



Minor Sports executive are planning another Booster Night in February.

The tennis courts are looking quite bare since the popular trees have all been cut down.

Bought the new car markers yet? Better buy now and avoid the mid-March rush.

Skating is still at a premium with the Acton area hills remaining short of sufficient snow for the sport.

Public school children all received free passes to attend the hockey game at the arena last Tuesday night.

A farm accident survey is being taken throughout this district, with members of different organizations co-operating.

The Black-Creek Model-Railroad club are displaying model trains and equipment in Bill Benson's store window on Mill St.

Several accidents were reported on Monday morning when workers commuting to out-of-town points were late for work.

It's men vs. snow this week. On the main streets of Acton, the men won. They had the help of leaders and trucks and snowplows.

New accountant at the Bank of Nova Scotia is M. H. Hepler who comes from Fort William. His wife and child will be joining him here.

Tomorrow, the Acton Scottish Gaelic club hosts Robert Burns on the 200th anniversary of his birth. They'll be piping in the haggis in Guelph.

Just a month and a half from completion, Milton's Highway 60th church Saturday night received an estimated \$6,000 damage from a fire.

January is the time for annual meetings. If one of the groups you belong to hasn't got a press reporter, how about making a motion on the subject?

Some people stay inside. Some people go outside. A lot of the ones inside have got the flu. A lot of the ones outside are falling on the ice... that's winter for you.

Boys of Howard Coles' Sunday school class of Knox church saw the Montreal Canadiens defeated by the Toronto Maple Leafs at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto on Wednesday evening.

The president of the Scarborough Rotary club wrote the Free Press this week expressing his thanks for the "wonderful coverage which you gave the Acton-Scarborough Rotary club inter-club meeting" on Tuesday, January 13.

The snow drifts here are pygmies, according to tales told by people down from the north. And they haven't been too far north, either, to encounter snowbanks of Arctic proportions. A newspaper editor from Wingham, tells us the drifts in his driveway are six feet high and he had to buy his own snowblower!

Near Winners In Competition

The Canadian Figure Skating Association, Western Ontario and Niagara Peninsula sections, Skating Competitions were held in Chatham on January 8th, 9th and 10th.

Mary Jane and Elizabeth Force of Acton were runners-up to the champions in the similar pairs competition.

Elizabeth Force, with John Campbell of St. Thomas, were also runners-up to the champions in the Silver Dance Competitions.

These skaters, trained by Ross Smith, made up two of several entries by the Guelph College Figure Skating Club.

Guelph College Club members also gave an exhibition of Fours Skating which was exceptionally well received by the spectators.

Plans are being made for entries in the Canadian Championships to be held in Noranda, Quebec at the end of January.



The regular meeting of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary was held on Thursday, January 8, during which favorable reports were heard and election of officers and executive took place.

President Ham Pool of Branch 197 and first vice-president Max Sifrey installed the new officers and executive for the ladies.

A report from auditor Lorne Youngblut informed the gals their books were in splendid order. A pat on the back should go to the bookkeepers for a good job.

The following officers were filled: membership—Elsie Roach; project, Jean Altonby; sick box, Joan McKnight; bingo, Doris Angell; social Elsie Johnson; pianist, Lil Bradshaw.

Group conveners (these are the gals who provide the good food), May Dedels, Ethel Stuckey, Ella Anderson, Grace Agnew. Following the resignation of Joyce Buchanan as treasurer, the membership appointed Gwen Andrews.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rotary President Appeals To Area To Help Project

Acton, Ontario, January 21st, 1959

Dear Friends:

As president of the Acton Rotary Club of Acton, I personally appeal to all citizens of Acton and district to give generously in the current appeal being made for funds to build a treatment centre for the crippled children of Ontario.

The sight of a crippled child should remind us all that we have an obligation on his behalf. We must do everything in our power to see that he is given the opportunity of taking his rightful place in society. Modern equipment and facilities can do wonders but they do cost money. With your support I feel sure that we will more than do our part in this most worthy cause.

E. A. Hansen

OBITUARY

Leonard Steele Dies At 47 Years of Age

The funeral of the late Leonard Steele was held at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home on Wednesday, January 14. Interment was in Everton Cemetery. Rev. A. D. Moore of Stone Church, Eramosa, was in charge of the services.

Mr. Steele was a resident of Eramosa all his life. He was 47 years of age.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, the former Anne McDonald, two girls, Marjorie and Annie; two sisters, Mrs. Wallace Scuse (Florence) Ferguson; Mrs. Fred Cunningham (Beatrice) Acton; two brothers William and George. One sister Mrs. Albert Harrington (Edith) predeceased him.

The many floral tributes indicated the esteem in which the deceased was held.

Palbearers were S. Lush, A. Burnett, Mr. Upshall, S. Saunders, C. McDougall and D. Forsythe.



WEED ESSAY WINNERS were presented with cheques from the County of Halton at the Home and School Association meeting on Monday evening, when V. E. McArthur, county weed inspector, made the presentation. Pictured above are Mr. McArthur, Linda Parker and Susan Heard, public school children attending the Robert Little School who won the awards.

Library Circulation Up Children Avid Readers

Painstaking tabulation of all books taken out at the library during 1958 revealed a grand total of 36,720. Total circulation the year before was 4,600 less—32,124.

Almost consistently, month by month, the '58 figures topped the '57 ones.

As usual, children's reading far surpassed their parents. The total juvenile circulation was 23,161 while the total adult circulation was 13,559.

The youngest in Acton are eager readers despite television, as librarian, Mrs. P. Watson, and her assistants, Miss Esther Taylor and Miss Madge Chapman, know only too well.

After spending an afternoon helping youngsters develop their reading interests during regular school library hours, they relax a little at supper and come back to the library in the evening only to find the small room crammed with children who are back again hunting more books.

Library Service

Every Monday the librarians go to the two public schools where there is a special library service. From 1:30 until 4, the ladies are busy alighting one book apiece to the tots, from grades two to five.

The youngsters of grades six, seven and eight file down to the library every two weeks, on Wednesdays.

Regular library hours are 7 to 8:30 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Some evenings there is a line-up into the lobby of the Y.M.C.A.

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FACTS About

The Ontario Society for Crippled Children

and the

Ontario Crippled Children's Centre Building Fund

WHOM DOES THE SOCIETY SERVE?

The services of the Society are available to every crippled child in the Province of Ontario. Today, more than 12,500 youngsters are receiving assistance from the Society.

HOW WILL IT SERVE ONTARIO'S CRIPPLED CHILDREN?

The new Centre will have complete facilities for: clinical diagnosis by staff and consulting specialists... swimming and hydrotherapy pools... physical, occupational and speech therapy departments... pre-school nurseries and academic classrooms... splint and plaster rooms and a workshop for adjusting braces and other corrective equipment... a dental clinic... complete medical records on every child, to keep parents and referring doctors up to date on treatment progress... residential accommodation for 105 children... facilities for serving 300 out-patients a day... motel accommodation for overnight stay of parents receiving first-hand instruction in the care of their children... a laboratory for emergency testing of blood or spinal fluid... a social work department... headquarters of the Society's province-wide program.

WHY IS AN ONTARIO TREATMENT CENTRE NEEDED?

Today, an estimated one third of Ontario's crippled children cannot take full advantage of the facilities developed to help them. They live outside areas where local treatment centres are located, or need long-term residential care which none of these centres provides... Overcrowded general hospitals often do not have beds for long-term care during rehabilitation procedures... There is an urgent need for fully equipped treatment centre-hospital where rare and difficult cases of crippling can be referred for residential care under supervision of a team of surgical and medical specialists.

WHO PLANNED THE NEW TREATMENT CENTRE?

Planning has been under way for ten years by the Society's staff in consultation with its Medical Advisory Committee and architects, and was completed after personal investigation of facilities at 33 treatment centres in Canada and the United States.

WHERE WILL THE MONEY COME FROM?

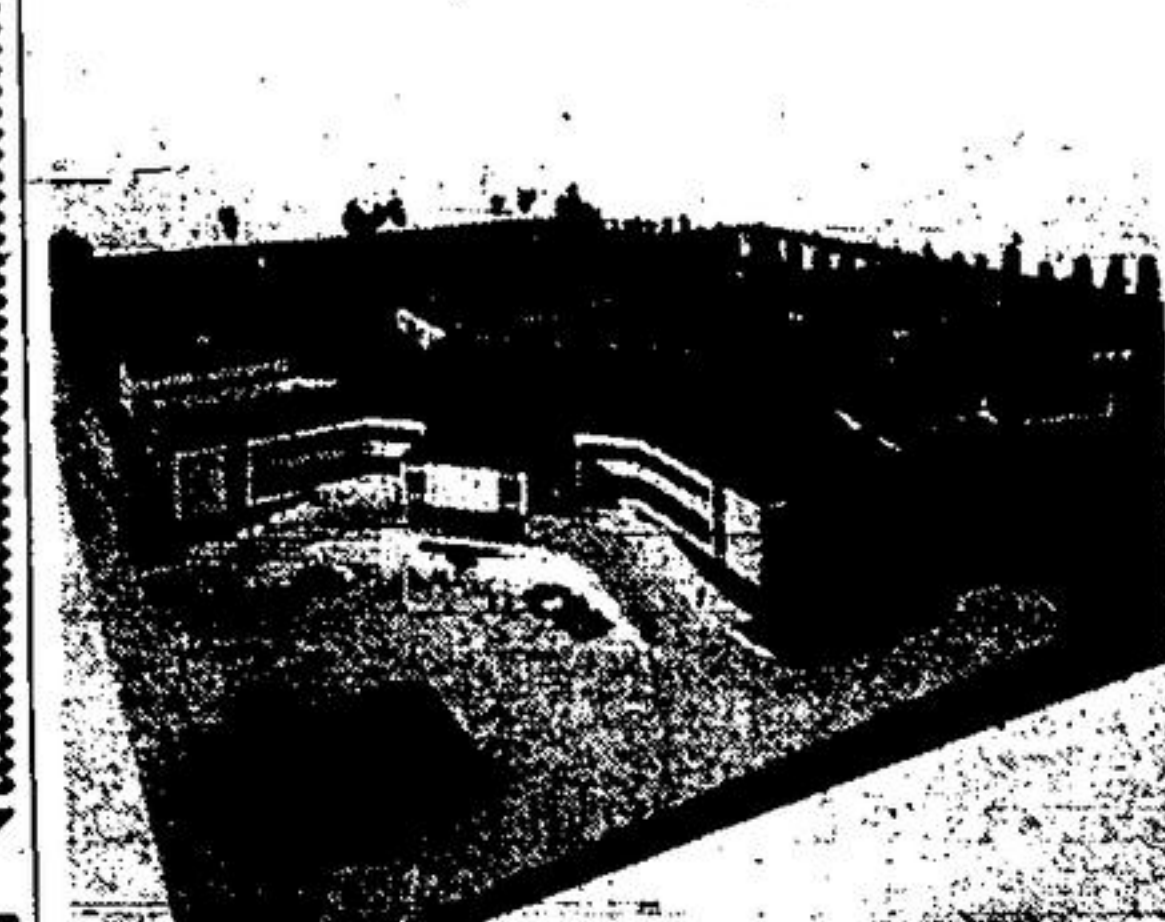
Bed and facility grants from the Provincial and Federal governments are expected to total \$1,030,000... This leaves \$3,058,490 to be sought in gifts and pledges from corporations and businesses, employees and other individuals and service clubs throughout Ontario. Acton's quota is \$1,500.00.

HOW WILL IT BE SOUGHT?

A province-wide capital appeal—the first in the 36-year history of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children—is now being launched under the general chairmanship of Mr. John David Eaton, president of the T. Eaton Company of Canada... Committees of volunteers are now being organized in scores of communities throughout Ontario.

WHAT ARE THE DATES OF THE BUILDING FUND APPEAL?

The Acton public appeal will be conducted from January 26th to January 31, 1959.



Architect's sketch of the proposed \$4,088,490 Ontario Crippled Children's Centre, to be erected on an 11-acre site near Sunnybrook Hospital near Toronto. Included in the plans is a 105-bed residence for crippled children coming to the Centre from all parts of the province. The public appeal for funds, construction and equipment is now on throughout Ontario.



Learning to communicate with others is one of the fundamental skills painstakingly taught handicapped youngsters who receive help through the Ontario Society for Crippled Children. A well-equipped and professionally staffed speech therapy department is included in the plans for the proposed \$4,088,490 Ontario Crippled Children's Centre, for which a public appeal is now on throughout the province.

GIVE TODAY . . . BUILD THEIR TOMORROW!

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