

First winter carnival a tribute to A.D.H.S.

Phuture Phreeze was a success from Wednesday's torchlight parade to Saturday's formal dance. As the first winter carnival ever organized by Acton district high school it is expected to start a tradition for years to come.

The four-day frolic was a result of the co-operation of the students, the high school staff, the townsfolk who came out to watch, and the weatherman who dumped cool, crisp, sunny days for the entire event.

With a budget that relied solely on donations from the various school clubs, the student council, and a few interested outsiders, teacher Bruce Andrews estimates that the carnival netted at least \$200 clear profit.

Variety concert

Another success for the first of what is hoped will be an annual winter carnival was the Friday night variety show which over 400 attended. Teacher Clarence Regivaldson was the capable M.C.

Students and teachers alike participated in the program which also featured the

Georgetown Barbershop chorus in a medley of old songs and Mayor Les Daby singing three favorites accompanied by Bernie Freuler on the organ.

Joyce Carpenter, Bonnie Bristow and Marianne Coles opened the program with some modern dance numbers. They were followed by the barbershoppers and a mime by Bonnie Bristow, Mary Frances

Marcoux, Cathy Adley and Marianne Coles.

Mark Hurst and Mike Cooper, Acton High's answer to the Smothers Brothers, convulsed the audience with a rooster tale accompanied by their guitars.

They followed with a number Mark had written himself.

Acton cheerleaders five in number dressed in the costumes (Continued on Page 3)



IT'S A BRA' HEARD says teacher Harvey Goodman, contestant in the Chin Shrubbery Contest at the Winter Carnival.

Snow Queen

Anita Thibodeau

Vivacious Anita Thibodeau, a grade 10 student from R. R. 2 Rockwood, was crowned Winter Carnival Snow Queen following the torchlight parade on Wednesday night.

The six princesses Ursula Beter, Rosalind Bell, Barb Browne, Terri Dowling, Marie Holmes and Anita were interviewed earlier in the day and judged on the basis of appearance, poise and personality.

Originally there were 14 girls nominated. The six finalists were chosen by a student vote.

The queen was presented with a bouquet of flowers donated by Caroline Nursery.



PEAR-SHAPED tones from Acton members of Georgetown member Tom McColgan. The Georgetown barbershop chorus, Jack Pope, barbershoppers thrilled a large audience at the high school variety show Friday night. (Staff Photo)

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Free Press first general excellence

The Free Press has won two awards in the Ontario weekly newspaper competitions including first place for general excellence in its own circulation class, it was announced this week.

The Acton paper also placed second for the best sports page and coverage over all Ontario papers, placing right behind the Newmarket Era and ahead of the Brampton Guardian and Burlington Post who tied for third.

There was keen competition among all newspapers for the general excellence awards in which the Free Press placed first, followed by the Durham Chronicle and Beamsville Express.

The Free Press's sister paper, The Milton Champion, also won awards in the competitions, placing first in the Picture Story category and also getting top spot for classified advertising excellence. The Champion placed second for its use of pictures behind the Renfrew Advance and ahead of the Arrnprior Guide.

Awards will be presented this week in Ottawa during the annual convention of the Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association.



PROFESSOR SAM SCHONNOP has some sage advice for his touring students, Sandra Ross, Karyn Manes, Carol Jones, Ken Withers, John Ashley and Ricky Rocher. They were in the Thursday operetta cast. (Staff Photo)

Report operation deficit \$46,839

The only deficit at the public school level in 1968 operations of the individual county school boards was at Milton, Superintendent of Business Bruce Lindley told the Halton County Board as he reviewed preliminary financial reports Thursday.

The deficit of the Milton Public School Board was reported as \$22,936, attributed to an error in the calculation of the provincial grant.

Acton, Milton and Oakville reported deficits in the operations of their high schools during 1968.

Acton District High School Board reported a deficit of \$46,839 attributing it to an error in the calculation of grants and the cost of 20 pupils attending high school in Burlington and not included in the budget.

The deficit at the Oakville Board of Education for high school purposes was \$127,207 because of a transfer of funds to a building project to supplement a debenture issue.

Surpluses were reported by the Acton Public School Board of \$11,672; the Burlington

Board of Education public schools \$106,468 and high schools \$50,641; Esqueping Township School Area \$30,317; Georgetown Public School Board \$2,261; Nassagaweya Township School Area Board \$36,960; Oakville Board of Education (public schools) \$3,024; Georgetown District High School Board \$38,860.

Information extracted from the financial reports showed Georgetown with the lowest cost per pupil in the public school operations at \$446, while Oakville had the highest at \$622. Others were Acton at \$515, Burlington at \$503, Esqueping at \$579, Milton at \$555, Nassagaweya at \$584. The across the county average was \$544.

At the Secondary school level Burlington was the lowest at \$874 per pupil with Oakville the highest at \$1,114. Acton was \$911, Georgetown \$919, Milton \$1,009. The across the county average was \$970.

Mr. Lindley told the Board the deficits and surpluses would be allowed for by a Board of Arbitrators and the difference would be selected in bills to municipalities in 1970.

Membership on the three member Board of Arbitrators has been proposed as the clerk of Milton and the treasurers of Oakville and Burlington.

Police report two collisions

Police reported only two minor accidents during the past week.

The first occurred Thursday morning on the high school parking lot where cars operated by William Pendleton, Tidea Ave. and William Douglas, R.R. 4, collided. Constable Stafford estimated \$125 damage to the Pendleton car and \$35 to the Douglas vehicle.

Second collision took place Tuesday morning at 8:10 at Wynford Place. Police said cars driven by Peter Jenkins, Wynford Place, and Mrs. June Shafi, Meadvale Rd., collided as the Jenkins car was being backed out of a driveway.

Constable Bruce Krewler investigated. Damage to the Jenkins vehicle was estimated at \$200 and the Shafi car sustained \$150.

Twp. okays hangar 17 Sideroad airstrip

Esqueping council directed Joe Ross of Ross Lake Farm, R.R. 3, Georgetown, to issue a building permit for a hangar on a proposed airstrip on his property on No. 17 Sideroad.

Mr. Ross appeared before council at the regular meeting Monday night accompanied by Helmut Scheidhauer, chief engineer Central Airways, Chris Sampson, flying instructor, of Sampsonare, and aeronautical engineer Juergen Middleberg. The latter three are associated with Mr. Ross in the project.

Mr. Ross told council the Department of Transport had cleared both the location and the intent of the airstrip which has been in the planning stages since last summer. Plans have already landed and taken off on

the runway of the 2,000 foot strip.

Mr. Ross explained the airstrip would be limited to two to four seater planes up to 2,500 pounds in weight.

Flying instructor Chris Sampson will run his own flying school in conjunction with the airstrip but as a separate business. He told council, however, that he would have to limit his instruction in the air in the area west of Acton so he would be out of the restricted Toronto zone.

Mr. Scheidhauer explained that the hangar would be used for servicing and maintenance of aircraft. He told council he would operate the hangar business as part of the airstrip complex.

The Island airport in Toronto will soon be closed and 200 planes will be looking for a base. He hoped the Ross Lake strip would corner a lot of the business which operates from the Island.

Councillor Ken Marshall agreed there was a need for an airstrip in this area and told council he could see no reason for holding up the request.

Reeve George Currie told the delegation that as long as they had permission from the Department of Transport there wasn't much council could do about it anyway.

Deputy Reeve Tom Hill demurred, stating he thought people in the vicinity of the airstrip should be consulted first and that council should view the site. He changed his mind later when he found the size of the hangar would not exceed 154 feet in height and hold only two planes.

Councillors Wilfrid Leslie and Russell Miller also went along with the project when they were familiar with all the facts. Mr. Ross said the delegation had nothing to hide and invited council out to view the project, a view which Mr. Scheidhauer also urged councillors to consider as they all could meet the neighbors.

Councillor Marshall said to his knowledge planes would not be much noisier than farm tractors since they would only be from 90 to 100 horsepower.

After council passed a favorable resolution, the reeve quipped that he would be out some day to have a ride in a plane as long as he could keep one foot on the ground.

Hassle for 90 minutes

Select three reeves

After 90 minutes of debate Halton County Council resorted to secret ballot to choose three members for a committee to meet the Minister of Municipal Affairs to discuss regional government proposals.

Named in the Tuesday balloting were Reeve G. Gallagher of Burlington, Reeve A. Day of Oakville and Reeve W. Hunter of Georgetown.

Reeves forming a committee on the subject earlier asked the Minister to consider a seven man committee. In a letter to the county, the Minister advised he would reconsider and allow the mayors of Oakville and Burlington, together with a three-man committee from the county, to represent Halton in the discussions. The Mayor of

Mississauga and a four man committee from Peel would represent that county.

Two motions proposing methods for selecting the committee were defeated during the lengthy debate. A resolution calling for the Warden to name the members of the committee was defeated, and a second motion naming the reeves of Oakville, Burlington, Nassagaweya and Esqueping was also defeated.

Discussion on whether the mayors of Burlington and Oakville would be part of the county committee centred on whether they would be representing Halton or merely their own municipality. Reeve W. Hunter pleaded for representation for Georgetown

on the committee, suggesting its rate of growth as a hub of the northern area entitled it to representation. He suggested having the mayors of Oakville and Burlington on the committee as well as the reeves was "loading the committee".

Deputy-Reeve W. Gillies observed he was hopeful the county would choose representatives on the basis of ability, rather than municipalities. Reeve A. Ledwith suggested Milton should also be represented on the committee, rather than having two from each of the southern municipalities. There was also debate on interpretation and on whether the county should accept the proposal regarding committee membership as advanced by the minister of municipal affairs.

Reeve G. Gallagher suggested the only reason the mayors of Burlington and Oakville were being put on the committee was because they lobbied for it. Deputy-Reeve Bert Reeve, representing Burlington at his first county council meeting, said the county was in danger of jeopardizing its position if it did not form its committee on the lines set out by the minister.

In final exasperation, members agreed to each vote for three representatives by secret ballot. Warden George Currie insisted each member vote for three or their ballot would not be counted. Members considered Warden Currie an ex officio member of the committee and the warden joked that if the minister did not recognize him as an ex officio member, "we'll all vote Grit the next time".

"I've never seen such a hassle in my life," Warden Currie observed as the ballots were being counted.

Acton commission faces increasing power problems

Increasing power facilities was the major topic of discussion at the regular meeting of the Acton Hydro Commission last Thursday night.

At the present time, both substations are nearing their

limit and the Commission is seeking ways to increase the line capacity. It was decided that the Hydro Electric Power Commission be requested to supply a report on the feasibility of increasing the capacity of the No. 2 station and moving the transformers from there to the No. 1 station.

The auditors' report from the H.E.P.C. stated that the local commission had exceeded their estimates for the last year. Most of the over-spending had been the result of the large number of hot water heaters installed.

Council authorized the payment of accounts totalling \$31,557.16. Of this total, \$29,261.98 was for the month's power bill to the H.E.P.C.

Chairman McEachern was named a delegate to the joint Halton-Peel utilities meeting to be held in Oakville Feb. 18.

Mystery bird turkey buzzard?

Stan Norton, Church St., Acton, says the mystery bird which has been blamed for the loss of some small pets by a Georgetown district farmer could be a turkey buzzard.

Stan says he has seen many turkey buzzards while working at the stone quarries near the Eighth Line where the mysterious disappearance of the pets took place. The turkey buzzard, a bird indigenous to the southern United States, have also adopted the Niagara escarpment in this part of the county as home.

Wildlife experts are mystified as to how the buzzards can survive in a cold climate. The only reason they can give for the buzzards staying is the large number of animals killed on roads in the district and the abundance of small game. The buzzard thrives on carrion.

Ed Osborne, the Georgetown district farmer who lost his pets, thought the bird might be an eagle. Two small dogs and a pair of cats have disappeared from his farm.

Ash Wednesday

Today is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent for Christians the world over.

The old negative accent on the yearly period preceding Easter has been replaced by a new positive thrust. The period of Lent commemorates the 40 days Christ spent in the desert in fasting and self-denial.

Ashes were distributed at two masses at St. Joseph's church in the age-old ceremony to mark Ash Wednesday.



CROSSWALK SIGNS recently installed over school crosswalks have been removed. Hydro employees took them down last Friday. The Department of Transport recommended removal until the necessary by-laws have been passed. (Staff Photo)