



HALTON JUNIOR FARMER DEBATING TEAM lost out to Middlesex by a narrow margin, at the Ontario debating finals held at Guelph Friday. They beat Huron County to enter the finals and were the first debating team Halton has entered since 1963. Assistant coach Jim Jenkins, left, is shown helping them rehearse. The affirmative team of Carol Swackhamer and Brian Bessey is shown at the tape recorder, with Bill Jackson and Barry Mahon looking on at the back. Mac Sproul of Acton was their coach. The team won \$100 for second place in Ontario. —(Staff Photo).

Recreation committee

Controversial concession question aired

The running dispute between the concessionaire at the community centre and the curling club was bared again at the monthly meeting of Parks Board and Recreation Committee Thursday evening.

Present at the meeting was Concessionaire Roy Goodwin who said he found it impossible to tender on the operation of the arena concession because at this date there were too many unanswered questions.

Mr. Goodwin asked the Committee, which welcomed new member Wilfred Duval Jr. to his first meeting, four questions:

1. Is it the intention of the Acton Curling Club to use the said facilities for two or more days each week of the winter season?
2. In the event that the answer to question one is yes, do they intend to obtain a licence for the

use of liquor every night as they have done during 68/69 season?

3. Is it the intention of arena management to continue the roller skating program during summer months in conjunction with the snack bar operation?
4. To what extent will the committee allow use of the booth facilities in the park during summer months?

Mr. Goodwin said until he had the answers to the questions he could not negotiate another contract. One tender was opened—an offer to rent the facilities for \$550 a year from Mrs. Theresa Hanley, a new Acton resident.

The committee agreed that it wouldn't be fair to either Mr. Goodwin or the lady who tendered until the questions were answered. They decided a further meeting with Mr. Goodwin and Mrs. Hanley this Thursday would settle who got

the booth next year. The administration committee will deal with each tender separately. It is hoped they will have all the answers to Mr. Goodwin's questions by meeting time.

The Free Press has subsequently been informed that the curling club intends to vacate the community centre this season and proceed with building their own premises on Churchill Road N.

Mr. Goodwin was critical of the number of times the curling club used the full facilities of the snack bar.

"I was told the maximum number of times the club would have a liquor licence would be eight to 10 times during the season," he said. However, he contended the curlers used the full facilities nearly every Monday night, and left a real mess.

Conditions have been fine since the first of the year, he continued, but this was due to the cleaning up of the arena manager and his staff.

"I have to pay \$50 a month for the facilities and then have to clean up myself," he complained.

Asked by committee member Phil McCristall, Mr. Goodwin said he had the shelves installed in the booth and equipment was partly his and partly the property of the committee.

Chairman Brendan Aherne reminded the committee that the curlers had originally installed much of the booth equipment and the committee had purchased it from them by a fixed rental price for the facilities. He said the curlers had a right to use the facilities but that Mr. Goodwin had a legitimate complaint.

The curlers look at it as kitchen facilities but the man who runs the concession is stuck with cleaning it up," asked member Bob Laughlin.

"Exactly," replied the chairman.

Mr. Goodwin again said that the onus for cleaning the booth had fallen on arena manager Harold Townsley.

"He shouldn't have to clean up after the curlers," committee member Herb Dodd commented.

"I get down on my knees to scrub the floor and then go in Wednesday morning to see it looking like the floor of a barn," Mr. Goodwin complained. "It's heart-breaking."

Mr. Goodwin also asked for some decision on the roller skating program. If he was expected to furnish skates again he'd like a three year contract in order to be able to get his money back, an extra investment he expected would require \$2,000.

Regional government, forecast for 1971, could step in and ask him to leave. This, he felt,

should mean a three year contract. "It will have a definite bearing on the price I'm willing to pay," he asserted.

Further discussion brought a motion from Mr. Laughlin to defer a decision until all the terms of an agreement were laid down. The committee agreed after more discussion on whether they should run the arena canteen themselves.

Figures from Milton arena submitted by Mr. Townsley showed a profit of over a \$1,000 in the better months.

Mental arithmetic by some of the committee members left the matter still up in the air for an administration decision.

Chairman Aherne presided for the three hour meeting with Herb Dodd, Phil McCristall, Bob Laughlin and new member Wilf Duval present.

Supper, Irish program for Golden Age Club

An abundance of good food and a delightful program made the Golden Age Club meeting a huge success on Tuesday night.

The lunch committee, with Mrs. Costar, convener, had worked hard arranging for the supper, with a special word of thanks from the "sergeant major" to the men who had helped in various ways, especially in moving chairs and tables, and pouring the tea and coffee, Bob O'Hara, Bob Winton, Robert Warne, Robert Allen and Bert Davidson. The food was varied and plentiful and all of it good, to show that the women of the Senior generation have not forgotten the art of good cooking nor the hospitality for which they were famous.

The entertainment committee, Mrs. Shultis and Mrs. Milne, had arranged a wonderful program. Miss Muriel Holmes sang with great poise and clarity "Mother McCree" and "Flow Gently Sweet Afton". Mrs. Bradshaw accompanied on the piano.

Mrs. McNabb gave a humorous Irish reading. On the mouth-organ Mr. Leishman played to the delight of all "The Irish Washerwoman, My Wild Irish Rose and The Wearing of the Green," with Mrs. Early accompanying on the piano.

Mr. McCutcheon sang "Rising Early in the Morning" and "I Love a Lassie", both much enjoyed.

Mrs. McNabb and Mr. Milne sang a couple of pleasing duets.

The "Green Bonnets" sang Peggy O'Neill and Irish Lullaby then were joined by three men to sing Put on Your old Grey Bonnet and When you wore a Tulip. Muriel Holmes came back to sing I'm looking over a 4-leaved Clover, then unaccompanied sang with great pathos "I'm Nobody's Child."

In a short business session an invitation was read from the Acton Figure Skating Club to attend a matinee of their Carnival on March 29 at 2 p.m. in the Arena.

An invitation was also received from Mrs. Ray Arbic of the Cancer Society to come to the High School to see films and enjoy free entertainment and lunch on March 25 at 8 p.m.

Fred Kingsmill was appointed Counsellor for the Club, replacing Mrs. Fryer who had been Counsellor ever since the Club was organized.

R. L. Davidson was called to the front and presented with the past president pin by Robert Warne, vice president. Mr. Davidson in a few well-chosen words thanked all for his pin.

All returned home with memories of a very pleasant evening.

Break-in

Children were questioned by police and reprimanded, following a break-in at the United church on Wednesday, March 19. Paint was sprayed in the boiler room, but nothing was found to be missing.

OBITUARY

**Mrs. Lasby funeral March 10**

After a short illness, Mrs. Margaret Penson Lasby, 35 Church St., passed away in Guelph General Hospital on March 7.

Funeral service was held Monday afternoon March 10 at St. Alban's church conducted by the Rev. H. Dawson, and interment was in Fairview cemetery.

Mrs. Lasby was a member of the Golden Age club, and fellow members attended the funeral service.

Pallbearers were John and Alan McNabb, Philip Drysdale, Jeff Fryer, Edward Hickey and Ron Hickey.

Mrs. Lasby was born in England in 1899. Her husband Hilliard Lasby predeceased her. She is survived by a son and daughters: Elmer, Streetville; Mrs. James McNabb (Margaret) and Mrs. John Drysdale (Anne) Acton; 20 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; sisters Mrs. Ella Hickey, Mrs. Frances Beatty, Hamilton and Mrs. Doris Fryer, Acton. She was predeceased by one son Joseph, three sisters and one brother.

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Speakers on agenda

Seven 4-H clubs underway

By J. Jenkins

A new 4-H season began at the Boyne Community Centre on Wednesday, March 19, as the first of the two Halton 4-H organization meetings were held with approximately 75 in attendance. The meeting was chaired by the president of the Halton 4-H Club Leaders Council, Walter Norrington.

Speakers on the agenda were Cathy Lasby, Acton, a 4-H member speaking on the 4-H pledge; 4-H'er Carl Middlebrook talking about the conservation camp at Albion Hills; while club leaders Bert Stewart of Homby and John Willmott of Milton spoke on "What to look for when choosing a 4-H dairy or beef calf".

Following the formal part of the meeting the following clubs were formed: Halton 4-H Beef Calf Club, president Doug Gardhouse; Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club, president Paul Bennett; Halton 4-H Field Crop Club, president Ted Brown.

The following clubs will be formed if enough interest can be found: Halton 4-H Conservation Club, Halton 4-H Tractor Club, Halton 4-H Jersey-Guernsey-Ayrshire Calf Club, and the Halton 4-H Strawberry Club. Anyone wishing to join any of these clubs should contact the Agricultural office at 181 Main Street, Milton, 878-9701.

**Debaters beaten in Ontario final**

By J. Jenkins

The Halton Junior Farmer debating team, made up of Brian Bessey, Bill Jackson, Barry Mahon, and Carol Swackhamer, was defeated by a very slim margin by Middlesex County in the debating finals held at the University of Guelph Friday evening. The team was coached by Deputy Sheriff Mac Sproul of Acton, and Jim Jenkins of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food. \$100 in prize money was awarded to the Halton team, while \$160 went to the Middlesex group.

This is the first time since 1963 that Halton has entered a team in the competitions.

**Acton clubs are formed**

By J. Jenkins

The organization meeting for the Acton 4-H Calf and the Acton 4-H Field Crop Club was held at the Acton Community Centre on Wednesday, March 19. The formal part of the meeting consisted of a talk given by Cathy Lasby on the 4-H pledge. Club Leader Nino Braida spoke on the responsibilities and the rewards of a 4-H member.

Due to the interest of some members in a 4-H corn project, a Field Crop Club was formed instead of the 4-H Forage Club which has run for the past two years. Keith Aitken was elected as president of the Acton 4-H Calf Club, and Norma Leslie was named president of the Field Crop Club.

Both clubs are currently above last year's membership, and entries into these clubs will be welcomed for another week or two. Also, anyone wishing to join the Halton 4-H Conservation, Tractor, or Strawberry Club is invited to contact the agricultural office at 181 Main Street, Milton, 878-9701.

Junior Farmers win U.S. trips

By J. Jenkins

Two Halton County Junior Farmers were awarded travelling scholarships at the Ontario Junior Farmer Association annual meeting and provincial conference held at the University of Guelph this past weekend.

Doreen Harrop, Norval, will travel to the United States with three other delegates from August 17 to 23, to the Rural Youth U.S.A. Conference. The location has not yet been confirmed.

Murray Harris, R. R. 6, Milton, is one of two from the province who will travel to the United States with delegates from the U.C.O. for one week in August to attend the American Institute of Co-operation annual meeting. The dates and location of this conference have not as yet been confirmed.

**Says report cards no help to parents**

Trustee dissatisfaction over methods of reporting to parents on pupil progress were revealed during discussions of the 1969 aims and objectives of the Halton County Board of Education on Thursday.

Trustee Liberty Pease told members he felt the anecdotal method of reporting "falls far short of effective communication. It hasn't helped me as a parent," he complained.

Similar dissatisfaction was expressed by the Board Chairman F. Armitage who indicated he was completely confused by three or four sheets of comments. The call for a very serious review of the procedures

**OBITUARY**

**Left for west many years ago**

Oliver Moate McArthur died February 12 at Buck Lake, Alberta, where funeral services were held Monday, February 17. Interment was in Siegel Hill cemetery.

He was born in the Acton district October 28, 1887, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert McArthur, and left for the west in the early 1900's. He lived in both Saskatchewan and Alberta before making his home at Buck Lake.

He never married and is survived by a sister Mrs. R. A. McDonald (Mae), Invermay. Robert J. McArthur of Acton is a nephew.

O.K. addition

A \$398,616 tender for construction of an addition to the Tecumseh Public School, Burlington was approved by the Halton County Board of Education Thursday.

The low tender came in \$31,000 under budget and total cost of the project, including equipment and architect fees, will be \$464,000. The addition will provide accommodation for 360 pupils. It will be built at \$19.16 a square foot and a per pupil cost of \$1,289 which Superintendent Bruce Lindley termed "fairly favorable for this type of school."

was echoed by Trustee Bruce Edwards as he noted the aims and objectives called for a committee on the subject.

Assistant Director of Education Douglas Lawless suggested there was a sincere attempt to advise parents on pupil progress but he acknowledged the methods must be constantly under review.

Mr. Lawless suggested it would be wrong to establish a common kind of report card for the county. He said he would support a principal decision on the method of reporting, within certain guidelines. "This would be true reporting", he concluded.

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