

Helen Van Sickler again heads Y board

"The board of directors is in good hands!" exclaimed the Rev. Len Ewing Wednesday as he expressed the YMCA memberships' thanks to re-elected president Helen Van Sickler. She starts a second term, with a new board of directors that includes a few changes.

Elections, annual reports, entertainment and a delicious turkey dinner filled the evening last Wednesday in St. Alban's parish hall and nearly 80 attended the annual meeting.

With chairman Van Sickler on the board are first vice-chairman Daye Hunter, second vice-chairman Hilary James, secretary Bonnie Bottomley, treasurer Maurice Beaver with continuing directors Mr. Ewing, Gail Maltby, Sue Robbins, Lloyd Brostad, Sally Leatherland and Marg Wallis and new directors Carol Clark, Tom Roduck, Austin Duffy, Alex Johnston, Bill Lee, Pat McKenzie and Dave Galbraith.

Program committee by Maurice Beaver, building committee by Lloyd Brostad, finance committee by Gail Maltby, treasurer by Rick Coe, Y's Men by Ann Perry and Y's Menettes by Ann Perry and nominating committee by Hilary James.

Mrs. Van Sickler reported on the past year's "renewal program" in which constitution and bylaws were updated, security improved and renovations made.

Programs underway now include yoga, ladies take a break, pre-school gym, Theatre Y, macrame and crochet and kiddies drop-in. The baby sitter training course is completed.

1976 amounted to \$9,441 in both income and expenditures until expenses were increased to \$9,981 by upping the expected cost of hydro and heat.

Name change

Members approved changing the name of the organization officially, to coincide with the wording on the seal. The new name is Murray Memorial Y.M.C.A., Acton, Ontario.

A motion to include Halton Hills in the name was defeated, to applause.

Immediate past president Ross Ribey and his wife Joyce, back from Seaforth for the evening, were presented with a framed award and bouquet of flowers.



NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ACTON Y.M.C.A. line up after the annual meeting last Wednesday. Front row left to right Morris Beaver, Bonnie Bottomley, Dave Hunter, Helen Van Sickler, Hilary James, the Rev. Len Ewing, back

row Sally Leatherland, Margaret Wallis, Alex Johnston, Gail Maltby, Carol Clark, Sue Robbins, Tom Roduck. Helen Van Sickler begins her second term as president.

"There's nothing like a face lift to boost morale," reported the building committee. They listed improvements to the front hall, main office, cloak room, stairway, kitchen and heating plant, with new signs added.

Extensive renovations are planned in the future with plans for improvements in heating, wiring, redecoration and sound proofing of the building.

The preliminary budget for

Several members of Georgetown YM-YWCA attended including their executive director Joe Lister.

A delightful presentation of "What Did You Say That For" from the Theatre of the Absurd was given by two members of Georgetown Little Theatre, Stephanie Gain and Karen Van Sickler.

(The new Y board president declared she had no idea who those zany girls were.)

"Silence is deafening" Education tax draws only 40

Thousands of North Halton taxpayers missed out on hearing first hand that education taxes won't be going up this year as much as first expected by failing to turn out at a public meeting dealing with education spending Monday at Georgetown high school.

Less than 40 residents turned out at the meeting, the vast majority of whom were either teachers, area school principals or board officials.

"The silence from North Halton taxpayers is deafening," Halton Board of Education Vice-Chairman Bill Herd declared.

Finance Committee chairman Bill Lawson, who gave the board's presentation at the meeting, said afterwards "I guess we can be disappointed by the poor turnout in spite of the fact there was only two week's notice of the meeting."

He rejected the idea that North Halton taxpayers are willing to accept any tax hike and are resigned to the fact they will be hit hard. He maintained the board is right in assuming a 15 mill tax hike would be unacceptable to ratepayers and the public wants budget cuts.

"I think most taxpayers have heard so much about restraint from the federal, provincial and regional governments and school board they are thoroughly confused. Most ratepayers won't realize the implications of restraints until they get their tax bills," Lawson suggested.

Georgetown trustee Ernie Bodnar said the poor turnout means "public participation isn't all it's cracked up to be."

"People have elected us and they expect us to do the job and take the measures we

Theft from parked car

Police learned of a theft from a car parked at Beardmore on Feb. 13. Missing are a tape deck, two speakers, socket set and billfold. The owner estimated the loss at about \$150.

attended the meeting.

Director of Education Emerson Lavender, Superintendent of Business and Finance Bruce Lindley and Superintendent of Program John Botch also were in attendance.

Lavender said he had expected a turnout of 300 people.

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Tough times

Stringent fiscal restraints introduced by the provincial government could have the effect of eliminating some people on welfare who don't really need to be there according to Regional Chairman Allan Masson.

Masson told a press conference that the region's Social and Family Services Department would be the department most directly and seriously affected by the proposed restraints.

He noted that so much of what that department does is by provincial statute that it makes it tough to cut anything from the program.

Council approved increased fees for homemaker services of 25 per cent recently even after being advised that provincial grants for the department would not increase by any more than 5.5 per cent.

Remarking on the welfare state we live in Masson suggested, "I don't mind helping the guy who is flat out but you wonder sometimes how many are flat out. The restraints will make case workers look at cases much more carefully. Yes I think it is a good thing."



HILARIOUS EXCERPT from a Theatre of the Absurd play was given at Y annual meeting by Stephanie Gain and Karen Van Sickler.

Sports trailer in Interim Halton Hills soon levies

An Ontario Sports Travelcade will be visiting Halton Hills in March. John Cooper, recreation program coordinator, told the Acton and Esquesing Recreation Advisory Committee Thursday evening.

The 45 foot trailer will be parked at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, Georgetown, on March 1 and 2, and Acton between the M. Z. Bennett school and the high school on March 3. In it will be audio visual material, with seven booths in which cassette tapes of sports can be shown. Clinics will also be

held in the arena and schools. A sports therapy session will be held in Georgetown with sports groups and interested citizens invited to attend. A specialist from Sheridan College will be with the trailer for an athletic injury clinic, particularly relating to minor sports.

A badminton clinic at M. Z. Bennett school on March 3 is limited in attendance. Mr. Cooper explained he had sent out notices to badminton clubs in the town, and if interested club members do not fill the clinic it will be open to the public.

Halton Region's Administration Committee has recommended that Halton Regional Council pass a by-law imposing interim levies on the area municipalities.

According to a report prepared by regional treasurer Don Farmer, the regional levy for Burlington will be \$2,055,534; for Oakville \$1,770,046; for Milton \$355,851; and for Halton Hills \$437,761.

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