

Credit Union reports '73 year of expansion

The annual meeting and dance of the Halton Hills Community Credit Union Ltd. drew a good crowd Saturday to the music centre.

Dave Appleton was elected as a newcomer to the board of directors, with Bob Bruce, Bob Drinkwater, Charlie Blake, Jack Denny, Charlie Trott and George Cozens.

Manager is Brendan Aherne.

Highlight of 1973, according

to reports, was the opening of the new office at 273 Queen St. Mr. Aherne reported a year of growth and expansion which does not reflect in the net income due to the cost of procuring and renovating the new building. Loan demand is still strong and delinquency under control, he said.

Assets are near one million dollars and the Personal Chequing Accounts which were introduced in November

are functioning satisfactorily, president Bob Bruce reported.

During 1973 assets increased by \$389,416.00 to \$67,063.; loans issued increased by \$279,903.00 to \$784,265.; shares increased by \$50,927.00 to \$195,262.; deposits increased by \$246,556.00 to \$473,556.; gross income increased by \$29,933.

Membership increased by 261 to 973 active members.



NEW OFFICERS were elected Saturday at the annual meeting of Halton Hills Community Credit Union Ltd. Left to right are manager Brendan Aherne, directors Dave Appleton, Charlie Blake, Bob Drinkwater, Bob Bruce and George Cozens. Missing were directors Jack Denny and Charlie Trott. The meeting was followed by a dance at the music centre.

Authority offered Nassagaweya office

No decision has been made yet concerning the new temporary office space for Halton Region Conservation Authority. Six locations were considered at the HRCA executive meeting Thursday evening.

Trafalgar Square is the recommended location of the executive committee. Bill Warwick technical planner for the authority, showed slides of the proposed locations to the board, leaning heavily in favor of the 3,138 square feet of space in the building owned by Brian Best. Rent is \$5 per square foot.

Mayor Anne MacArthur offered the former Nassagaweya Township offices to the Authority at a special rate of \$2 per square foot. The idea was readily accepted by some board members who felt regional government agencies should be located in existing buildings. However, the executive committee considers the building, which is four and a half miles north of Highway 401 on the Guelph Line, too far out of the way.

Mr. Warwick, upon inspection, found it unsuitable for office space.

No room investigation had been made into renting space in the County Court Building on Steeles Ave. However, it was discovered the court staff from Brown St. Jail will occupy the space when the building is taken over by provincial government.

The Funk Building in Dorset Park and the office space at 163 Main St., Milton were also considered and rejected. A final decision will likely be made at the Thursday meeting of the authority.

Shuffle

A major shuffle of Ontario Cabinet posts, announced Tuesday by Premier William Davis, sees Halton West MPP George Kerr shifted from the post of Secretary of Justice to that of Solicitor-General.

Kerr takes over the portfolio from John Yaremko, who is quitting the cabinet after 16 years as a minister. Yaremko was recently embroiled in a controversy over his extensive land holdings in Halton. Premier Davis says Yaremko will soon be named as a special advisor in the area of multicultural problems.

Halton East MPP Jim Snow retains his portfolio as Minister of Government Services.

More pleas for service CTC hearings over

The third session of Canadian Transport Commission hearings into proposed discontinuation of commuter train service to Acton, Rockwood and Guelph, in the advent of GO train service to Georgetown was held the evening of February 19.

John Medcot, a Toronto lawyer, pointed out highway congestion was a serious problem in the whole area and told of his own experiences in driving from Toronto to Guelph to illustrate the need for good rail service.

He suggested instead of GO train service to Georgetown, with bus service only to Guelph, that there be a 19 mile extension of the GO train

service to bring it to Guelph, and not sending the diesel engines back to Toronto each night with no load.

Mr. Medcot commented it was strange to see the possible discontinuation of trains 906 and 987, considering the Guelph service provided 15 per cent of the total revenue of that run, with a definite increase in passengers over the past few years. There were 9, 10, or 12 each day in 1971; 13 or 15 in 1972; and 44 in 1973.

A further suggestion was that the commission defer any action until there is clarification on the cost of the proposed bus train service, until the question of parking at the Guelph bus terminal is cleared, and until it is positive there will be a bus.

One commuter speaks. Although no brief was read from Halton Hills in support of keeping the Acton station open, the lone commuter from Rockwood took the stand to add his plea to representatives from Guelph and surrounding area.

Mare Morin admitted his deposition might be a selfish one, seeing that he was usually the sole commuter to board at the Rockwood station over the past three years. Mr. Morin felt travel by rail may be the one and only way of efficient economic transport. "And I will continue to use it despite all efforts to discourage us."

"Don't take what already exists and do away with it. Take it and make it better. If the train service were streamlined, there might be a more toward common rather than individual transport. This train is run like the Trans-Siberian Express!"

There were chuckles around the courtroom when Mr. Morin commented "I always thought rail service

was for the benefit of passengers, but it seems CN hasn't found its vocation yet." He added he wasn't in favor of that type of hearing as it puts the onus on train users to prove the CN is needed.

In conclusion, Mr. Morin said "I hope the result of this hearing will go beyond forcing the CN to continue or permitting them to cease, as it might result in a good look at all train service in Ontario."

Carries weight. Chairman of CTC D. H. Jones, Q.C. thanked Mr. Morin. "We appreciate you speaking so frankly and eloquently about a matter that obviously means a lot to you. This fact carries great weight, and what you say will not be lost on us."

In closing the hearing Mr. Jones said that all recommendations and comments would be considered. An early decision wouldn't be anticipated but the CTC would hand it down as soon as possible.



CONSTRUCTION has begun in the industrial park for the Oref Industries plant for oil recycling. Blockwork is underway.

Set fees for dogs

Dog tag levies of \$10 and \$5 were approved by Milton Council recently as a new by-law was presented incorporating aspects of the former Nassagaweya and Milton by-laws.

Objecting to the \$25 levy for a kennel, Councillor Jim Watson suggested the fee should be \$50. He maintained the noise pollution was sometimes worse than if dogs were running at large. He suggested neighbors should be advised when an application is received for permission to establish a kennel.

Clerk Jack McGeachie indicated no charges had been laid under the by-law in his memory, as he answered a question from Councillor Art Melanson.

"A lot of pet owners are irresponsible. It's time there were some changes," Melanson declared.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

David and Alma Swetman are pleased to introduce themselves as new owners of the former Benson's Shoe Store, which now will be known as

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Mr. and Mrs. Swetman have lived in Acton for a number of years and look forward to greeting former and new patrons.

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Halton group enjoying New Zealand, Australia

Seven Halton residents are currently enjoying a tour of Australia and New Zealand and one of them wrote home this week to report they were particularly pleased to pay a visit to the people of Milton, New Zealand on Feb. 15.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. "Dick" Goodin of Oakville, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Willmott and Bill Thompson of Milton, and Mr. and Mrs. Mel McCullough of Acton are among a group of sightseers touring the two "down under" lands with Clare Burt Travel Agency, Brampton.

Mr. Goodin, a trustee on Halton Board of Education, wrote home this week to tell about the visit to Milton, N.Z.,

where they visited with local residents and members of the town's service clubs. "We are having a particularly fine tour, covering both north and south islands. Will be in Christchurch tomorrow, then leave for two weeks in Australia," he writes.

"They are suffering from a very severe drought here, temperature varies from 70 to 80. Sheep raising and dairying are the main agricultural occupations and the economy is based mainly on agriculture. The tourist industry is growing - scenery and hospitality are tops. There is a distinct connection with the Commonwealth. Wages are

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Obituary

Former teacher Annie Paul

Annie V. L. Paul, retired teacher at schools in Warkworth and Peterboro, died Feb. 8, 1974 at Joseph Brant Hospital, Burlington, following a lengthy illness. She was in her 75th year.

Mrs. Paul, wife of the late

William Paul, is the mother of Clifford William Paul, 463 Kingsleigh Court, Milton and Marshall Arthur Paul, R.R. 1, Campbellville. She leaves two grandchildren.

Born June 28, 1898 to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Partridge at Warkworth, Ontario she has a brother James Arthur Partridge, deceased and a sister Mrs. Jennie N. Helson living at Warkworth.

Mrs. Paul was married July 13, 1919 in Warkworth. She and her family moved to Campbellville and then to Acton where they lived for more than 20 years.

Active. A member of the United Church in Acton she was active in the Legion Auxiliary, senior citizens organization, and United Church Women.

The funeral service was conducted in Acton by Rev. Dr. Onions on Feb. 11. Interment was at Warkworth.

Neighbors and friends who acted as pallbearers were Elwood Storey and David Currie of Milton; Lou, Sampson, Hornby; William Benson and Charles Leatherland, Acton; and Don Dodds of Guelph.

Quiz brass

Acton Chamber of Commerce is giving the public an opportunity to quiz regional government brass at a buffet supper Wednesday, March 6.

Halton regional chairman Allan Masson, Halton Hills mayor Tom Hill and Councillors Les Duby and Joe Hurst have all agreed to attend and field questions. A social hour is planned afterwards.

The dinner is being held at the Acton Meadows golf club at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be procured at First Line TV, Acton Delicatessen and Acton Credit Union.

Reminder

Here's a winter driving reminder for all motorists from Acton O.P.P. It's required by law to have clear driving visibility, front, sides and rear whenever the vehicle is in operation. This means it's illegal to drive with windows steamed up, frosted over, or covered with snow.

Weather conditions may make this difficult sometimes, but remember, you can't avoid an accident if you can't see one.

Several charges have been laid by the local O.P.P.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
On Friday, March 1, join in the World Day of Prayer, at Knox Presbyterian Church, in Acton. This year's theme will be, "Make Us Builders of Peace."

OUTER'S COLLECTION DAY
This coming Saturday March 2, the Outer's Club of Acton will hold their Newsprint and Glass Collection Day. Be sure to give them your support!

TRINITY'S CRAFT MARKET
A little extra travelling—but well worth it! Baskets, oils, ceramics, copper, silver, leather and many other items by Ontario craftsmen will be on display March 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Trinity United Church, Stevensons Street and Speedvale Avenue, in Guelph.

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