

Pounding the Sports Beat . . .



As the announcer said—it looks like the end of an era. He was referring to the spectacle on the ice at Chicago where the upstart Black Hawks ousted Montreal Canadiens from the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Hawks made Canadiens look ordinary and put them back amongst mortals again after being monarchs of the ice lanes for the past five years. Fans wondered if the Rocket would have made any difference if he had still been in a Montreal work suit.

In Toronto you could have cut the gloom with a knife Saturday. The Leafs succumbed in five games when their big guns failed to produce. A big change is promised for next year by Leaf boss.

For the first time in years no Canadian team is in the Stanley Cup finals. It's between Detroit and Chicago. Who are you picking? We'll stick our neck out and take Detroit in six games.

Another blanket of gloom in nearby Georgetown where despite the acrobatics of Jack (Rabbit) Rhodes in goal, the Raiders were eliminated by Barrie Lakeview in the seventh game of the C.O.H.L. Intermediate A group finals Monday.

League leaders most of the latter part of the schedule, the Barrie club was extended to the limit by the Raiders who were full value for a Friday win on their own half-ice.

Always tough in the playoffs Georgetown, if the club runs true to form, should now enter some sort of protest although it could be a trifle embarrassing for them with the O.H.A. prey residing in their midst. Mr. McMillan has always been an ardent Raider booster.

It appears that the opportunity has finally arrived for yakety-yaks who have advocated something be done about the arena to put their money where their mouth is.

Stage two—the painful, purse-wrenching part of the arena program is the next objective of the fellows who will try to part you from some of your money. Their target — \$60,000.

In a pub session recently, discussed were some of the advantages a renovated arena equipped with artificial ice would provide in Acton. A few examples:

- (1) Possibly a return to inter-mediate hockey and its attendant enthusiasm which could rekindle the community spirit so often associated with earlier times in Acton.
- (2) Hockey and skating for all ages and types.
- (3) Figure skating classes an item which particularly appeals to young ladies.
- (4) Pledge in a community which supplies recreational facilities of this import for its residents.
- (5) An increased awareness of the part recreation should play in a community.
- (6) Further incentive for industry to locate here knowing the recreational needs of its employees would be well looked after.

BEAT HITS . . . No Acton teams, juvenile, bantam or novice, returned from hockey tournaments with titles, but all made creditable showings against teams with more ice time under their belts.

Unsuspecting Mike Coyle, boy of Acton and now a resident of California, was interviewed recently by the news editor of this family journal. Mike, a duffer of some ability when he resided in this neck of the woods, has characteristics of residents of the golden state now, says news ed. Modestly referring to the big improvement in his game of golf, Mike sends out an open challenge to any in this district who care to take the top south — at their expense, of course — to engage him in a foursome, threesome or foursome. No handicaps, please . . . anyone interested in playing for the newly formed Acton Maple Leaf soccer club 16 years of age and over should contact Larry Nolan or appear at one of the training sessions at the Y.

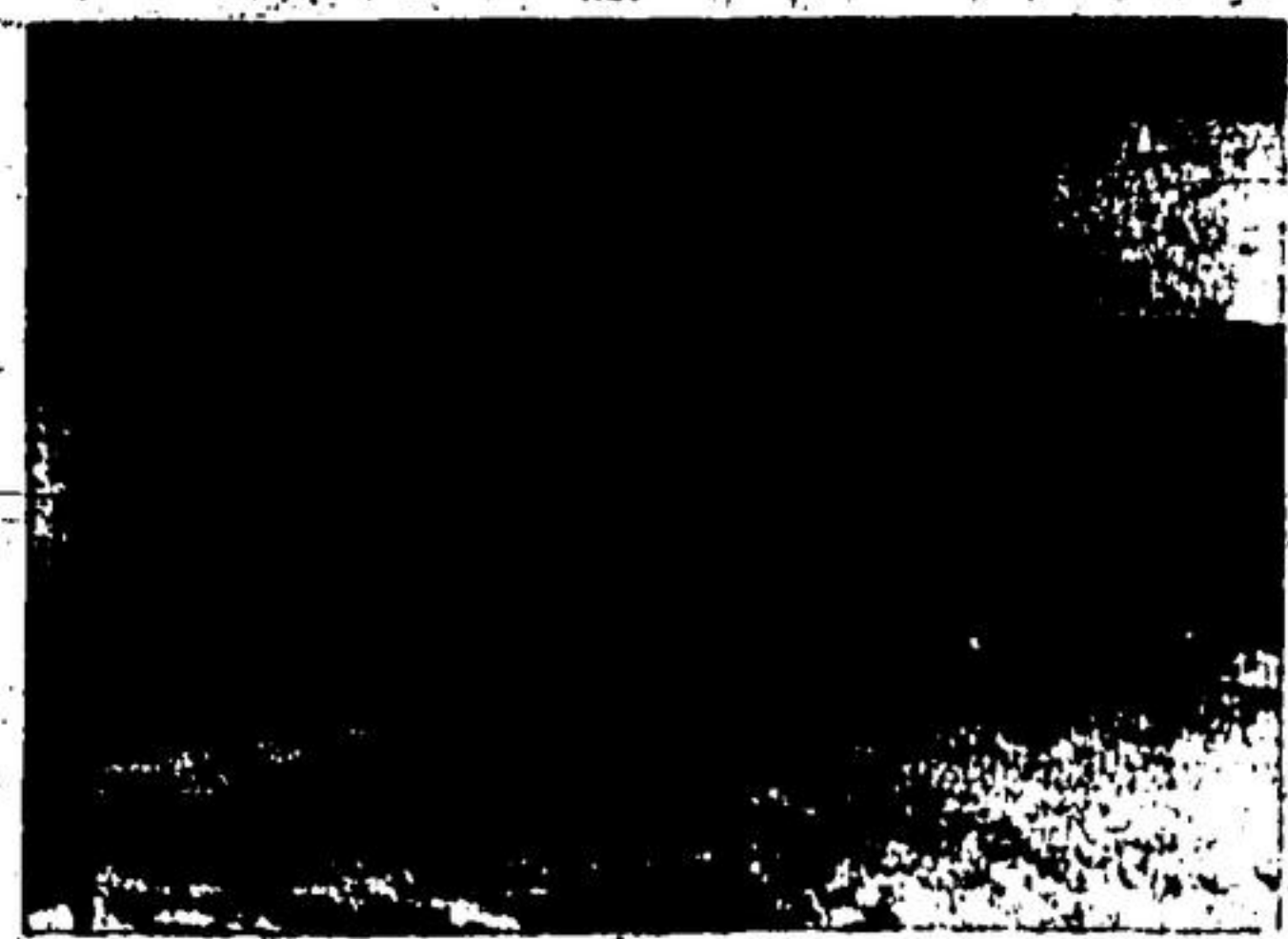
Acton would have plenty for the sports minded this summer — baseball, soccer, tennis, bowling, softball, swimming and how about fishing. Trout season opens three weeks from Saturday — April 29th.

Others also assist on the various committees.

Be sure to send your question — and watch for the answer here!

Q. Although probably not the responsibility of the fund raising committee whose main objective is the renovation of the arena and installation of artificial ice, real concern to the Acton taxpayers is the possible further outlay of funds over the years for upkeep and running of the new arena. If in an operation which in other centers has never been able to maintain itself, would this cost the taxpayers an estimated one-third per year on the mill rate? More? Less?

A. In some municipalities arenas do show a surplus in the op-



PARIS JUVENILES GAVE Acton a bit of trouble when they met Thursday evening at the Tri County Juvenile Hockey Festival in Milton. Above Peter Marks goes in to take the goal in the first period. Playing short-handed through eight three minute penalties in the 45 minute game, they lost 5-1. And Marks' goal was the only one for Acton. Later in a consolation round with Hillsburg they lost by a third period 15-6 shots on goal count, after deadlocking at 3-3.

What's YOUR Question?

The community centre campaign to raise \$60,000 for arena renovation and installation of artificial ice is due to begin soon. Any questions you may have will be answered during the next few weeks in this column. Send in phone them to the Free Press or give them to any committee member. Committee heads and their seconds include Johnny Goy, Joe Hurst, Gord McKenzie, Gord Johnson, Garnet McKenzie, Gord Beatty, Bill McKay, Jim Ledger and Dave Dills.

- Q.** How long will there be ice with the installation of artificial ice?
- A.** The longer skating season would likely be from October 31 to April 15.
- Q.** If the committee doesn't raise enough money, which parts of the project will be done — the arena renovation or the artificial ice, or what?
- A.** If the objective — \$60,000 — isn't raised, NONE of the project will begin. All the money will be returned. It's NOW or never!

Lions Ousted Early

Lose, Tie in Juve Tourney

Acton juveniles suffered two straight defeats in an early cut of the annual Tri County Juvenile Hockey tournament in Milton over the weekend. Ben Bayless' Lions dropped their 5-1 starter to Paris Thursday night, then on level a consolation round and lost out by shots on goal in a 1-1 tie with Hillsburg Saturday.

Acton played in the "B" division which was eventually won by Leagus. Ottawa Tigers won the "A" championship from Toronto Marlies and went on to put out Leagus for the grand champion ship of the Tri County tournament. Brampton was judged winner of the "C" division.

According to all reports, the

first annual juve tourney was the biggest success of all. Profits are to be turned over to charity, tournament director Art Snarr said.

Riddled by penalties, Acton started off right but ended up wrong in their opening match against Paris. The locals took a 1-0 lead on a goal by Pete Marks, then fell behind as Paris slammed in five unanswered goals. Two Paris rallies came with two Acton players in the penalty box, and another when Acton was one-man short.

Ben McMillan had four of the loss's eight penalties. Paris picked up three.

All teams losing their first game

were allowed to enter a consolation round, and thus Acton was pitted against an evenly matched Hillsburg team Saturday. It was a see-saw battle that ended 1-1, and Hillsburg won 1-0 by shots on goal in the third period.

Pete Marks fired two Acton markers and assisted on the third which was scored by Brian Mc Criswell. Don Lindsay figured in the assists on all three goals.

Hillsburg went on to put out Leagus 5-2 and won the "C" consolation cup. Paris, meanwhile, beat Hillsburg 3-2 in their next game, then lost 4-0 to Leagus in the deciding "C" championship on Saturday morning.

Raiders Bow Out

Barrie Enters Int. "A" Play

Georgetown Raiders bowed out of their group final series with Barrie Lakeview on Monday night. The Lakeviews trounced Georgetown 6-2 to win the best of seven series 3-2 with two games tied.

Over the past week, the teams tied one game 2-2 (Wednesday of last week), then Raiders won at home Friday and Barrie roared right back to take the series in Monday's game. The Lakeviews, who also put Milton out of the running in the group "A" series semi-final, will now go on into Ontario Hockey Association Intermediate "A" play.

Other teams still in this series are Meaford, Port Colborne, Oshawa, Napanee, Ingersoll and Guelph. Meaford's Chevies this week eliminated Collingwood Slapshatters for the Georgian Bay Intermediate "A" title.

Meanwhile in the "B" series, Bradford Forts hold the edge on Durham Huskies as they compete in the first round of O.H.A. Intermediate "B" playoffs. Bradford was top team in the C.O.H.L. this season.

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IT'S NOW OR NEVER

The Who, What, Why, When, Where and How of the New

COMMUNITY CENTRE

SERVING ACTON and DISTRICT



Artist's conception of the proposed Community Centre Building.

As a true community centre the new building will provide the best recreational and community activities possible for each and every dollar spent.

It will be operated by the municipality as a non-profit institution. As such it is required that any excess of income over expenditures will be used for the benefit and improvement of the community centre — never for the profit of any individual.

Some arenas and community centres in other municipalities show a profit on the year's operation. However, in some other municipalities, deficits on operations are underwritten by the municipal councils. In areas where a deficit has occurred on the average it amounts to between one-half and one mill on the tax rate. Every effort will be made in the operation of the Acton community centre to insure that the operating expenses would not exceed current revenue.

During the 1960-61 season the Acton arena, with its very limited facilities, was operated so that the current revenue met current operating costs and therefore nothing was charged to the taxpayer. Over the 10 years 1950-1960 the average cost to the taxpayers has been 1/2 mill per year for the very limited service we have enjoyed. With expanded facilities and a longer winter program and a debt-free building the centre would be in an excellent position to finance its own operations.

Conforming to all provincial and municipal fire, safety and structural requirements, the centre will provide pleasant and adequate facilities for healthy, recreational and community activities in a year-round program.

If you have a question not answered satisfactorily please contact the community centre fund committee through the Acton Free Press and every effort will be made to answer your query so that you too will be a NOW booster of the community centre serving Acton and district.

WHO IS BEHIND THE PROJECT?

The various committees represent a cross-section of the citizens of Acton. All are volunteers, gladly giving of their time and effort in the community interest. The project has the support of the various service clubs and organizations in the community as well as being endorsed by the municipal council.

WHAT WILL THE COMMUNITY CENTRE COST?

The new community centre will cost \$60,000 plus grants. It is expected that with careful planning this amount will erect a building to house the services associated with the arena which will adequately serve the needs of our community. This estimate does not provide for the erection of a "palace" but it will provide a structurally sound and safe building. The installation of an artificial ice plant and related equipment is included within this estimated price.

WHY BUILD A COMMUNITY CENTRE?

There is a serious shortage of adequate recreational facilities in the town of Acton. Surrounding municipalities all have provided recreational facilities and their own citizens have first call. It is difficult and sometimes impossible to fit our recreational needs into their schedules. We must provide adequate facilities so that the 2,000 families of the town and area will be able to enjoy a reasonable year-round program here.

HOW CAN YOU GIVE?

By cash; by post-dated cheque; or by agreement with your own bank; if you are employed in an Acton industry, by payroll deductions up to a 12 month period. Your gift will be solicited personally by one of the hundreds of volunteer canvassers working for the community centre for Acton and district.

WHEN WILL THE CENTRE BE BUILT?

The new centre is needed now. As soon as sufficient money to complete the project has been pledged, plans will be approved by the various regulating authorities. When these plans have been approved the money pledged, the building will immediately commence. Unless sufficient money has been pledged by the end of the public subscription campaign of the building program, no portion of the building program will be started and all money collected will be refunded to the individual contributors. No funds collected will be used for any other purpose than the erection and completion of the community centre program.

WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM A COMMUNITY CENTRE?

Every family and each citizen of Acton and district will benefit immeasurably with the completion of the community centre. By providing these facilities a year-round recreational and community betterment program will be possible. Clean and healthful facilities will make it a pleasure to attend and take part in these activities.

HOW MUCH SHOULD YOU GIVE?

The new community centre is being built for those who live and work in the Acton area. This is not an annual appeal. Therefore, the normal level of giving cannot apply. This is a one-time drive for funds to provide adequate facilities for year and year thereafter. It calls for generous gifts on a scale never previously reached. Gifts to the community centre, within the limits provided by law, are deductible for income tax purposes. All boys, industries and families will be canvassed for financial support for the project. By simple arithmetic, with 1,200 homes in Acton area, we reach our objective, an average contribution of \$50 per home will insure the success of the project. Of course, some families will be able to exceed this figure.

WHEN WILL THE CAMPAIGN BEGIN?

The committee has been organized and preliminary work is well advanced. Community canvassing is reaching the level where it has been decided the canvass of the families will be made in late May of this year. By staging the canvass at this time it is expected the facilities will be available for use the winter season of 1961-62.

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