

Acton Citizens' Band performed at the new Halton Hills Library and Cultural Centre on Sunday. They played everything from classical to popular music and marches. Band leader George Elliott said he was very impressed with the acoustics of the theatre.



Acton Youth Group received a tremendous standing ovation following their performance of Cool in the Furnace, a Biblical skit, at the Halton Hills Library and Cultural Centre Sunday. The group is made up primarily of teenagers from the various Acton churches.

Acton performers are big hit

by Helen Murray
It was the perfect way to spend a Sunday afternoon—listening to band music, watching square dancers, and an acting, singing performance.

The Acton Citizens' Band, the Pine Valley Square Dancers and the Acton Youth Group entertained at Halton Hills new Library and Cultural Centre in Georgetown Sunday afternoon, as part of a two week long party to mark the opening of the new centre.

The auditorium was

almost packed Sunday afternoon with mostly Acton people, as the Citizens' Band played a wide variety of numbers from classical to pops. Solos by Chuck Wright, Brent Heinmen and Andreas Thiel were very much appreciated by the audience.

The Pine Valley Square Dancers got toes tapping as they demonstrated the various steps.

But it was the Acton Youth Group who stole the show. They received a standing ovation at the end of their performance, Cool in the Furnace, and at times had to wait for the audience to finish applauding before they could continue on with their lines.

Trinity United and Knox Presbyterian churches put the show on last year and were asked to repeat their performance for the opening week of the centre.

Helen Robertson of Knox Church and Chris Rosenquist of St. Alban's Anglican Church were the key actors and singers, with nearly 20

other teenagers, and not so young teenagers singing and dancing.

Karen Hillman-Mills directed the show and Jean Beaton was the music co-ordinator. Some members of the Citizens' Band played double duty and performed during the skit also.

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crime problems, it's a social reality.

Crime clocks, how often per hour a certain type of crime is committed in an area, province or nation, are an effective way to explain the crime problem to the public. Halton is developing its own crime clock, Harding said.

In his view the best way to combat crime is with crime prevention. He explained if someone makes their home more secure they aren't buying a guarantee against a burglary. However, making your home more secure does help. It discourages the "occasional thief", buys time that an officer will spot the burglar while patrolling or a neighbor will see something odd happening and call the police and it creates noise which will tip off patrolling police and neighbors.

There will continue to be a "gap" between what the public expects in the way of police service and what tax dollars can support and effective police patrolling will continue to be a community concern. He says it is the job of police and regional politicians to explain exactly what

Acton police office won't be closed

Halton Regional Police have no intention or plans to close the daytime only store front police station in Acton.

Chief James Harding assured Acton's politicians at Friday's councillors' drop-in that the Acton office won't be closing.

And if the force gets more resources in future budgets they'll look at

having the office open evening hours.

Harding said there is no question it would be more efficient to run the force totally from the office in Georgetown, but having a police station here is an important "comfort blanket" to the community and so is necessary.

Deputy chief Bob Middaugh said officers will be directed to use the front door of the station at night and leave the door unlocked when they are in the office after hours.

Currently the officers use a rear entrance to come and go from the office at night and leave the front door locked.

Chief wants half of force pro-active in 10 years

Halton Regional Police Chief James Harding has a dream, a dream he admits might be "utopian."

His aim is to have half of the force involved in pro-active policing 10 years from now.

Most officers now are in just a re-active position, taking action after the crime has been committed, but he wants to see an increasing number of the force involved in crime prevention, Harding said at Friday's ward one councillors' drop-in. Passive policing is the key to the future, Harding believes.

the force can do with existing resources.

Harding said if he ever won a lot of money in a lottery he'd set up a private police service, something Canada needs to handle all the little crimes.

Councillor Dave Whiting said the region is playing catch up in many service areas, and the police is just another area where the council must spend a lot more money now that the region is back on the right financial track. The region must come to "grips" with spending to improve policing.

Policing has been deficient since the regional force was born in 1974 and it is "still bloody deficient," Harding declared. At the same time he thinks the force has progressed "by leaps and bounds" the past couple of years with over 3,000 man weeks devoted to training.

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M. Z. Bennett students Sherry McFadden, Eric Heagle, Elizabeth Simms, Coby Leslie, Sheila Lightle and Lavonne Bugala were at Chudleigh's last week collecting apples on a field trip.

Swans disappear

Two of Acton's newest residents have disappeared.

The two black swans who were brought in from Kortwright Conservation area two weeks ago have disappeared. An all-out two day search by arena manager Harold Townsley has failed to come up with any clues as to their whereabouts.

Townsley says he has checked the creeks and swamps. And does not know if they just wandered off or have been stolen.

Anyone who may have seen the swans, or know anything about their disappearance is asked to call Townsley at 853-0220.

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Legion happenings

by Bill Cook

The Remembrance Day parade on Sunday, November 8 will form up at the post office at 10.15 a.m. and proceed to the cenotaph at 10.30.

You do not need a uniform to parade, so please turn out. Tickets are now available for the Remembrance Dinner.

Do not forget to turn in your Beef Draw ticket stubs, your full participation is needed.

Have you made your costume for the big Halloween costume ball this Saturday, October 31.

There will be entertainment in the lounge Friday evening.

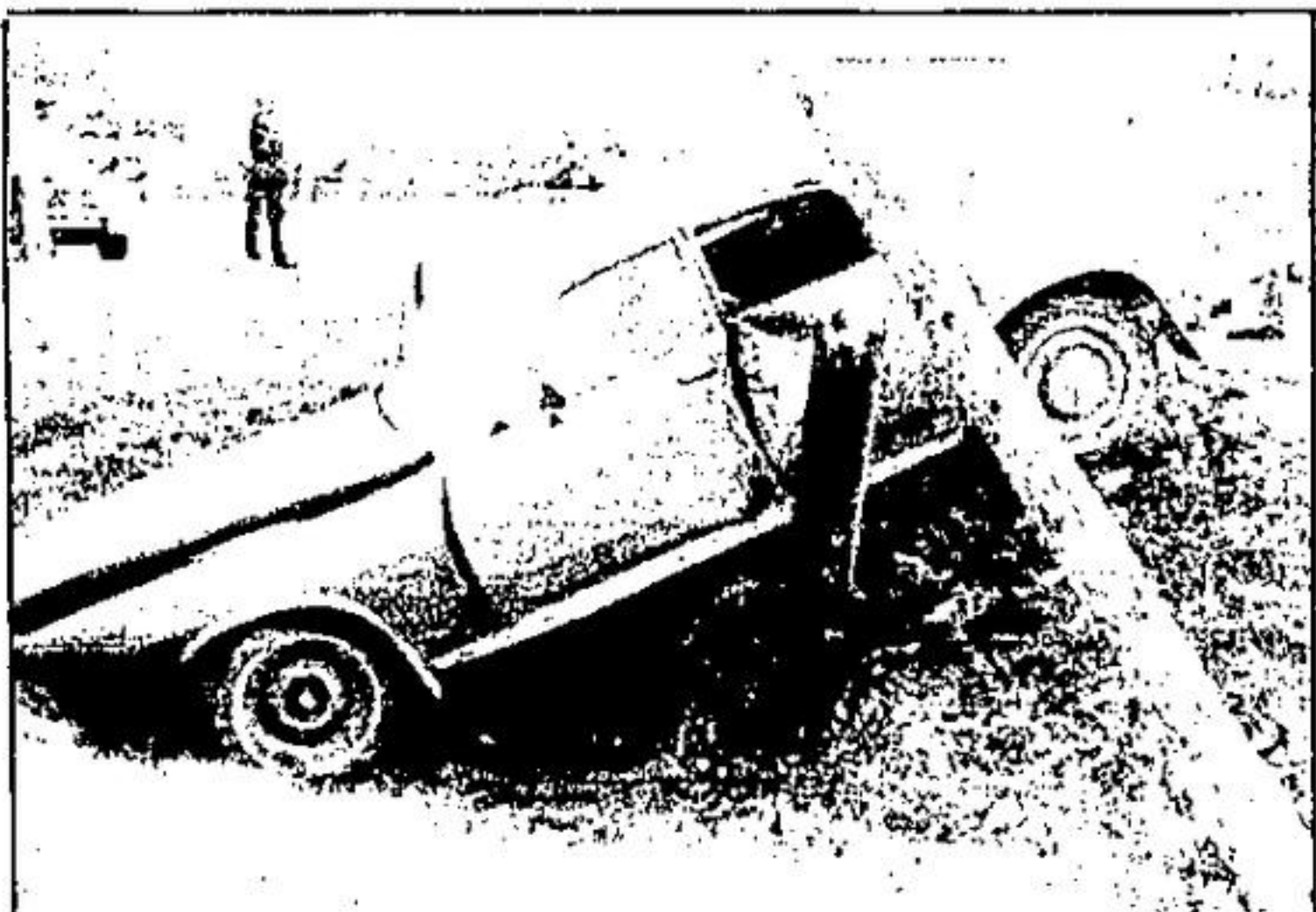
Hockey pool winners for October 24 are first goal: Eleanor Goy, Mae Gervais; last goal C. Shultis and N. Roy.

The team of Harry Otterbien and John Goy Sr. carted off the top honors during last week's annual Wawa fishing trip with John Sr. receiving a special award.

On the sick list are F. Wright, M. Mullen, Matt Johnstone, B. Titus and L. Cutting.

We are all saddened with the sudden passing of Comrade Harry Moon.

If you have any news or information that would be of interest to your fellow comrades please contact Bill Cook or drop off at the branch.



A Brampton man, Tony Zdesar, received major injuries on Sunday afternoon when a car he was a passenger in went out of control and crashed into a hydro pole, in Silvercreek. Driver of the vehicle Anton Marinko, of Georgetown, escaped injury.

Health Unit checks on bugs

Halton Health Unit will be checking the home and area around 55 Church St. West this week looking for the origin of small, biting insects.

Russell Johnson attended Friday's councillors' drop-in asking what municipal officials might be able to do about the bugs which he says have just mysteriously appeared since summer and in the wet weather.

At Councillor Dave Whiting's suggestion, the problem of the low flying bugs has been referred to the health department. A health inspector will visit the house this week and try to capture one of the bugs.

Johnson said the insects aren't fleas and are worse than "bed-bugs." He says they have bitten he and his wife, tearing up his legs.

Johnson bought the house last year but didn't see any of the bugs until this wet, hot summer.

He has no idea where the bugs are coming from and hasn't heard neighbors complaining about the same problem.

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