



NATTY NASSAGAWAYANS at the Halton County museum's Carriage House ball Saturday are deputy-reeve Bill Hoey and Mrs. Hoey, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Redgrave, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ack-

Having a ball . . . at the carriage house



GUESTS FROM ALL OVER the county gathered Saturday for the first event in the museum's new centennial carriage house, designed by museum director Maj. H. J. Newman. Enthusiastic dancer was Liberal candidate Rud Whiting (right), who pauses to chat with Nassagaweya reeve Bill Coulter and Mrs. Coulter (left), and Acton Chamber of Commerce president Paul Nielsen. Halton-Wentworth Liberal candidate John Morison also attended.



SHERIFF ANDY FRANK fiddled while Milton deputy-reeve Ron Harris called the squares at the Carriage House ball held Saturday. It was the first event in the new building and over 220 enjoyed the dancing and midnight buffet. Mr. Harris headed the museum board committee arranging the unique event. (Staff Photo)

Scottish letter to Free Press calls our seal hunts "horror"

Canadians are dollar-hungry amateur butchers, according to a Scottish newspaper.

Recently the Free Press received by mail, a clipping from the Glasgow "Daily Record" dated Sat. March 30, 1968. It was entitled "Horror on the Ice" and included several letters from shocked Scottish readers in response to an article on the slaughter of baby seals for the Canadian fur industry that had appeared in the Record the Tuesday before. The report described the killing of 40,000 baby seals in Canada as an annual event. A picture of a seal being beaten to death with a club, accompanied the story. One letter read: "I'm appalled at the methods used by Canadians to kill seals. I'm not against seal control but Canadian methods are atrocious."

Another stated: "If increased taxes on luxury goods haven't put people off buying fur and seal skin coats, The Record report on Canada's seal massacre is bound to accomplish this. I'm an animal lover but can condone the killing of seals in Scotland. This is done properly and humanely. The killing of seals in Canada is an inexcusable massacre."

Still another asks, "I believed Canada was a civilized country but is it?"

Along with the personal letters from individuals was one from the World Federation for the Protection of Animals: "The Federation congratulates you on

your fair and factual report on the killing of pup seals in the Gulf of St. Lawrence."

On the spot investigations carried out on behalf of the W.F.P.A. in 1965, 1966 and 1967 confirm without any doubt that the large-scale killing of pups and adult seals for the fur trade is carried out in a way which at best is callous and crude, and at worst, is wanton and vicious cruelty.

We have renewed our appeal to the Canadian and Norwegian governments who are chiefly involved, to put a stop to seal killing until scientific and humane methods of killing have been evolved. "We emphatically condemn such current means of killing seals as clubbing pups as they lie defenseless on ice-floes, indiscriminate long-range shooting of adults in the water, and harpooning and drowning in nets."

The seal question has been causing reaction in other parts of Europe as well. In Paris last year, several top fashion models refused to wear clothing of seal furs or skins in protest. But in Canada, baby seal moccasins are still very 'in'.



"THERE'VE BEEN A LOT of changes around here in 83 years!" remarked jovial Bill Alexander, left, when he met Milton deputy-reeve Ron Harris at the dance at the museum carriage house Saturday night. Mr. Alexander was brought up on the farm that is now Kelso Conservation area. Behind them is the new plaque indicating that the building is the county centennial project. (Staff Photo)

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Yule party criticized by Acton reeve

Acton Reeve Bert Hinton's suggestion that the annual Christmas party of the North Halton Urban Board be on an individual ticket basis rather than including the cost in the budget, fell on deaf ears at a meeting of the board in Acton last Wednesday.

Mr. Hinton called for a review of fees assessed the three member municipalities which he felt should be on a population basis. The suggestion, he said, was made in the interest of harmony.

The only relations it would improve would be with the reeve, commented Acton Mayor Les Doby and would guarantee a break-up of the board which he called a fine association.

Money well spent was Milton Deputy-Reeve's comment on the Urban Board meetings since it brought together councillors from the three municipalities for discussions.

"Why throw a free Christmas party for people who never attend Urban Board Meetings?" asked the Acton reeve.

Mayor Doby countered with the observation that county council brought Reeves and deputy Reeves together and the Urban Board did the same for mayors and councillors.

Chairman Ron Harris, taking a lead from Mr. Hinton's economy-minded budget, hinted that Milton might serve water and hot dogs at the annual tour in the county town in September.

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