



MARG WHITRED, Ev Whitred, Mary Jane Fagan and Stu Reed were among those who enjoyed the Pairs 'n Squares Fun Night at the Royal Little school Thursday evening. Each beginner had to do something special for the benefit of the more experienced dancers. (Staff Photo)

Directors selected, midway signed Agricultural Society plans '68 fair

The directors of the Acton Agricultural Society held their monthly meeting at the Acton Community Centre on March 4. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted as read. The fire insurance premium was paid for the year 1968. A letter was received from the Zone Three Sheep Producers Association regarding the sponsorship of a regional sheep show.

The directors felt that due to limited space and the cost of the rented pens, they should forego the offer at this time. A letter was received from an insurance company offering additional insurance coverage on a blanket policy covering officers and employees of the agricultural society against accidents and medical expenses. It was decided that the society obtain this coverage.

Mrs. Jack Marshall is assisting the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Wallace Swackhamer, as corresponding secretary for the Acton Agricultural Society. The associate directors to date are as follows: Fred Archibald, George Jackson, Cliff McKay, Burt Walker, Don Swackhamer, Murray Wal-

lace, Albert Ford, Fyfe Somerville, Jack Rol, Harold Brown, Alex Near, Ken Stubbington, Lloyd McLean, Robert Marshall Jr., Jack Holmes, Morgan Mallin, Jess McKeury, Ernie Modland, Arthur Gardner, Howard Black, Ralph Donny, Wes Horey, Brent Marshall, Ken Murray, Marvin Hunter, Brian Carrill and Edgar Johnston. Committees were set up and the chairman chosen. It was decided to have a parking and gate keeping committee. A meeting is to be arranged with the Metropolitan Security Company. A contract has been signed with King Shaws and a full midway is anticipated.

Fair convention held in Toronto

The 68th annual convention of Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies was held at the King Edward - Sheraton Hotel, Toronto, February 21 and 22. The theme was "The Dawn of a New Era in Agriculture."

The attendance and success of the convention this year was one of the best, and very encouraging for the start of the new year.

Twelve attended from Acton, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Swackhamer, Wilma Fryer, Mr. and Mrs. C. Atkin, Mrs. W. L. Latham, Mrs. Don Matthews, Mrs. Alex Near, Mrs. C. Horey, Mrs. W. Thompson, Elva Pearson, and Mrs. J. Marshall.

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Losing members and money

Considering Co-Operative merger

Halton Co-Operative Medical Services, a member-owned group that has provided a medical health plan for the past 21 years, lost both members and money during 1967, reports at the annual meeting on Saturday indicated.

As a result, the group is considering a merger with a larger co-operative which will help cut its growing administration costs. Discussions at Saturday's annual failed to arrive at a final decision, due to a poor turnout of members, but the directors were authorized to continue "negotiations" with the Central Co-Op (formerly Pool and York Co-Op) which merged recently and opened a central office at Snellgrove. A drop in membership from 826 to 770, coupled with an increase in doctors' fees last April were blamed for the net loss of \$3,310 the Service reported for the year. Earned premium income was \$80,037; claims incurred totalled \$74,774 and administrative expenses were \$16,658 to show a loss of \$11,395 on operations. In 1966 the Service showed a \$15,358 surplus. Members' equity stands at \$31,882 and total assets are \$107,202.

The Department of Insurance of the Ontario Government ordered the Co-Op to raise its rates by 15 per cent to offset the raise in medical fees. This resulted in an increased premium, for some members, for only half the year and resulted in the loss in the financial report.

"We are concerned about that loss, but not so much as about the loss in membership and the resultant loss in income," vice-president William R. Hume told the annual meeting. "Do we advertise enough? Should we employ a salesman?" he wondered.

President Sam Finde Sr. conducted the annual meeting, held following a dinner at Bethel United Church, Drumquin. Rev. K. Hawkes offered grace and the secretary Mrs. Frank Mullin introduced the guests.

Greetings were extended to Halton M.P. Dr. Harry Harley, Halton East M.P.P. James Snow, Halton Warden William F. Hunter of Georgetown and Councillor Donald Gordon of Oakville.

John James, provincial secretary of the Ontario Federation of Medical Co-Operatives and William Bradshaw, the Federation president both spoke at length. Discussions were held with M. Bridgen and Mrs. B. Olf of the Central Co-Op at Snellgrove. Another guest was Professor R. Forshaw of the Wellington Co-Operative.

Director Clifford Brown presented Halton's financial report. Auditors G. H. Ward and Part-

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Your motor never makes us fuss;
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Your wants are few and easy met;
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- Our Dumb Animals.

Free Press Farm Page

Junior Farmers review '67

One busy, busy year

At the Halton Junior Farmers' annual meeting recently, association secretary Lois Hunter submitted the following report:

For the past year it has been my privilege to serve as secretary of the Halton Junior Farmers, and it is with pleasure I submit the 32nd annual report.

During the year, we held 12 regular monthly meetings in the Department of Agriculture office in Milton with an average attendance of 15.

February 24, the Halton Junior Farmers' hockey team went to Listowel to participate in the J. F. tournament. Wilma Mason also represented Halton in the Junior Farmer Queen contest in the tournament in Listowel.

During late February we received a cheque for \$1,500 from the estate of the late Ernest Irvine.

On March 11, we held our annual drama festival at St. Paul's United Church in Milton. The Palermo Club's play was adjudicated best, with Gwen Kovachik as best actress and Brian Carrill as best actor.

At the Guelph conference March 17 to 19, Brian Carrill, Bill Cox, Bob Newell, Doreen Harrop, Wilma Mason, Marilyn Kirkwood, Joy Hayward, Lois Hunter and Verna Thompson represented Halton.

Our annual church service and fireside hour was held April 30 at St. Paul's United. Guest speaker was Mrs. Pat Kerr, 1967-68 provincial Junior Farmer president, with "Brotherhood" as her subject.

Our semi-formal dance was held May 6 at Leisure Lodge, Preston. Highlight of the evening was crowning Carol Swackhamer as the new Junior Farmer queen, with Joy Hayward and Peggy Mallin as runners-up. The contest was adjudicated previously at the County Board meeting May 3.

May 18 to 21, United Kingdom delegate Miss Judy Close visited Halton, and 13 members of the Halton Juniors visited Expo '67 May 19 to 22 on a trip organized by Wellington Junior Farmers.

Our county field-day was held May 27 at Acton High School with a dance following at night at Brookville Hall.

Halton Junior Farmers participated in the Junivik Project of the Provincial Junior Farmers by collecting used books for children in the North West Territories. Several Halton members par-

ticipated in the Guelph Area Field Day July 8. At the provincial field day August 12, Al Donaldson competed in the mile race.

The baseball play-offs between the three clubs was held July 14 at Hornby Baseball Park with the Palermo boys emerging as winners.

Our County Board picnic was held August 27 at the home of Lois Hunter, with everyone enjoying themselves.

Bill Alexander and Marilyn Kirkwood enjoyed a week in September at the Junior Farmers Provincial Leadership Camp at Geneva Park on Lake Couchiching.

Doreen Harrop represented Halton on the Eastern Ontario bus trip in August.

Bill Sinclair was our delegate on the United Nations bus trip in September.

At Milton Fair only Norval and Acton showed displays with the following placings: Norval Junior Institute, Grade B; Acton Junior Institute, Grade A; and Acton Junior Farmers, Grade C.

At Acton Fall Fair we had safety equipment on sale, while at the Georgetown Fall Fair we sold pop, donuts, hot dogs, coffee and safety equipment. This proved to be a very successful venture.

November 5, we sponsored a car rally. Although only eight cars were entered, it was a fair success.

The Junior Farmer Plowing Match was held September 9 at the farm of Stan May, near Hornby.

The Halton Junior Farmer Choir along with the Haltonettes and Earl Burt provided an evening of musical entertainment for the Hillsburgh Presbyterian Church during the latter part of November.

December 1, the Halton Junior Farmers sponsored a Centennial Ball as their major Centennial project. About 140 people attended this evening at the Agricultural Hall, Milton.

As our Community Betterment project at Christmas we took a busload of 45 senior citizens from the county to tour the Toronto Christmas lights, followed by entertainment and refreshments at the Boyne Community centre.

Brian Bessey attended the Effective Public Speaking Course in Albion Hills from December 27 to 30.

At the Toronto Junior Farmer Conference January 6, Earl Burt made a good showing in the folk singing contest by placing third, one point behind the winner.

The Halton Junior Farmers are now selling candles for the World Literacy campaign.

Halton members are busy preparing for the bowling competition, and for the hockey tournament to be held in Listowel.

A winter county exchange with Grey County was held February 3 and 4, with only six members going to Grey from Halton.

Halton Juniors are presently ordering H. J. F. sweaters again. A contest to choose a Halton Junior Farmer crest has just been held.

We are sorry to learn we are losing both Geoff Taylor and John Cockburn, who have been enthusiastic Junior Farmer supporters from the Department of Agriculture.

Halton was proud to have three of its members represent us on Provincial travelling scholarships. They were Ruth Mason who went to British Columbia; Ernie Alexander, who attended the A.L.C. annual meeting; and Brian Bessey who went on the Hugh Bailey Memorial Tour.

We have had a very successful newsletter published by editor Brian Bessey and his hard-working committee.

Other events participated in by Halton Junior Farmers during the past year included the Zone Drama Festival, C.N.E. Judging Competition, Guelph Judging Competition, local fairs, the Dairy Princess competition, and the Royal Winter Fair.

In closing, I would like to say a very special "thank you" to those who have helped me fulfill my position as secretary in 1967 and 1968.

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