



ACTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY executive were elected last Tuesday night at their annual meeting. Left to right, Brent Marshall, first vice president; Russell Murray, president, and Brian Evans second vice president, look over the list of the board of directors for the coming year. Secretary-treasurer John Rowe, standing, gave his 1976 financial report.

**More welcome**

**All Y courses "go" over 60 registered**

Over 60 people registered for Acton Y.M.C.A.'s winter programs last week, and all the classes offered will be held. However, more people can be accepted in all the classes.

Those who would still like to register may call Judy McIn at the community services centre and leave a message, or they may turn up at the first class and join right in. An advertisement in last week's paper gave all the information about places and times.

**Welcome teens**  
Ladies' volleyball begins February 7, under the leadership of Maureen Gerth and Pat Wood. Teenagers are especially welcome to join the women on Monday from 7 to 8.

**Crochet and macrame.** level 1 begins Thursday, Feb. 3 at 7.30 and level 2 began Tuesday, Feb. 1. Instructor is Valerie Johnston.

Ladies' morning keep fit class began Tuesday, Feb. 1, with Thelma Cooper in charge starting at 10 a.m.

The Ladies' evening keep fit begins Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 7.30.

**Two yoga groups**  
Marcela Wilksinson has two yoga classes. The afternoon group starts the season Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 1.30 and the evening group the same day, at 7.30.

The pre-school gym class begins Thursday morning at 9.30, with Thelma Cooper the leader.

Registration is low in the Learn to Knit course which is due to start Thursday, Feb. 3 at 1.30 p.m.

**Kiddies' Club**  
Organizers of the classes

**Ted Tyler**

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a lengthy period of public-spirited service.

Mr. Tyler is survived by his wife Gwendolene, son Edward Jr., granddaughters Tracey and Angela, sisters Mrs. Lillian Stapleton, Acton, and Mrs. Phyllis Huffman, Burlington, and brothers George of London and Charles of Erin. He was predeceased by brother Matthew.

Funeral service was held at the Shoemaker Funeral Home on Monday, conducted by the Rev. Len Ewing. Interment was at Fairview cemetery.

Pallbearers were Will McEachern, Ab Robinson, Lorne Youngblut, Lorne Walters, Julian Zajac and Jim Graham.

**Charged**

An Acton youth was charged with having an offensive weapon and drinking under age on Monday night, police report.

**Students**

**miss school**

School children have been the luckiest of all during this current snow storm. They missed school on Friday, and some rural students couldn't make it to school Thursday either.

**End special treatment for gifted pupils - Hinton**

Trustee Bert Hinton has called for the cancellation of all special programs for gifted children in Halton. Thursday he presented a notice of motion to be considered at the February 9 Halton Board of Education meeting stating "This board withdraw all previous motions and elitist policies for gifted children."

He said the boards' emphasis in dealing with gifted children be placed on making sure that these pupils receive instruction and motivation from the classroom teacher and principals make certain teachers have the ability to cope with gifted children.

In an interview after he presented his notice of motion, Hinton said only three or four per cent of the entire pupil population fits into the category of gifted. He thinks the board's special segregation and integration programs are of no use.

He believes all gifted children should simply be in regular classrooms since "there is nothing abnormal" about them until they are given special treatment. If they attended regular classes they would be used to working with all types of people when they go on to high school, he claimed.

"Some parents who have gifted children expect the education system to go to any cost and expense to educate their child but that just isn't fair to the system or the child," Hinton declared.

The board received and discussed a report which investigated programs and performances of gifted children in segregated enrichment classes in Halton and integrated regular classes.

The study done over 15 months, indicated the children in segregated classes and those in the integrated classes received different educational experiences.

The investigation showed gifted children in segregated classes did better in reading, math and had larger vocabularies while those in inte-

grated classrooms had better self-concepts, attitudes towards teachers' methods and learning and also scored high on verbal creativity. Teachers who had a few

gifted children in their classes rated them much higher in ability than those who had only gifted students. Trustee Bill Herd notes there is a lot of controversy

over the treatment of gifted children. Some people want them totally integrated into regular classes while others want special schools set up for them.

He wondered how seriously the report should be taken when it covered only a little more than a year.

John Cholvat, who prepared the report, said it should be taken seriously for the time span the study covers but he couldn't predict what the findings might be in four years.

Director of Education Em Lavender said the conclusions showing integration was the best path to follow "was tempting but definitely tentative."

Hinton branded segregation another innovative experiment imported from the United States. He said they are now being abandoned south of the border.

He said he believes principals, teachers and parents are all concerned about students being segregated because it is harmful to the

gifted child. Hinton declared gifted pupils have the right to be integrated.

Morton interrupted at that point telling Hinton it was not the time to debate the merits of integration and segregation. He said there would be plenty of opportunity to debate it later. Morton told him he was only allowed to ask questions and get things clarified with respect to the report.

"I am being shut off at every turn," Hinton charged.

He said in his opinion he was addressing himself to the report and then continued to say he believed regular teachers had the ability to teach gifted children, noting there aren't many in the school system.

Trustee Len Auger interrupted. He said Hinton was still off the topic and Morton supported the contention warning Hinton again he was supposed to be asking questions and could make comments later when the board had to make a decision.

"Trustee Auger has as much to learn about this sub-

ject as I do on this subject, I suspect, and I am addressing myself to the report by giving the other side," Hinton stated.

Trustee Fred Armitage said it sounded like Hinton was challenging the chairs' ruling so the board should vote on the question of Hinton being able to continue speaking.

Hinton retorted that he wasn't challenging the chairs' ruling and would give up trying to make his feelings heard. He added he feared the boards' mind was made up already so this was the only time he could express his feelings.

Morton assured him he would be able to debate the subject at a later date but at that meeting his remarks should be restricted to getting clarification only.

Both Trustee Cameron Jackson and Superintendent of Instruction John Boich tried to make comments but were shut off when Hinton asked they be ruled out of order since they weren't discussing items in the report.

**Board debates chairmanship**

The eight new members of Halton Board of Education will be given the opportunity to debate the board's planned switch from department heads to chairmen at nine Halton High Schools next fall.

Thursday, Trustee Fred Armitage presented a notice of motion for the February 9 meeting calling for the board to reaffirm its stance on the reorganization policy to which Halton teachers are staunchly opposed.

Armitage said he thought the subject should be discussed since there is an unprecedented number of new trustees this year and there is a need for the public, staff and board itself to clearly understand where the policy stands in light of a relatively new board.

He said he had put his motion in a positive vein since he still supports the policy of reorganization. Armitage said he hoped the motion would win board support.

Trustee Bert Hinton, who has made his anti-reorganization feelings public, suggested the subject shouldn't be discussed until the legality of the switch to chairmanships has been established.

Director of Education Em Lavender said the board has sought out and received legal advice on its position which supports the board's view. He cautioned however it is only a "legal opinion" and the board could get 20 different opinions from lawyers.

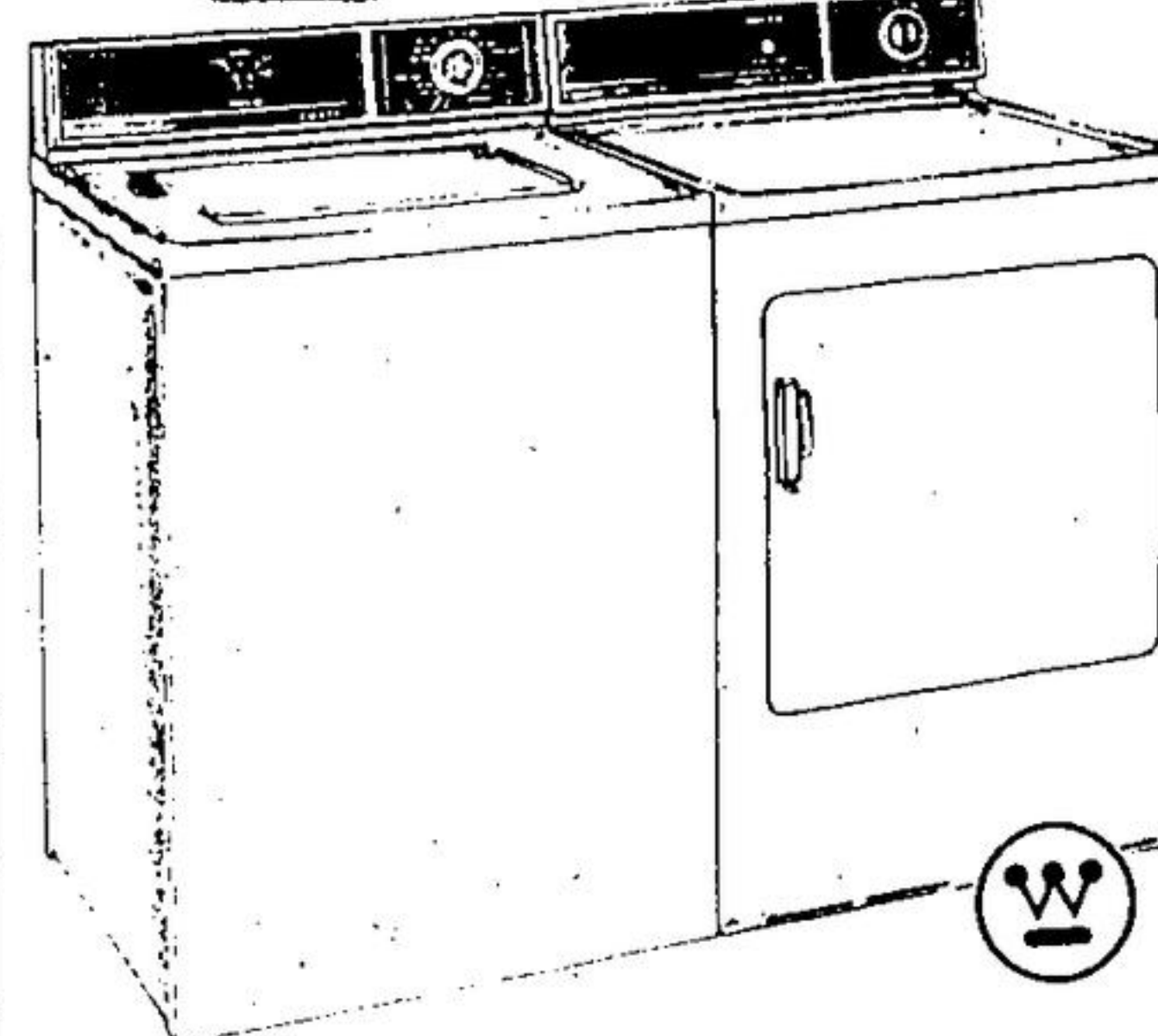
"It has to come down to court because the legal opinion is the opinion of one law-



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