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Off With the Old

Acton Council Tuesday evening authorized the demolition of the front section of the arena under the winter works program. Approval had been received authorizing the expenditure of up to \$1,800 on the project. Of this \$1,800 the Provincial and Federal governments will contribute 75%. The town will pay the remaining 25%. Mayor Goy pointed out council could expect to recover part of their 25% share by a reduction of insurance premiums. It is expected this program will supply employment for four men for up to one month.

Another motion closed the arena for the 1960-61 season and utility services to the building are to be discontinued.

Mayor Goy explained that the program will mean the loss to the arena of the band room, dressing rooms and toilets. He pointed out that the material from the section to be torn down would be salvaged and used to close in the front of the building. In the event that no building program is undertaken this year, it will still be possible to operate a winter program in 1961-62 of approximately the same scope as this winter. It was felt that the program would not impede the use of the building for the Fall Fair program in September.

The Mayor also reported on his efforts to form a citizens committee to raise funds for the construction of a new building on the front of the arena and an artificial ice installation.

The whole program is based on the understanding that the Citizens' Committee will only be responsible for planning and making a public appeal for funds. The municipal council will be responsible for the planning, building and administration of the arena.

Out of a Tuesday meeting of men's service clubs a citizen's committee was appointed to study and recommend a plan to raise money for the renovation program. The committee's first meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening. It is hoped to launch a campaign this spring.

Council Protests Conservation Costs Appeals 1961 Share \$180,950 Budget

Council Tuesday evening decided to engage a lawyer to appeal Acton's assessment from the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. Clerk McGeechie reported receipt of the proposed 1961 budget of the Authority which shows a total of \$180,950. Of this amount some is assumed by the provincial government leaving an amount of \$84,000 to be raised by the communities under jurisdiction of the Authority.

Acton assessed as being 100% within the Credit Valley Authority will pay \$3,796.40. The clerk reported that he felt Council should appeal. He explained, "We won't gain much this year but we will in a few years when construction of dams will cost millions of dollars." He also pointed out that Acton was opposed to the formation of the authority at the inception. Acton is assessed as a 100% participant in the

area on the basis of Black Creek which enters the Credit at Norval.

Mayor Goy summed up the discussion when he said, "The authority is doing a very good job—we want them to continue doing so—but with less of Acton's money."

Buy New Loader
Council, acting on the recommendation of the Road Committee, authorized the purchase of a new industrial type Case 55 front end loader. The cost of the machine is included in the 1961 budget and will be paid for in 13 monthly payments of \$478.85. Total cost of the equipment is \$7,450. This price is reduced by a trade-in allowance of \$1,225 on the snowblower to \$6,225.

The new machine will handle the snow removal work as well as the land fill work at the municipal garbage dump and will assist in the general work program of the town. The old and smaller front end loader will be retained for grass and weed cutting and lighter work.

The yearly by-law for road expenditures, on which provincial grants apply, was given the necessary readings and passed. The by-law provides for expenditures of \$18,500 on Acton streets during 1961.

Discuss Fire Agreement
Mayor Goy reported the townships had requested a meeting on Wednesday evening to discuss a new fire agreement with the town. The previous fire agreement had expired at the end of 1960 and Acton Council had notified the Townships they wished to negotiate a new contract this year. The fire committee agreed to meet with the Townships.

Deputy Reeve Hinton requested council's opinions on the formation of a County Industrial Commission. The subject is now before County Council in the form of a request for a budget of \$1,500.

Reeve Hargrave reported a complaint he had received from a ratepayer. The ratepayer protested the use of the Fargo truck, which had been reported as being in an unsafe condition. The clerk said the Fargo was used in an emergency situation where snow plowing and garbage collection were both needed on the same day. He had instructed the driver to be very careful and had imposed a 10 m.p.h. limit on the vehicle. Mayor Goy said it was his opinion the truck could be repaired which would make it safe to use the truck.

Councillor Newton requested the works department to make every effort to keep the snow cleared in front of the fire hall from the doors to the paved portion of the road.

The Mayor read a letter he had sent to industries and organizations requesting their support in the formation of a Basic Rescue Team. The teams will be trained under the Emergency Measures organization. Teams consist of seven men and the training will get underway this year if enough interest is shown.

Mayor Goy pointed out, "The training is for local rather than national emergencies."

Approve Hydro's \$14,000 Budget Power Purchase Credit Decreased

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School Inspector Commends Clubs During Outline of Youth Education

Speaking to three Acton service clubs during the tri-club meeting Thursday, March 9, Halton County Public School Inspector W. L. McNeill praised the organization for their work with young people and told the members their clubs were making a fine contribution in this and other communities.

During the meeting hosted by the Acton Y's Men's Club with the Rotary and Lions Clubs present, Mr. McNeill launched into a serious and interesting discussion on the importance of education. He cited personal observations of examples of service club assistance to young people in need of help.

His theme, "Building Ships" dealt with preparing children from the toddling stage to adulthood in order to make sound citizens.

Mr. McNeill told his audience the first consideration of an educator is to develop qualities of stewardship when dealing with boys and girls. He stressed that everyone is born equal but qualities had to be developed.

Manhood Important
"Whether a child is destined for the church, army or the bar is not really important but the fact of developing manhood is and qualities of manhood equip a pupil for any vocation he might choose," he stressed. The speaker stated that basic values and the need for honesty, love, courage and loyalty must be instilled in every child in order to develop manhood.

Mr. McNeill pointed out that parents could play an important role in developing these virtues by upholding their principles of right and wrong. "Young people learn most readily from example," he stressed.

The service clubs learned that stewardship entailed sportsmanship and Mr. McNeill outlined the purpose of minor sports in developing children to do their best but to be good losers, accept results and to be fair in their dealings with fellow men. Recalling primitive days, Mr.

McNeill told his audience, "I taught the boys to hunt and fish and the mothers taught daughters to cook and sew. In the process of development, schools were started to assist the children in education."

Education Starts at Home
The inspector stressed the importance of education beginning at home and said, "Schools should not be expected to assume full responsibility." In explanation he stated that a child at the age of one or two has mastered two or three words and by the time he is three has a thousand word vocabulary. At four he has passed this age he acquires new words at the rate of 50 per month.

In dealing with home training the speaker noted that the medium of television posed a real problem as 85 per cent of all learning is visual and therefore youthful TV viewing should be controlled by the parent.

He noted that a good daily schedule at home best fitted a child for school curriculum in later years. "Scholarship starts right in the home," he emphasized.

Directing his remarks to educators, Inspector McNeill reminded the teachers they were not only charged with imparting

knowledge but in finding the students' capabilities and helping develop their faculties and present each child with a challenge. He also advised against spoon-feeding pupils.

He reminded the teachers that students needed assistance that should be presented with a challenge.

Leadership Important
"It is the duty of the schools to see the child is putting his best foot forward and give him an opportunity to develop," Mr. McNeill stated.

Leadership is an important quality for good citizenship, he remarked, and in a democracy this is sought after in kindergarten when children are given an opportunity to show their adaptation.

"Good leaders are needed and they must have a sense of stewardship and have certain aims," he stressed. In a democracy there is definite need for people who can lead and guide others. He noted this type of person is usually friendly, attentive and a clear thinker.

The speaker warned against delegating authority to the wrong type of leader who is interested only in the best common interest but stated, "We need leaders to

ATTRACTION MODELS paraded before a large audience Monday evening during the Friendly Circle-sponsored fashion show of clothes from the Paulette Fashion Shop held in the Robert Little school auditorium. Approximately 250 ladies attended the display in spite of the heavy snowstorm. Pictured at the back are two of the models, Jo-Ann Force and Mrs. R. Martin, with two girls who acted as bridesmaids in the final tableau, Judy Cameron and Pat Dunn.

Spring Fashions Defy Sleet Shop-Circle Show Draws 250

A howling sleet storm was thoroughly defied by 250 women Monday evening—and soon completely forgotten as they watched a parade of gay spring fashions which ranged in order from coats to sportswear and bathing suits. Sponsors were the Friendly Circle of the United Church and the clothes were from Paulette Fashion Shop, due to open the next day.

Litling tunes played by Glenn Banks on the piano and a framing of multi-colored potted plants and white pottery swans set the stage, and a ramp extending well down into the auditorium made viewing easy. The large crowd was expectant as Friendly Circle manager of Paul's Men's Wear, Jewellery store. The flowers were from Caroline Nurseries.

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New Phone Numbers, Dial Cables to Go Underground

Everybody is getting a new phone number. And, until fall, everybody's got a "wrong number."

Every home on the Acton telephone exchange will be visited during the next two to six weeks by Bell Telephone Company workmen, who are getting every thing "teed up" for conversion of the system here from common battery to dial. Switch over will take place in the late fall—the date isn't set yet.

Tuesday 10 men from the Kitchener district began their door-to-door calls which will take them to every home and place of

business in the area—Over 1,600 phones will be called.

Every old-style phone will be replaced by a new dial phone with a new number—in color when requested. However, all new phones installed in the past few years have been dial phones. In many places have them already. Here, the new number will simply be placed on the phone.

Everyone's new number will begin with 853 followed by four digits, the first one either 1 or 2. (The Free Press's new number is 853-2010, but don't try calling yet.)

New telephone books will arrive with the new system. For calls in town, we'll just dial the last four digits.

The 10 men going door-to-door are salaried men. They will install colored phones or Princess phones. Ivory and beige are the most popular colors they find.

Conversion foreman here is Roy Murray. Some of the men travel back and forth to their homes in the Kitchener area, while others have hotel accommodation in town.

Underground Cables
Preparatory to conversion, new telephone cables will be placed underground in some areas. Since the new telephone office will be located on the corner of Eglinton and Church Street, underground installations will take place on Church, Guelph, Main and Queen streets.

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Seeks Organizations' Help

Mayor Goy Outlines Viewpoints on Arena Program

Mayor John H. Goy Thursday evening, March 9, expressed his viewpoints on an extensive arena program for Acton during a tri-club meeting and invited cooperation from members of the Rotary, Y's Men's and Lions clubs if the plan materialized.

Speaking before the three clubs, Mr. Goy stressed the need for a recreational centre and submitted a detailed report of a suggested plan.

The following are extracts from the mayor's speech given during the evening:

The original building was built in 1929 and has since been paid for and is no longer any capital debt to the town. It has over the years received very little capital money spent on it for restoration or maintenance program and therefore has now reached the stage that a definite decision will have to be made.

The Council of 1961 has two very distinct choices before it: (1) It can continue to spend minute amounts of money year

ly to maintain the present and continue to use it in a very restricted manner; or

(2) It can decide to definitely close the operation of the arena in its present state and have it sit idle and be of no use for any purpose whatsoever.

Debt Impossible
This course is obvious, it is not the signs of a good progressive community. Your 1961 Council is just as aware as anyone of the fact that it is impossible for capital money to come from the taxation of our municipality. Our debt picture will not allow money for community recreation under any conditions for at least ten years. Our debture payments during the years of 1960-1970 inclusive are such that this is an impossibility.

The authorities in Toronto at Queen's Park have indicated that debt of any kind for community recreation purposes is impossible under our present conditions.

The time to do the job is now.

To the best knowledge that is available to us and from our consulting engineers, these facts come.

If tomorrow, someone was to present the town of Acton with the \$35,000.00 to install artificial ice in the present arena, the building, without considerable money spent on it, could not house it.

The provision of artificial ice is only part of our needs. Our prime need, it appears, is a decent public auditorium that may be used for a multiple purpose building. It may well have to be a very versatile plan.

And so it becomes obvious that our prime need for any type of community recreation appears to be some type of a building program. A building that would reasonably house and look after a wide variety of diversified functions and set one that entails absolutely no frills.

Here is a proposal: We have been able to secure plans from our engineers of a

plan that would allow us to put on to our present building a few front, roughly 40 feet wide by 100 feet long. This would include a change station, shower and toilets, a skate change room, and a band hall or band facilities in the basement, a foyer, an auditorium with ladies and gents toilet facilities and a coffee bar, kitchen type of thing on the main floor.

The main auditorium would be roughly 40 feet by 70 or 75 feet. This would be a very versatile room. It would have one class wall to view proceedings on the ice.

This whole building would be attached to our present arena, which is structurally sound.

We Must All Dig
The building would be of cement block construction. The front of the building would face the park gates and this particular area could probably be bricked in to blend. Our absolute minimum cost on this type of a program, according to our engineers, is about \$25,000.

The grant picture, of course, is 25 cents on the dollar. In other words, for every dollar realized through public subscription, the municipality will realize \$1.25 worth of value. These grants, by the way, are not available to the municipality, only on a debt charge basis. We must go into debt before we can receive any grant.

I should like to point out here and make it very clear, some definite directions that we would have to follow:

(1) There should be no question as to who would build such a program. Your municipal council and its building committee would be responsible for the building of such a building.

(2) Your municipal council, with its mayor and clerk, would be responsible for the administration of every dollar that is spent on such a building. And so it becomes painfully obvious that we will have to dig in our own pockets to achieve any type of community recreation program.



ACTON Y'S MEN played host to a tri-club meeting Thursday, March 9 in the Y.M.C.A. when the Rotary and Lions Clubs attended. Guest speakers during the evening were Mayor J. H. Goy and public school inspector W. L. McNeill. Pictured above, left to right, are Mayor Goy, Rev. A. H. McKenzie, president of the Rotary Club; Earl Masales, president of the Y's Men's Club; Mr. McNeill and Ray Arbic, vice-president of the Lions Club.