

## News of the district

### FERGUS . . . . .

Two Fergus men have received Centennial medals, Dr. Hugh Temple and J. Henderson Black.

Dr. Temple, who was editor of the Fergus News-Record for over 40 years, was also active in many other fields. He was termed the foremost authority on water conservation in Canada by a former provincial premier. He worked for many years to have conservation dams built on the Grand River. He was one of the organizers of the first university course in journalism in Ontario and for this he received his L.B. degree from the University of Western Ontario. He was a member of the board of governors of the University of Waterloo from its inception.

Dr. Temple is active in the writing field. A member of the Canadian Authors' Association, he is a contributing columnist to the News-Record and the Kitchener-Waterloo Record. He has published many books and pamphlets in his lifetime, including a history of the town which is being updated at the present time. Like all good retired newspapermen, he has recently completed a full-length novel.

Mr. Black has been a tireless worker for Fergus for most of his life. He has served on municipal bodies for over 30 years — both the school board and council. At the present time, he is a most active member of council and because of his long service is consulted on many occasions. He retired recently from Beatty Bros. where he worked in the engineering department. His skill as a draughtsman was recently put to good use when he updated the town map which now includes the recently annexed areas.

Mr. Black has been a member of the hospital board for many years and served on that body through the tremendous expansion that has taken place in the hospital.

His son, John Black, is a former editor of the Acton Free Press.



HALTON SOIL AND CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION held its annual meeting at Milton last week, with Professor Tom Lane of the Soils Department, University of Guelph as guest speaker. Prof. Lane, left, is shown chatting with association president, Calvin Aitken of Acton, and Leaver Farms manager Allan McLean, right. Mr. McLean and farm owner David Leaver were both presented with silver trays by the association, in appreciation for hosting the corn day last summer. (Staff Photo)

## Congratulations, praise offset by warning for future

Nearly 80 enjoyed a pleasant evening together Wednesday evening, well after the rush of centennial fair, when Acton Agricultural Society held its annual directors' dinner. The enjoyable evening was spiced by a very thought-provoking address by the Rev. de Vries of Hespeler, who alluded present world situations with those ominous portents of World War II.

The ladies of the Baptist church catered to the dinner in the Baptist church basement. It was the home church of first vice-president Wilmer Fryer.

Bill Nelles, chairman of the dinner committee, did double duty and also acted as chairman for the evening when first president Jack Marshall was unable to attend.

This year's agricultural service diploma is to be presented to John Miles, a former district resident and past president of the fair who's now with Ontario Rural Hydro. Mr. Miles couldn't attend, and will be given his certificate later.

One of these awards is made each year at the dinner.

Special guests were three young people who have made outstanding achievements during

centennial year, Carol Swackhamer, Bill Lasby and Keith Aitken.

Carol was Halton dairy princess and a finalist at the C.N.E. Bill was the winner of the coveted Queen's Guineas and Keith was high member in both Acton 4-H club and Acton Calf Club the past year. The accomplished trio were introduced by club leader Russell Murray.

Speaking briefly and bringing greetings to Acton fair executives were Massagawaya, Rev. Bill Coulter, Erin Reeve, Alex Johnson, Acton mayor Les Duby, Georgetown Agricultural Society president Keith Webb and Milton Agricultural Society secretary-treasurer Mrs. G. Roadhead.

Seated with distinction at the banquet's head table were Bill Nelles, first vice Wilmer Fryer, second vice Don Matthews, the Rev. Stanley Gammon, guest speaker Rev. de Vries, Arthur the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies, with Mrs. Rowan Mrs. Jack Marshall, secretary-treasurer Mrs. Wallace Swackhamer and Mr. Swackhamer, Mayor and Mrs. Las Duby, Mrs. Mol McCullough, 1967 president of the ladies division, and attractive centennial queen

Miss Brenda Spear.

The speaker held the audience's rapt attention for an hour as he recalled his experiences in the war, and drew parallels with today's world situation.

Rev. de Vries was a child in Holland during the occupation, and vividly drew a picture of their starvation and privations. There was no heat and no light.

The minister of St. James church, Hespeler, stated his worry for the future and warned his listeners to be alert. He called his address "Freedom — our most cherished possession."

He was introduced by Wilmer Fryer and thanked by Mrs. McCullough.

The directors' dinner is always held in January, when the society members and their guests have time to relax. If proceeds of the annual meeting — it's next Saturday — when plans for next year's fall fair will begin.

Vernal equinox is the first day of spring and the autumnal equinox is the first day of autumn — equinox is that period when the days and nights are of equal length.

### WELLINGTON COUNTY . . . . .

The largest body of elective representatives to form the council of the County of Wellington in its 114 year history, elected Kenneth Reid Flak, a Harrison veterinarian, as warden for 1968.

Mayor Paul Mercer of Guelph was present to extend congratulations to the new warden of "the finest county in Ontario."

He touched briefly on the studies being made in this part of the province in connection with regional government and stated that Guelph is concerned and desirous of working even more closely with Wellington County. There are many areas in which the county and city can enjoy close co-operation and he thought that the city will likely approach county council to this end. There had been splendid co-operation in the past, he added.

Congratulations were extended to the new warden by many who preceded him in that important post: Namely Reeve Cameron Lush, Eramosa Township; Merrill J. Mitchell, Maryborough; James McMillan, Puslinch Township; Clifford Kells, Peel Township; Reeve McCulloch, Arthur village; Bert Holton, now of Harrison formerly Minko township; R. L. Palfreman, now of Guelph formerly of Guelph Township; and David D. Gray, Rockwood.

Vera Myers, clerk treasurer, conducted the opening meeting and pointed out that there was one extra councillor this year. The 29-member council includes a deputy reeve from Guelph Township which had been deprived of the double-representation in the 1966 annexation of much of the township and its population by the Royal City.

She stated that actually there will be 30 votes among the councillors because this year Fergus has attained a population rating that entitles it to three representatives on county council. Instead of naming a second deputy reeve, Kenneth Denny will have an extra vote. Then if a situation arises in which council is deadlocked in a vote, Mr. Denny will be able to cast a third vote, as representative of the municipality with the greatest assessment in the county.

### GEORGETOWN . . . . .

Using a bit of trickery, Georgetown council kept the mayor from talking, and ended up naming him, along with Walter Gray, a recipient of the Canada Centennial Medal.

The week before the mayor would not let his name stand for the nomination, since he felt it would not be proper for a member of the council making the nomination to receive the medal.

The "trickery" lay in the wording of the motion which said, "the mayor be excused from voting or taking part in the discussion on the subject."

There was no discussion at all but the mayor remarked, "I'm not used to keeping my mouth shut!"

### HUTTONVILLE . . . . .

Is Huttonville roamed by a pride of wild cats?

An elderly resident of the village has been worried by these cats, who live in the ruins of a barn behind her home. The Ontario Humane Society in Cooksville was contacted, and one of its officers, Martin Horan of Brampton, drove to Huttonville to investigate the problem.

He said that there were over 20 cats there. He caught two, a black one, and a grey one, but the black one escaped.

When he opened the trap that he had caught it in, it attacked him and bit right through his leather glove and scratched him through his clothing.

The grey one was so ferocious and became so frantic trying to burst out of the cage that it split its head open and had to be put out of its agony.

Mr. Horan reported the plight of the cats to a member of the Chinguacousy Township office staff, and Reeve Cyril Clark requested Bill Smith, the canine control officer of the township to investigate the feline problem.

Mr. Smith spent over an hour in Huttonville and saw only one cat and what is more, stated he could not see any traces of a large number of cats.

One woman reported she saw nine cats stalking up the pathway by her house.

### Calvin Aitken president

## Pollution topic for soil, crop annual

By Henry J. Stanley

Despite the deep snow, some 75 members of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association met in the Masonic Hall, Milton, for their annual meeting on January 17. The guest speaker was Prof. Tom Lane, Soil Science Department, University of Guelph, speaking on the popular topic, "Pollution."

Reports were presented on the various projects carried on during the past year, with special emphasis on tile drainage on heavy clay soil, and on the growing of birdfoot trefoil.

Two minutes' silence was held in memory of the late director, Frank Robertson.

Prizes were presented to the top members in the hay, grain, and corn competitions. The gold watch presented by Ken Horn, of the United Co-operatives of Ontario, was won by Gordon Leslie, who had the top yield of barley.

David Leaver and Allan McLean were also recognized for their assistance with the Regional Corn Day, held at George and L. H. Leaver's farm this year. Engraved silver rosette dishes were presented to each.

Officers and Directors for 1968 are: Past President, Calvin Aitken; Acton 3; President, Clarence Ford, Jr., Milton 4; Vice-President, Harold Middlebrook, Milton 2; Secretary, Henry Stanley, 181 Main St., Milton.

Directors are: Hugh Boaty, Clarence Ford Jr., Colin Marshall, John Willmott, Ernest Alexander, Sam Harrop, Harvey Nurse, Earl Wilson, Fred Ball, Tom Foster, Harold Middlebrook, Russell Hurren, Claude Ingles, John Kitching, Donald Matthews.

Delegates to the Toronto Conference are Tom Foster and John Willmott, with Calvin Aitken as alternate; and the delegate to the Halton Farm Safety Council is Clarence Ford Jr. Hugh Boaty will be the delegate to the Halton Federation of Agriculture.

Be alert!

A good way to prevent accidents is to expect the unexpected. Be alert for danger at home, in the barn, or on the road. Drive as if the other guy is going to do something foolish, and allow yourself enough room to keep out of trouble. And don't forget that your children are always up to some mischief, so with them, too, expect the unexpected.

When the moon is in perigee it is closest to the earth — apogee farthest from the earth.

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