



100 at annual meeting

Reeve A. Ledwith Halton C.A.S. president

Despite a gale of freezing sleet and snow, nearly 100 people attended the annual general meeting of the Halton Children's Aid Society in Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton.

In his opening remarks, Canon C. M. Mitchell, retiring president and chairman of the meeting, expressed his appreciation of the attendance.

Several special guests, including government officials and prominent people in welfare work, were introduced, along with the staff and directors of the Halton society.

In his presidential report, Canon Mitchell noted the Society opened a new office in Burlington during June, and before the year was up, found larger quarters were required. The space has been enlarged to provide more interviewing and work space for staff and therefore, better services will

be available to the communities in the southern part of the county.

Staff salaries and boarding home rates were increased during the year to bring Halton in line with neighboring societies in this area of Ontario.

A public relations system was set up to advance knowledge of Society work, and brochures have been left with doctors and clergymen for distribution.

Canon Mitchell introduced the Society's executive director, Dr. Gordon K. Askwith, whose report covered the changes brought about by the new Child Welfare Act. The Society can now assist families who appear to be heading for trouble, whether the help is particularly desired or not. Under the former system, the society had to receive a request for assistance, and preventative work was hard to do.

An experiment involving the assigning of a "homemaker" to border-line cases of family problems may be tried.

It was felt that progress had been made in improving relations between the Society and other local organizations and agencies. Dr. Askwith was pleased to note the help and co-operation he received from individuals and other organizations throughout the year.

The problem of illegitimate child births is on the rise, particularly in this county, but fortunately there is a good supply of adoption homes on the waiting list, he said.

Children referred to the society have more serious emotional problems than those of past years, and a "aunts and uncles" type of relationship may be set up until the disturbed children are assigned to satisfactory homes. It is apparently difficult to find homes for children who require only a little more attention and love than the majority of wards.

Because the Toronto Metropolitan Children's Aid Society has a surplus of children and a shortage of homes, the Halton group is sharing some of its homes with the Metro society.

A report from treasurer Warren Harding stated, due to increased staff and staff salaries, costs have risen during 1966. Operating expenses rose because there was a 28 per cent. increase in children admitted to the society.

As of December 31, 1966, the Society reported assets totaling \$66,400.78, with a revenue fund surplus of \$34,409.34.

It was resolved to hire an auditor for 1967 as has been done for 1966.

A resume attached to the annual report showed the Society began 1966 with 107 children, admitted 105 into care, placed 84 on adoption, placed 38 from other societies in adoption, returned 16 children to parents, completed 74 adoptions for Halton children and completed 28 adoptions for children from other societies.

At the end of the year 120 children, 51 on adoption probation, 56 in foster homes, six in group homes, three in free homes and four in institutions were still under society care. Fifty-five private and parent adoptions were reported. The Society helped 148 moth-

ers make plans for infants, completed 94 divorce reports, and gave 580 other miscellaneous services. A total of 964 children, belonging to 317 families were helped in their own homes.

Some minor by-law changes, brought on by the new Child Welfare Act, were explained by D. V. Latimer and approved by the meeting.

The report of the nominating committee was read and approved. As a result, the following executive committee was named from the slate of new directors: Past president Canon C. M. Mitchell, president Reeve A. Ledwith, vice-president R. L. Whiting, secretary Mrs. James Sproat, treasurer Warren Harding, citizen member D. V. Latimer, and three County Council members deputy-reeve A. Day, deputy-reeve F. G. Oakes, and deputy-reeve A. R. Spelgh.

Other directors named included Warden W. J. Coulter, deputy-reeve George Currie, Mrs. Barbara Harris, G. G. Heym, B. Eldon Horsman, Peter Howard, Mrs. Paul Lanz, James Dennis Toewsk, Harold W. Young, R. L. Whiting. Milton's Mayor Sydney G. Childs chaired the meeting during the nomination and approval of officers.

Guest speaker of the evening was H. H. Dymond, secretary of the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies.

He complimented the president and board of directors of the Halton Children's Aid Society for their work during 1966 and protested the complaints sometimes laid concerning unqualified staff.

Mr. Dymond felt the format of the society, somewhat autonomous at present, should be ready for changes equalling those of other phases of society.

The work being done to prevent welfare problems before they begin was praised.

He said the present training program used in Ontario is incapable of producing the number of supervisors and social workers needed. Expansion is needed.

"Children's Aid Societies represent volunteer work at its best," Mr. Dymond stated. "Citizen participation in Society work is necessary."

Private agencies were recognized as being in good position to do research work.

A light luncheon and get-acquainted session was staged following the formal part of the meeting.



ACTON REFEREE-IN-CHIEF Murray Harrison shows Dale Anderson, David Lawson, Jim Britton and Gary Scoyne his face-off technique at the referees' hockey school which was held once a week during the season at the arena. Seventy moppets participate in the school learning hockey fundamentals. Right, lined up ready to take a pass are Robert Charotte, Robert Hall, Robbie Masson, Ricky McEnery, Ron Guest, Gordie Bruce and Harry Schupp. The boys progress rapidly under the tuition of instructors Dave Scott, Tom Glinger, M. Harrison, Jim Lee and Bob Black.

(Staff Photos)

Quilting display at fair planned by Dublin Institute

Centennial dresses with bonnets to match featured the regular meeting of Dublin Women's Institute. It was held at the home of Mrs. Alex Near, Lake Ave., and was well attended.

Mrs. C. Britton, president, presided for the opening exercises. Mrs. E. Norton, the secretary, read the minutes and called the roll which was answered by "My Grandmother's Maiden Name".

From the correspondence, invitations were received to attend an antique display and tea at Eden Mills on March 29; and a forum "Color in Your Home" in St. Paul's United Church, Milton on April 4.

"What's new in Home Furnishings" and "Fashion Cues for You" were named as first and second choices of the short courses, as well as "Living with your freezer" as a forum.

Further particulars are to be obtained regarding appropriate articles to be exhibited in the Centennial display at Brookville on June 24.

Advance prize lists were received from Acton Fall Fair board. For the Institute competition this year, named quilt blocks, and old and new cushions will be shown. Several were on exhibit at the meeting.

Mention was made of the F.W.I.C. National Convention to be held on June 12-16 at the University of Guelph and some details looked after.

A collection of hats that had been made under the fine leadership of Mrs. M. Nellis were admired. Fourteen ladies have their spring bonnets ready for a breath of spring.

Following the training school on quilts held early in March in the arena, in which a number of ladies from the Rockaway Women's Institute joined, quilt blocks were on display at the meeting. It had been a very interesting course, and considered one of the best in which the members had participated.

Several members have again agreed to assist in the canvass of the neighborhood in the interests of the Canadian Cancer Society, and Mrs. C. McIntyre, campaign chairman, delivered the kits to them. At the same time a substantial donation

was approved from the branch.

As the furnishings had not arrived at the Martin House, Halton Centennial Manor, Milton, a postponement of the visit by some of the Dublin W.I. ladies was made. A visit in the latter part of March will be arranged if suitable.

Mrs. M. McCullough, as president of the lady directors of the Acton Fall Fair board, requested the branch to have a quilting display at the Fall Fair.

As this is a craft that is slowly passing in some neighborhoods, it was thought that as many younger women are not familiar with the work, it would make an exhibit of interest to many young, and not so young people. Many older women will be interested and will turn back in their own minds when they participated themselves.

A half century and more ago, it was considered a very social event, when a woman in the neighborhood "put a quilt in" and invited her friends in to quilt it. In the evening the husbands joined them for a social time. In the exhibit, it is expected that some of the women will be piecing blocks for the quilt set up in frames with ladies quilting on it.

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As a special personal centennial project, George Robertson had metal supports made for the quilting frames and after finishing them, donated them to the Institute.

As many quiltings are held in their home, Mr. Robertson has taken a special interest in this craft, and the ladies appreciate his thoughtfulness.

Mrs. Duncan Moffat gave a report of the recent District Directors' meeting at Milton.

As this was the Grandmothers' meeting, nine grandmothers were honored with gifts by Mrs. M. McCullough and Mrs. F. McCarron. A poem was given and a contest conducted by Mrs. McCullough, in which Mrs. M. Nellis and Mrs. C. Armstrong were the winners.

Thanks were extended by Mrs. E. Wilson to the hostess, Mrs. Near, and to Mrs. George Robertson and Mrs. M. Nellis who served a delicious lunch, and to others helping with the program.

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Graduation party, election for Pairs and Squares club

Thursday, March 23, the Acton Pairs and Squares held a graduation party for the class of 1966-67 at the home of Gil and Doreen Malcolm.

Norm Wilcox, the club caller, presented diplomas to Joan and John Barr, Doreen and Gil Malcolm, Maureen and Roy Swin for successfully completing the course of first year basics.

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Car hits tree two injured

Two Acton district youths were injured when their car missed a curve, skidded into a ditch and struck a tree on Highway 25 at Speyside Friday.

Milton O.P.P. said the driver, Clifford Bryan Faulkner, R.R. 2 Acton was treated at Milton District Hospital and released. A passenger, Thomas Brian Medland of the same address was admitted to the hospital with injuries. Their car received \$500 damage in the accident.

Car out of control hits two guardrails

A car driven by Peter Eckhart of R.R. 3 Rockwood received \$150 damage last week in a single car accident on Highway 7 north of the Line house road. Police said his car skidded out of control and struck two guardrails. The driver was unharmed.

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