge by-law permits Acton residents free admission to the park on weekends and holidays. Recent wreckers for car windshields were mailed to all local residents. The usual 1 charge per car still applies for out-of-town patrons, with no charge for pedestrians.

Confirmation of hiring Cam Agnew as park gate attendant was made at the meeting at the rate of \$1 per hour.

Present for the meeting were chairman George Williams, vice-chairman Nino Braidia, Cliff Bradley, Gord Harding, Brendan Ahern and secretary Art Cooper. The meeting was held Thursday of last week in the community centre.