



NAMING OF THE HALTON DAIRY PRINCESS highlighted Hornby Ball Club's 20th annual Garden Party Saturday evening at Hornby Community Park. Carol Swackhamer of Acton emerged as winner of the contest. From left to right are contestants Lois Murray, Laura Henderson, Miss Swackhamer, the new Halton Dairy Princess and Dolly Anne Edmunds, last year's Ontario Dairy Princess. (Staff Photo)

Pick Carol Swackhamer Princess

An estimated 1,500 people were on hand for the Halton Dairy Princess contest and gala variety show at the Hornby Ball Club's 20th annual garden party Saturday at Hornby Community Park.

Lowville Intermediate Ontario C Rural champions in 1966 and Rockwood's Ontario intermediate B rural champions met head-on in a softball game just prior to the variety show.

Of the three girls entered in the contest, Carol Swackhamer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Swackhamer of Acton, was named winner and 1967 Dairy Princess for Halton County. The other girls entered were Laura Henderson, 17, of R. 1, Georgetown and Lois Murray, 18, of Acton. The winner will go to the contest at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto.

The judges for the contest were J. A. Carroll of Brampton, former Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario and also former Agricultural Representative for Peel County; Peter Hannan, cattle farmer from Guelph and Mrs. Jim Reid of Georgetown, a former Halton Dairy Princess. Contestants were judged on their interview, their speech

and the actual milking. Miss Swackhamer spoke of her ancestry of farming pioneers, and her family's richly endowed farmlands north of Acton. Carol said Halton County depends on dairy sales for one-quarter of the income. Lois Murray pointed out the great number of people who are influenced by the dairy business. People are needed to produce feed, farm machinery, dairy product processing and sales. "I am grateful to my predecessors who have paved the way for the dairy business in Halton County, and I am pleased to be part of the youth reaping benefits from their hard work," she said.

Laura Henderson reviewed the pattern a dairy farmer should follow when raising dairy cattle. "Farmers must breed superior sires, use good feed and cull out the poor cows before allowing them to breed," she revealed. "Each of the girls are active in 4H club work and each girl received a cheque for \$35

for entering the contest and the winner will receive many prizes.

Dolly Anne Edmunds, Dairy Princess for 1966-67 commented and told of her experiences as the girls milked the cows. Miss Edmunds spent three weeks in the British Isles on an all-expense paid trip along with numerous other prizes.

George Pelletier, president of the Halton Milk Producers Association, was the master of ceremonies for the contest and turned the show over to Vince Mouniford who handled the variety show.

Go-go-ettes from the C. N. E. grandstand, Norma's Canines, comedian Jack McLean, singers Hilda Veestra and Marie Ann Rae, high wire acrobats Miss Badicton and Sven along with accordion artist Nicol Brown and the Centennial Trio tap dancers provided the entertainment. The Mondo Court five piece orchestra was also on hand.

Winner of the contest was announced following the intermission. The 1966-67 Halton Dairy Princess Marg Hunter presented flowers to Miss Swackhamer and Dolly Anne Edmunds crowned her as the Halton Dairy Princess for 1967-68.

5% - - cost of living

County employees get raise

A five per cent cost of living increase was granted county employees by Halton County Council during its regular July meeting, at Halton Centennial Manor on Tuesday.

The decision to award the increase came on a recorded vote which was supported with 18 votes to 11. During committee discussion Warden W. Coulter emphasized the rising cost of living and the need to retain county salaries on a competitive basis with neighboring municipalities. He stressed the county

personnel officer could not complete a job evaluation study until November and the raise should not be delayed.

Deputy Reeve F. Rogers, the chairman of the county personnel committee, told council the personnel officer had noted increases of six per cent were granted in Burlington and eight per cent in Oakville.

Reeve W. Hunter of Georgetown urged the council to await completion of the job evaluation. He suggested there had been normal six months reviews. He opposed the five

per cent increase "when a few months from now they will want another five per cent."

Reeve H. Hinton, Acton, opposed the increase suggesting the rise in cost of living had been kept in mind by department heads when they were hiring new employees. "The County has to take the time to do the job evaluation first and then rectify any inequities," he suggested.

Deputy Reeve W. Hoey, Nasagaweya, pointed out that on

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Delegations at Esquering Council discuss dogs, cemeteries, subdivision

Dogs chasing and biting children, closing streets, cemeteries and subdivisions were all subjects discussed with delegations by Esquering council on Monday night.

Opening of Monday's meeting might have been entitled canine capers as a seven person delegation from Glen Williams described how dogs were getting out of hand in the Glen. Spokesman Gordon Graham told of his own personal experience of having to beat off an errant pooch with a club as he cruised in a snowmobile. He also described how a young Norton boy was bitten in the eye and damaged a tear duct. The eye could run the rest of the boy's life.

A specialist, said Mr. Graham, told him he'd rather see a boy lose his sight than suffer that type of injury. Mrs. Norton, the boy's mother, among the delegates, told councilors the dog had since been destroyed but there was no way of collecting damages since it happened on a public road and no law existed to keep dogs tied.

Mr. Graham told council the Glen was growing and was "far enough out of the bush" now to get rid of the dog menace. "I think something should be done about dogs running in the village," he reiterated. "What do you suggest?" asked the reeve — "a by-law to keep them tied up? If we pass

a by-law all the dogs in the township will have to be tied. Asked the clerk.

We'd also have to pass a by-law to define the boundaries of the Glen," said clerk K. C. Lindsay.

"I'm not saying people are keeping vicious dogs," answered Mr. Graham, but we can't have them running like they are. "I'll recommend dogs be tied up in the Glen."

"Then Glen is a growing community," said councillor Pat Patterson. "It's in the same situation as any other town."

"Don't forget this will affect the Glen, Norval, Stewarttown and Limehouse, too," reminded Reeve Leslie.

"Unless the complaints are just from the Glen," said councillor Tom Hill.

"We've got complaints from them all," answered the reeve. "Sure, the school board complained about it, too," said councillor Goodlet.

Another member of the delegation, Stan Norton suggested a by-law could work if the Glen's boundaries were set up on the same system as the new mail delivery set-up. Councillor Hill thought this was a good suggestion. Others agreed.

Further discussion and council told the delegation the clerk would draw up a by-law to prevent dogs from running loose in the Glen to be presented at the next meeting.

All and Ross Thompson, representing the Stewarttown cemetery, being restored, had to wait until council went into committee of the whole with Dept. of Highway engineers on roads study, before presenting their case.

Spokesman Alf told council volunteer help, all with relatives in the cemetery, had put in 154 hours of work. They'd plowed, taken up roots, mapped out plots and put headstones on their proper graves. They were ready now for a bulldozer to put a roadway in and level it off so it could be seeded in the fall.

The reeve told the delegation deputy reeve G. Currie, missing from the meeting, had not yet made his report but a motion by Tom Hill and seconded by Pat Patterson passed granting Stewarttown cemetery the same grant as others — \$209.

Last delegate was Mr. Ollen with plans for a subdivision off highway 25 near Speyside. He has plans for nine lots of 2 1/4 to 3 acres but could not get a green light from the Ontario Municipal Board until he supplied elevation figures. He asked council if they had any objections, otherwise he wouldn't go to the expense.

Mr. Ollen had an official of the Halton County Health Unit with him who testified the builder must supply proof of water and drainage for each lot before a building permit would be issued.

Council advised Mr. Ollen to go ahead but would not give guarantees on their action. Asked, Mr. Ollen said he imagined houses in the new sub-

division would be in the \$30,000 class.

Council adjourned at 10:55 p.m. after an exchange between councillors Hill and Patterson on servicing unused roads in the township.

Reeve G. Leslie presided with councillors J. Goodlet, T. Hill and C. F. Patterson in attendance.

—This is the peak holiday season. Many are away, and there are visitors to town. Please phone the Free Press to share your interesting item of news with our readers.

Trapped toad story verified

A dubious-sounding story in last week's Free Press, about a live toad imbedded in the trunk of a tree, has been verified. Mrs. Fred Lemon phoned to say she heard the story from her mother, Mrs. Darwin Cripps.

It was Darwin Cripps' father Alex Cripps who was cutting the log when the healthy toad, wedged in a small cavity in the middle of the log, was discovered. The tree was about 200 years old and measurements showed the hole about 60 feet above the ground. Thirty inches of wood surrounded the trapped toad.

The toad was discovered in October, 1893. The mill later burned down. Then Alex Cripps bought another saw mill at Crewsons Corners and it was moved to Acton.

Wheels in motion

Inaugurate road needs study for Esquering's 145 mile network

Esquering council set wheels in motion for an improved road system in the township at their regular meeting Monday night.

Meeting with three representatives from the Department of Highways council set up a coordinating committee to work with a consulting engineer on a five phase program of road needs.

An engineer will be engaged to assist in a detailed study of the township's road system, to estimate the revenue available to meet needs, to develop a method to direct anticipated revenues to areas of greatest

need and to prepare a formal report summarizing the findings of these studies.

The work will be divided into five major phases:

1. Traffic counting.
2. Preparing an inventory of the township road system and estimating construction needs.
3. Estimating probable maintenance machinery replacement and housing costs and administrative costs, and reviewing the organization of the township road department.
4. Estimating future revenues.
5. Preparing a report on the foregoing.

Reeve George Leslie explained for the benefit of Department of Highways representatives the problem Esquering was having with roads. He blamed heavy traffic which exceeded that of neighboring townships at a ratio of about

three to one for difficulty in keeping roads in good condition.

Present maintenance methods cannot keep pace with increasing traffic and burgeoning population.

Reeve Leslie was chosen as chairman of the co-ordinating committee which includes all members of council, B. Newington and R. D. Martell of the Department of Highways and road superintendent Bud Snow. Clerk K. C. Lindsay will act as a non-voting secretary and if he's unable to attend assistant clerk Del French will act for him.

The committee's first act was to submit a proposal to a firm of consulting engineers.

Cost of the work is estimated to run from \$10,000 to \$13,000 for Esquering's 145 miles of road.

Policemen assaulted after highway chase

Four men are charged with assaulting police and the driver of a vehicle has three additional charges to face following a chase with police at high speeds through town and No. 7 highway to the Eden Mills corner over the weekend.

Constable Bruce McArthur sustained a fractured left cheek bone when hit with a whiskey bottle as he attempted to arrest one of the suspects as well as requiring stitches to close facial gashes. Constable Bob Hildreth also required stitches for facial cuts and both he and Constable McArthur are sporting shiners as the result of a struggle.

The two Acton constables

suspected an impaired driver as a car came down Queen St. near the brewers' retail store. They followed the vehicle in the cruiser through town, down Bower Ave and out No. 7 signalling the driver to stop. The car picked up speed.

The chase ended up about 100 yards down the Eden Mills road.

Constable Hildreth got out of the passenger side of the cruiser and he was hit by a fist. Constable McArthur said he got out of the cruiser and was assaulted by a passenger in the car and hit by a bottle.

In the ensuing struggle Constable McArthur said he had the man pinned but a third

party joined the melee and struck him with his fist. As a result both got loose.

Three of the men were finally arrested, one of them with help from two Acton men who were passing by. The fourth was arrested Tuesday by Guelph police.

The first three arrested appeared in Milton court Monday and were remanded until September 11.

All four men, from Brampton and Guelph, were charged with assaulting police and the driver has additional charges of impaired and dangerous driving and having liquor in his car.

County councillor

Urges county not introduce assessment commissioner plan

While a county committee is studying the possible introduction of a county assessment commissioner system, Deputy Reeve Frank Rogers urged County Council Tuesday not to rush into it.

Mr. Rogers noted the Department of Municipal Affairs was pressing for the establishment of the county system but Mr. Spooner, Minister of the Department, wasn't doing anything about the Plunkett Report. "We might better sit on it until the higher echelons of government move," he cautioned.

Under the county assessment commissioner system, all assessing would be under one senior county officer. In committee discussions, it was suggested sub-offices would be

retained in local municipalities with the county purchasing necessary equipment now in use in the towns and townships.

The county committee also asked the assessor to compile detailed information on the proposal and advise local municipalities he and a representative of the Department of Municipal Affairs would be available to discuss it with them.

The committee is planning visits to Peel and Waterloo counties to observe the assessment commissioner system in operation there.

Decision on dredge bid Thursday

Bids for dredging Embury Lake were opened last Wednesday but the tenders were shipped to the Department of Energy and Resources Management engineering staff for their recommendations before a selection is made.

It is expected the successful bidder will be announced Thursday night at a meeting of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Five bids were received, ranging all the way from a high of \$429,000 to a low of \$382,000, which is \$4,000 over the estimated cost.

Credit Valley Conservation Authority secretary T. Bentley said the opened tenders were sent to the Department to check the individual company's qualifications before making a decision.

Would you believe: "Wake-out", not sleep-out for peppy playground campers

"My mommy always kisses me goodnight before I go to bed," said the curly haired mopet with her big sleepy eyes. "Who's going to kiss me tonight?"

Park playground leaders looked at one another, then at the cute child, shrugged and one finally volunteered. "I'll do it," she said. "but you gotta go to sleep."

And most of them did before big, wet drops of rain descended in a sudden torrent around 4 a.m. making sizzling noises in the lone cheerful fire.

There was a sudden rush for the comfortable confines of the community centre, sleeping bags, dragging ground sheets trailing and bare feet squishing in the dewy grass.

It was all part of the first sleep-out under the stars for 32 kids from the summer playground last Wednesday night. Every ingredient was there to make the night comfortable, but sleep.

The lack of shut-eye was accepted philosophically by playground supervisor Joanne Landsborough and her staff

but parks manager Harold Townsley, a sleep-in chap, wasn't too optimistic about future assignments of this nature.

"Kinda hard to keep the old orbs open," he assayed to this reporter on the longest Thursday of the year. Proximity of the park washroom to the camp was considered convenient before 32 little heads drowsed but some one was kept busy into the wee sma' hours making conducted tours to the cement block relief station. Some leaders ventured that all the trips weren't necessary, an observation which drew sly smiles to the corners of some sensitive mouths.

"I just got to sleep around 3:30," said sleepy parksman Townsley, "when the rains came. That was it. Arrival at the arena was considered dawn. They never went back to sleep."

Fortunately the coolish weather which dropped in discouraged the presence of bugs and mosquitos.

And there, weren't no varmints either.



DISTRICT GOVERNOR HOWARD L. WRIGHT, of Toronto, made his official visit to Acton Rotary Club at their Tuesday night dinner, one of 52 clubs he'll visit during his term of office. Acton club treasurer Dave Cleland, secretary Ron Lewis, the district governor, immediate past president Bill Pendleton and president Ralph Davies were among those honoring the new governor. (Staff Photo)