



ARTISTS CONCEPTION OF PROPOSED ACTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS ACTON DISTRICT

Rural Area, Villages Split For Board's Area Canvass

The directors of the Acton Agricultural Society held a special meeting on Wednesday, April 19, to draw up plans for their canvass in support of the Acton and district Community Centre campaign. The well attended meeting was held in the office of the Free Press.

A delegation from the Women's Board was also on hand to offer their service and support to the project. President Nino Brada gave a detailed report of a recent meeting between the central committee and a delegation from the Board.

Publicity chairman Jim Ledger was present to answer many pertinent questions from directors and forwarded useful suggestions

on the most effective methods to conduct the rural canvass. He reported that the committee had received an encouraging response from rural citizens and expressed confidence that the canvass would be an unqualified success.

Well-Defined Area

After much deliberation regarding the territory to be covered, a well defined area was set up which is bounded by the No. 24 Highway to the North, the seven line, east, the Specville Side road south, and west to the Town Line between Nassagaweya and Puslinch Townships. The area will include the villages of Ballindale, Limehouse, Brookville, Mottatt, Eden Mills and Rockwood.

The district was then divided into four sections and team captains were appointed to direct the canvass in each section. It was also pointed out that contributions from outside this area would be gratefully accepted by any director of the Board.

Another meeting of the Society was scheduled for the near future to finalize plans.

Q & A Delay

Questions coming in to the Free Press for the "Question and Answer" column are referred to the central committee at their weekly Saturday meetings. That's why your question may not appear for a week.

Firemen Pledge \$74 Average

Firemen's personal pledges to the Community Centre fund average about \$74. The men made the decision how much they would give personally at their meeting Monday. Some were absent, and the average will be slightly altered.

The model of the new arena, to go with a campaign indicator in the Cameo Shop window, will likely be made of styrofoam, firemen say.

Skits in Production

Skits on how NOT to canvass will be an extra attraction at this canvassers' school. About 100 canvassers will take a short course May 3 or 4 and May 9 and 10 in the Robert Little School before starting to phone for appointments May 11.

The Legion leads the town canvass and the fair board the country canvass.

The riotous skits -- which include some HOW TO canvass, too -- are already scripted.

Publicity chairman Jim Ledger said optimistically, "The door's practically open before they get there."

Church Interested

Tuesday morning the Community Centre canvass was explained to members of the clergy. The Rev. A. H. McKenzie, the Rev. H. B. Stokoe, the Rev. Dwight Engel and the Rev. James Rudd, Mayne God and Jim Ledger outlined their feelings when he said, "The church is naturally interested in anything that will improve the community."

Project Financing

How is this to be financed? It is estimated that the new Community Centre will cost \$600 thousand dollars plus grants from all levels of government, Federal, Provincial and Municipal. All avenues must be fully explored to ensure that potential sources of funds will not be overlooked. Canvassers will come around to the one thousand, two hundred homes in the Acton area in late May to collect pledges.

The people may pay by post dated cheques, or by agreement with their own bank, if they are employed in an Acton industry, they may pay by payroll deductions up to a 12 month period.

Each home pays an average of fifty dollars, the success of the project will be ensured. Of course some of the more wealthy members of the community will be able to exceed this figure. Just enough funds and pledges are collected to start the building program, the money that has been collected will be refunded to the individual contributors.

Ready This Year

With its location in the north west corner of Prospect Park, the new building will be an auditorium-banquet hall, where organizational meetings and receptions can be held. Teenage dances could also be held. Clean modern washrooms and dressing rooms will be installed, as will a snack bar, and a kitchen. There will be an office for the administration personnel. In the summer, when the arena is not being used for ice purposes, the various local companies can stage trade exhibitions. The local 4-H Club and Junior Farmers' Association can hold competitions and can display their van-

Students' Essay

Need for Community Centre Seen Children Look to Adults' Help

Following a request to the High School staff by the Community Centre Committee to have students write essays regarding the proposed Community Centre building, Joan Cook, grade 10 student, had the following essay chosen for publication in the Free Press.

The essay is published in its entirety and although some of the points stressed are not necessarily the thoughts of the committee, the young students' points are well taken.

ACTON'S NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE

By Joan M. Cook

For some time now, most of the people in Acton have been aware of the urgent need for a Community Centre. Young people tend to have a great deal of excess energy that is spent in amusements which often have a demoralizing effect on them.

Parents must remember that the young people of today are the citizens of tomorrow. If the boys and girls are given a wholesome and recreational outlet for their excess energy, such as a Community Centre would provide, parents thus ensure that the adults of the future will be respectable citizens.

For Parents, Too

Parents, too, would be able to participate in activities which

they enjoy. The whole family would be brought into contact with people whom it has never met before, and thus make new friends. The whole community would be brought together in an effort to raise money for the Community Centre, and between the members of the community, a spirit of esprit de corps would develop.

A new building will be added to the old arena in Prospect Park; in this building will be a heating and refrigeration plant, the heating will be utilized throughout the general building, the refrigeration pipes will be hung under the arena, for use when ice is needed. The boys can enjoy hockey, and the girls, as well as the rest of the family, can figure skate.

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Guarantee

If the whole amount, \$60,000, is pledged the whole project, ice installation and building renovations, will be complete. If the whole amount is not pledged no portion of the project will be commenced and all money will be refunded to the individual contributors.

It's NOW or Never

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Former Resident Sets Example With Arena Project Donation

3122B Hudnall,
Dallas, Texas,
April 19, 1961:
The Editor, Action Free Press,
Acton, Ontario, Canada.
Dear Sir:

In a recent edition of the Free Press, my wife and I read the public appeal for funds to build a Community Centre in conjunction with the present arena building.

To me as a boy in Rockwood, the Action arena was the focal point of winter activity. As a young adult and Acton resident, I dined in the Alliston Community Centre arena while a friend

of O.R.H.A. game was in progress below and wondered to myself, "Why don't we have a place like this in Acton?"

Now as a greying adult of a neighboring nation, my chance to do something about it has arrived and I would hope it would stir all former residents of the district to follow suit.

Enclosed you will find my cheque for \$25 to the Community Centre Fund.

Please, all former residents, follow suit and let the locals best our hand!

Sincerely,

Frank E. Fowler

W.I. Gives Arena \$100 Donation

Bannockburn Women's Institute held their annual meeting at Bannockburn school on Thursday evening, April 20 with the president, 14 members and one visitor present. Roll call was answered by paying membership fees.

Financial statement and conveners' reports were read. Mrs. A. Ellerby presided for election of officers. Nominating committee, Mrs. W. J. McDonald and Mrs. T. Damm presented names of the new executive which was adopted as follows:

President, Mrs. W. Storey; first vice, Mrs. S. Matthews; second vice, Mrs. W. J. McDonald; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. W. Lindau.

District director, Mrs. T. Gordoni; auditors, Mrs. S. Matthews and Mrs. S. Morrison.

Standing committee conveners, agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. A. Brooks; citizenship and education, Mrs. W. Walde; historical research and current events, Mrs. J. Anthony; home economics and health, Mrs. T. Damm; resolutions, Mrs. T. O'Rourke; press reporter and public relations, Mrs. T. Gordon.

A euchre committee for the month was appointed, also a committee to arrange the July bus trip.

\$100

A donation of \$100 was voted to the Community Centre and the lavatories are to be completed and sent to Unitarian Services.

Action School Team Loses At Volleyball

Acton High School volleyball team lost their chances of entering the CWOSSA finals when they dropped the third and final game to Milton last Thursday, April 20, by a close 16-14 score.

Milton trailed throughout the game but in the dying moments when the score rested at 14-14 for Acton, the county towners notch'd eight more points to take the district championship.

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Global Coverage For Arena Drive

California, Puerto Rico, Alaska,

Iran, England, New Zealand--let-

ters are going out all over the

globe about the Community Cen-

tre campaign. Names are being

compiled by Lakeside Chapter

L.O.D.E. and the letters are being

written by high school typin-

g students. Stamps are donated, as

is everything else.

Have you a suggestion? Who do

you think would be interested?

Names can be sent to the Free

Press, or to Miss Alma Brada at

Action Home Furnishings store,

100 Main Street, Acton, Ontario.

The influx of school buses

on Wednesday was due to

pupils from out-of-town schools

attending the Halton Music Festi-

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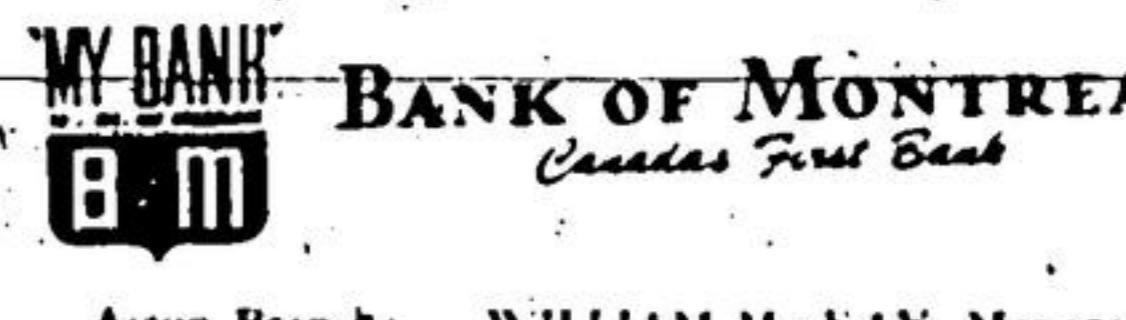
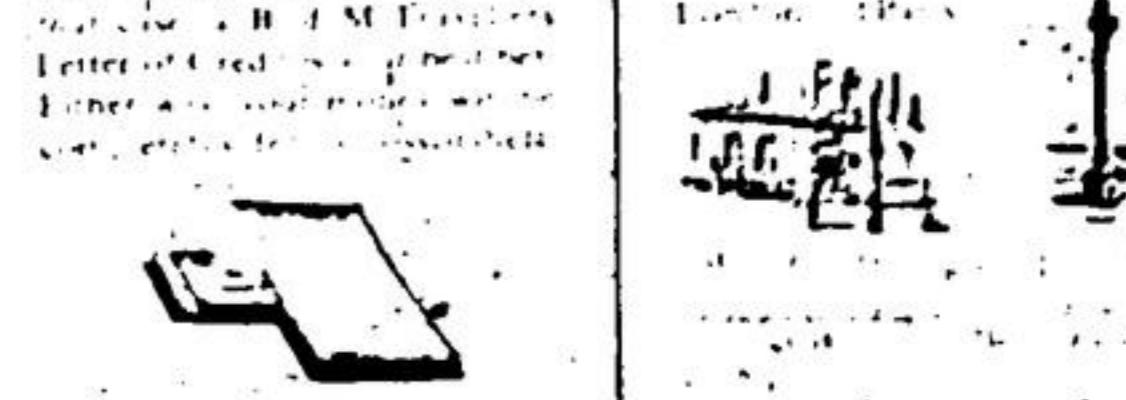
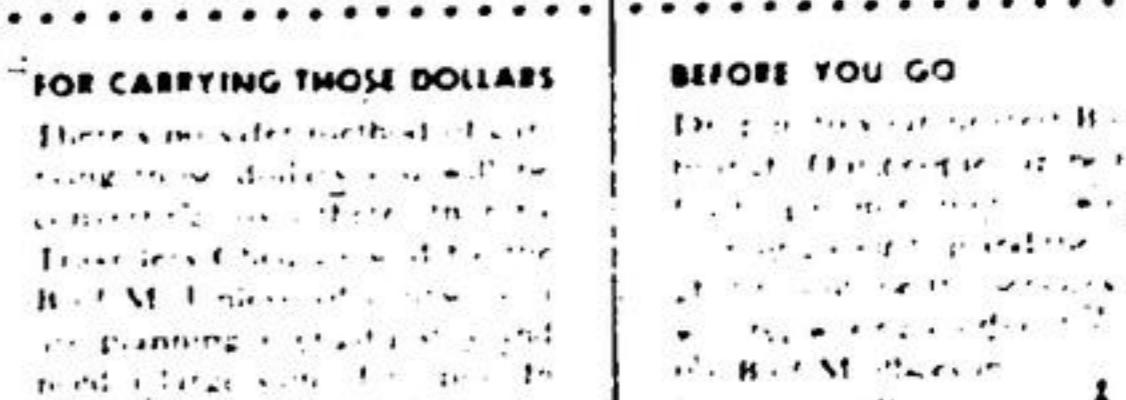
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