



CHARTER MEMBERS, first regent and special guest... at the Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E. 60th anniversary banquet, left to right charter member Isobel Watson, first regent Emerald

Simmons, national vice-president Mrs. M. Keegan, charter member Stella Adamson and charter member Marguerite Taylor. About 90 enjoyed a happy evening together.

Count up the years!

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NEW 40 YEAR members of Beardmore Quarter Century club received gold watches Friday. Left to right, seated, Abbot Conway, Hector Lambert, Harold Harris, Norman Price; standing,

Harvey Lambert, William Coker, Herbert Draper. Robert Sly was unable to attend. About 200 attended the event at the Legion, when long-time employees were honored.

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Municipal complex is it being reborn?

Is the idea of a municipal complex being reborn? An expansion of the Trafalgar Road municipal building in two phases has been suggested. Monday Halton Hills council approved a building committee recommendation that architect Don Hallford attend a special meeting October 18 to show his drawings for an expanded municipal administration building. The cost was estimated at nearly \$1 million. Hallford met with the building committee, which is examining town space needs on September 20 and showed preliminary drawings for the addition to the Seventh Line building. The drawings which included a new council chambers, offices, landscaping and refurbishing of the existing building were done in 1976 before a public outcry over the idea. At the meeting the committee reviewed the floor plans and decided first consideration should be given to properly housing, planning and engineering departments. The idea of constructing Hallford's expansion plan in two phases was discussed and deemed "economically feasible". When Hallford comes to council, department heads will also be present to discuss with council the need for "improved municipal office space". The cost of bringing Hallford to council isn't to exceed \$50,000. Councillor Peter Pomeroy said the committee, which

hasn't even elected a chairman, was three or four steps ahead of itself in bringing Hallford to council. He said the committee needs terms of reference and should complete a lot of other work before examining plans. Mayor Tom Hill said Hallford was being brought to council so new councillors can see his plans. "\$50 isn't that much when compared with what we throw around here for other things." Councillor Roy Booth noted there haven't been enough members of the building committee meetings to elect a chairman. He has been serving as interim chairman until one is elected. He said the special council meeting will give council a chance to establish space needs and give the committee direction. The old building committee, which brought Hallford's plans to council "took a lot of shots". Councillor Mike Armstrong said "but at least it did something." Hill emphasized the meeting was being called only so questions could be answered. He noted the committee is being "shoved" by staff to provide more space but if council doesn't want the building all it has to do is say so. Armstrong said building committee should decide about a "municipal complex" for itself and then send its recommendations to council instead "buck passing" and dumping the issue in council's lap.

Actonians request regional review

Four representatives of the Actonians for Action committee met for two hours Monday morning with George Ash, parliamentary assistant to provincial treasurer Darcy McKeough, in Toronto. Committee chairman Peter Papillon, Norm Elliott, Aldo Braida and Dave Swetman presented their petition with the signatures of over 2,000 people who requested a review of regional government. As well, they took a legal, official request for a review signed by over 50 resident owners, as required by the Bill 151 legislation. This second list of signatures was assembled over the weekend to comply precisely with the formal wording of the legislation which set up regional government. "It was a double barreled thing," commented spokesman Mr. Elliott. "We could've had a lot more names."

"We received a sympathetic hearing," commented Mr. Papillon. He explained the group talked for two hours. Mr. Ash, who is also the M.P.P. for Durham West, said he hoped there would be an answer within a couple of weeks. The group met in the Frost building of the Queens Park complex. "Our overall consensus was that we were satisfied with the reception we got from Mr. Ash, said Mr. Elliott. Mr. Ash said he had experience in his own area with regional government and was understanding of their problems. He questioned the men about their brief and asked about the background of the situation. "He listened with a sympathetic ear... a darn site more than we got from the regional committee," Mr. Elliott said.

Rotary gives new award

A new scholarship has been instituted, for a student of Acton high school. Sponsored by the Rotary club, the scholarship will recognize the work James B. Ledger did for the local Rotary club. The James B. Ledger scholarship will be presented at commencement by either Mrs. Ledger or their daughter Donna Ledger. In the amount of \$150, it will be awarded for general proficiency to a student continuing in a course related to business or commerce, in college or university. The high school staff will choose the recipient of the new award.

Parked cars in mishap

A car was parked on Mill Street East with its engine running Friday evening. It slipped out of gear, and reversed across the street into another car, which was also parked. Police estimate damage to the car owned by Reliable Taxi at \$50, while the vehicle owned by Donald McIsaac, R.R. 4, sustained about \$200 in damages, police say.

No golf course on Baron farm

There will be no golfing on the Baron farm at the corner of Highway 7 and the Fifth Line. The application has been withdrawn. A letter from A. M. Hamilton, who proposed building the golf course, said his conditional offer on the land is now void, since he was unable to obtain necessary permits in the allotted time. He concluded with words of praise for council for his treatment and the conduct of the meetings. Halton Hills planning board received the letter with no comment.

Provincial police body to sort radio snags

A three-month delay in installation of equipment may force Halton Regional Police to get by with its old communication system until the end of the year. Chief Ken Skerrett told regional police commission Thursday at Oakville Bell Telephone said they can't have the equipment ready. The new equipment should be ready this month, however January may be when it comes on line, Skerrett said. Chief Skerrett, the Ontario Police Commission and Bell met yesterday to sort the dates out. Needless to say it's put a monkey wrench into our plans, Skerrett told the commission. Chief Skerrett expressed confidence in the new communication system.

Middle school program today

Tonight (Wednesday) is the official opening of the McKenzie-Smith middle school. The middle school includes grades six to eight, and is in the old Acton High School building. Many changes have been made to the school for the middle school's operation, and the opening will include tours of the school.

Serjeantson says

Teams that can't pay shouldn't use rink

Teams like Geminis, Raiders and Sabres who don't pay their ice rental bills shouldn't be allowed to use the rink the following year councillor Marilyn Serjeantson told Halton Hills council Monday. Her suggestion was rejected by council. She called for the financial status of the two Junior B and one Intermediate clubs to be assessed in May. She said if a team owed outstanding debt to the town or if an existing debt hasn't been substantially reduced "the club shouldn't be allowed to use the arena next winter." Serjeantson made the suggestion after council approved a finance-administration committee recommendation reducing ice rates and hall rental fees. Councillor Peter Pomeroy, who was opposed to Serjeantson's motion, called it "dynamite." He said it would permanently drive the financially struggling teams out of business. Mayor Tom Hill, who supported the idea, noted one team, Geminis owes the town money now and if they get deeper into debt it won't matter because they won't be able to pay off "until hell freezes over."



DRESSAGE CHAMPIONS don't eat their roses, but True North does! His proud owner Lorraine Stubbs indulges him. After all he just won the Eastern Canadian International Championship and the Grand Prix at the Eastern Canadian Dressage Championships held this weekend at Rock-Eden Farms, Miss Stubbs' establishment just north of Rockwood.

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Tenders soon

Tenders for construction of the new senior citizen housing units on Elizabeth Dr. should be called soon.

Woman hurt

A Maria Street resident was slightly hurt, according to police, when she was a passenger involved in a traffic accident Saturday morning on Maria Street. Phyllis Angell, of 40 Maria St., was slightly injured when the car Robert Angell was driving was involved in a mishap with a second car. The second vehicle, which police say was parked, is owned by Allan Knickle of Oshawa.

Fire

A cottage at Eden Mills belonging to Mr. Walker of Toronto was badly damaged by fire Tuesday night. The fire broke out about 9:30, apparently in the furnace. Rockwood firefighters were at the scene until midnight.

Santa's coming to town

Acton Santa Claus parade will be held November 26. Halton Hills council approved the parade date Monday.

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LOOK, IT TICKS! Lynn Noble shows off the watch she won in the Bank of Nova Scotia draw during the Acton Fall Fair. Dave Walman, who presented the watch, listens. Draw promoted the bank's hockey college.