

## Music festival stresses concert two April dates, adjudicator set

A concert to include music, gym display, choral reading and art will be sponsored by the North Halton Music Festival Association on Thursday

### Appoint mayor new committee

Acton Mayor Les Duby has accepted one of two appointments for the Mayors' and Reeves' Association on the new committee organized by the provincial government to seek ways of rehabilitating gravel pits and quarries. The other appointment from the Mayors and Reeves is Mayor Garnet Newkerk of Chatham.

Mr. Duby was asked to accept the post and replied in the affirmative last week.

He says he will contact other municipalities in the area with quarry or pit problems and make every effort to represent them on the new committee.

Acton council authorized Mayor Duby to continue on the Mayor and Reeves Association early in the present two year term.

evening, April 30. It will be held in Milton High School auditorium.

The emphasis this year will be on the con-competitive concert, it was decided at a general meeting of the association in the Robert Little school, Acton, Monday, Jan. 26.

The preceding day, April 29, the competitive festival will be held in music classes. Already nine schools have entered, and there may be more. For the first time the competition will be held at the M. Z. Bennett school, Acton. The events will all be over on the one day, and some of the winners will appear the following evening at the concert.

Adjudicator will be Mel Evans, a music consultant in south Halton.

All schools in North Halton will be encouraged by festival executive to send some representation to the new type of concert. Forms will go out later suggesting, as well as music, gymnastic groups, plays, choral reading, solos, dance groups,

instrumental groups or solos. An art display may also be set up in the Milton school the night of the concert.

Festival association president Ray Morrison presided for the organizing meeting with Mrs. B. Benton as secretary-treasurer. Assistant area superintendents E. S. Lavender and Ron Campbell were also present with the enthusiastic representatives.

Cover designs from students are still being sought.

In the fall, the future of the festival looked bleak when deep concern was felt over the value of competition, lack of music specialists in each school, and the amount of time involved. Finally the image of the festival began to change and other aspects will be included this year for the first time, as well as music.

Although some schools had opposed competition, or felt it too difficult to compete with only a regular classroom teacher in charge of choirs, entries in already pleased officials very much.

They are looking forward to another very successful festival.



THE EXECUTIVE OF THE ACTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE was returned to office for 1970, at the Chamber's annual dinner at the Halton Heights Golf Club, last Wednesday night, with one exception. Ken MacLeod replaces Ted Pratt as

treasurer. Pictured left to right are: second vice-president John Rol, president John Shadbolt, first vice-president Chris Schuts. Back row left to right, secretary Mike DeJong, Mr. MacLeod. —(Staff Photo)

## Acclaim John Shadbolt president Acton Chamber of Commerce

John Shadbolt was returned by acclamation as president of the Acton Chamber of Commerce for 1970, at the Chamber's annual dinner held at the Halton Heights Golf Club, last Wednesday night.

The remainder of the five man executive, with the exception of treasurer Ted Pratt was also returned by acclamation.

Chris Schuts returns as 1st vice president, Jack Rol as 2nd vice president and Mike DeJong as secretary.

Newcomer Ken MacLeod will replace Mr. Pratt as treasurer.

For the first time in the last few years an election was necessary to decide the Chamber's six directorships.

Elected for a two year term were Alan Eastwood, Dave Muckle, Roy Goodwin and Harold Denny.

Don Dupuis and John Secord will serve one year terms as directors.

All officers and directors were sworn in by mayor Les Duby. Fred Gordon conducted the elections.

Guest speaker for the evening was Stephen Garland, director of the Retail Sales Tax Branch, Department of Revenue. Mr. Garland explained the workings of the Branch and answered questions from the floor.

Bell Telephone Company district manager Lloyd Denby attended the meeting and was asked about the possibility of Acton getting free long distance calling to Milton and Guelph.

Mr. Denby told the meeting he wasn't convinced the majority of people in Acton were willing to accept the increase in rates, free long distance calling to Milton and Guelph would bring.

He explained he had

conducted a personal survey, six years ago and found most of the Acton residents he contacted, opposed to the change.



GORD JAMES, immediate past president of the Acton Branch 197 of the Legion received his past president's jewel from another past president, Max Storey at the Branch's annual dinner, Saturday night. —(Staff Photo)

## Request town accept water

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## Memories, presentations highlight Legion dinner

By Charlie Thomson

The presentation of the past president's jewel to immediate past president Gord James, the initiation of four new members and the emotional reading of a poem entitled "The Bugle Shall Sound", written by the late Fred Coles, a veteran of the South African War, highlighted the annual dinner of Branch 197 Royal Canadian Legion, in the Legion Auditorium, Saturday night.

About 100 members also enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner prepared by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary and were entertained later in the evening by Mr. and Mrs. Vince Montgomery, a banjo-strumming, piano playing combo from Eden Mills.

Legion member and former mayor, John Guy was master of ceremonies for the program.

The head table also included past president and life member Max Storey, Branch padre Rev. Andy McKenzie, mayor Les Duby, a Branch 197 member, president Bob Angell, 1st vice-president and immediate past president Gord James, 2nd vice-president Fred Allen, secretary John Chapman and First World War veteran George Musselle.

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### Wrong name

A correction to last week's planning board meeting account: the purchaser of the old post office building is William Ollen, R. R. 3, Milton, not Ray Olan.

### Resolution goes back to committee

Councillor Jack Greer's resolution for a county-wide plebiscite on regional government, was circulated to all municipalities in the county following acceptance by Acton council, has served its purpose, the councillor said.

Further action on the resolution will be debated by committee, Acton council decided Tuesday.

Three municipalities - Acton, Esquesing and Nassagaweya - favored the plebiscite idea and Milton is see-sawing, according to Deputy Reeve Tyler. Burlington wants no part of a plebiscite and Oakville and Georgetown are reluctant.

Mr. Tyler advised council that county council could not sponsor a plebiscite but he suggested perhaps Acton could set a date for a vote, let other municipalities know the date, and leave it up to each one to run their own vote.

"I'd like to see Acton go on record as still being democratic," councillor Greer said of his resolution. "It has done what it was supposed to do."

Many of the most useful members of Ontario's work force are disabled adults who spend their lives in a wheelchair.

and sergeant-at-arms Art Ford officiated for the initiation of four new members. President Bob Angell also read the Legion Charter.

New members initiated included Mrs. Jane Hodge, Alan Turner, Fred Symons and Oburn McAfee.

Another First World War veteran Billy Middleton had the honor of reading the late Mr. Coles' emotion-packed poem and presenting a copy to president Bob Angell to be kept at the Branch.

On behalf of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Lois Gordon also presented president Angell with a \$500 cheque to be used in the work of the Branch.

Mayor Duby, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gentles, Bill Taylor, Gil Malcolm, John McHugh, Bob Loutter and Jim Higgins all sang their favorites to complement the fine instrumental performance of Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery, during the entertainment part of the program.

### Await decision

Committee of Adjustment, whose decision will determine if the old post office come down, meets the first week in February. Planning board's recommendation for relief from parking requirements has been forwarded to the committee of Adjustment. Plans call for a branch of the Toronto-Dominion bank at the corner.

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