CHARTER MEMBERS OF the newly-formed Acton Optimist Club were installed Saturday evening at the Legion. Front row: Clive Jago, director; Bert Huisman, secretary-treasurer; Bill Chagnon, president; Bob Hart, vice president; Harmon Vanderheide, director; and Bill Johnston, director. Middle row: Robin Inscoe, John Ellacott, Bill Hodgson, Wayne Nosseworthy, Mike Nejors, Pat Graham, George Rommelaere, Martin Vanderveen and John Lamberink. Back row: George Dehaan, Peter Saxon, Doug McRae and Erik Peterson. Absent from the photo are: Walter Barlow, Andy Berry, David Boycott, Tim Bragg-Smith, Al Burns, Marty Calver, Cornelius Groenendyk, Dave Henderson, Phil Hotte, James Markie, Charles McGinn, Gordon McKinnon, Cosimo Mercuri, Tom Roduck, Harold Townsley, Robert Warren and Roger White.

Optimist installation starts era for new club

Forty men became the first members of the Optimist Club of Acton Saturday evening at the Legion at a special installation meeting.

The evening was a culmination of months of hard work of local men and nearby Optimists groups in an attempt to form the local branch. Thirty-five members were needed to receive the charter. With one week to go, the group still needed most of this number. However, by Saturday evening, there were 40, surpassing the minimum requirement.

Bill Chagnon was elected president at a previous meeting. Dave Henderson and Bob Hart share in the duties of vice president with Bert Huisman as secretary-treasurer. Directors are Clive Jago, Dave Boycott, Walter Barlow, Bill Johnston, Harmen Vanderheide and Al Burns.

Other charter members were Andy Berry, Tim Bragg-Smith, Marty Calver, Brad Cripps, George DeHaan, Mike DeJong, John Elliott, Ken Elliott, Pat Graham, Cornelius Groenendyk, Bill Hodgson, Phill Hotte, Robin Inscoe, John Lamberink, James Markie, Charles McGinn, Gordon McKinnon, Doug McRae, Cosimo Mercuri, Erik Peterson, Tom Roduck, George Rommelaere, Peter Saxon, Harold Townsley, Martin Vanderveen, Robert Warren and Roger White.

Saturday evening began with an informal happy hour for new members, friends and guests. A dinner followed.

Toastmaster for the evening was Lt. Gov. Jim Windich, who welcomed everyone and introduced various guests.

Halton member of parliament Dr. Frank Philbrook congratulated the new club and stressed the importance of another service club in the area. He noted all were important and welcomed.

Halton-Burlington member of provincial parliament Julian Reed and Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill also offered congratulations to the group.

Gov. Elect Gord Watson of the Ontario District then presented 20 of the new members with their certificates of membership in the club. The other 20 were either working or on holidays, and unable to attend.

Optimist Ab Flood, the National Building chairman of the Ontario District, installed the club's officers.

Past president Bob Wahby of the Ontario District made the presentation of the charter to president Bill Chagnon. There was also a presentation of a special certificate to Mr. Chagnon acknowledging him as the charter president.

Past president of the Milton club, Bob Ives, presented the new group with the club banner. Milton president Ron Hudd presented the group with a bell and gavel and a Canadian flag was given by Optimist Mike Lister. The Optimist Club of Carlisle presented the group with a lectern fines pot and Milton's vice president elect Gord Hall gave the creed *banner and dinner badges.*

Mr. Chagnon thanked the men for all their gifts, and then thanked his wife Mary Ann for all her help over the past few months.

The past Governor of the Ontario District, Moun Kawasse, gave an enlightening address.

"You are not going to be paid in dollars or pesos," he said, "you are really going to be paid with self satisfaction in knowing what you are doing for your fellow man."

A dance followed the closing with the Optimist Creed.

PAST PRESIDENT OF the Milton Optimist club Bob Ives unveils the club banner for the newly-formed Acton Optimist Club. Local president Bill Chagnon looks on.

Region warned against raising its lot levies

There may be no mere "blood left in the stone" to be sucked out of developers through increased regional lot levies, Halton's administration committee was told last Wednesday.

Both adminstration and public works committees reviewed region capital contributions or lot levies last week and decided while there will be no change in levies for the time being area municipalities will be directed to collect levies and turn them over to the region regularly.

Regional lot levies are different in each municipality, ranging from a low of $800 in Halton Hills to $3,500 in Oakville.

Regional treasurer Don Farmer, has proposed new region-wide lot levies as high as $2,400 for single family, semi-detached homes, townhouses and apartment buildings under three storeys high.

Gordon Logan, an official of the Hamilton Real Estate Board which included Burlington and Oakville, warned regional councillors levies may have already "reached the point of no return" in Halton. "There may be no blood left in the stone" he said referring to Halton's real estate and building market.

He said demand in Halton for property and housing is lessening and there is no room to manoeuvre.

Logan suggested the region wants to raise levies to pay for a lot of municipal works projects which won't be needed since growth and development isn't going to take place because levies are so high.

He urged administration committee hold the item over pending a report and input from the building and real estate industry on the impact of increased levies.

Burlington Mayor Mary Munro said the too fears the region may be planning to service land which won't be developed for many years. She said water and sewer works should be reviewed but wondered how it will be decided which land isn't serviced.

Logan said municipalities in Halton can't expect to fill the vacant capacity in their recently expanded sewage plants by raising lot levies and increasing costs to the developer and home buyer.

Munro said she didn't think any municipalities wanted to fill their sewage plants right away. Instead they want to fill their plants gradually. She said the plants should be filled slowly while the financing debentures are paid off.

She said high housing costs couldn't be completely blamed on government since speculation by developers drove land prices up in the early '70s.

Logan agreed speculation drove land prices up but suggested everyone should be looking at today's conditions. He said there is incredible competition for the dwindling housing dollar. He warned if lot levies make it tougher to build and sell homes there won't be the growth needed to pay off debentures.

Milton Councillor Jim Watson said in a no-growth community taxes would likely rise only one per cent a year but once development takes place municipalities never catch-up and home owners never stop paying. He added existing residents can't be expected to service property for future residents.

Logan said it was impossible to avoid growth but more service planning is needed, warning municipalities could end up with unused water lines and sewers and same as school boards find themselves saddled with empty schools.

He said reasonable growth is necessary but for the region to budget for unreasonable servicing and then come up with no development because of high lot levies was "self defeating."

Raw land costs are small now when compared with servicing costs, Logan said.

Halton Hills Councillor Russ Miller said he has long thought regional lot levies aren't high enough. He recalled developers drove land cost up and municipalities can't ask residents to subsidize future residents.

While area municipalities have been collecting lot levies for the region the funds have been turned over only for specific projects.

Committee agreed to delay approval of the new lot levy rates but thought it was time area municipalities entered into agreements with the region to collect the levies and turn the money over monthly.

Wednesday afternoon public works committee endorsed the administration committee recommendation.

Works chairman Jack Halfis said the five year capital works forecast should be reviewed, noting there are several projects could be eliminated.

The policy of doing water and sewer works at the same time area municipalities want to do road work should also be examined. Councillor Vern Connell said. He said in cases where services are good for a few more years area municipalities should be expected to delay road reconstruction until services need to be replaced.

Con ell added the region might consider helping municipalities keep roads going for a few extra years.

Director of Public works Bob Moore said the region may not be able to do the water and sewer work area municipalities want done in conjunction with road work the year they want it done.

Town is friendly says new priest

Moving into his second week as pastor of St. Joseph's *Catholic church in Acton,* Father Leo Speagle says he finds local people to be "warm and friendly."

Father Speagle, who was appointed to take the place of Father James Smye who was transferred to Winona, Ontario, says he is encouraged by the look of the area and the people he has met.

All this is quite new to Rev. Speagle who grew up and until this recent transfer has lived and worked as a priest in Hamilton.

Father Speagle was born 60 miles north of North Bay in Temiscaming Quebec. At age two his family moved to Hamilton where he attended St. Ann's elementary school and Cathedral Boys high School. After high school Rev. Speagle attended St. Peter's Seminary which is affiliated with the University of Western Ontario in London.

In his seven years at St. Peter's Father Speagle studied philosophy and received seminary training.

In 1966 Rev. Speagle was ordained in Hamilton at Cathedral Christ the King. Since then he has spent three years at St. Eugene's as associate pastor, four years in downtown Hamilton at St. Patrick's and five years at St Peter and Paul also in Hamilton.

In all the churches in Hamilton Rev. Speagle was appointed associate pastor. St. Joseph's is the first church outside of Hamilton and the first assignment as parish priest that Rev. Speagle has had.

When in Hamilton Father Speagle was involved in the Development of Peace organization. He helped in the educating of parishioners in the needs of third world countries and their people through workshops and other activities.

Last Saturday evening and Sunday morning parishioners of St. Joseph's were invited to visit with Rev. Speagle after mass.

Put half the batter in 9x9 pan, sprinkle with half topping. Add rest of mixture and sprinkle again with remaining topping. Bake at 350 degrees F. for 60-60 min.

Lorene Barton

Today's recipe

Sour Cream Coffee Cake

1 c. margarine
1½ c. white sugar
2 eggs
1 c. sour cream
1 tsp. vanilla
2 c. flour
1½ tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. salt

Topping:
3 tbsp. white sugar
2 tsp. cinnamon
Chopped nuts, opt.

Beat the margarine and sugar until creamy. Add the eggs and beat again. Add sour cream and vanilla - beat to mix.

In another bowl, mix flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add to the first mixture and beat until you have consistency of whipped cream.

— Health Unit officials warn citizens to be wary of wild animals at this time of year, due to a prevalence of rabies.

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Mother Nature's World is Guide camp theme

by Patricia Henry
and Jean Vaughan

The second Acton Guides held a five day camp at Nor-Halton Park entitled, Mother Nature's Sanctuary. All the patrols were given names that had to do with a sanctuary.

The camp started on Tuesday, July 4. Throughout camp each patrol was to try to earn beads for the best meal cleanup, tent inspection, and the lunch and dinner challenge. The mealtime challenge were such tasks as no talking, no smiling, scowling, whispering and singing throughout the meal. This was fun as it made mealtime exciting. A different adult was invited to each meal and they enjoyed having us cook for them.

Each day there was a patrol challenge. Wednesday we had to present a craft at campfire made from a box of items the Captain Vaughan alias Mother Nature, had given us the first day.

The Bluejay patrol carved a foot out of popsicle sticks, the Gophers made a bird in a cage and the Fireflies made butterflies and flowers out of the telephone wire. Although all entries received a bead the Fireflies won a large bead for the most creative entry.

Thursday's challenge was a *mini-lashing* contest with popsicle sticks in preparation for Friday's gadget lashing challenge.

Friday was Parent's Night. We performed our own campfire Gong show which the Cougar patrol won.

While at camp we cooked bacon and eggs in paper bags, mini pizzas over coals, vegetable and cheese stew in foil, chili in pans and hamburgers and vegetables in tin cans. All our meals were cooked over fires using either wood or briquets. We had one cold meal each day.

We baked blueberry muffins and apple pie in foil lined cardboard boxes with hangers used in place of over racks. Delicious!

We had two swimming periods a day and a couple of hours for those interested in earning badges or doing Chalie ge badge work.

Our campfires consisted of songs, skits and challenge presentations.

On Saturday night, ourlast evening, we had lots of loud songs, and skits with Monica Musselle and Patricia Henry doing a fabulous puppet show as part of a badge.

After the closing ceremony on Sunday, the Guides Own, the following awards were made; child care, collector, campfire leader, creative drama, flower arranger, health, camp skills, junior camper, outdoor cook, scam-stress, toymaker and lanyard.

Patricia Henry received her challenge badge and emblem and was presented with her all round cord and pin. It was a long, hard struggle but she made it.

Lisa Gilliss received her Religion and Life Emblem, stage three.

Mother Nature thanked Donna Evena, Beverly LeClair, Lisa Mason, and Cindy Petibone by presenting them with the World Friendship Pin for a year of being Patrol leaders. Patricia Henry received a glass with her birth month on it. She also gave Chip, Alison Willmott, the Canadian tenderfoot pin as she was enrolled in the British Isles. Chip also received a Friendship pin for the devotion she has shown since joining on May 1. Good Guiders do not "grow on trees".

Everyone received an Ontario Guide crest.

Dawn Cook earned the "Tidy Camper" award again, Nancy van der Eyken and Monica Musselle earned the "Friendly Camper" awards and Shelley Mason the "I Survived" crest.

The first Girl Guide in Halton to receive the new Big Bear staff were the Cougar patrol for their togetherness, great attitude, humor and their overall sense of fun. They were the only patrol to achieve this goal. Gerd Big Bear Douglas presented it to *these surprised girls.*

All week long, the girls secretly worked on felt wall hangings for the leaders as momentos of camp.

Devoting our camp theme to Nature certainly kept the rain away. Thanks everyone and have a great summer!

Members of the five day sanctuary were the Beautiful Bluejays, Monica Musselle, Lisa Mason, Laura Craig, Lisa Kuster ad Patricia Henry. Cougar patrol members were Cindy Pettibone, Marie Jocque, Sherry Evans, Terry Dunciffe and Linda Dunciffe. Fireflies were Dawn Cook, Shelley Mason, Lisa Gilliss, Tiiu Jago and Donna Evans. Goonie Gophers were Kim Hachey, Diana Dunn, Sonja Amstaetter, Melanie Johnston and Kelly Bogart. In the June Bug Jitters were Barbara Lamon, Lisa Mitchell, Nancy van der Eyken, Sisan O'Connor, and Lori Turtscher. Snowbirds were Carol Chappel, Beverly Le Clair, and Lisa Cadenhead.

The leaders called themselves the Sunshine Girls with Captain Jean Vaughan known as Mother Nature, Pat van der Eyken as Gopher, Margaret Hamilton as Rosebud, Bea Ginger, Bumble Bea and Alison Willmott going under the name of Chip.

CAPTAIN JEAN Vaughan, alias Mother Nature, left, presents Patricia Henry with her all round cord and pin at the second Acton Guide camp. The girls entitled the five day camp, Mother Nature's Sanctuary, and worked activities around the theme.

THE RELIGION AND LIFE emblem, stage three, was presented to second Acton Guide Lisa Gilliss. Lisa earned her stage three and was presented with the badge at the company camp earlier in the month.

Two teachers sent to Acton

Acton schools will receive two new teachers this fall.

Thursday, Halton Board of Education announced Penny Carlos will join the staff at M.Z. Bennett this September. She comes to Acton from Fairview School in Burlington.

John Vandermolen comes to Robert Little School this fall from Pineland School, Burlington.

At the same meeting trustees accepted the resignation of Alice Abercrombie, a teacher at Limehouse School

Scotts host

Halton 4-H Horse Club is holding its first Fun Day at the Walter and Glenna Scott farm on Lot 4, Concession 5, starting at 10 a.m. Sunday.

The Caledon 4-H Club has also been invited to take part in activities.

BIG BEAR GORD Douglas presents the second Acton Cougar patrol with the staff for the all round Guide camp patrol. Mr. Douglas, who is the assistant district commissioner for Scouts, recently made the presentation at the Guide's summer camp.

Third place

Scott Malcolm, Tidy Avenue, placed third out of 25 pipers at the Burlington Games last Saturday, July 15.

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Nancy champion judge in Halton-Peel clubs

By Mark Leahy

Nancy McKinnon of R.R. 1, Milton scored 699 points out of a possible 700 to top the livestock section of the Halton-Peel 4-H Judging Competition held at Milton fairgrounds on Thursday, June 29. Nancy will receive trophies for Champion livestock judge, Champion beef judge, Champion sheep judge and Champion horse judge.

Bill Robinson of R.R. 2, Georgetown is winner of the Champion dairy judge trophy. Champion swine judge trophy winner is John Reid of R.R. 2, Georgetown. Jamie Alexander of R.R. 2, Oakville is winner of the C.N.E. Shield for the High Novice.

All contestants judged a Shorthorn heifer class provided by S. G. Bennett of Georgetown; a Hereford bull class provided by Graham and Evelyn Gillies of Milton; a Percheron mare class provided by Bill and Lloyd Stokes of Campbellville; a standardbred horse class courtesy of trainers at Milton fairgrounds; a two-year-old Guernsey class provided by Ken and John McNabb of Georgetown; a four-year-old Holstein class provided by Jack Proud of Oakville; a crossbred gill class provided by Art Lawson of Milton; a ram lamb class and ewe lamb class provided by Henry Stanley of Rockwood; a barley class and haylage class provided by John Nurse and Kaj Hansen; and a farm safety quiz courtesy of Ted Whitworth, Farm Safety Farm Safety representative.

Placings in the three sections for Halton are as follows: Junior, 1st, Rob Leriche; 2nd, Cheryl Robinson; 3rd, Danny Wickson; 4th, Keith Middlebrook; 5th tie, Ginny Carson and Doug McCann; 7th, Janet Barnes; 8th, Amanda unica; 9th, Suzanne Wingrove; and 10th, Randy Proud.

Intermediate, 1st, Kim Peddle; 2nd, Eartha May; 3rd, Richard Stanley; 4th, Ellen Hurren; 5th, Murray Royce; 6th, Valerie Scott; 7th, Ruth Gillies; 8th, Heide Stadler; 9th, Tie, Karen Brown and Kelly Oversby.

Senior, 1st, Nancy McKinnon; 2nd, Holly Hurren; 3rd, Mary-Jean Robinson; 4th tie, Marilyn McNabb, Randy Peddle and Marie Murray; 7th, Dale Wickson; 8th, Frank Robinson; 9th, Randy Fish; and 10th, Bill Robinson.

Official placings were given on the Shorthorn heifer by Bob Lasby; Hereford bull, Glenn Copeland; Percheron mare, Bill Stokes; standardbred horse, Mrs. Allison Amos; crossbred gilt class, Blythe Meek; ram lamb class, Doug Gardhouse; ewe lamb class, Cy Lowden; Guernsey class, Jim Livock; Holstein class, Peter Chorlie; haylage class, Kaj Hansen; and Barley class, John King.

Congratulations to all the 4-H members who came out to participate and a special thanks to the 4-H club leaders for making the program a success.

Birthday

Halton trustees, administrators and teachers paid tribute Thursday to the man who has kept the region's public school system on the straight and narrow financially since the board's inception in 1969.

In a lively, humorous address the board's first chairman, Burlington member Fred Armitage roasted Superintendent of Business and Finance Bruce Lindley on the occasion of the veteran administrator's 65th birthday.

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