

ACTON FALL FAIR

Harder work suggested for society to avoid further financial setback

The Acton Agricultural Society must work harder than ever in preparing for the 1977 fall fair if it is to avoid further financial setbacks, which last year totalled \$2,600, society president Russell Murray said last Tuesday.

Speaking at the society's annual meeting, Mr. Murray warned the 50 members in attendance that the society cannot afford to end another year in the red.

If the Acton fall fair is to maintain its standing as the

largest annual agricultural exhibition in North Halton, he said, more members will have to become involved in its preparation and operation.

The 1977 fall fair, marking the society's 64th anniversary, will be held Sept. 16, 17 and 18.

"Last year's fair was something else, even if we did get soaked," Mr. Murray said. "But there were awfully few people helping out. I don't mind getting soaked, but I don't want to be the only duck in the pond. We should all put

every ounce of effort into each and every committee."

According to secretary-treasurer, John Rowe's year-end financial report, the society's income during 1976 totalled \$42,322, or nearly \$1,000 more than the previous year. Expenditures, however, jumped from \$30,833 in 1975, to \$44,900 last year, for an overall loss of approximately \$2,578 in 1976.

Pointing out that the society enjoyed a \$2,200 profit in 1975, Mr. Rowe informed the members that the figures represent

"a complete turn-around of income and expenditures" to the tune of nearly \$3,000.

Citing examples of unusual disbursements last year, Mr. Rowe singled out increases in postage rates, a \$2,397 expenditure for a new stock of prize ribbons and a \$277 charge for hydro services at the fair, which had been paid by the former town of Acton prior to regionalization.

In accordance with the society's custom, Mr. Murray was returned to serve a second year as president, while Brent

Marshall was elected first vice-president and Brian Evans as second vice-president.

Directors for 1977, as recommended by nominating officers George Wallace, Steve Lister and William Nelles and adopted by the members are Bill Yundt, Murray Wallace, Rae Swackhammer, Steve Lister, Paul Thompson, Ted Brown, Brian Hammond, Burt Robertson, John Ottaway, George Milne, Keith Aiten, Cathy Lasby, Robert Murray, Gary McEachern and Carmela

Cobham.

Reports from the chairman of the society's various committees and divisions were largely favorable. Field superintendent George Wallace reported that the town recreation department is prepared to comply with the society's wishes regarding alterations to the Prospect Park grounds and the proposed construction of a permanent pavilion.

While the directors of the fair's horse, sheep and hogs and 4-H shows described their respective concerns as successful, an appeal was made for members to contact prospective sponsors for the cattle show. By guaranteeing top money prizes each year, it was suggested, the Acton Fair will be in a position to attract the highest classes of cattle breeds.

Noting that the amount of prize money awarded last year was increased by \$300, Nino Braida expressed hope that the fair could this year, with a further increase, become a Class "B" exhibition for the first time.

Entertainment committee chairman Brent Marshall also called for additional effort from the members in the hopes of improving the society's regular Friday evening activities and other social events.



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Acton firefighters need new quarters

The volunteer firemen of Ward 1 appear to be next in line for some expanded accommodations, according to a council decision Monday.

Coun. Pat McKenzie, citing an "acute need" for additional space at the brigade's Bower Street quarters, requested the chairman and vice-chairman of the finance and administration committee to meet with Area 1 Fire Chief Mike Holmes and some of his men to determine their needs.

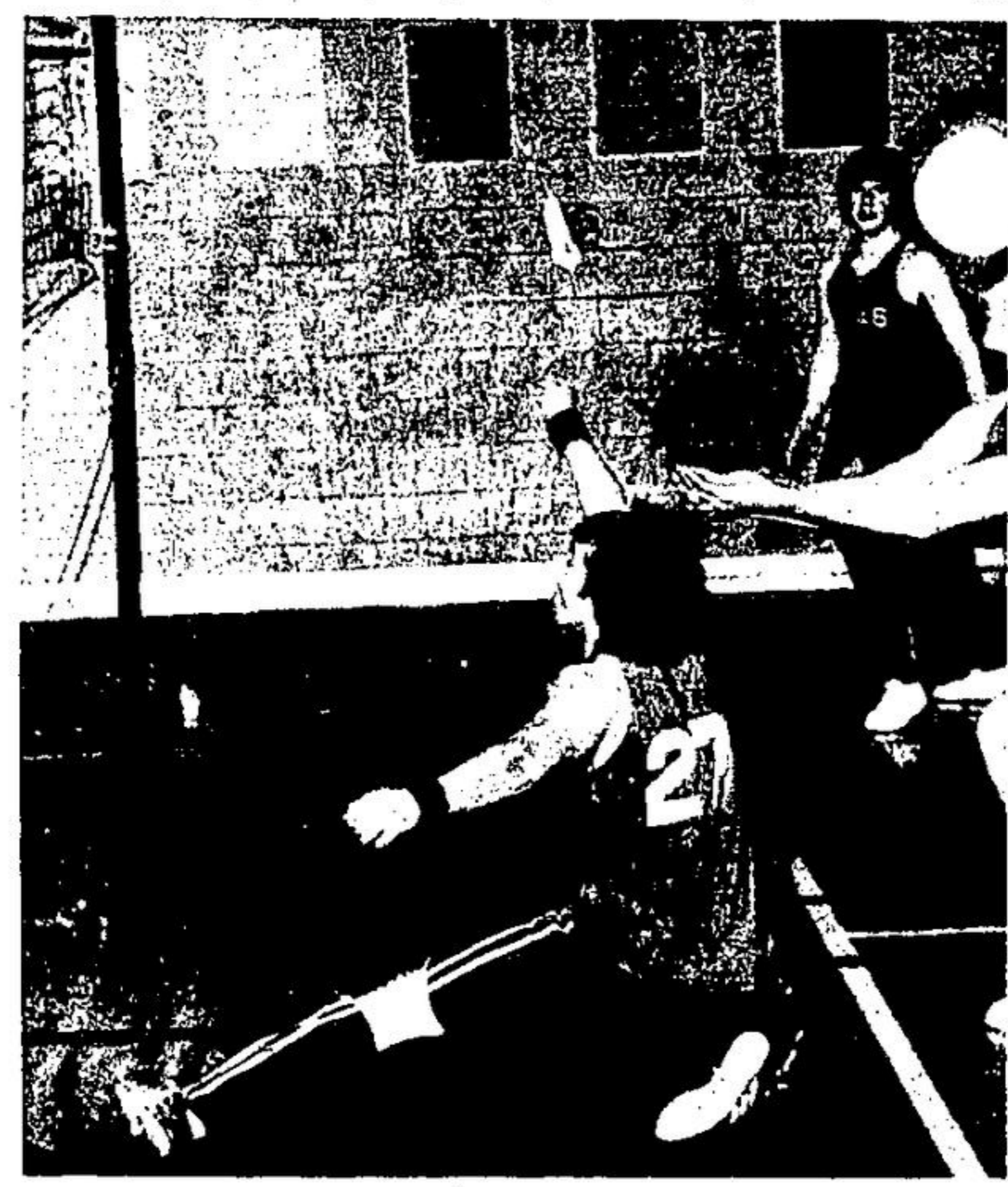
Pointing out that the Area 2 fire department has now been satisfactorily accommodated by a move to the expanded former Works Garage on Maple Avenue in Georgetown, Coun. McKenzie told council the Acton firemen are now forced to park one of their trucks in a space normally used for meetings and discussions.

The firehall is also used once a month by Actons Friends-In-Deed, an organization for the physically handicapped.

Council spent \$35,000 expanding the Maple Avenue works garage after that department moved last summer to the Trafalgar Road municipal grounds. Also included in the cost were air conditioning, heating, roof repairs and other renovations designed to accommodate the fire department.

Coun. Russ Miller, meanwhile, chastised the author of a letter to the editor printed last week in the local press, in which the department and fire chiefs came under attack. Calling the department "one of the best in the country", Coun. Miller advised such critics to investigate further before making complaints.

Coun. Mike Armstrong agreed that the town enjoys "very adequate fire protection" thanks to two "very competent chiefs", and stated that he expected that most citizens had taken the letter, as he had, "with a grain of salt".



VOLLEYBALL ACTION BY THE HALTON JUNIOR FARMERS

VON meeting Feb. 23

VON Halton Branch board of management final meeting for 1976 was held on Jan. 19.

Mrs. Margaret Macleod, District Director, reported the year's statistics on VON nursing visits. The total number of home visits for 1976 in the Halton region was 21,807; of these 1,834 were in the Halton Hills area.

Mrs. Florence Anderson, vice-president stated that the annual meeting of VON Halton Branch will be Wednesday February 23, 6:30 p.m. at King's Court Banquet Centre, 3159 King Road, Burlington. Rev. Basil Adams Director of COHR Institute will be the guest speaker. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Carnival Tickets

Tickets for Georgetown's ice carnival "That's Entertainment" will be available at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Jan. 31 and 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Feb. 2, and at Georgetown Memorial Arena from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 30, and 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 4.

All seats must be reserved. Senior citizens are welcome to view the dress rehearsal Feb. 11 free of charge. Regular shows include matinees at 1:30 p.m. Sat. Feb. 12 and Sun. Feb. 13, and an evening show at 8 p.m. Saturday night. Admission is \$2.50 for adults, and \$1 for children.

Junior Farmers compete

Halton Junior Farmers came up with only one win in competitions held for the zone 3 winter games in Georgetown and Acton Saturday.

The local farmers took top honors in the women's and men's bowling but failed in bids to capture the title in curling, volleyball and basketball.

The winners of the mixed volleyball competition were York County Junior Farmers. Mixed curling was won by the four from North Simcoe while the south Simcoe crew took the men's basketball.

Wellington county took honors for curling. Six regions took part in the

zone competitions which provide the step to provincial winter games to be held this month.

The winners from Halton included Don and Donna Hamilton, Garnet and Mary McDonald, Larry and Elaine Workman, Nancy Townsend and Wally Ella.

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND TENANTS
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POSTING OF PRELIMINARY LIST OF ELECTORS

A preliminary list of electors has been posted on Wednesday, January 26th, 1977, in the Office of the Clerk Administrator, Municipal Administration Building, Seventh Line, for inspection. A copy of the preliminary list of electors has also been posted up in several locations within each Polling Sub-division.

Property owners and tenants are requested to examine this List to ensure that their names and relevant information are correctly shown therein.

Attention is drawn to the necessity to complete the required form, available at the Office of the Clerk Administrator, respecting an Application for correction or alteration to the list.

All requests for additions, corrections or deletions from the List will be received by the Clerk Administrator at the Municipal Administration Building commencing on Wednesday, January 26th, 1977 through to Friday, February 4th, 1977 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. excluding Saturdays and Sundays.

The last day for filling forms requesting additions or corrections to or deletions from the List will be Friday, February 4th, 1977 at 4:30 p.m.

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