

Council to study extended Halton county services

A special meeting to discuss regional government and consolidated county services will be called by Halton County Council, members agreed Tuesday.

Reeve W. Coullter reminded members a county welfare program had been set up last year in which municipalities over 5,000 population were allowed to opt out. All did except Acton and Nassagaweya who had less than 5,000 population.

"Why don't the towns want county welfare? I haven't heard one solid argument against it," he charged, adding that "the same goes for costly assessments."

He urged a special meeting of the representatives of the towns and the county council on assessment and welfare. "We have to get moving or we're going to be told what to do," he stressed, noting that Peel County has a special committee studying regional government and preparing for a special bill to the legislature.

Reeve H. Hinton suggested Peel was going ahead in all areas because the people want to work together. "It's time this council woke up and got down to brass tacks," he roused charged.

Reeve Alan Day pointed out Oakville was not opposed to larger units for assessment and welfare but while the Plunkett report was unsettled it was not in favor of the change because of the uncertainty.

Deputy Reeve W. Gillies suggested the need for a special committee to look into broader problems than welfare and assessment at the county level.

Members approved a motion calling on the warden to arrange a special meeting. Reeve Coullter suggested mayors of municipalities be included. "If we don't have any success let's have a three man committee hold hearings in each municipality," he urged.

A motion prohibiting smoking in the county council chambers was defeated Tuesday by members.

Deputy Reeve W. Hoey proposed the motion, suggesting it set a poor example for children visiting county council to have to watch through clouds of smoke. Despite the dangers of smoking adults were continuing to set a poor example, he suggested.

Reeve G. Gallagher noted in Burlington council meetings smoking is prohibited and a five minute recess called.

Deputy Reeve Hoey's suggestion of a recess was changed from 15 minutes to five but the motion was defeated 8-4. For a brief time after the voting there wasn't a smoker in sight. The break was a momentary one, however.



COSTUME PRIZE WINNERS at the German-Canadian Club of Halton County "carnival dance" in the Milton Union Hall Saturday included "witch" Emma Wallace of Bronte and "Mexicans" Mr. and Mrs. Nick Seidl of Hornby. It was the club's annual costume ball and more than 30 couples came in weird and colorful apparel. Other winners included Mr. and Mrs. Sid Saitz of Acton, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hein of Hornby and Mr. and Mrs. H. Massek of Willowdale. (Staff Photo)

Interim committee meets next Monday

The Interim School Organization Committee, a group of school board representatives from across Halton who will lay the groundwork for Halton's entry into a County Board of Education system in 1968, will hold its inaugural meeting next Monday evening in Milton.

Donald Young, Regional Superintendent of Education for this area, has called the meeting for 7:30 p.m. in the Halton County Building, Milton. It will be comprised of 10 men, one representing each board of education or school board in Halton.

Oakville and Burlington each operate under a board of education system that covers both public and high schools, to each town will have just one representative on the Interim Committee.

Their delegates have yet to be named. Nassagaweya and Esquesing Townships each have just a public school board, and high school students from the townships are educated in either Acton, Milton or Georgetown High Schools.

Urban Board debates P.U.C.

While there are other benefits, merging water and hydro services under a Public Utilities Commission would be influential in forcing the government to consider a two-tier system of regional government for Halton, Milton Councillor Colin Smillie told the North Halton Urban Board on Wednesday.

Operating the two services under a locally-controlled utilities system would be a good reason for a two-tier government and might preserve some local autonomy in a regional government, he said.

Milton's recent discussions on merging its Hydro Commission into a P.U.C. with water services prompted the topic's appearance on the Urban Board's agenda. Councillor Smillie claimed Hydro Commission's sit with large surpluses which should be spent on the municipality as they accrue, not saved up for future capital expenses.

"There is not enough accountability to the taxpayer," under the hydro system, he added.

Acton Reeve H. Hinton mentioned his town could not afford a decent office for the town staff yet the Hydro Commission has a large new building. Mayor Les Doby defended the Hydro, however. The new building was financed from a Hydro surplus, it was a credit to the town, it would serve the town for many years and it replaced a dilapidated old shop that was a "disgrace to the municipality," he said.

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Institute euchre Friday

Acton W. L. held a very successful euchre and penny sale last Friday night at the parish hall.

Euchre prizes went to Arne Thompson and second to Mrs. Kay Lambert; cents to Ken Thompson, second to Jim Van Fleet. Lucky door prize went to Mrs. Bolton of Rockwood.

The penny sales prizes went to Mrs. N. Lambert, tray and glasses; Dee Anderson, corduroy cushion; Mrs. Lorne Welch, towel; Mrs. Cora Walters, place mats; Jas. Jessiman, cologne; Janice Thornhill, milk pitcher; Mrs. Della Kentner, jewellery; Lois Gordon, carving set; Alex. Elson DeForest, perfume; Bert Davidson, desk set; Mrs. N. Lambert, towel set; Sandra Sinclair, water glasses; Oral Norton, towels; Mrs. C. Sto. Y. tray of groceries; Linda DeForest, dish towels; Mrs. Grace Nallas, towels; Mrs. W. McCaschorn, pillow cases; Mrs. C. Agnow, pillow cases; Mrs. Les Hochen, towel; George Provis, cup and saucer; Mrs. C. Landsborough, jewellery; Mrs. Lois Gordon, salad server; Miss Ruby Clark, pillow cases; George Provis, dish towels; Mrs. H. Bittorf, apron; Mrs. J. McNabb, pillow cases; Mrs. J. Greer, groceries.

Leftover baked beans disappear quickly as "crusty-top baked beans." Place the beans in a greased baking dish, sprinkle with grated cheese, top with buttered crumbs and bake 40 minutes in a moderate oven.

Regional library representatives attend mini-convention at Hamilton

The first mini-O.L.A. - miniature Ontario Library Association seminar started at approximately 2:30 p.m. February 18 at the Holiday Inn, Hamilton. The object is to determine standards of service for public libraries.

"Standards of Service" is a phrase simple and easy to write but very difficult to define. A solution to this problem seemed to be a condensation of a broad spectrum of opinions for the library profession, the laymen and others interested in these services.

To this and upwards of 200 assorted people representing the provincial library system, public schools, high schools, townships, librarians qualified and unqualified, trustees, municipal parties, separate schools, press and radio under the auspices of the South Central Regional Library Board met to attempt to find a practical solution to the problem.

The chairman C. Johnson, introduced D. Ball (Public Libraries) W. Daggner (University Libraries) J. Hazleton (Community College Libraries) J. Trimble (School Libraries) and F. Powell (Special Libraries). Each spoke in turn on the functions and services offered by each of the five libraries.

The meeting separated into five smaller groups to analyze, discuss, criticize and finally to summarize on the minimum standards and lines of communication considered necessary for each of the five types of library services.

The groups met once more where the chairwoman or chair-

man of each group gave the summary to the assembly.

The working part was over for the majority. The assembly broke off for refreshment and dinner.

The after dinner speaker was Rabbi Baskin who kept the assembly enchanted with pearls of wisdom and anecdotes on communication, its aims and pitfalls.

On Monday one of the guest speakers was Dr. Bascom St. John, an authority on education. Mayor Doby attended special session on circulation while Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Williams joined the group on reference services.

The unique mini-convention was termed a "bootstrap operation" for librarians to determine their own standards.

There were 15 public libraries represented from Halton, Brant and Wentworth, with six community college librarians in attendance.

Statistics were provided which illustrated where each library stood on popularity, expenditures, circulation per capita, etc. Average per capita expenditure for books is \$2.78 per year, varying from a low of \$1.15 in South Dumfries to a high of \$3.55 in Milton. Acton's is \$1.21 and Georgetown's is \$2.40.

Library trustees were told to have more conviction when approaching councils for money. Despite the sheets of statistics, figures can be misleading and the value of the work done must be considered, delegates were told.

He pointed out experts would view the site to make sure it was safe. The arena would be used mainly for showing film supplied by the conservation authorities and the Department of Land and Forests.

The venture got the committee's blessing and promise of a \$100 charge for the facilities for the day. "We have to promote our facilities as well as you fellows," chairman Goy referred to the charge.

A request from the Acton Figure Skating Club, represented by Phil Elliott and Mrs. John Shadbolt, for help to buy 50 yards of new drapery was received generously by the committee. Cost is \$75.

The delegation explained the present drapes, used as a backdrop for ice shows were showing the result of wear and tear as well as being short.

"Revenues from the figure skating makes it a good investment," declared Ted Taylor. "It's also an investment for our building," observed the chairman putting his stamp of approval on the purchase.

"I think we should stay with it," said John Goy in reference to school ice carnival problems outlined by arena manager Harold Townsley. "It provides a lot of parent interest."

Mr. Townsley referred to the point system which was geared for rural schools as well as the two Acton seats of learning. However, Speyside and Limehouse now only go to grade six. Sevens and eights only attend Stewarttown.

It was agreed to limit the actual school competition up to grade six for the benefit of rural schools. The Acton schools could still conduct their own personal rivalry for grades 7 and 8. Schools are to be notified.

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Proposes change in museum

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Outline sportsman's show plans at parks, recreation meeting

Plans to hold a sportsman's show in Prospect park and the community centre were unveiled for parks and recreation board members by two representatives from the Chamber of Commerce Thursday night.

C. C. president Paul Nielson and second vice president John Shadbolt applied for permission to use the contingent facilities on the civic holiday weekend. They planned trap shooting, model airplane flying, archery, boat show on the lake and outdoor movies indoors at the community centre.

"We'd like to make Acton the centre for a yearly sportsman's show," explained Mr. Nielson. "We'd like to work it into an event known all over Ontario. It would be good publicity for the town, perhaps a commercial success but we're not worried about that. We just want to put Acton on the map!"

Various aspects of the proposal were studied by the committee who asked questions of the delegation including where the trap shooting would take place. "Over the lake," answered Mr. Shadbolt who engineered last year's show.

Leaver Holstein makes fine record

Nurseland Sovereign Ernestine, a purebred Holstein cow in the herd of George and L. H. Leaver, Campbellville, has recently completed a fine record of performance production test. As a seven-year-old in 305 days on twice-a-day milking, Ernestine produced 22,743 lbs. milk containing 811 lbs. fat, average test 3.5 per cent butterfat. This record has a Breed Class Average of 191 per cent for milk and 186 per cent for fat.

In five lactations on twice-a-day milking, Ernestine produced 136,428 lbs. milk containing 4,731 lbs. fat, average test 3.42 per cent butterfat. For this achievement, she was awarded a Blue Seal Production Certificate.

Take brief to cabinet

Two area men were with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture executive Friday when the Federation's annual brief to the government was presented to the cabinet.

A. Roy Coullter of Campbellville, second vice-president of O.F.A., and Halton Federation president Donzil Lawrence of Milton who is a governor for this district on the O.F.A. executive, sat in on the session.

"We had a very good meeting with the cabinet," Mr. Lawrence said. "The cabinet complimented us on our presentation," Mr. Coullter added.

The brief was submitted to the Liberal caucus on Tuesday of this week and on Thursday will go to the N.D.P. caucus for study. It contains many complaints and suggestions on behalf of the farm people of Ontario, and covers a variety of subjects.

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