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Second Section



JUDGES IN ACTON District High's winter carnival snow queen contest will have the tough task of choosing a queen from this group of entrants. Pictured front row l. to r. are Judy Thibodeau and Lynn Bender. Back row l. to r. are: Ann Whymough, Karen Pierce, Christine Forbes, Susan Kidd, Wendy Hannah and Sue Powaduk.—(Staff photo)

Teachers study semester system

All the high school staff will be in Toronto on Friday for Professional Development Day,

and students here have the day off.

They will be visiting two schools which have had the semester system in successful operation for several years, Thornlea secondary school and Thistleton collegiate. The group will be split, each going to one school in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

They'll be coming back to home ec teacher Mrs. Sandra Fleischer's home in Georgetown to assess what they have learned immediately.

Acton high school will be starting this semester system next fall, Principal David Katz, vice-principal Joe Bray and guidance teacher Brian Skerrett have already been to these schools to see their methods.

Friday meet for teachers

Jim Singleton, Director of Education for Halton County Board of Education will be among featured speakers at the professional development day for secondary schools in the county.

A seminar will be held at T. A. Blakelock High School in Oakville Friday. The seminar is entitled "Encounter". Representatives from OISE, the universities and community colleges will be on hand for debates.

Contrary to popular conception, hunting is a relatively safe recreational pursuit when compared to accidents while boating and skiing.

NOTES FROM ACTON HIGH

By Mary Ann Frueler

More than before the students are looking forward to the Winter Carnival, "Ookpik II" to begin next week. Groups and classes are planning their floats for the torchlight parade and beginning to assemble their materials.

Already mounds of snow have been claimed at the back of the school and the side for the snow sculptures.

Many entries
Entries for the Carnival Queen were closed Tuesday, Feb. 9. There were many entries for this contest this year.

The movie "Where Were You When The Lights Went Out" will be shown Monday evening for everyone's pleasure.

Two dances
As before, the Coffee House Dance will be held Thursday. Due to popular request "The Sun" will be featured, as they were last year.

The Variety Show Friday evening should be very entertaining with acts from in the school and outstanding entertainment from our district.

The semi-formal will act as a finale for Ookpik II. It will be held Saturday evening and a good attendance is hoped for.

Driver training
Driver education began last week with classroom discussions.

Mr. Clarence Roggvadson is once again heading this group. In a few weeks' time, the students will have in-car lessons.

Tickets had been purchased for the students to see the play "Enemy of the People" last Tuesday afternoon. Due to the bad weather the trip was cancelled. This Thursday, Feb. 11, is the substitute date.

For closing on a happy note... This Friday is teachers' convention for all high school students!

Present Roy McIntosh rare Masonic jewel

Former Acton resident, Ver. Wor. Bro. C. Roy McIntosh was singularly honored by the presentation of the 60 Years Past Masters Jewel during the annual installation of officers of Temple Lodge AF and AM No. 649, Oshawa, an event unique in the city's Masonic history.

Mr. McIntosh, original Master of Temple Lodge, celebrated his 90th birthday January 7, so the month of January was memorable for the respected Oshawa businessman.

Initiated 1903
He was initiated into Masonry in 1903 in Walker Lodge No. 321, Acton, and became Master of his mother lodge in 1908. He has been active in Masonry ever since.

While residing in Orillia he became a charter member of Couchiching Chapter and was made First Principal in 1920. After moving to Oshawa he affiliated with the Pentalfa Chapter No. 28, of the city, in 1922. He was elected president of the Oshawa Scottish Rite Club in 1950 and on October 5, 1954 was coroneted Honorary Inspector General, 33rd degree, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry for the Dominion of Canada.

When Oshawa's Temple Lodge was chartered in 1923, Roy McIntosh was named its first Worshipful Master. In 1933 he was appointed Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

The 60 Year Past Masters Jewel was presented by Rt. Wor. Bro. William Bailey of Toronto, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Ontario, with many notables present.

Roy McIntosh purchased the business of Luke Burial Company in 1933 and still keeps up active participation in the business of McIntosh-Anderson Funeral Home. He is also a trustee of

Knox Presbyterian Church in Oshawa.

Acton friends join in wishing Mr. McIntosh good wishes on both his 90th birthday and congratulations on achieving a rare Masonic honor. Roy McIntosh is a brother to the late Frank McIntosh of Acton.

Institute, parents fight school closing

Opposition to the planned closing of the Campbellville School and the transfer of the pupils to Brookville drew opposition from Mrs. D. Smith when she appeared before Nassagaweya Council Monday.

Members of Council indicated sympathy for Mrs. Smith's opposition and Deputy Reeve Don McMillan agreed to meet with Mrs. Smith and trustee Tom Watson to discuss the opposition, before council took a stand on the issue.

Mrs. Smith told members she had contacted 35 parents and the Campbellville Women's Institute with all expressing opposition to the planned 1972 closing of the school.

Spent in Burlington
Noting the rising cost of education she said, "no one is complaining loudly about this increase so much as they are about the Board's policy to spend our revenue in Burlington and close our Campbellville School."

She challenged board suggestions the closing was an economic decision. "I can't help but wonder if it costs less to drive our students all the way to Brookville and then to Acton for other classes". She suggested riding on

buses for hours every day and overcrowded school "gives little incentive to even the best students. I believe the scholastic satisfaction received at Campbellville should outweigh any economic reasons the board may have".

"Nassagaweya last!"
She asked the council to openly support "our objections to the school board policy of economics first, students last; south Hutton first and Nassagaweya last."

Several members of council indicated they would like answers from the Board on their viewpoint.

Councillor Art Gibson pointed out Eden Mills students are now attending Acton and the

kindergarten pupils from Campbellville are already attending Brookville.

He recalled the former Nassagaweya School Board had intended to build a new school in Campbellville and Eden Mills but the county board was introduced.

Should support
"It behooves us, since the people of Campbellville are not happy, to support them", Reeve MacArthur suggested.

Members agreed to have the deputy reeve and Mrs. Smith meet the area school trustee Tom Watson to discuss the move.

Mrs. Smith noted she had hesitated to contact the trustee or board officials since they were "all pretty good talkers."

Parents want school at Norval kept open

A panel representing Halton County Board of Education met with irate parents from the Norval area Tuesday evening to discuss closing Norval school. The school is a three room school and has been declared uneconomical to run.

Several parents said they would sooner have the children attending the three room school without all the modern facilities, than have them bussed out of the community to a bigger, more modern school.

Norval is one of four north Halton Schools slated for closing within the next five years. Milton's Bruce St. and Campbellville Public School are also on the list.

Orton pump won't start

At the February meeting of Erin township council, councillor Bert Wheeler started a round of hearty guffaws with a simple question to the representatives of the Erin fire department.

"What about the pump in Orton?"

Fire Chief Bob Chaney answered "It should be abolished. They can't even get it going now. All it's ever been used for is flooding rinks."

According to the fire department, the length of hose hasn't been off the rack since the pump was bought 10 years ago. The pump itself rusted and wouldn't start.

Although the township does not own the equipment, they pay for upkeep and repairs.

Avert Milton strike

A strike which would have affected several people from Acton and district was averted at P. L. Robertson Manufacturing Co., Milton when Local 4970 of the United Steelworkers and the company signed a new wage agreement a day before workers could have legally struck.

The settlement was overwhelmingly accepted by 250 union members which will give them a minimum wage hike average of 25.75 cents an hour the first year and a further 24.5 cents an hour the second year. There were also changes in working conditions and fringe benefits amounting to four cents an hour, as well as \$125 settlement pay for employees actively employed at the company for more than four months.

The last minute negotiations ran into a nine hour meeting that began at 3 p.m. and continued past midnight on Saturday, Jan. 30. Union president Max Black, Charles Mills and Jack Zanatta of the negotiating committee were assisted by union staff negotiator Ken O'Neal.

"The average worker will have a purchasing power increase of \$1,000 a year as of September, 1971," said Stewart Cook, area supervisor of the union. Workers voted 9-1 in favor of a strike if the company did not offer a better contract than was presented. The old contract expired Sept. 23, 1970.

Jr. Farmers review year

By H. Cook

The annual meeting of the Halton Junior Farmer County Board was held on Wednesday, Feb. 3. Judging from the secretary's report, given by Doreen Harrop, and the treasurer's report, given by Barry Mahon, the Juniors had a very active and successful year.

Some of the activities carried out in last year's program were: a hockey tournament in Milton, Drama night in Milton, semi-formal dance, orienteering along the Bruce Trail, participation in track and field events, three delegates took part in the Junior Farmer Leadership Camp, three delegates went on the Livestock Management Tour, two delegates took part in the debating workshop, a snowmobile raffle for fund raising, an exchange with Prince Edward County, several dances, and numerous activities at the individual club levels.

Election

The results of the election of the 1971 County Board executive are as follows: president, Doreen Harrop; vice-president Barry Mahon; secretary Barb Britton; treasurer George Henderson; editor Janet Hunter and provincial director Bill Jackson.

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