



STRANGE CAROLLERS led the singing at the annual meeting of Halton Federation of Agriculture Thursday night. Provided with funny hats by entertainer Iva Davidson they are from left Lorne Ella, Bob Merry, MPP Julian Reed, president Harold Middlebrook, Regional Chairman Al Masson and director Henry Stanley. At left is the executive for the coming year, president Harold Middlebrook, first vice-president Bob Merry and second vice-president Ed Segsworth.

Federation of Agriculture

Annual meeting enjoys Stanley's Scotland trip

The annual dinner meeting of Halton Federation of Agriculture opened this year with a prayer by Rev. John Griffin thanking God for the fruitful land of Halton and asking for the opportunity to work on it. "We are deeply conscious of the awesome responsibility that comes with our calling," Rev. Griffin said, "at a time when land is becoming more scarce and world hunger is becoming more prevalent and alarming."

The Federation this year has been concerned with the loss of prime agricultural land to hydro development, garbage dumps, industrial parks and drive-in theatres. Members have presented briefs protesting these intrusions to local planning boards, council meetings and to the provincial government.

Issues of land use were not raised at the meeting, except for a promise by MPP Julian Reed "to help keep land in Halton for agriculture."

Mr. Reed used his acting abilities to good advantage throughout the evening by singing along with entertainer Iva Davidson and leading the Federation in song.

Regional Chairman Alan Masson brought greetings from Halton and joined in the evening's fun.

Guest speaker was Henry Stanley, Halton's Agricultural Representative. He showed slides and gave commentary on his trip as a chaperone to the Junior Farmers who made a trip to Scotland in May.

Mr. Stanley spoke of the **Vet club forming**

A meeting will be held in the Agricultural Office, 181 Main St., Milton on Thursday, Dec. 18 at 8 p.m. to organize the Halton 4-H Veterinary Science Club. This club is for senior members, 14 years old as of January 1, 1976 and not over 20 years as of December 31, 1976. Diseases and other health problems associated with livestock will be part of the agenda. Field trips will be conducted.

Come to this meeting and bring your ideas. If you know of any of your friends who would be interested in joining, bring them along.

Winners

Frank and Fred Anthony of R.R. 1 Limehouse placed second with their Scott variety of oats in the certified seed class at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. The winner in this class was from Australia.

Frank and Fred grew a large acreage of this new variety of oats which they sell to Martin Weber of Elmira for sale to farmers throughout Ontario for seeding next spring.

good farms in Scotland with high yields of grain. He showed pictures of the 20 foot wide barns made of thick stone, now obsolete and not suitable for modern farming. He said the stone fences used to divide the fields cost farmers \$10 a yard to rebuild and one farm needed 1,500 yards fixed per year.

Fifty per cent of the farms in Scotland are rented, with parts of the land used for hunting purposes. There is no corn grown but a high yield of turnips. Pictures were shown of a 500 acre sheep farm in the foothills of Scotland with five ewes plus their lambs to each acre. A new breed of sheep, the Soay, was shown.

Oil pipelines are currently being dug through agricultural land with \$8 per yard paid to the farmers. Mr. Stanley showed oil digging rigs in North Scotland used to drill in the North Sea 120 miles from land. The rigs are taken into 400 feet of water. Farmers sell their barley for \$150 a ton to distillers. Pictures of the Highland Agricultural Show featured

Princess Anne, the honorary president of the Young Farmers of England. A Canadian Holstein placed second in the show, the first time Canadians have competed.

1976 Directors
Directors for the Federation for the coming year are Harold Biggar, Norman Bird, Horace Blyth, Arnold Fish, Tom Foster, Murray Harris, Claude Inglis, Harold Lawrence, Colin Marshall, Bruce McClure, Bob Merry, Harold Middlebrook, Fred Nurse, Lloyd Pickering, Jim Reid, Craig Reid, Ed Segsworth, Gerhard Treviranus and Joe Windmuller.

The executive for 1976 is president Harold Middlebrook, first vice-president Bob Merry and second vice-president Ed Segsworth. Wilma Ella is secretary-treasurer, Tom Foster OFA director, Harold Middlebrook representative to Regional Council and Joe Windmuller farm safety representative. Past president of the organization is Bruce McClure.

Ballinafad

Church, repairs W.I. in news

By Mrs. R. Shortill Sr. Our sympathy is extended to the Snow family on the sudden passing of Mr. Ed Drouillard whose death took place last week.

Mr. Mark Shortill had a bad accident on Thursday cutting his forefinger on his right hand requiring treatment at Georgetown Hospital.

We were sad to hear of the death of Mr. Molozzi on Sunday. Our sympathy goes to his family and Mrs. Molozzi.

Mrs. (Barden) Thompson is in Sunnybrook Hospital for surgery.

Sale Saturday
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hancock had their sale on Saturday. A good crowd attended.

The Women's Institute Christmas meeting was at the home of Mrs. Frank Smith on Wed. afternoon. There was a good attendance. Mrs. Jamieson gave a demonstration for a Christmas table decoration. Mrs. Slesoraitis gave a talk on health. A social hour concluded the meeting.

Second candle
The Sunday service was well attended. Mr. Paul Schwartz favoured us with a lovely solo.

This was the second Tuesday in Advent. As the second candle is lit we are reminded of just what Christmas is all about. In our haste and bustle of preparations we are about to forget this.

Flowers in the church were in memory of Mr. Drouillard. Different matters were brought to our attention—

next Sunday is family Christmas Sunday with lunch after. It is also White Gift Sunday. Contributions will be received as well toward repair or replacement of the church organ. The men's choir and their wives are the committee for this project.

Events for after Christmas are being planned to help out this organ fund.

Gets use
The Community Centre is also in our news. A variety concert is to be held at this Christmas season. We understand some repairs are needed. With a lot of use buildings do get in need of continual care. With our growing population here in Ballinafad we use our church and hall facilities more and more.

OMB hears drive-in plan

Residents of Ashgrove and area crowded into Halton Hills council chambers Monday and Tuesday of this week for an OMB hearing into the drive-in theatre proposed by Barry Allen of the Mustang theatre chain. Chairman for the sessions, which went into Wednesday, is W.T. Scribbs, represented by solicitor Monty Hyde.

Halton Hills is represented by solicitor Roy Steele while two area residents have solicitor Dick Howitt representing them.

Snowmobile regulations gravel on Erin agenda

Erin Township is soon to have a by-law governing the operation of snowmobiles. Members of council heard a draft of the proposed by-law, drawn up by clerk Elmer McKinnon and members of the Hillsburgh Sno-Roamers snowmobile club, at their monthly meeting last week.

The by-law will be enforced by the Sno-Roamers or by any organized club being a member of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs.

It proposes that no motorized snow vehicle be allowed in the business section of the village of Hillsburgh and that a speed limit of 15 mph be enforced in Hillsburgh or any built up area, all speed limits to be approved by the traffic superintendent.

The hours of operation of snow vehicles within Hillsburgh will also be restricted. Weekdays, snowmobilers may commence operation at 7 a.m. but on Sundays they must not begin in the village until noon. Curfew hour will be 11 p.m. both on weekends and weekdays except for these vehicles being operated for the purpose of entering or leaving the village.

After considerable debate, it was decided that no curfew should be imposed in rural areas. However, if complaints are forthcoming from rural residents in the future, the situation will be reviewed.

When passed, the by-law will also prohibit the parking of snowmobile trailers and the vehicles used to tow them by the edge of township roads.

Pits inevitable?
Although the Ontario Municipal Board hearings continue in Hillsburgh, the new proposals of Telephone City and Premier for the operation of the proposed gravel pits in the south-eastern sector of the Township presented informally to council, seemed to leave members with the feeling that the development of the gravel pits is inevitable.

As a measure of goodwill, Premier told council they would allow no crushing of gravel after 7 p.m. They also said they will post a bond of \$100,000 instead of the \$25,000 bond originally proposed, to protect the water supplies on properties adjoining the pit sites.

They also intimated they would pave all township roads over which their trucks travelled and thereafter would pay a premium of maintenance. Shipments from the pits would be limited to the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Telephone City, whose representative presented the revised proposals, told council that, if granted a license

for gravel extraction, he did not foresee operations commencing before 1979 or 1980. He did, however, foresee a directional change in traffic flow from that originally projected.

Initially, the gravel company had felt that 60 percent of its vehicular traffic would travel roads to Highway 24. Now they have reversed their projection.

Perhaps for this reason they now say they would give Sideroad 17 prime and surface treatment for dust and as long as extraction continues would keep the road in shape as required by the municipality.

Hillsburgh streets
During the meeting, final reading of by-law 1375 saw the village of Hillsburgh assume responsibility for certain streets as public highways in the Hillsburgh subdivision, all culverts and ditches having been completed last summer.

His resignation from the Council and subsequent planning board was tendered by Councillor John Reid. He was

Limehouse

Women's Institute has Christmas meeting

By Mrs. Art Benton
Twenty-five ladies and a number of their husbands enjoyed hot turkey dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milham on Thursday when the Women's Institute held their Christmas party. While the gentlemen played euchre the ladies held their regular meeting after.

"We wish you a Merry Christmas and the Collect were used in opening. Plans were made for remembering a dozen or so sick, shut-ins or older folk in the neighborhood with Christmas gifts.

Members favored an afternoon and evening the best time for the District Annual meeting at Campbellville, May 18. Roll call, "My favorite carol or Christmas song" was answered by 15 members and four visitors. Several displayed handmade Christmas decorations as requested. Mrs. Hannah reported over \$400 realized from the Guides and Brownies Multisale with a craft sale and tea planned for the spring.

"God Rest You Merry Gentlemen" and the Ode were used in closing. Pres. Mrs. Booth thanked the hos-

Carol sheets available

Sheets are available at the Free Press office. All the old familiar carols are on the sheets, including such favorites as O Come All Ye Faithful, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, The First Noel, Silent Night, etc.

Council was also approached by Gary Parkin regarding the closing of a section of old road that runs between the Caledon Townline and the Erin to Belfountain paved road. The county had informed Mr. Parkin that this piece of road was owned by the township and that they had sent a copy of the survey to the township clerk for his consideration on the closing or realigning of the road. The township, however, was unaware that they owned this roadway and stated they had received no word to this effect.

When asked if he would consider buying a part of the road, Mr. Parkin said, "I would like the road seeing as how my driveway is part of it." Reeve Matheson said, "This is different from any road closing we have ever encountered." Consequently, the township will refer to the county and consult their lawyers.



Chains taken from garage

Two 10-foot chains were stolen from a tow truck at Law's BP station the past week. The heavy chains are valued at \$200.

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Winter fun for Terra Cotta

Sundays in the first two months of 1976 are being reserved at the Terra Cotta Conservation Area for "Come Along" programs between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For a small admission charge everyone can enjoy skating, a tractor-drawn hay ride either on sleigh or wagon, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing or hiking in what is hoped will be a snowy forest. The Farmers' Almanac has already

promised the snow. Again Bill Garrard will be teaching survival in the winter woods for two Sundays and the Bruce Trail Association will have groups out on four Sundays to teach skiing and snowshoeing techniques.

Films are to be shown in the pavilion where the Kentners of Georgetown have hot drinks and food available.

Obtains Masters

Halton Hills Planner Mario Venditti obtained his Masters Degree in Combined Urban Studies and Urban Geography from York University, November 7.

His thesis centred on inter-urban mobility in Metropolitan Toronto, and analyzed where people move and effects on the growth of the city.

Mr. Venditti graduated from York University in 1971 with an Honors B.A. in Urban Studies and Geography, and worked as a part-time consultant for two development firms, before coming to Georgetown as town planner in 1971.

After the establishment of regional government he became the town planner for Halton Hills.

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