

18 years' service

Mrs. Swackhamer resigns fair secretary-treasurer



AFTER 18 YEARS Mrs. Irene Swackhamer presented her last annual report to the Agricultural Society Monday. She resigned due to illness in the family. Appreciation of her work was expressed by newly-re-elected fair president Bert Hinton (left) and agricultural representative Henry Stanley (right). (Photo by K. Dills)

The resignation of secretary-treasurer Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer was accepted with deep regret by Acton Agricultural Society at the annual meeting Monday in the council chambers. Mrs. Swackhamer, who has held the position for 18 years, is resigning due to the recent illness of her husband.

Irene Swackhamer took over the position from her father-in-law, C.B. Swackhamer who held it from 1943 to 1963.

Same officers

Officers of the society were returned by acclamation—H.H. Hinton as president, Chester Anderson as first vice-president, Ken Murray as second vice-president. Also named to the board of directors are John Ottaway, Gerald Riley, Brian Evans, Brent Marshall, John Hasson, Stan Matthews, Stanley McEnery, Russell Murray, Ken Marshall, George Milne, Ken Stubbington, Cliff Storey, Bill Laing, Jack Fryer and Bruce Coles. Bill Nelles is also on the executive as past president.

Over 25 attended the meeting, held on Monday evening rather than a Saturday afternoon as had been done in recent years. Ten of the 19 directors were present to elect their officers for the coming year.

Better attendance

It was felt the change of day had improved attendance somewhat.

Agricultural representative Henry Stanley presided for the election.

Several names were proposed as associate directors but these will be settled at a later meeting. Representatives of the Junior Farmers will be sought. Wallace Swackhamer's name was proposed as an associate director. His illness resulted in his name being omitted from the new list of directors.

Continue to act

Mrs. Lorna Marshall will continue to act as corresponding secretary but the hiring of a new secretary-treasurer may necessitate reconsidering the position. Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Swackhamer are paid an honorarium.

"We have a grave duty to search out a successor to Mrs. Swackhamer," Mr. Hinton declared. "She is the backbone of the fair, and the success of the fair depends on the quality of this person."

Ag. rep. Mr. Stanley and Chester Anderson also added words of praise for Mrs.

O.P.P. clerk

Mrs. Marion Patterson has been engaged as part-time clerk, stenographer in the O.P.P. office. This will be the first time the detachment has had office assistance with their paper work. Mrs. Patterson was previously in the town office, but resigned when her husband was engaged as deputy-clerk. She begins next week.

Swackhamer as the verbal accolades turned to applause.

Financial statement

The financial statement for 1972 shows total receipts of \$12,929.38 and expenditures of \$11,996.18.

Prize money paid was up, totalling \$4,524.25 for regular classes plus awards for 4-H clubs, field crops and the fiddle competition.

At the end of the year the society had a bank balance of \$3,494.51. The surplus, Mr. Hinton observed literally, "we should keep for a rainy day." He felt it was not too much to have for a backlog for an "unfortunate weather situation."

Mr. Hinton expressed his thanks for the record fair, especially mentioning the parade, saddle horses, the start on Charolais cattle and the increased gate receipts.

Reports given

Nino Braida and Mrs. E. Archibald reported on the district 5 convention at Woodbridge.

Other reports included Brent Marshall for the Miss Acton fair competition, Gerry Riley for the entertainment, John Ottaway for the dance, John Hasson for the parade, Brian Evans for publicity, R.L. Davidson for the ball, Nino Braida for the field crops, Ken Murray for cattle, Walter Linham for horses and the field, Nino Braida for the 4-H exhibits, Mrs. Linham for the baby show, Mrs. Archibald for the ladies' sections, Jack Marshall for gates and parking and Mrs. Aitken for domestic classes.

Share work

A more fair distribution of the work load was considered vital.

Nino Braida recalled three people starting out to move 1000 chairs. "The willing few get a heavy load!" he observed.

Mr. Hinton felt early organization plus recruiting non-members could help alleviate the problem.

Other problems mentioned included the lack of space in the hall, the midway personnel, possible necessity for increasing prize money for some classes (others have just been added this past year), and the conflict of dates with the other district fairs.

New layout

Mr. Hinton displayed a proposed new layout for next year's fair, already set for Sept. 14 and 15—a wide street right through the centre of the park, with attractions on both sides. The new layout would provide more room and better flow of people, and open up the end for possible water sports.

Jack Marshall pointed out some fairs operate Sundays now, and it could be possible in a few years that a midway would prefer to go to one of these fairs for an extra day's revenue. There are not enough midways to go around, he felt.

Good future

Asked his opinion of the future, ag. rep. Henry Stanley said he thinks there's a good future for three fairs in Hinton "if they do as you do"—get something appealing to the people, new things—advertise and get the people out. Keep on working the way you are.

Named delegates to the fairs convention in Toronto in February were the executive and Miss Acton Fair.



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Annual meeting approves restructuring of church

The structure of Trinity United church was altered when those attending the annual meeting Sunday agreed to amalgamate the elders and stewards into one board. The matter had been considered before and has been adopted widely throughout the church.

Details and duties of the new board were outlined.

About 40 attended the meeting after the church service Sunday with Dr. Onions as chairman and George Bowman secretary.

Reports had been circulated the week before and there was little discussion on the restructuring, budget or reports.

New order
A new order, elder emeritus, was proposed by Dr. Onions to honor men and women who have given long and faithful service but no longer wish to continue as active members.

The first two members of the new order are Clarence Gamble and Robert Warne, who are retiring as stewards.

Mr. Gamble has been active in the church since coming to town from Stone church at Rockwood in 1949. He has been both steward and elder.

Mr. Warne came to town from Ballinacree 16 years ago and has served as elder since.

On board

The members of the newly-constituted board are Ralph Denny, Mrs. H. R. Force, Steve Ormsby, Hugh Patterson, Bill Coats, Frank Freeman, Roy Vaughan, Mrs. Jean Vaughan, Dorothy Simmons, Mrs. T. Veldhuis, Harvey Kirkwood, Norma Leslie, Robert Hart, Mrs. Lillian Eaton, Mrs. Ethel Denny, Orval Chapman, G. W. McKenzie, Pat Sampson, Gordon Leslie, Orwell Johnston, Ian

McGillivray, Mrs. Helen Little, Mrs. Lorraine Shields, Melvin Mitchell, Mrs. Arlene Bruce and Mrs. Kit Dowling.

Membership is set at 30, one third to retire each year.

New trustees

Two new trustees were named, Robert Hart and Mrs. Force. Auditors are George Bowman and Clarence Rognavaldson. The proposed budget of \$21,187 proposed by Bill Coats was accepted.

Year's reports

Seven new members were received during the year and four members lost by death, Fred Kentner, Isma Dills, Mabel Symon and James Rolston. There were 10 baptisms, seven marriages and five burials. The church has 279 resident active members and 46 non-resident or non-active, making a total of 325. Reports were received from the minister, trustees, stewards, U.C.W. choir, Christian education committee, Sunday School, C.G.I.T., and Explorers. A special vote of thanks was proposed to Dr. and Mrs. Onions.

Former resident

Acton friends were shocked to learn of the death of Jean Elizabeth Wiggins, wife of Don Wiggins, at Montreal on Tuesday, January 23. The family lived on Alice St. in Acton when Mr. Wiggins was accountant at the Bank of Montreal here. He is now in the head office at Montreal. She is survived by her husband, daughter Karen and son John. Funeral service was Friday in Pointe Claire, Quebec, with interment at Maitland cemetery, Goderich, Saturday. Mrs. Wiggins had been ill for about seven months.

Limehouse

Regional conference held at O.S.D., Milton

Green Acres Scout Legion held their annual conference Jan. 27 at the School for the Deaf, Milton. Representing Limehouse were Cub leaders Steve Thompson and Dave Hannah, and committee members Lorna Thompson and Elaine Hannah.

The morning program consisted of a film about the life of Baden-Powell, a presentation of the Trees for Canada project held in this area last year, which will become a national project this year, and a presentation of the new Beaver program for boys 5 to 7 years.

A superb buffet luncheon was served in the cafeteria, after which a draw was held for various objects made by school students. A standing ovation was given to Mississauga Scouts who entertained with a segment of their Mississauga gang show.

Keep Scouting alive

The guest speaker, Dennis Lewis talked about Keeping Scouting Alive. The rest of the afternoon was divided into groups. Dave Hannah attended cubs and venturer groups while the others went to cub and committee groups. Instruction included, How a Venturer Pack should be run, How to use a service team in Cubs, Resources to be used, Cub camping, and how to keep the jungle in Cubs. The day ended with a camp fire program. (Contributed by Mrs. Hannah)

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