

**Annual dinner, dance**



TOP 4-H MEMBER in Acton calf club Judy Brown (front row centre) was honored at the Acton Agricultural Society dinner Friday. Her proud family joins her (at left) father Jim, sister Brenda, 14, mother Jean, Judy and 4-H leader Nino Braida.

**Fair board honors Stan, Mary Matthews**

With an affectionate hug, Acton Agricultural Society president Ken Murray led the ovation for Stan and Mary Matthews at the board's dinner and dance. The beaming Matthews were honored as the recipients of this year's Agricultural Service diploma.

The surprise award was a highlight of the program after the dinner at Brookville hall on Friday evening.

Mr. Murray humorously praised the Matthews as "tough competitors" at fair board meetings as well as at the fair. They have shown promise from Niagara Falls all the way to North Bay, and have raised and developed some of the top Jerseys, he said. Stan is a former director of the Agricultural Society and they are both long-time members and willing workers.

Others on the list to be introduced were Miss Acton Fair Jill Parry, Milton fair president Gerald Carton and Mrs. Carton; Halton Hills and Halton region representative G. W. McKenzie; Milton councillor Russell Powadiuk; Erin township councillor Jack Marshall; life member Bert Davidson.

Head table guests were Ken Murray and Doll; first vice-president Russell Murray and Marilyn; second vice-president Brent Marshall and Janet; secretary John Rowe and Helen; ladies' board president Mrs. Vivian Beer and Mr. Beer.

Embarrassed Brent Marshall was chairman; Ted Brown thanked Dublin W. I. for the dinner.

John Rowe clutched his head in embarrassment when Jill Parry pulled his name for the door prize; Bert Davidson declared he couldn't think of anyone who deserved it more, and so to hearty applause Mr. Rowe kept the prize.

About 100 attended the happy annual event and Al Dermott played for dancing.

In his brief chat to the members and guests present president Ken Murray said he had learned many things in the past two years in office. Some things, though, didn't go as far as he would have liked and he urged all the directors to work together. He also spoke with pride of local wins at the Royal.

Another special presentation was made by Nino Braida to Judy Brown, 13, the top scoring member of the Acton 4-H calf club this year. She has already received the Nino Braida trophy and the Carol Somerville trophy for enthusiasm at the 4-H awards night.

Nino spoke of his 20 years of involvement with the 4-H clubs and how proud he is to see fair directors who have come up through the 4-H club ranks. "The kids are getting better every year," he claims.

Agricultural representative Henry Stanley was another post-dinner speaker who told his receptive audience that Acton fair is outstanding. He cited Ken Murray's high goals and the fact that every year something new is added. "There is a real place for Class B and C fairs," he declared, and reviewed the current winnings of Halton people at the Royal Winter Fair.

**Money grab from . . .**

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Burlington Mayor George Harrington headed a protest on that move and claimed there could be no recorded vote or third reading on a by-law that was killed in committee.

Mrs. Munro persisted. But when the recorded vote was called all of those who had supported the measure on a first and second reading opposed it on the third.

"Where's the strength of your convictions?" Mrs. Munro chortled as she looked around at those who had changed their vote and avoided being recorded as being in favor of the extra benefit.

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**Town authorizes new works garage footings**

Halton Hills council took the first step Monday towards making the new Seventh Line works garage a reality when the building committee was authorized to install the footings.

The building committee isn't to spend more than \$6,500 on the footings for the new garage and all the money must come from funds gathered in 1975.

Earlier this month the town completed a deal with Rockwood Farms Ltd. and purchased three acres of land for \$25,000. The parcel is located behind the municipal building and works garage on the Seventh Line.

Councillor Ern Hyde said this was part of the groundwork needed before sending the entire project to tender.

Councillor Harry Levy noted the town must use money raised during the current year for the footings. He noted the municipality cannot touch debenture money without the permission of the Ontario Municipal Board.

Councillor Les Daby wondered if final drawings for the new works garage are completed and Hyde told him that while final drawings aren't finished the town does know what it wants in respect to square feet.

"The engineer and building committee knows what is needed. We know the square feet and the bay area specifications. A total of 8,000

**11 on GO bus**

The new GO bus service which brings Acton, Rockwood and Guelph commuters to the Georgetown GO trains is off to something less than a roaring success.

"It really caught fire on Friday," GO spokesman Tom Henry joked. "We had 11 riders on the bus. Five of the commuters were from Acton, three from Guelph and three from Rockwood." The bus has seats for 44 people.

Last week marked the first five days of operation of the new GO service designed to help commuters get to the GO train in Georgetown. The commuters were left out in the cold when CN discontinued operation of the Guelph-Toronto morning and afternoon commuter train on November 14.

"I wouldn't say we are

**Asks co-operation cemetery vandalism**

Acton detachment of the Regional police would like to hear about any children who are noticed playing in Fairview cemetery.

This week they learned a vase, valued at \$25, has been stolen from the cemetery. Several stolen bicycles have also been found abandoned there.

Staff Sergt. Bernie Ward asks neighbors who see young people who could be using the cemetery for unlawful purposes to call the office here.

**Dragstrip seats for town parks**

Bleachers at the Toronto International dragway may soon sit in Halton Hills parks.

Halton Hills administration committee recommended the town buy 5000 seats at four dollars a seat. With recreation grants, a grant from the Wintario lottery, and contributions from both the Acton and Georgetown Fair Boards, the town will pay \$3,500 as their share of the total \$20,000.

The offer closes December 2, and if the town doesn't close the deal by then they may be sold to someone else.

**Write off taxes**

The finance committee of Halton Hills council reviewed and then recommended \$29,154.11 of uncollectible taxes be stricken from the rolls Monday night. Deputy treasurer Grant Usher pointed out the figure seemed huge but in reality it was a true write-off of only \$3,130.67.

The larger figure came before change in assessment rolls since clarified on new bills and must be written off to balance the books. The real uncollectible taxes were due mainly to bankruptcies and tenants no longer in business. Some go back as far as 1972.

The committee recommended the amount be written off.

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