opposing the idea than the Chamber of Commerce had supporting it. Chamber officials were indignant at first. They agreed however, that although preliminary plans were discussed for the benefit of all concerned at meetings open to all there should be another meeting to sully discuss plans for the mall as well as make public the solutions they had in mind.

The mall meeting will take place this Thursday night, May 23, at 7.30 p.m., under the auspices of the Chamber. Both pros and cons will be heard.

In the event cons outnumber the prose the Chamber of Commerce reluctantly intends to scrap the proposal. In the meantime a letter has been sent to all interested parties and chamber members outlining the proposal. Following is the text of the letter:

Acton, Ontario.

To Chamber Members and Other Interested Parties: Regarding the proposed temporary Mall.

It is unfortunate that a controversy has developed in regard to the proposed Mall before all facts and plans were known and conaddered.

The idea was to transform Mill Street, between John and Main Street into a walking mall with live flower beds, trees and bushes, benches and tables for a two week period. We hoped for sidewalk cafes and, in fact, designed part of the mall for this specific

We have arranged for a bandstand which would have a background of live trees and shrubs where the Acton Citizens' Band would give a concert. Also, we hoped to have the Golden Age Chib Rhythm Band perform. Certainly we would have several dances. We saw a moccasin dance by Project Action, etc. We were also promised two older cars for a psychedelic painting competition and if anyone can think of more fun than a group of youngsters letting their fantasy run wild with watercolours and a car, they have a lively imagination indeed.

We also hoped to have local artists do some sidewalk painting. We planned to ask local service clubs to contribute to our objective of keeping the Mall alive with people. In short, our intention is to have the total community involved.

We expected the merchants to run special sales, do special decorating on an individual basis, and perhaps extend their business hours.

It has been stated that no one would oppose the Mall if we have sufficient parking. We had planned parking on Willow and John with parking attendants working during peak hours. This is a very valid objection since we would be hard pressed to make up for all maces lost, but we believe that proper planning of events and merchandising would make the Mall so attractive that some parking inconvenience would be overcome.

The Mall would have meant an enormous amount of work for many people. A few have already put many hours into the project. It also would have meant total involvement in a community project and a lot of fun.

We think everyone would have profited. Certainly good will and community betterment plus a desire to gather facts, was what motivated the people who expected to do the work, particularly Councillor Ted Tyler's interest is purely one of betterment for the town as a whole.

We feel we have received co-operation in full measure from the Town Council and provincial agencies. We feel the Free Press have co-operated and would have given us lots of publicity if we would have created the Mall.

The Chamber of Commerce has as one of its goals to assist governments at all levels and also to help its community to attain the highest possible standards in all respects.

.The Mall could have been an important experiment from which the Council, the Businessmen, and the individual citizens could have obtained valuable data.

Everyone is entitled to his opinion and that is all anyone can express at this stage since in the absence of experiment, no facts are available.

Since at this point, it seems we have more people against the Mall experiment than we have for it, we reluctantly prepare to rescind the entire plan. What is your coinion? Won't you please write to say if you are

Write to:

for or against this two-week Mall Experiment?

THE ACTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE P. O. Box 899, Acton, Ontario.

Churchill, Acton United churches to amalgamate

United Church, Acton, and Churchill United Church will be amalgamated affective June 30.

A letter to thiseffect, received by the recording stewards of both congregations from Halton Presbytery, was read during the morning service at each church Sunday morning.

The present board members of both churches will form the board of the new congregation and it is hoped that members and adherents of both congregations will

Dr. Harry Harley, Halton M.P.

told the Free Press this week he

strongly disapproved of the meth-

ods used by Canadian National

Railways to class stations.

The congregations of Trinity form the body of the new con-

George Bowman, the recording secretary, the letter was read session.

day morning at Churchill. The creek on Highway 7. Churchill congregation paid a set amount per year.

with Ballinafad.

At Trinity, in the absence of

North Halton's first triple fatby Orwell Johnston, the clerk of ality of the year claimed the lives of three Orton, Fegus and In the past few years, the Elora men Saturday night, when minister of the Acton church has a car and a pick-up truck coltaken a second service each Sun- lided almost head-on at Silver-

One of the men died in the flaming wreckage of his car. Before that, the Churchill which burst into fire on collision congregation shared a minister with the truck. Although area residents attempted to free the

Dead is Joseph Francis Maloney, 44, of R.R. 3, Orton, believed to be the driver of the 1962 Mercury pick-up truck; Milford W. Morden, 30, of Fergus, believed to be the driver of the 1962 Chevrolet car, and John R. Hunter, 37, Elora, a passenger in the Morden vehicle.

Georgetown Fire Department

Harley knocks railway's methods Mr. Morden, in his 31st year, was the son of Mrs. Albert Roxborough, Elora; brother of Chester and Leslie of Fergus; Albert, Kitchener; Ivan, Alma; Sanford, Rockwood; Barbara and Donna of

> D. Thompson, Mrs. Jack Floyd, Gueloh; William of Edmonton and

> > was Tuesday at Elora.

Leonard of Windsor.

Peter McWilliams standard 42, Acton 29, Erin Village 12, is right and just rather than Erin Township 27, all former signed as crown attorney, was

Tories jam Oakville auditorium

representative of Halton County. after a single ballot last Thurs-His victory in the two-man cast. Throughout the crowd, not contest with Oakville's reeve, a single flag waved for Day, already in the grip of depresamid bundreds of McWilliam's sion." Allan Day marks his first hats, buttons, ballons and placit was standing room only for

Flanked by two want banners hearing the portrait of leader Robert Stanfield, and the slogan "The Man with the Winning Way" nomination meeting in the new: both candidates took swings at Trudeau and the Liberals.

Sald Day, "We have been told that Mr. Stanfield looks. Like a the exclusion of Burlington and mortician. Well; what dise do. to bury the present government in Ottawa." He oriticized the recent Liberal hiring of 40,000 more civil servants after the ed a cut-back.

Mr. McWilliams commented. "It is essential that you have 35, Georgetown 59, Esquesing a leader who will stand for what We can do without that."

presidents, members of the leg-

He added, "I seek this nomislature and former candidates ination for the same reason as you have gathered here tonight. The McWilliam's victory was I am concerned about our counevident even before the vote was try. I think it is time the Voter was told the truth. Canada is

> He blamed the country's financial situation on "extravagant government policy." "I will allow the tax payer to spend a greater portion of the dollar he earns himself, by himself," With the announcement of the

McWilliams' election, a chant of 'Go Go, McWilliams' broke out and many of the audience stood up with loud applause. It was you call someone who is going the only moment of marked enthusiasm throughout the meeting. In his victory speech Mr. Mc-Williams commented "This nomination meeting is a testimony Glasgow Report had recommend- 'to responsible government.' It has not been a great meeting but it is a contrast to the 'Mobocracy' of our Liberal opposition.

"We should reform our ranks. organize this riding - and win this election. I want to meet everyone of you in the next

month," he added. Mr. Day thanked his supporters and called for a total shift over to McWilliams.

Then the meeting ended and Mr. McWilliams left the stage to join family, friends, and newsmen in the centre of the hall. Mr. Day remained on the stage alphing a coke, along with a few party officials.

Two members of the provincial legislature were present. John Roots, M.P.P. for Wellington-Dufferin, and Jim Snow M. P.P. for Halton East. Each addressed the sudience during the half hour preceding the announcement of the candidates.

Mr. Roote reminded the crowd that it was the first time Erin was to be included in the area. "We've been pushed around a bit in Erin. Some had misgivings about this change, but I think I can say Erin will do its share (Continued on Page 3)

The Acton Free Dress

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balloon with a McWilliams sticker on it.

THERE'S NO DOUBT in this youngster's mind, even though he

is too young to cast a ballot. Young Brian McWilliams was

one of many supporting his father P. K. McWilliams at the P.C.

nomination meeting in Oakville Thursday night. McWilliams

and his son pose in front of a John Roberts picture and a large

ACTON, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1968

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Janet Rognvaldson will receive B.A.

Janet Rognvaldson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rognvaldson, receives her Bachelor of Arts degree at Convocation at the University of Gueinh on Thursday, May 23. She attend Acton district high school.

She is presently employed in the research department of the Prudential Insurance Company in Toronto.

No movies

Because there is no advertising allowed, movies will not be shown in the community centre

this season. ley told the Parks and Recreation committee that movie houses have been protesting showing of films outside their premises. Distributors have been instructed to release films only with the provision that they are not advertised.

Mr. Townsley felt a movie program would have a hard time breaking even without adver-

Silvercreek collision

Park system begins on weekend board alters admission system

Cooper.

weekend, Parks and Recreation the other fence," he stated. committee decided at their regular meeting Thursday.

Harold Townsley told the twinhatted board they'd be ready for the official opening.

of town will not receive stickers for their vehicles this season for free admittance into the park. the parking lot at no charge but cutting, one dollar must be paid to take boat launching purposes, etc.

Committee member Art Cooper thought the by-law would a car into the park," past the for skating.

parking lot. just to be on the safe side, the board. Work is also being done on

Cost of removing the hill in the would be \$40 to \$50. park came to \$200.

Vice-chairman Brendan Ahe- asked Hugh Patterson. rne, occupying the chair in the When the fence is in it will be song. below the incline, Mr. Aherne said, so there's a possibility a Patterson.

Providing the weather co-op- toboggan could crash into the erates, official opening of Pros- fence. "We may need a snow pect park will take place this fence toprotect tobogganers from

declared the Progressive Con-

day night.

venture into politics.

Nassagaweva.

servative candidate for federal

late-comers, as an estimated

850 people jammed Blakelock

High School auditorium in Oak-

ville, for the first Conservative

federal riding of Halton. Erin

Township and Village in Well-

ington County are included, with

Party chairman Doug Latimer

of Georgetown, explained that the

selection of delegates was based

on the Conservative vote in the

1965 election, one delegate for

every 20 votes. He listed the

breakdown of the 531 delegates

as follows: Oakville 297, Milton

Parks superintendent Townsley was authorized to rent a Picnic tables are ready to be roller and seeder, and get too repainted and parks supervisor soil for the bare areas in the Glenles park, then seed it.

Mr. Townsley said he wanted to buy a sulky to fit onto the Unlike other years, residents lawn mower at a cost of \$66. The mower was going to cost from \$150 to \$175 to repair but he doubted if it could keep up to the All vehicles will be allowed on 15 acres of grass that will need In his capacity as arena man-

your car past the second gate for ager. Mr. Townsley reported the screens had been installed for lacrosse and lines painted on the floor. Roller skating realized have to be rewritten to accommo- a net profit of \$78 after the first date the change but member Hugh three nights and he predicted an-Patterson said there was no act- other successful season. Only ual change from last year. "We drawback was a shortage of the always charged one dollar to get latest "pop" records available

"If you're not right up on the Mr. Cooper advised the board CHUM chart with these kids they they should look at the by-law let you know about it," he told

"I'm thinking of a tulor was Glenles park where difficulties in the auditorium and if they Arena manager Harold Towns- were encountered with Canadian want to sit around and put money National Railways about a part of in the box for dancing - fine." the park on railway property. Initial outlay for buying records

"Can't you use the tane?" "Ever listen to a certain Tor-

absence of the chairman, said the onto radio station?" replied Mr. C.N.R. was putting up a fence to Townsley pointing out it was separate the two properties, impossible to tape the entire

"I try not to," admitted Mr.

A statement of income and expenditure for the first four months of 1968 submitted by secretary Doris Townsley show--- Parks superintendent Harold Townsley is interested inholding advanced swimming classes this summer. Anyone interested in

the classes is urged to call him

at the community centre, 853-

Subject switched to painting

the community centre, now all

were up in almost every departfinished. "Boys coming into ment compared to the previous town next year to play lacrosse or hockey won't forget Acton," predicted Mr. Townsley. "The Correspondence revealed the dressing rooms are painted in Chamber of Commerce sportsmen's show would be held Sat-

ed receipts of \$7,502.88 and ex-

different colors. It takes that dungeon look away." urday August 10. Permission was granted the "The place looks lovely," Acton Community Credit Union commented board member Art

to hold a piculc in the park Sunday, June 23 at a charge of \$1 a table. Bob Bruce, representing the Credit Union, told the committee they expected 150 to 200 people to come.

Financial statement of \$138.56 was ordered paid.

Vice chairman Brendan Aherne presided for the two hour meeting attended by Earl Masales, Herb Dodds, Hugh Patterson, Art Cooper, Harold Townsley and secretary Doris Townsley.

Candidates stump Acton

Halton M.P. Dr. Harry Harley was in town with new Liberal candidate Rud Whiting last Thursday introducing him to local penditures of \$4,912.05. Receipts Liberals and showing him around. Mr. Whiting was the second candidate to hit the election trail

locally. . Murray Kernighan, the N.D.P. standard bearer, was doing a personal door-to-door campaign Wednesday in Acton. They'll be joined by the Conservative candidate. Peter K. McWilliams, who was nominated by the party last Thursday even-

Clothing stolen

ing in a jam-packed meeting at

Theft of clothing, a clock and a sultcase from a parked car behind the Dominion Hotel was reported to Acton O.P.P. by Jeff Denny, R.R. 2, Acton. The theft occurred Wednesday of last week and loss was estimated at \$35.





THREE MEN had their lives snuffed out east of flaming wreckage of the car, top, which burnt day night as these two vehicles collided al- man, perished in the truck, below. most head-on. One of the men died in the

the Silvercreek bend on No. 7 highway Satur- into fire with the impact. Another, an Orton (Photos by E. Yaylor)

He referred to cases like Act-The C.N. has applied for a on's where services were cut or hearing to close the Acton stattaken away entirely so people ion but no date has been set yet. and plants had to make other Meanwhile a committee of three arrangements, whether or not they were suitable. Then the is digging up facts and figures railway advertises that no one to present Acton's case when the

hearing is held. is using nonexistent services.

"They should get facts and figures first, then make the demy is left in the station and he

cision," he said. Referring to the Acton station which was very profitable when full services were available, Dr. Harley recognized the railway's system at work here.

Only station agent Charlie Per-

has no duties to perform. At first the telephone was taken out along with books and ledgers but it was returned weeks later.

Other communities where stations have been closed or attempts made to close them, have warned about the system. It leaves no work for those left in charge, a weapon for the prosecutor when the question, "How much business are you doing there?" is asked.

The C.N. proposes to run the entire Actor operation from a mander agency in Gueloh.

Three die in fiery man, the flames thwarted their was called to extinguish the fire. Both vehicles were total wrecks. Constable James Redoath of Milton O.P.P., the investigating of-

accident could not be released until the investigation is com-The vehicles collided on High-

ficer, said further details of the

way 7 just 200 feet south of the Seventh Line Esquesing, at the top of the Silvercreek hill.

Fergus; Joseph, James and Vaughan at home. Mr. Hunter, in his 38th year, was the son of Mrs. William Huntet, bushand of Shirley Thompson Hunter, father of Roonie, Kevin, and Debbie, brother of Mrs. Albert Roxborough of Elore; Mrs.

Funeral pervice for both men