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Wrong contest firefighters win anyway

Acton Firefighters were among hundreds of firefighters from all over Ontario attending the gala Firefighters' Association of Ontario parade and convention in Milton Saturday.

Through a mix-up, the local brigade missed getting a prize for their appearance and marching in the Saturday parade. An error in the secretary's records entered them in the class for "regulation dress" but they really were competing in the "fancy dress" section of the competition. Judges named them third in the regulation dress grouping, behind Dundas and Ajax departments.

Bern Van Fleet and John Krappke were Acton's official delegates and they sat through the day's business sessions, held in Milton arena. Close to 20 men from Acton entered the parade and stayed for the dance Saturday evening.

George Bundy, deputy chief of Milton Fire Department, was elected president of the association for 1966-67 and took over the office at noon Saturday. Next year, the convention moves to Mount Forest and a four-day event is planned for the Civic Holiday weekend.

Plunkett's report just a month away

The long-awaited Plunkett Report on local government in Halton and Peel counties will be in the hands of the Minister of Municipal Affairs by September 16. It was authoritatively learned by this newspaper this week.

No indication was given when the Minister would release the report, either to the public or to the participating county councils. Peel County has requested an opportunity to study the report prior to its release. Halton County Council declined to support the Peel motion at its July meeting, favoring instead a general release of the report.



—Staff Photo

JOEY MARSHALL drew a large ovation from the audience Wednesday of last week at the playground circus when he played accordion solos.



—Staff Photo

A LITTLE TRAVELLING MUSIC was supplied for the summer playground program youngsters while they waited for the circus parade to begin Wednesday evening of last week by Marie Jordan dressed as Mickey Mouse. The parade marched from the C.N.R. station to the arena where the youngsters presented a one-ring circus. Kneeling in front are Warren Coultrup as a pirate and Janice Ellerby as a clown. Back row left to right are clown Diane Buckman, Marie Jordan and clown David Mills.

Halton, Peel, Minister sign for regional jail

An agreement that Minister of Reform Institutions Alan Grossman suggested will be one that will change the whole face of penology, at least in North America, was signed by representatives of Peel and Halton County in an historic first joint meeting on Tuesday.

The agreement, formally signed by the wardens and clerks as well as the provincial minister, establishes a committee to prepare for construction of a regional detention centre to replace existing county jails. The new centre, its location yet undetermined, will be named Maplehurst.

"We're not just building another jail," Mr. Grossman told members of the two councils gathered in the Halton County Council chambers. He pointed out many of those in county jails don't need maximum security facilities, and those who are innocent should also be

treated in a different way to those already found guilty. The proposed one-storey detention centre will include family visiting rooms and facilities for forensic treatment. Estimated cost of the facility is \$2,000,000.

The agreement calls for establishment of a five-man committee with three members from Peel County and two from Halton. The committee will be responsible for choosing the site and subsequently for construction and administration. A site near Hornby has been rumored. Peel County representatives on the committee are Toronto Township Reeve Robert Speck, Brampton Mayor Russell Prouse and Chingawacung Reeve Cyril Clark. Members to represent Halton have not yet been appointed.

At the outset of the meeting, which Halton Warden H. H. Hinton described as the first

of its kind in Ontario and which observers declared was the first between the two full county councils, members from Peel and Halton were introduced.

"It is a pleasure to host this unique event," Warden Hinton declared. The meeting included 11 Halton representatives and 24 from Peel.

In a call for any joint business for discussion by the two councils, Reeve Clark suggested members discuss the Terra Cotta Road, as one of the common problems between the two counties.

Reeve G. Leslie, Halton Road Committee chairman, observed he thought this was to be a quiet, formal little meeting, to the amusement of members. He noted, however, the county had looked at the routes proposed but had not yet finalized its action.

Amalgamation approved at joint meet of Parks Board, Recreation Committee

Acting on the advice of a "neutral" chairman, Mayor Les Duby, at a joint meeting Monday night, Parks Board and the Recreation Committee instructed municipal secretary Art Cooper to draft a letter to council, pointing out the two bodies wish to amalgamate and asking steps be taken to initiate action on the request at the earliest possible time.

Representatives from both Parks and Recreation attended the meeting which discussed the pros and cons of combining the efforts into one meeting instead of the present two. They gave unanimous approval to the move subject to council's approval.

Mayor Duby pointed out the need to streamline municipal work and abolish much of the red tape and duplication presently entailed. He ticked off six points in favor of amalgamation of the two bodies:

- (1) It would release two councillors from the present two boards for other duties.
- (2) Justify a bigger budget request and carry more weight with council.
- (3) Mean only one secretary-treasurer instead of a joint employee as at present.
- (4) Avoid duplication of bank accounts.
- (5) Facilitate speeding up of projects planned.
- (6) Be much simpler for the auditors.

Fear that the present two bodies would be over-heavy with recreation committee members who outnumber parks board 10-5 were discounted by recreation chairman Len Lovell and other members. Council could make sure personnel from both bodies balanced-out on the amalgamated committee, he said.

Parks board chairman George Williams said some parks board members felt projects like the Glenlea park development would be deferred if the board amalgamated with the recreation committee. Mr. Duby pointed out, however, the new body would be responsible to council for both parks and recreation.

Secretary Art Cooper told the meeting he had personally polled members of parks board and found no one against amalgamation.

"Our biggest problem now is to find out how these boards can be dissolved and how soon," said recreation head Lovell.

Earlier the secretary had read

Andrew Drenters guest sculptor

The annual summer art festival in Guelph, Painting-on-the-Green, will be held this weekend at the Delhi St. Recreation centre.

One of the special guest exhibitors is Andrew Drenters, who lived formerly in Acton, worked here at one time not long ago and taught figure sculpting. His brother Jesse is also a sculptor.

The art of sculpture of the found object is the special interest of young Mr. Drenters, who works now in a converted sheep-pen and pig pen on his farm at R.R. 1 Acton. Born in Belgium and self-taught, during the past four years, he has collected dozens of horseshoes, some 100 years old. A documentary of pioneer days, these horseshoes have been welded and shaped into figures. Mr. Drenters' sculptures are made primarily of old, discarded farm implements.

The artist says of his work, "As long as I can remember, I have been fascinated with found objects. I feel that these agricultural items are melted down so I decided to give them a place in our world once more." Mr. Drenters has exhibited at the Gallery House in Georgetown, at the Gaslight Gallery in Kitchener, at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, the Pollock Gallery in Toronto and is a member of the Sculpture Society of Canada.

Cheque forger

Five local merchants were each duped out of \$2.15 by a cheque forger recently and were unaware of the forgery until the cheques were returned from Toronto banks.

The forged cheques were made out on legitimate Style Acres Ranch cheque forms with the forged signature of ranch owner Bruno Schissazzi.

A letter from Chas. Leatherland, council's representative on the recreation committee, stating that parks board had been set up by a vote of the electorate as part of the Parks Act. The secretary said he thought it could only be dissolved by a vote or by a special bill passed by council. "It's my impression," said Mr. Cooper, "that the vote would be much faster than the time it takes to pass a special bill."

Mayor Duby agreed there was uncertainty as to how the present set up could be dissolved but

didn't doubt other municipalities had faced the same problem. He offered to discuss the problem with councillors from other municipalities and ask the advice of clerk administrator Jack McGeachie on the matter.

In the meantime the secretary suggested perhaps the two bodies could accept the suggestion of Doug Patton, area representative for community programs division of the Department of Education. Mr. Patton suggested the two boards could act in concert until amalgamation was passed.

Several objections were heard to this method of co-operation but members agreed the suggestion was worth looking into and possibly something could be worked out suitable to both bodies.

Mayor Duby chaired the hour-long discussion which had chairman George Williams and Bill Williams in attendance from Parks Board, chairman Len Lovell, Charles Perry, Hugh Patterson and Harold Townsley from the recreation committee as well as recreation director Howard Pearce.

Tom McKeown tops 17 graduates in Acton grade 13 exam results

A record number of graduates — 17 — will receive their upper school graduation diplomas this year. Principal Ted Hansen released examination results on Monday, and noted with satisfaction the school's record is very good this year.

There were 30 writing examinations here, for a full year or just a few subjects, and 29 were successful in all or some of these. Of 150 papers written, 125 were passed — a good percentage of 84 per cent.

"This is a considerable step up," Mr. Hansen remarked. "The students did better overall."

Top student, whatever way his marks were averaged or totalled, was Thomas McKeown, son of postmaster Gordon McKeown and Mrs. McKeown. He has five firsts, a second and two credits for a total of 10 papers this year.

Languages, indicated as one paper, are counted as two. Tom passed his grade 13 History and Zoology last year, and his Botany the year before, so his "grand total" is 13 papers. He hopes to study medicine and has applied to three universities for entrance. He has not yet learned where he will be going.

Second student with another five firsts, is Stephen Coles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Coles. He also obtained two seconds this year, and had two papers from previous years. He hopes to attend the University of Guelph.

Tom McKeown will receive high school board scholarship for aggregate marks, and also the board's university entrance scholarship.

For a diploma, five credits plus English (which counts as two) are now required — a lowering of requirements from past years.

Exams were written by 30 students. On the list of successful candidates there are 28 Acton names. The 29th successful candidate was an Indian teacher from out-of-town, who came to write here in her traditional sari.

This year at A.H.S. there was just one adult student, Mrs. Ted Pratt, who will receive her diploma. She wrote History, Latin and French and had her grade 13 English previously.

Vivian Smith hopes to train as a lab technician at the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto.

Other graduates with applications in to Universities are Linda Braida, Nancy Rogavaldson, Ronald Henry, Gay White and Vicky Newton.

Green Lander hopes to take journalism at Ryerson and Carol Swackhamer hopes to attend Lakeshore Teachers' College.

Gary Murr will be attending Lakeshore Teachers' College.

Axel Nieszczeri, who had German previously, is already working at the Bank of Montreal.

Graduate Marilyn Kirkwood studied Spanish on her own and was successful.

Other students whose plans are not finalized are Russell Masales and Susan Radford.

A few appeals are being made to have papers re-read.

Peter Lawson wrote exams to raise his previous standing. Students Bob Watson and Tom Girger are now working in the Bank of Montreal.

Some of those listed below are grade 12 students, writing one or two papers. Due to a change in the Biology course fewer lower school students were able to fit it into their schedules this year, so actually the number of students writing exams has dropped.

Principal Hansen explains this year's Grade 13 exams are the last set of exams to be handled in this manner. The 1966 exams were set and marked by the province, and the final mark is made up of 35 per cent teacher's mark and 65 per cent examination mark.

In 1967, students will again write departmental exams, but a new policy of marking them may be determined between now and next June. In addition, students desiring entrance to college or university will write a standard test prepared by the newly formed "Service for Admission to College and University."

The following year, 1968, no provincial examinations will be set; they will be operated by each individual school. University applicants will again write the aptitude tests prepared by the Service for Admission to College and University.

E. Jill Bagby — Eng. C. Hist. C. Alg. C. Trig. C. Biol. 3rd, Chem. C. Latin C.

Linda J. T. Braida — Eng. 1st, Hist. C. Biol. 2nd, Chem. C. Latin 2nd, French 3rd.

Kathleen M. Chisholm — Eng. 3rd, Biol. C.

Susan E. Clarke — Phys. 3rd, Stephen H. Coles — Eng. 2nd, Alg. 1st, Geom. 1st, Trig. 1st, Phys. 1st, Chem. 1st, French 2nd, Laverne L. S. Denny — Chem. 3rd.

Thomas A. A. Ginger — Eng. 2nd, Biol. C.

Ronald K. Henry — Hist. 2nd, Geog. C. Biol. 2nd, Chem. C, French 3rd.

Marilyn A. Kirkwood — Eng. 2nd, Hist. C. Biol. 2nd, French 2nd, Spanish C.

Donna M. Landsborough — Geom. C. Trig. C.

Gwendolyn D. Lander — Eng. 1st, Hist. 1st, Chem. C, Latin 3rd, French C.

Peter M. Lawson — Alg. 2nd, Trig. 2nd.

Linda J. Linham — Eng. 3rd, Hist. C. Biol. C.

J. Russell Masales — Eng. C, Hist. C, Alg. 3rd, Geom. C, Trig. C, Chem. 3rd, French 3rd.

G. Thomas McKeown — Eng. 2nd, Geog. C, Alg. 1st, Geom. 1st, Trig. 1st, Phys. 1st, Chem. 1st, French C.

Gary M. Murr — Geom. 1st, Trig. C, Phys. C, Chem. 2nd, Victoria Newton — Eng. 1st, Alg. 1st, Geom. 3rd, Trig. 2nd, Phys. C, Chem. C, Latin 3rd.

Axel Nieszczeri — Eng. 2nd, Hist. C, Geog. C, Biol. C.

Mrs. Joan E. Pratt — Hist. 2nd, Latin 2nd, French 3rd.

Susan M. Radford — Hist. C, Geog. 3rd, Latin 2nd, French C.

Nancy E. Rogavaldson — Eng. 1st, Alg. 2nd, Geom. 3rd, Trig. C, Phys. C, Chem. 2nd, French C.

Vivian M. Smith — Eng. 1st, Alg. 2nd, Geom. 2nd, Trig. 3rd, Chem. 2nd, Latin 2nd.

Carol E. Swackhamer — Eng. 1st, Hist. 3rd, Chem. C, Latin 3rd, French C.

Dorothy R. Thompson — Eng. 2nd, Hist. C, Biol. C, French C.

Gordon H. Van Gils — Eng. C, Hist. 2nd, Biol. C, Chem. C.

Robert L. Watson — Eng. C, Alg. C, Trig. C.

L. Gay White — Eng. 1st, Hist. 3rd, Geog. C, Alg. C, Trig. C, Chem. 3rd, French C.

John R. Wood — Hist. C, Alg. C, Trig. C.

Proposed new zoning by-law is expected within 30 days

The long-awaited proposed zoning by-law for the Township of Nassagawaga, will likely be in the hands of Township ratepayers within 30 days.

At a meeting of the Township Planning Board and council on Wednesday of last week, councillors inspected a revised draft of the by-law. Reeve William Coulter said following the meeting "council will discuss the by-law at its next meeting and forward suggestions, if any, to the Planning Board."

At that time the Planning Board will send out copies of the proposed by-law along with an explanatory letter to all ratepayers of the Township. The letter will also contain the time, date and location of public meetings which will be held to discuss the by-law and the Township's Official Plan, which is also being drawn up.

Planning Board chairman Grant Campbell explained at the meeting, "we've worked very hard on this, and gone into every

detail of the plan and the by-law. We certainly hope it will prove acceptable."

He described the by-law as being "very mild" and indicated, "maybe in a few years it will need to be revised."

Assessment notices out in mail soon

Acton home owners will soon be receiving assessment notices. Town assessor William Fiske noted this week notices would be mailed out within the next few days.

Tenants occupying two or more rooms where they eat and sleep will also receive assessment notices this year. This doesn't mean tenants will have to pay taxes but simply entitles them to a vote in the municipal election. Through this means, names are compiled for the voters' list.

"We're all very conscious of the fact that we're not going to try to hurt anyone. As soon as the by-law is amended a copy will go to every ratepayer, and they'll have two weeks to study it. Public meetings will be held for every part of the township."

Reeve Coulter explained, "by conducting it this way, council will have a chance to know the feeling of the ratepayers even before the first reading."

Deputy Reeve William Flacy commented, "the board has done a very fine job of getting this information together. I can see in my mind very few objections, if any."

Councillor Ross Gordon said, "It looks pretty good to me."

Members agreed to hold in abeyance an interim statement from Project Planning Associates Ltd., the company that had worked on the official plan and zoning by-law. The statement was for \$3,763.48, more than half of the contract total of \$5,900.

Police warn CNR payroll cheques forged

Local merchants were warned by police this week to be on the alert for forged CNR payroll cheques which are expected to be cashed this week.

The bona-fide cheques issued by the CNR, after August 1, have the date and signature of the person issuing the cheque in red ink. It is presumed the forged cheques will be in green ink.

Merchants have been warned to detain the forger as long as possible, notify police immediately, obtain an accurate description of the person, procure a license plate number. The cheque is not to be handled any more than necessary.

Old logs

Park caretaker Herb Ritchie on Monday hauled out old logs which have been lying in Fairy Lake behind the wading pool for years. He used the tractor and a cable to do the hauling.



COLORING IS FUN for the children attending the United Church vacation Bible school this week. Left to right are Janice Ellerby, Kim and Brenda Johnston, assistant Marie Timbers

and Linda Mathews. The Bible school classes got under way Monday morning with over 90 youngsters attending.