

Murray heads

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 their \$2 to assistant secretary-treasurer John Rowe.
 Mrs. Lorna Marshall and Mr. Rowe had taken over from Mrs. Swackhamer, and Mrs. Marshall's resignation was accepted with regret.
 John Rowe will assume both their duties and a combined salary of \$900 was approved plus a \$100 travel allowance.

Mac Armstrong from the ag rep's office conducted the election. Calvin Aitken presented the nominating committee report.

Best deficit
 Financial report circulated reported the "best year yet" for Acton fair despite a deficit of \$417.95.

"Farmers know a \$400 loss isn't too bad," observed Mr. Armstrong.
 "That's just one day," groaned a voice from the rear of the hall.

The loss was attributed to increased prize money, honorarium, committee expenses and increased cost of many items and services.
 Total receipts were \$18,134.78, up from \$12,929.38 in 1972.

Need help
 When all departments reported, several stressed a need for more help.

A committee woman's suggestion that the baby show could be considerably better with some co-operation from the men brought replies that were drowned out in laughter.

Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Steven Lister, Mountainview Farms, R.R. 4, and Mrs. Wilcox, Penny Lane Farm, Hornby, as exhibitors who expressed willingness to assist with horse and pony classes.

46th meeting
 During his report on the hall Clifford Storey gave

credit to R.L. "Bert" Davidson, who has worked with the hall for many years.
 Mr. Davidson was attending his 46th annual meeting. His first was in 1928 in the town hall and he had been promptly elected. "They won't let me quit," he declared to applause.

Delegates
 The president, secretary, treasurer and ladies' president were authorized to be delegates at the Association of Agricultural Societies convention in Toronto Feb. 20 and 21 with their expenses increased from \$15 to \$20. A room will be reserved for Miss Acton Fair.

Fair dates Sept. 20 and 21 were confirmed.
 Calvin Aitken reported on the district 5 meeting at Collingwood attended by a record 331, eight of them from Acton. Federation Agriculture president Gordon Hill told them all their fairs were way behind the times.

Amalgamation?
 Reviewing his term Bert Hinton said meetings should be held with Georgetown fair to discuss the future as it may prove necessary for the two fairs to amalgamate. He recommended women on the board of directors. He touched on past problems and the need for new people on committees.

"I'll do all I can," promised incoming president Ken Murray, "but I'll only be as good as you make me."
 There's enough sergeant-major left in me to be able to say that if any committee head is not doing his job we will replace him. He, too, foresees an amalgamation of fairs and maybe permanent buildings for the showing of valuable animals. He praised Mr. Hinton and his deputies.

Hold up proposal

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 would be an east and west end Y. There's no need to assess Acton people for services they don't need. To what degree do we need another full-time person? See if the work load is too great for Mr. Gray and maybe get an assistant later.

Terminology concerned the committee as they tried to envisage the final recreation set-up in Halton Hills. Should there be a director and co-ordinator; director and two co-ordinators; director, co-ordinator and assistant?

After the increase in staff had been discussed at length and the motion recorded a couple of times, councillors agreed to consider further staff after further study. They did not pin down the position as another program co-ordinator or an assistant.

Report back
 Mr. Collison agreed he'd consider the work load and possibility of himself and Mr. Gray covering all of Halton Hills, and report back.

Concerns about the increased costs were verbalized by councillor's Doby and Morrow.

Mr. Collison will present a tentative budget proposal soon.

Summer staff
 Reporting on summer staff Mr. Collison said there would not be more staff than last year but salaries should be increased and the length of time extended by two weeks. Both supervisors and staff should get more wages, he stated. He suggested a university student as supervisor would receive a salary "not out of line with the works staff."

Salary recommendations go to the finance committee.
 Mr. Collison had prepared job descriptions for playground supervisors, pool supervisors and assistant pool supervisors.

He said there will be no problem including Acton's new centennial pool in programming when it is completed.
 Mr. Collison's job description for arena manager would have Mr. Townsley doing more administrative work at Acton arena and he predicted another man would be needed for staff. He would prefer another man to rink rats.

Mr. Townsley's present job is half maintenance and flooding. Mr. Collison said. He has a part-time secretary.

Temporary staff keep jobs

Temporary or part time inspection employees of Esquing and Acton will be kept on for at least two or three months by Halton Hills, council decided Monday night.

An additional building inspector will be hired, and the position of plumbing inspector advertised.

In an attempt to make sure no present employees are overlooked, Councillor Roy Booth insisted that an amendment stating all part time employees who have served in these capacities be notified of the availability of the positions.

Councillor Ern Hyde pointed out that the plumbing inspector's position would not be a new one, but a replacement, since the present plumbing inspector is retiring in a few months. "We felt he should be hired now to give him time to familiarize himself with the job, while someone is there to break him in," said Hyde.

Councillor Ric Morrow claimed the hiring of an additional building inspector would be cheaper in the long run than contracting the work.

Councillor Russell Miller said he understood the building inspectors in Esquing, and Acton had been notified they were finished on December 31. Assistant Clerk administrator Delmar French said the Esquing building inspector had never been asked to continue his services.

Miller suggested there was no need for an extra all year round building inspector, but perhaps one could be hired in the building season.

Contract exceeds salary
 Councillor Len Cox stated in the past the contract basis had sometimes far exceeded the salary of an employee. Councillor Booth said his main concern was utilizing the people presently employed in the three areas. "It is our duty to review the present jobs before advertising," he maintained.

Councillor Les Doby pointed out the Acton building inspector was on a contract

basis receiving a percentage of the permits. He said the people should continue during the transition period.
 "You must remember the change is not annexation or confiscation by Georgetown, it's supposed to be amalgamation. If old staff members are being used as pawns. "Have we told people what's going on?" he demanded.

Mayor Tom Hill said he didn't recall Esquing's building inspector being told his services were no longer required.

Doby insisted the individuals be contacted and notified they would be considered for the jobs. "We should be appointing a library board," he maintained, "these people are in limbo, they can't do their jobs properly and don't even know where to get petty cash." He stated some employees don't know if they are finished or if they carry on.

Councillor Ernie Sykes said the recommendation to keep people on during the transition period and to advertise for a plumbing inspector, and add an additional building inspector covered everything.

The recommendation was approved with the addition of the clause that all part-time employees who served in these capacities be notified of the available positions.

Wolf bounty motion studied by council

Wolves came back into the news again last week when Halton Region's administration committee considered a resolution passed by the County of Victoria that would reinstate the bounty on wolves.

The resolution passed by Victoria County claims the repealing of the bounty has led to an increase in the damage done to livestock by wolves.

Still defending
 Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur, who came to the defence of the wolves a couple of years ago, opposed the motion from Victoria County. She said wolves were subjected to cruel treatment and should be allowed to live.

The committee agreed to ask the Ministry of Agriculture and Food to investigate and report on whether there has been a rise in the damage of killing and injuring livestock due to the repealing of the wolf bounty.

Farm, army career for new president

New president of Acton Agricultural Society, Ken Murray has been associated with the fair for the past seven years or so. He stepped into the top post Monday following Bert Hinton, as the fair's 49th president in its 61st year.

Twenty years ago Ken and Doll Murray came to Indian Garden Farm on the Blue Springs line, where they raise pure-bred Holsteins. Ken is also a director of the Holstein Association and a director of the United Breeders in Guelph.

Big Family
 Son Gordon and daughter Susan are at home and there are three Murray children who attend Brookville school. Marie, who's in grade eight, Don in grade five and Shirley in grade four.

Three married daughters live close by. Next door lives daughter Marilyn Ottaway with husband John who's on the fair board, and their two children. On their upper farm live daughter Lois and her husband Bill Lang also of the fair board—with their three boys. Daughter Patsy, a former county dairy princess, is married to Bob Thompson and they have a beef operation below Milton.

Showing cattle is a family pleasure. They've taken their Holsteins to Erin and other district fairs, the Royal Winter Fair, C.N.E. and of course, Acton Fair. They export all over the world—this past year alone to Germany, England, Italy and the U.S. Some have gone to Mexico, too.

Ken was born into a farming family and farmed in the Georgetown area before moving here. He also has had a 22-year stint in the army and militia, retiring after 15 years as Regimental Sergeant-Major of the Lorne Scots.

Seaks bus service
 Councillor Harry Levy asked Halton Hills regional councillors to take up the matter of bus service for the region at the regional council level.

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School's in again

The second term of Acton night school classes rolled into action Monday night, Jan. 21.

Monday's students have a choice of fitness and recreation, creative stitching, interior design, French or typing.

On Tuesdays sewing is offered and Wednesdays provide bookkeeping and children's rhythmic gymnastics.

Yoga a popular class last term, is being offered Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Robert Little Public school.

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Treasury department size worries council

Several members of Halton Regional Council's administration committee expressed fear of extremely high taxes after being presented with an organizational chart for the treasury department.

The former six-person treasury that served county needs will swell to 26 within the next two and a half years, according to treasurer Don Farmer. Farmer said many of those persons would be hired soon and some not for another 30 months.

Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur noted the increase was fourfold and then some, and there didn't appear to be any staff reduction at the local level. "This will be a fantastic expense," she said.

Some or more
 Farmer agreed with the mayor and noted that growth of municipalities would make it necessary for area councils to keep staff at the same level or increase it.

Farmer said the regional treasury will have much more work than the county treasury did. He said there would be some duplication in his and other departments and it would be expensive, but he pointed out the need was there. "We have to have staff if we are going to do those things which are being required of us."

Councillors expressing fear of snowballing staff and escalating costs at the regional level is becoming a regular thing. Each of the organizational charts

presented so far have caused regional councillors to express concerns about costs. At the same meeting Clerk Garfield Brown requested a records supervisor and two secretaries to join his staff.

Concern was voiced earlier when planner Ed Cumming presented an organizational chart showing about 20 people in the initial phase. There had never been a planning department at the regional level before.

Solicitor Noel Bates has yet to present the committee with an idea of how many people he will require for his infant legal department.

Mayor MacArthur and Councillor Carl Eriksen of Oakville said the purchasing department, a section of the treasury, is growing far too quickly.

Farmer argued that by going to centralized purchasing and having a purchasing agent or manager, the region would save.

The mayor noted council had hired a purchasing agent at \$19,700 and said the committee was now being asked to authorize him to be called a purchasing manager. The committee was asked and approved two stenographers, two offset machine operators, a stockkeeper and two buyers for the purchasing department.

400 club
 Lucky winners in last week's 400 club draw were, P. Post (17), G. Robertson (44), J. Warford (314), S. Turkosz (186) and S. Cunningham (93).

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