

Family Y.M.C.A. Modern Trend Total Active Members Now 218

The trend in the Canadian YMCA movement is towards a family YMCA, and in many locations the YMCA and YWCA have become integrated to offer something of interest to all members of the family. Acton YMCA, of course, has had women and girls as active members for a number of years, and is, therefore, in line with this new development in Y work; and continues to play an active part in community life and youth work.

It is often not sufficiently realized that the YMCA is not an "institution" to which parents can send their youngsters to get them "off their backs" as it were, but that the Y is a lay-movement; a movement of people doing things for and with people. This movement relies mainly on the will of volunteer leaders to serve and to co-operate in implementing the purpose of the YMCA under the guidance of trained secretaries and board members.

This year the YMCA Leaders' Corps, is reactivated and registered 14 junior and intermediate leaders with the National YMCA Leaders' Corps. Recently the Acton Y Leaders' Corps received their official leaders' badges, and elected Bob Foyers Jr. as their president and June Davidson as

secretary. Under the guidance of Sid Saltz, general secretary, the corps engages in instructional meetings, discussing Y history and leadership development, as well as actively leading groups of boys and girls in gym activities. Plans are being made to attend the forthcoming National Leaders' Corps Rally at Galt, as well as visits to neighboring Y Leaders' Corps.

The membership drive at the beginning of the winter season was quite successful, with 135 boys and girls enrolled as junior members. Intermediate and adult clubs, comprising the Acton H.Y. Club, Weightlifting Club, Ladies' Auxiliary, Ladies' Keep Fit Group, Y's Men and Y's Menettes, have a list of 83 members, bringing the total membership to 218.

Every night the gym rings with the joyful noise of boys playing basketball, floor hockey, group-games or tumbling. The weightlifters under their instructor Alan Holmes strain bulging muscles in their zest for physical fitness, while other young types are content with less strenuous activities like table-tennis, darts or just playing checkers in the recreation room.

Ladies' Night
Wednesday is ladies' night with the gymnasium taken over in turn by June Davidson's girls' gym class and Mrs. E. Buckner's "Ladies Keep Fit" group who, incidentally invite more ladies who are interested in trimming inches off their hips.

Jack Blundell is again trying to teach the do-it-yourself fans of his woodworking group how to handle a saw and to hit the nail on the head, and the young carpenters are justifiably proud when they can present their unsuspecting parents with their homemade coffee tables.

The Acton Water Y's are busy improving their swimming skill with weekly swimming lessons at the Guelph Y pool, under the guidance of Ray Hopper, J. Buckland and Mrs. Robertson while the actual instruction is provided by Tony Hopper, Chris DeJony, Barbara Norton and Sue Walters.

Most Financial Support
The Y Ladies' Auxiliary, the Y's Men and Y's Menettes are the service clubs of the YMCA who provide most of the financial support without which the Acton Y would not be able to operate. They provide opportunities for people who are interested in friendly fellowship, while, at the

same time, serving a worthwhile purpose by engaging in service projects to further the YMCA youth work. Some of these projects are the Y's Men's Christmas tree sale, turkey shoot and turkey draw and bingo, father and son banquet and other activities all through the year.

The YMCA Board of Directors has been active under their president Bill Wilson. The desire to "get things done" instead of just thinking about them expressed itself in members of the board giving up their weekends to effect alterations in the Y building which were long overdue. The general secretary's office was enlarged and modernized, new doors fitted for the gym and further improvements are planned as soon as more funds are available.

Expect Skating In Acton Arena This Weekend

Clerk-administrator J. McGeachie reported this week he expected the arena would be open this weekend for ice skating.

Woodlots should be nurtured

Citizens' Band To Play Carols

Acton Citizens' Band will brave the cold next Wednesday evening to play Christmas carols in front of the post office while citizens do their last-minute shopping.

In the event the evening turns out too cold for the horns to function, after a few numbers the bandmen will play over the Fire Department's public address system installed on the roof of the fire hall. The music will be able to be heard all over town in this event.

—Skaters were out on the ice at Fairy Lake this week.

—Beatnik talk really described this week's weather—cool, man!

—Next Wednesday is the first day of winter. And we thought it was already here!

—There has been some response to the Citizens' Band appeal for more members.

—Phone the Free Press and let us know about Christmas parties, programs and events.

—Public school students are giving oral composition in preliminaries for the county public speaking contest.

—Post your Christmas mail before Saturday or someone may be getting a 1961 Christmas card about 360 days early.

—Town and district organizations are winding up their year's business this month and preparing for a new year in a few weeks.

—A well has been dug at the Hornby site of the proposed new school for retarded children and a water test is coming from the Health Unit.

—Many gift suggestions are attractively arranged in the Free Press ads this week. Be sure to read this and other issues carefully before shopping.

—Christmas holidays for school children start a week today. Christmas programs are planned for next Thursday and they have Friday off.

—Hi-Y Club members are selling door-to-door tickets to their charity dance in the Robert Little school auditorium Saturday. They'll be playing Santa to needy children with the proceeds.

—Trimming trees is a seasonal occupation generally indoors. The hydro workmen are at it outside. But that doesn't mean they're hanging baubles on the trees. They're cutting branches off them.

—A group of citizens in upper Burlington are reportedly taking steps to charge hunters disregarding "no trespassing" signs on their farm properties. According to the group's spokesman, G. F. Haasman, recent weekends have seen a surge of hunters throughout the Lowville-Mount Nemo district.

—About 80 youngsters were disappointed Wednesday evening when they waited in vain for the arena doors to open for skating. Having read in a daily newspaper there would be skating, the children sped to the arena in hopes of donning their skates. This weekend is supposed to be the first skating in the arena, weather permitting.

Reforestation

County Buys 53 Acre Tract

The first county reforestation tract to be purchased since 1954, about 53 acres of Nassagaweya Township timber were ordered purchased by Halton County Council at Tuesday's December meeting.

The tract was owned by H. Clifford Cunley of Hamilton, and is situated in part of Lot 22, Conc. 2 in the township. It contains about 20,000 trees plus some acreage in bush with many trees marketable in 10 to 15 years. Purchase price is \$6,000 and the purchase is to be subject to approval of the Department of Lands and Forests.

Relieve Problem

The County relieved Milton District High School Board of a problem by advancing \$23,182.41 to complete construction and furnishing of the new 12-room Milton school. Earlier this year the sale of debentures on the school was delayed and when the \$435,000 worth were sold, the requisition fell \$23,182.41 short of the required amount.

Agreeing the county was under legal obligation to meet the shortage, council agreed to advance the amount and include the amount in the 1961 levy.

Name Chief

Trafalgar Police Chief Fred Oliver was appointed County Police Co-ordinator for police services under the Emergency Measures Organization. A budget of \$24,485 for the E.M.O. group, beginning April 1, 1961, was submitted for approval and will be turned over to the 1961 council at the January meeting.

Although not accustomed to drafting petitions and forwarding them to other municipalities for approval, council Tuesday approved one dealing with Ontario Municipal Board orders. The resolution will ask that the Board prepare written reasons for their decisions and that a copy of their decision and reasons should be served on affected municipalities. Council

further requested that local planning boards submit the same information to an applicant.

Special Honors To Acton Clubs

Acton's two 4-H agricultural clubs received special honors during the annual 4-H Awards night held in the new Milton High School on Friday, December 10.

The Premier Club trophy which was donated by county council was awarded to the Acton 4-H Forage Club for its 100 per cent completion and nearly perfect attendance record. Following the members' presentation of prize money, Vice-president Murray Wallace accepted the beautiful trophy from Warden Douglas Sargent. The club's high scorer, Miss Sherriil Murray received the E. Braida and Son trophy from Nino Braida, the Acton 4-H Forage Club trophy from president Don Swackhamer and the Kingsway Kiwanis award.

Most Parents Attend

The Acton-Nassagaweya Call Club also captured county honors for having the greatest number of parents at the Safety meeting in June. Each member received a special engraved pencil donated by A. T. Woodley in addition to cash prizes and call letters. Harry Murray presented the A. J. Murray and son trophy to club winner Frank Anthony and Russell Murray received the Kingsway Kiwanis scholarship.

The local clubs are sponsored by the Acton Agricultural Society in cooperation with the Ontario and Canada Departments of Agriculture. Acting as club leaders are Nino Braida, Evie Sumerville and Calvin Aitken.

—Below zero temperatures were in evidence here evenings this week.



THE FACE-OFF is always an important feature during floor hockey and pictured above are John Higgins, left, and Steven Goy, right, as Y.M.C.A. secretary Sid Saltz acts as referee. Activities at the Y this year have been plentiful and many children are taking advantage of the facilities during the evenings. Membership cards are available from the secretary after 7 p.m. for anyone interested in recreation.

—Mail yule mail early.

—Only eight shopping days left until Christmas!

—Post your Christmas mail before Saturday or someone may be getting a 1961 Christmas card about 360 days early.

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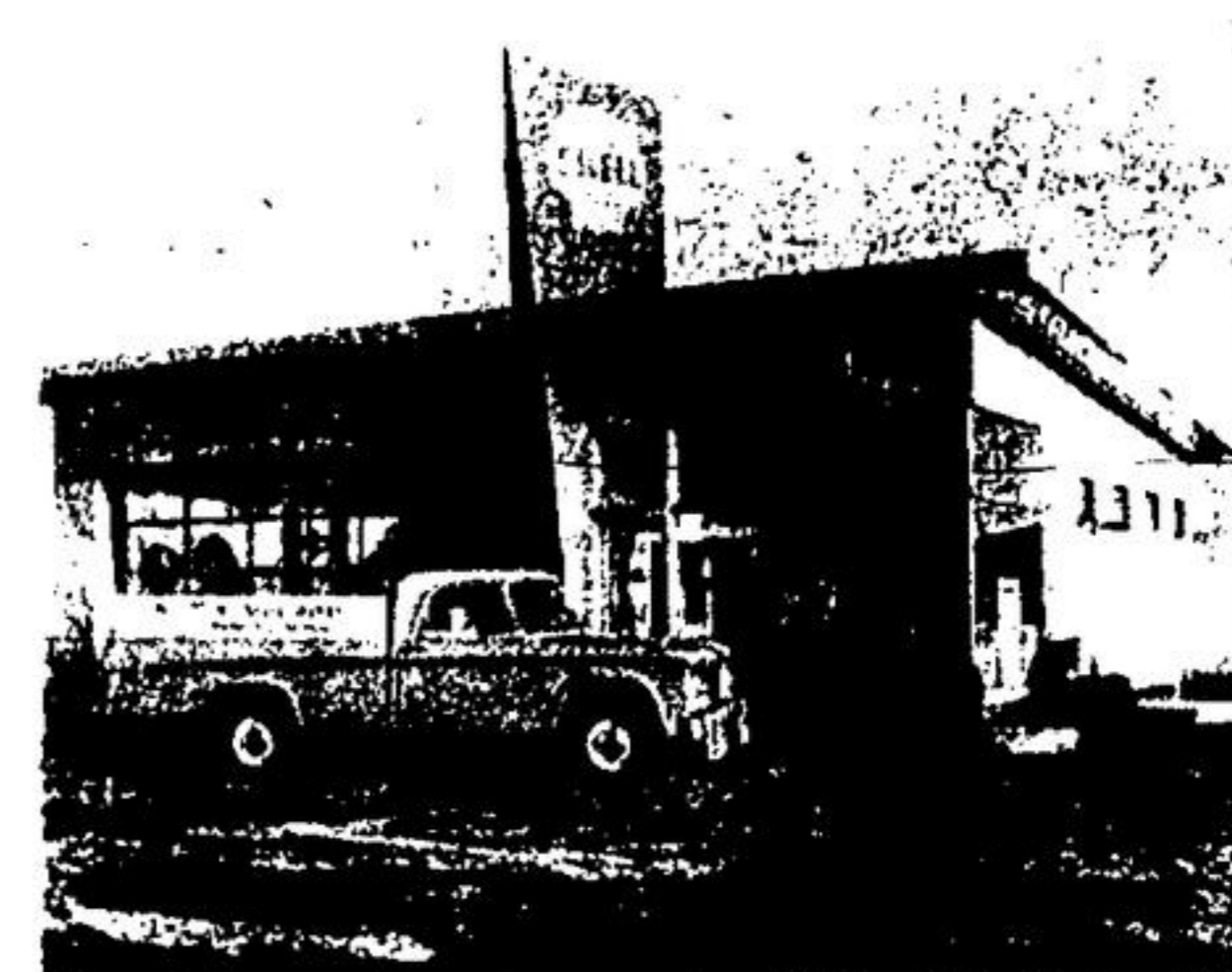
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Hilo CHEESE SPREAD 16 oz. Jar	49c	Sunbrite MARGARINE	5 \$1.00	Canada No. 1 Cello Pkg. TOMATOES	29c
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