

Co-operation is urged between two local Y's

Closer co-operation between the Acton and Georgetown YMCA's would prove beneficial to both organizations, Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy told the Acton YMCA annual meeting last Wednesday.

Mr. Pomeroy, guest speaker at the meeting, said the two groups could eliminate many overlapping services if they worked together.

He said the municipal recreation department would be appointing a new co-ordinator for Acton area soon, and the YMCA should take advantage of the municipal expertise to improve the recreation picture in town.

"I particularly stress open dialogue between the volunteer groups and the municipality," he said.

A stronger municipal presence in Acton recreation should not threaten the YMCA programs, according to the mayor. Because the two are trying to provide the same service, they should be able to help each other.

The YMCA, because of tighter household budgets, is going to have more trouble raising funds for its projects than in the past, and with money short, people will be looking to volunteer organizations such as the YMCA to provide more programs, Mr. Pomeroy added.

Keith Robbins, in presenting his chairman's report, said the Acton YMCA has been looking at co-operation between the two urban centers in Halton Hills.

"Halton Hills is a reality we

have to live with," he said. In his report he stated the goal of expansion which the organization had wanted for 1979 proved "more elusive than anticipated."

"Nevertheless, at the beginning of this new decade, we have every reason to remain optimistic: optimistic because the enthusiasm and dedication of our board members is undiminished; optimistic because the support we receive from our Y's Men and Y's Menettes remains as unselfish as ever.

Nearly half the expenses in the Y's \$12,390.02 expenditure for the year went into its building. Building expenses, including hydro, heat, telephone and water, maintenance repairs and supplies, and janitorial services, totalled

\$5,616.39, according to the finance committee's report.

The furnace had to be serviced three times in the year and an electrical problem which threatened to close the Mug coffee house was corrected at a cost of \$496.

Eight new directors were elected to the board of directors at the meeting. They are Peter Andrabi, Ina Boyle, Mona Petrillo, Joan Phillips, Wayne Ruse, Arthur Tribe, Chip Petrillo, and Doug Leys.

Retiring directors were Lyla Luelo, Beverly Owen, Helen Van Sicker and Peter Zions.



The new Acton YMCA directors for 1980 are, left to right, Doug Leys, Ina Boyle, Wayne Ruse, Joan Phillips, Art Tribe, Mona Petrillo and Chip Petrillo. Seated on the left is Mayor Pete Pomeroy, and on the right is Keith Robbins, this year's president.

(Herald photo)

More members needed, fair board chief says

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The ladies' division of the Acton Agricultural Society is facing serious trouble over its small membership, according to the society's president.

Speaking at the society's annual meeting Tuesday in Knox Presbyterian church, president Brent Marshall said the ladies' division should have as many members as the men's; since they don't, he added, they're going to be in trouble. Any problems that arise for them could be dealt with if they had sufficient membership, he said, but since they don't, existing members face a substantial increase in workload.

Mr. Marshall recommended that the ladies' division should look at ways of attracting members and advised the board to hang onto its good leaders.

"You're going through the wrong people too fast," he said. "You'll get a new executive and a new president tonight. If the president does a good job, don't kick him out in two years. If you're satisfied and happy with the way he's working, tell him so. He'll need all the support he can get."

Mr. Marshall, completing his second year as president,

said he had mixed emotions about leaving the position, but felt other commitments require him to move on. As past president, he won't be leaving the executive completely.

LITTLE BENEFIT
Reporting the events of the district annual meeting in Richmond Hill, Mr. Marshall said he and society vice-president Brian Evans felt uncomfortably young and benefited very little from the meeting. Most delegates had been attending for 25 or 30 years, he explained, and there seemed to be few fresh ideas discussed.

Reports by chairmen of the various committees indicated that most events at the 1979 fall fair were successful, but there will be a few minor changes considered for 1980.

The poultry committee has requested that its show be reduced from a three-day affair to two days. New judges will have to be found for the fiddlers' contest along with some means of controlling or offsetting its costs. Concern was also expressed that a more efficient method must be found to marshal the parade, since it did run as smoothly as desired last year, in the eyes of some members.

The executive for the coming year consists of president Brian Evans, first vice-president Keith Aitken, second vice-president Norman Shea,

secretary-treasurer John Rowe and past-president Brent Marshall.

Directors for 1980 are Hans Swackhamer, Ted Brown Jr., Cathy Lasby, Brian Hammond, Bill Lasby, Maggie Hall, Dave Dinnell, Norm Shea, Roland Hight, George Henderson Sr., Hans Kuechler, Keith Aitken, Brian Evans, Roy Topelko, George Stull, Bob Johnson, Barrie Martin and Karen Hiltman.

The 1980 fair will be held September 19, 20 and 21.



Acton Agricultural Society members have chosen the weekend of September 19, 20 and 21 for the 1980 fall fair. Members last week also chose their new executive: front row from left: 2nd vice-president Norm Shea, 1st vice-president Keith Aitken; back row: secretary-treasurer John Rowe, past president Brent Marshall. Absent is new president Brian Evans.

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"Did you ever get punched for going too fast?"
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