

Everybody is somebody's favorite Valentine on February 14th



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# Unstructured program fills a need — chairman

"The Y program is designed for kids who don't fit into a structured program," retiring chairman Pat McGreener explained in his opening address at the Y.M.C.A. annual board meeting and banquet Thursday night at the Dominion Hotel.

"If there's a need we will fill it. The current need is for a drop-in centre and informal program to occupy the young people who would normally be hanging around the street corners. As soon as it smacks of school, enrolment immediately drops off."

Seated at the head table along with Pat and Linda McGreener were the Rev. Leonard Ewing, rector of St. Alban's Anglican Church, and Mrs. Ewing; Don McGregor, Y representative for the Lake Ontario region and from Y national headquarters.

Mr. McGregor extended greetings to the members of the "smallest Y in Canada" and told how the recent evolution in the structure of the National Y enables areas to work together to share responsibilities. Of the 12 regions in Canada, five are in Ontario.

The new part-time program co-ordinator, Cathy Smith gave a run-down of the upcoming activities, including weight-lifting for the older boys and youth night dance this coming Friday. Cathy hopes to get things back into full swing as soon as possible. The Y program

came to a standstill with the tragic loss of Sandra Van Fleet last October.

Filling the new executive positions are Ross Ribey acting chairman; Helen Van Sickle vice-chairman and Bonnie Bottomley secretary.

Support Ray Evelan of the Acton Lions club centennial pool committee came along to explain the pool project and

arouse support. Mr. McGreener assured him that the YMCA is 100 percent behind this community effort and a motion to this effect was passed.

"Forty-six women are participating in the ladies take-a-break program," said Hilary James. The Wednesday morning program runs for eight weeks and a baby-sitting service is

available at a small extra charge. "So far it looks good," she added.

Despite extensive repairs to the Y building, new bathroom and kitchen, enestroughing, fire protection and renovations to the upstairs apartment, treasurer Dave Hunter reported only a slight deficit for 1973.



CONGRATULATING new Y board executive at annual meeting and banquet Thursday are Pat McGreener (left) retiring chairman and regional representative Don McGregor, Bonnie Bottomley (far right) is secretary and new vice-chairman is Helen Van Sickle.



HOW TO MAKE a valentine was not difficult for M.Z. Bennett grade three students last Thursday under the able leadership of art teacher Marlene Titon. "Give the children the materials and a few ideas and they build from there," and the proficient director had the pupils working in groups and enjoying their craftsmanship.

## Committee's annual

Russell Hurren presided at the annual meeting of the Halton Milk Committee on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at Hornby Community Centre. Grant Smith, Ontario Milk Marketing Board Director, said that overall milk production for Ontario had decreased 5 per cent last year with a 12 per cent decrease in industrial milk production. The problem which arises is the real possibility of some of our industrial plants having to close because of lack of milk supply.

Officers and directors elected for 1974 for the Halton Milk Committee are chairman H. C. Reid, Milton; vice-chairman Horace Blythe, Acton, secretary-treasurer V. J. Lawrence, 111 Gloucester Ave., Oakville, executive Russell Hurren, Campbellville, and Fred Nurse, Georgetown; safety rep. Colin Marshall, Milton. Directors are, three years, George Bird, Brock Harris, John Kitching, Colin Marshall, and Harold Middlebrook; two years, Craig Reid, Horace Blythe, Fred Nurse, George Pelletier, and Jim Reid; one year, V. J. Lawrence, Bruce McClure, Russell Hurren, John Bird, and Bill Mahon.

## Halton breeders

The largest crowd in years attended the annual meeting of the Ontario Shorthorn Club held recently with Harold Patterson of Milton, 1973 president, acting as chairman.

Elected from Halton as directors for 1974 are Reford W. Gardhouse, Clarence A. Peacock and Harold Patterson, all of Milton.

Robert Merry of Milton presented two trophies on behalf of the family of the late

Shows best Doug McDonnell of the Ontario Stock Yards Board was guest speaker at the program. He discussed what the Shorthorn breeds can and should do in the beef cattle program of Canadian farms. He showed slides of actual animals and their carcasses to demonstrate the newer type of cattle being sought by breeders, packers and consumers.

## Our Readers Write

Dear Sir: Through your excellent editorial columns, concern has been expressed several times lately, over the probable escalating costs of the new regional government, and of the growing number of employees. Much has been said of the incomes the Councillors voted themselves.

The avowed purpose of the Ontario Government in introducing Regional government—Windsor from 1951—is (1) to get together warring Councils in contiguous areas, and (2) to effect economies in administration looking forward to easing the tax burden on the municipal taxpayer. Most cannot see any purpose in Regional government if these twin purposes are not achieved.

But Mayor Masson's quoted remark, "Of course, Regional government will cost more" cuts diametrically across what the Ontario government has stated. This marked dichotomy should be explained.

Whether the salary of \$8500 plus perquisites is adequate, is too low, or too high for the Councillor's tasks should be explained by one skilled in municipal financing as I am not. But it becomes the task of every taxpayer to scan his tax statement to ascertain if there is an increase, and to demand suitable reasons therefore.

Acton has never developed industrially, so the burden of taxation normally borne by industry, is largely shifted to the householder. Acton has more elderly person per thousand than most municipalities in Southern Ontario. Almost without exceptions, their pensions were set in 1950's or 1960's and are therefore not commensurate with today's escalating costs. Therefore, it is obvious that if taxation through regional government is increased, the importance to the taxpayer of making representation through the proper channels, must be observed. The taxpayer must be vigilant.

G. A. Harrap, Acton, Ont.

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