

Dr. Young recipient service diploma

Acton Agricultural Society directors' dinner was held in the Music Centre for the first time, and a larger crowd than usual attended. The annual event was Friday evening. After dinner, catered by Dublin Institute, and a few speeches, there was dancing to Harry Arble's records. The agricultural service diploma this year goes to Dr. Ben Young, who was unable to be present. Ken Murray said the certificate is given to a person in the community who has served agriculture over a number of years. Dr. Young and his son Dr. Cliff Young have the Brookville veterinary clinic. Mr. Murray explained that Dr. Young had

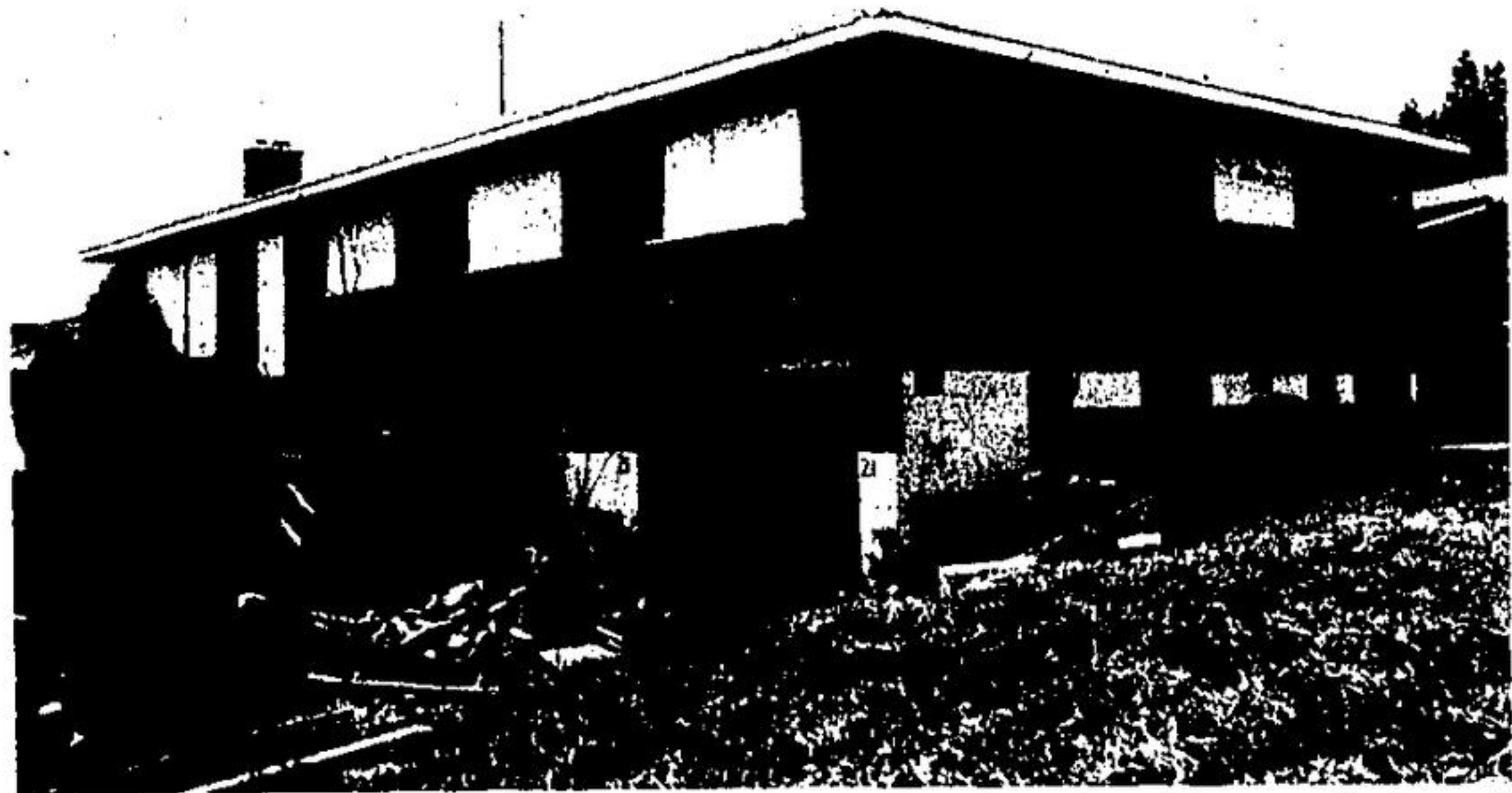
a call and was unable to come. The certificate will be taken to him by Lloyd McEnery, he said. Dr. Young served in World War I with the Royal Canadian Engineers and then farmed from 1923 to 1928. In 1928 he became a student at Ontario Veterinary College, graduating in 1932. He took over the practice at Brookville on graduation. He has been on Nassagaweya council and Halton county council and school board. He was one of the people who originated and pushed the school bus idea, Mr. Murray said. Fair president Russell Murray expressed thanks to everyone involved, and announced "we're going to go for a B fair."

Ken Murray as chairman pointed out the Class B fair is "a goal we have now reached. And the guy who is going to put it all together is Brent Marshall". He introduced the executive at the head table, with wives, president Russell Murray, vice-president Brent Marshall, second vice-president Brian Evans, secretary-treasurer John Rowe. He also introduced Miss Acton Fair Susan Thibodeau; 90-year-old Eugene Braida, "the father of one of the best

directors we ever had"; representatives of Milton and Georgetown fairs. "I have been on the executive since regional government came," said Mr. Murray. "We never had the support from the previous town that we've had from regional government." He called on councillor George Maltby, who pledged con-

tinued support. Brian Evans thanked the ladies of Dublin W.I. who catered.

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Yield sign goes now vehicles stop

The yield sign on Wallace St. where it connects with McDonald Blvd., is to be removed and replaced with a stop sign.

A traffic problem arising at this intersection was pointed out to the Halton Hills works department by Police administrator Floyd Schwantz. In a letter to clerk administrator Doug Pritchard, Supt. Schwantz said that because McDonald Blvd. now connects with Churchill Rd., it has become more frequently travelled, with cars also going into the Disston plant.

The superintendent continued to explain that vehicles travelling south on Wallace,

(on the gravelled portion) and approaching the intersection with McDonald are required to stop at the stop sign. If they make a left hand turn, the letter stated, in order to proceed east along McDonald, drivers are immediately faced with a stop sign at the intersection of Wallace with McDonald, ("as the continuation of Wallace St. is offset to the east on the south side of McDonald Blvd.") The letter continued, "They are likely not to observe the stop sign when making this left turn, and might proceed without hesitation through the intersection, and the hazard exists that vehicles travelling north on Wallace St. from the south, and facing a yield sign at the intersection with McDonald, would continue through the intersection, making both right and left-hand turns, and thus posing a threat to vehicles proceeding easterly after making a left hand turn from the north leg of Wallace."

Supt. Schwantz suggested the stop sign located on the south west corner be removed and that the yield sign located at the south east corner of the intersection be replaced with a stop sign.

Acton councillors Les Dudy and Pat McKenzie both thought the recommendation was a good idea, and it was approved by Halton Hills works committee.

Reed, Marks support raising age

Peter Marks of Tidey Ave., Acton, a community consultant with the Addiction Research Foundation, as well as a Halton Hills Councillor, thinks raising the drinking age to 19 or 20 would be a good idea. The Ontario Legislature also endorsed a Liberal MPP's Bill to raise the drinking age to 19, by a vote of 72 to 29, although Premier Davis

says his government will allow it to die on the order paper because they don't believe that by itself it will solve any social problem. Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed voted for the bill although seven cabinet ministers including Halton's Jim Snow and George Kerr voted against it. Mr. Marks explained: "We in the Foundation

life style advertising and the accessibility and availability of alcohol. You have to deal with them all." The availability of alcohol is about 10 per cent of the problem, but a very important 10 per cent, he pointed out. Raising the drinking age would take it right out of the high school, and he was hopeful there would be a lessening of the rippling effect into the

lower grades as a result of that. Eighty per cent of the school kids are 18 or under, he said. "I don't really think it would have significant effect for a couple of years," he said. The new bill would have to come in with a year delay, not to deprive anyone of a right, he said. In his opinion, the way the

original bill went through the government was "appalling". The lowering of the drinking age was included in directed voting and signing authority age with "virtually no research," Mr. Marks said. Mr. Marks has assisted MPP Terry Jones, who heads the committee studying the problem, and gave him information from the Addiction Research Foundation.

Lawyer considers legal action against police force

Despite a recommendation to the Halton Regional Police Commission by Halton Crown Attorney Jim Treleven not to lay charges of brutality against police, Milton lawyer Peter McWilliams says his client is considering a legal action against Halton Regional Police. Mr. Treleven investigated a complaint by Mr. McWilliams, when he complained his client, Murray Norris, 23, of Oakville required nine stitches to a head wound after being hit by a police billy at a party in September. "My client ended up with nine stitches, and as far as I am concerned, I am of the opinion police used excessive force in that instance," said Mr. McWilliams. Mr. Treleven presented his recommendations to the Police Commission based on

an Ontario Provincial Police investigation. A second crown attorney was called to make an assessment of the report and came to "the same conclusions as I did," according to Mr. Treleven. "I couldn't decide who was telling the truth, but looking through the evidence, concluded there was no sense in laying charges against the police because they would not result in a conviction," explained Mr. Treleven. The report consisting of 60 pages included statements from approximately 30 people. Police were called to the party following complaints from neighbors. Thirteen people were charged after a beer bottle was thrown at police during the incident. The charges have since been dropped because of lack of evidence, according to Mr.

Treleven. "It's what you call a stand-off," said Mr. McWilliams, adding "the police can't prove who threw the beer bottle, so they drop the charges, and the complainant can't prove which officer hit him, so the charges are dropped." Mr. McWilliams stated he was not surprised by the outcome of the report. "It is difficult to convict anyone until the case has been proven beyond any reasonable doubt." Mr. Treleven stated there had been cases of charges of police brutality against officers in past years, "but only from time to time." "It is not really a lot when you consider the number of arrests made and those they have to arrest," said Mr. Treleven. Further investigation of similar complaints made by

Mr. McWilliams and two other area lawyers is pending recommendation from the Police Commission, which is presently seeking advice from the OPP, according to Mr. Treleven. Councillor Les Dudy would like to see a sidewalk built from the Glenlea plaza to the liquor store next year. He passed his request on to Halton Hills works committee Monday for consideration in the 1978 budget.

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ized Swim Club to aid in the costs of installing a sound system. Limehouse Minor Sports is to receive a grant of \$223 to aid in the purchase of softball equipment for seven teams. To date in 1977, the ministry has allotted \$49.4 million to more than 4,825 groups and projects across the province.

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