

Chamber of Commerce report for 1968

The first activity of the year was as usual The Twelfth Night Christmas Tree Burning. The event was well attended and 400 donuts and 500 cups of coffee were given away. Mayor Duby put the torch to the pyre and the chamber had again caused the greatest fire of the year. There will be no Christmas tree burning in '69 because the Council regards the fire as a contravention of provincial fire-protection laws.

Early in the month of March the Retail Section had a meeting to set business hours for the year and a letter was forwarded to all retail establishments. Even if there has been no controversy over these hours, we hope that more retailers will participate in these meetings in the future.

The retail section also sponsored a successful sidewalk sale and later co-operated in a Santa-Rama promotion.

The citizens of the year 1968 were the dedicated men and women of St. John Ambulance and a very popular choice they proved to be. The dinner-dance at the music centre was attended by more than a hundred people and the entire event was a great success.

The Chamber attempted to sponsor a downtown 2 week experiment shopping Mall and plans were made for a physical layout with flowers, trees, benches and a band-stand. Traffic was to be re-routed and Dept. of Highways co-operation was assured. The town council agreed to co-operate, in the form of men and trucks. A program of commercial events and entertainment was developed and many people were

enthusiastic about it, and worked hard towards realizing it. However opposition developed and after a series of meetings to alleviate the fears of this opposition the Chamber dropped it as a Chamber project. I have since seen shopping malls in many European cities. They have all been very successful, not only commercially, but also as social centers. Kitchener has had great success with their King Street Mall; plans are going ahead for covering the entire street and the city is building a \$3 million multi-storey garage adjacent to the mall. Stores are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to renovate and the whole scheme has evolved into a whole urban renewal program with co-operation between government and business. If

the Acton Central Business District is going to remain the focus of this town certain changes will have to take place. The changes must inevitably be tied in with parking and improvement of existing commercial facilities. A town is primarily a town because it focuses upon itself, when it stops doing this, it becomes a place which is impersonal, without concern, de-humanized and without direction.

The Chamber took a survey of all industries and commercial establishments in regard to the closing of the C.N.R. station. Representation was made to C.N. both on behalf of industry, commerce and the commuters. Contacts were made with our member of parliament, Mr. R. Whiting and our material was made available to him. No final decision has been made in this matter.

The Central Ontario Regional Development Council held a series of public meetings in regard to The Toronto and Region Transportation Study and also in regard to the development of Regional Government. The Chamber made representation at the public meeting held in Acton and also answered a comprehensive questionnaire.

The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Transportation study abbreviated M.T.A.R.T.S. was presented at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre in Toronto and your Chamber was invited and received a copy of an abbreviated version of the study. (The whole study covers some 20,000 pages) Prime Minister John Robarts urged that all concerned parties present their views on the matter. The Chamber made it a project and presented a brief to Prime Minister Robarts and received a reply from him.

Bob Parker as a representative of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority took the public on a guided tour of Fairy Lake sponsored by the chamber, and gave an explanation of the work being done. Both the physical and the economic aspects were discussed.

The Chamber sponsored model flying and a shooting contest at the Halton County Conservation Authority Sportsman show at Kelso and also a model flying contest in Acton.

The Chamber presented a trophy to Cathy Lashy of the Acton Calf Club for her outstanding work.

At a community dinner held in honour of Dr. Buckner, a plaque was presented on behalf of the Chamber.

The Chamber sponsored a well attended "Meet the Candidates Night" at the High School; an event which was very well received and one we hope will be a tradition at all elections.

The sign on Highway 25 was repaired and repainting was contracted and will take place as soon as the weather allows.

The Chamber members had a work bee in November to repair the Christmas lights. It is obvious that we need to budget for major expenditures in this regard in 1969 as both the strings and the "putniks" are in bad shape.

As the outgoing president, I take the liberty to express my wish that the Chamber will continue to play an active and meaningful role in the life of Acton. Primary goals seem to be parking and urban renewal. Also the Chamber must be ready to speak for industry new or old. The Chamber must be ready to co-operate with all kinds of government and will certainly be called upon to do so. Indeed as regional government becomes a reality the Chamber must be knowledgeable and act increasingly as a link between government and industry and the people. As government becomes more embracing, the private sector of the economy must have ways and means to make government aware of facts which would otherwise escape them. The Ontario and Canadian Chambers of Commerce carry on a constant dialogue with the provincial and federal governments and if we take our roles seriously we must partake of this dialogue, but most important we must keep in close contact with local happenings and influence the same to the best of our ability.

Paul S. Nielsen.

L.O.L. euchre

Winners of the euchre in the L.O.L. Hall at Crewson's Corners last Saturday night were: ladies' high, Bea Anderson; low, Pearl Holmes. Men's high, Murray Stamp; low, Arthur Swackhamer; lone hand, Dave Swackhamer; door prize, May Swackhamer; ladies' travelling, Doris Kontner; men's travelling, Murray Stamp.



MRS. GAMBLE'S dancers performed Thursday at the opéra. They're Laurie Pickles, Frank Geng, Michelle Phillips, Todd McIntyre, Susan Muckle, Robbie Rendow, Cindy Arnold and Scott Masale. (Staff Photo)



STAGE MAKE-UP transforms Helen Robertson into a Mexican. Mrs. Les Duby wields the brush. (Staff Photo)

Steven McCann top speaker in all Halton

Steven McCann, of Holy Rotary Separate School, was judged top speaker in the County elementary school contest at Brookdale Public School, Oakville, Friday evening.

His victory over nine other speakers from public, private and separate schools in Halton means he will represent the county against Peel, Simcoe and Dufferin counties Tuesday in the Zone 7 contest at Martin St. Senior Public School.

Steven was presented with a Challenge Cup by Mrs. John Bird, president of The Halton District Women's Institute; while other participants received gift books.

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Board to meet here

The next meeting of the Halton County Board of Education will be held in the Resource Centre at the Robert Little school in Acton, Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. The new board is following a policy agreed upon to meet at various areas in the county to acquaint members with the school system and give

ratepayers an opportunity to attend the meetings. Future meetings will also be held in Milton on March 27 and in Georgetown April 24. Then the board hopes to again rotate.

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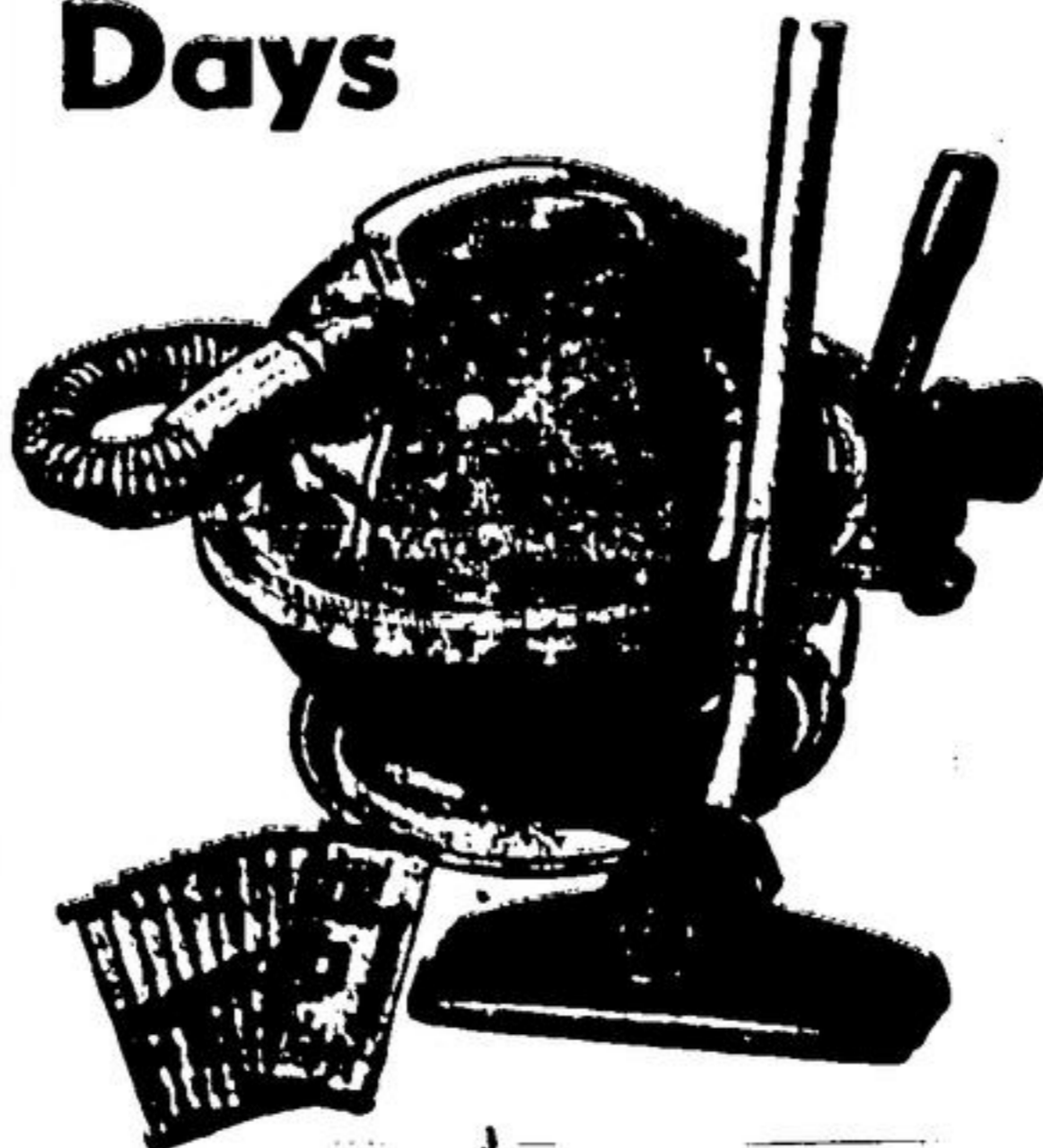
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