



ACTON ARENA has a new look since town workmen demolished the front section which housed ticket office, dressing rooms and toilets. The demolition program was necessary following a report from health officials that washroom facilities were inadequate. Lumber saved from the demolished section was used to board in the existing ice surface area. The project was done under the Winter Works Program.

# COMMUNITY NEWS ACTON DISTRICT CENTRE

## Arena "Sound" Engineer Says

Early in the discussions of the Community Centre project, it was decided it would be necessary to have competent engineering studies undertaken on the present arena building. It was felt there would be no use installing ice and adding to the building if the present structure was not in good condition. The engineering firm of R. V. Anderson and Associates was engaged to make the necessary studies and their report indicates that the present building is now "structurally sound". The complete report received reads as follows:

### REPORT ON STRUCTURAL ADEQUACY OF SKATING ARENA ROOF TRUSSES - TOWN OF ACTON, MAY 1, 1961.

**1. Site Inspection**  
The skating arena of the Town of Acton was examined by the writer, D. D. Dunbar, M.A.Sc. (Structural) P. Eng. of R. V. Anderson and Associates Limited, Consulting Engineers on Tuesday, March 28, 1961. The general condition of the structure, which was constructed in the summer of 1929, appeared sound and there was little evidence of corrosion or other signs of deterioration of the roof truss members or supporting columns. No attempt was made to investigate the foundations of the building but there were no visible signs of settlement and the foundations can safely be assumed to be sound.

**2. Stress Analysis**  
The ten structural steel trusses and supporting columns, designed

## Still Talking

There are speaking dates again all week for representatives of the Community Centre committee, whose aim is to explain the upcoming house-to-house canvass and the entire project. Saturday Jim Ledger was at a Ballinacree church; Monday G. W. McKenzie and Harry Oterbein met with Rockwood firemen; Mrs. Bill Buchanan and Alec Johnson were at Daughters of Knox; Tuesday G. W. McKenzie was at a meeting at Stan Matthews' home; Wednesday afternoon Johnny Goy and Mr. Ledger went to Acton W. I.; Mrs. Ray Oterbein and Harry Oterbein were at St. Alban's Guild; Johnny Goy, Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Johnson were at the Citizens' Band practice; Thursday Mr. Goy and Mr. Ledger had their lunch with high school student council.

Canvassers will telephone for an appointment after May 11 and start their house-to-house calls May 15.

and fabricated by John T. Hepburn Limited, are cambered compound fan trusses with a span of 89' 6" and a bay width of 20' 0". A complete stress analysis was carried out for all types of loading combinations, load values being those prescribed by the National Building Code of Canada 1953.

It is our conclusion that the structure is adequate to support wind, snow, other live and dead load combinations, and that it meets the requirements of the above mentioned building code. Respectfully submitted, R. V. Anderson & Assoc. Ltd., D. D. Dunbar, M.A., Sc., P. Eng.

## 225 Letters on Way Asking Drive Support

So far over 225 letters have been mailed to former residents containing information and a folder about the Community Centre project. They're invited to send any contributions to the committee treasurer, Lorne Youngblut. Any suggestions for names of out-of-towners who would be interested may be sent to the Free Press or to Miss Alma Braida at Acton Home Furnishings, who has a duplicate copy of all names already on the list. Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. is in charge of the mailing list; letters are being typed by high school students; the printing of the brochure and stamps are donated. There is no cost incurred.

## Back to School For Canvassers

It's back to school this week for over 100 canvassers for the Community Centre campaign. This Wednesday or Thursday evening the canvassers will attend a short course at the Robert Little School where they will be instructed on all aspects of the whole program. Also on the program is instruction in how to conduct the canvass. One week later the budding canvassers will return to the school for final instruction and their canvass kit. One of the main purposes of the school is to be sure that every canvasser has the complete, and the same story of the Community Centre.

# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

**Q: What about cycling on the artificial ice surface?**  
A: In Georgetown a curling club operated very successfully for four or five years in the arena there before building their own curling rink. A separate curling rink was built within enough membership was assured. Also in Erie the curling club uses the community arena.

**Q: How do other places — some even smaller than Acton — finance arenas?**

A: They do it just as we are here — by a combined communal effort. Individuals' small contributions provide much more than any one large gift.

**Q: How is it possible to hold a variety of activities in the arena on one day?**

A: We are no longer at the mercy of the elements to produce ice for all these activities. A new sheet of ice can be made in less than an hour with artificial ice equipment.

**Q: I belong to several clubs. At each club will I be asked to make a pledge for a club objective? And then will I be asked to give a pledge at home as well?**

A: The main objective is to raise the funds for the Community Centre by a voluntary public subscription through personal pledges. At this time organizations are not being specifically requested to make club pledges. However, if after the canvass, sufficient funds are not realized through personal pledging to

complete the project, solicitation of club pledges would be made in an effort to raise the additional money required.

**Q: (1) Why was this project not put up to the taxpayers to vote on? (2) What will the upkeep of the arena cost and hydro, water, etc? (3) Will the arena have any effect on other clubs in town? (4) Why was this slogan used, "It's Now or Never"? (5) What happens if the present council is changed this fall?**

A: (1) The reason there was no vote of the taxpayers was because this project is not a municipal project paid for from municipal taxation. It is a community project in which citizens will vote for the project by contributing voluntarily to the campaign. (2) Upkeep costs of the arena are estimated not to exceed the present costs. Operating costs for hydro and water vary from arena to arena and by weather conditions. (3) The Community Centre can help by effect for all clubs and citizens. (4) Now or never is used because now, according to the engineering report, the steel structure of the arena is suitable; 10 years from now it may have deteriorated to such a degree it would be impractical to rebuild at that time. If the citizens do not support the program now it is highly probable they never would support another campaign. (5) Council is not raising the money for the project. It is unlikely there would be any change in the project.

## Private Pledges Made by Groups

Community Centre pre-pledging is coming along at a satisfactory rate. The purpose of pre-pledging is to give people a general idea of what the level of pledging has been in the various groups. No individual contributions are to be published. The averages for the organizations are reached by totalling the personal pledges only of the members and dividing the figure by the number of pledges.

Complete averages are not available for all organizations. However, the Firemen, one of the first groups to pledge, came up with a \$68 average. Personal pledges from members of the municipal council have averaged \$176, while Rotary's average is \$150. The Community Centre committee, which had to pledge before any other groups could be asked to pledge, averaged \$200 per member. These figures are averages and must not be considered the pledge of any one individual of the organization. Pledging was done on the basis of personal pledges only. Where the person pledging was in business, his business contribution was not considered in determining the average.

## Club Pledges \$100 To Community Centre

During a recent meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Ladies' Auxiliary it was decided to pledge \$100 to the Community Centre Committee for the proposed arena addition. The decision was made by 11 members present after an explanation of the program had been made. The president Kay Graham was in charge of the meeting. Plans were finalized for catering to the Father and Son Banquet held in the Y.M.C.A. banquet room.

## Centre Spot

The 11-foot high clock indicator which will record the sum raised during the week of the house-to-house canvass for the arena renovation has been completed. It'll stand between the two front windows of the post office—right where the huge Christmas tree goes every year. The Rover expects to have their model of the arena completed this week.

## Plan Tea, Bake Sale Hear of Arena Drive

Plans for a Blossom Tea and baking sale were discussed at the regular meeting of the Catholic Women's League on Tuesday evening of this week. The event will be held in the church hall the latter part of the month. Mrs. Ray Arbie, co-ordinating member of the committee of service organizations, addressed the meeting on the Community Centre fund and explained the procedure of the campaign which gets into full swing this month.

It was decided that the president, Mrs. H. Coles, and one other delegate should attend the Diocesan convention in Walkerton in June, with plans to be finalized at the June meeting. Mrs. John Tyers read the treasurer's report showing the League had concluded another successful year financially. 18 members were present with officers for the coming year in charge, namely president, Mrs. H. Coles; first vice-president, Mrs. R. Braida; second vice-president, Mrs. J. Doherty; treasurer, Mrs. J. Tyers; secretary, Mrs. H. Fowler; education, Mrs. G. Rose; press, Mrs. D. Timming; spiritual, Mrs. Leslie; membership, Mrs. R. Arbie; social welfare, Mrs. F. Gordon.

# MALTON CENTENNIAL MANOR

## Conservatory Students City Choir Entertain

By Miss Muriel Thompson  
Rev. D. A. Powell conducted the church service on Sunday afternoon, April 23. He brought with him four welcome guests, Mrs. Bert Freeman and three girls who are members of the Girls' Auxiliary of Grace Anglican Church in Malton. These girls were Kathleen Winslow, Glennia Freeman and Betty Lou Freeman.

Mr. Powell read two passages from the Bible, Psalm 13 and part of Chapter 14 of St. Luke's Gospel. He closed his text, "They Watched Him from verse two of the above chapter. Mr. Powell said that after the miracle at Cana, Jesus was always the centre of attraction and therefore always in the public eye. Every age since that time has also put a searchlight on Jesus, yet He has lived on from century to century. The same is true of the Christian church and individual Christians who are watched to see if they display true Christian virtues.

**Instrumental Program**  
A group of young instrumentalists who gave a splendid program for the residents last Fall came again to the Manor after the church service on Sunday afternoon, April 23. The group was made up of 34 young boys and girls who are students of the Ontario Conservatory of Music at Oakville. They were accompanied by Mrs. Una Van Horne, the secretary at the Conservatory, and Mrs. Marcotte and Mr. Holubeshen, two of their teachers. A small Rock 'n' Roll group from Hamilton, who call themselves the Gents, also came to assist with the program.

As was the case at the concert last Fall, Mrs. Van Horne was the very pleasant and capable Mistress of Ceremonies and kept the 20 selections progressing so smoothly that the time passed very quickly. The teachers and pupils played a variety of instruments—accordions, guitars, electric guitars and drums. From the opening number, which was a lively waltz to the closing number, a medley of modern songs played by The Gents, all the selections

were played expertly and the teachers can be justifiably proud of their pupils.

The numbers chosen were varied in character and included folk-songs such as Swanee River and Two Guitars, lifting waltzes such as The Bluebird and Modern Waltzes and the modern songs Sentimental Journey and I'm in the Mood for Love. Mrs. Marcotte and Mr. Holubeshen took part in the playing of some of these selections. Mrs. Van Horne, accompanying Mrs. Marcotte on her piano with the audience singing along in the second chorus. The pupils displayed great talent and the entire program was delightful. Another program in the near future would be appreciated.

**Hamilton Group**  
An outstanding line of entertainment took place in the auditorium on Thursday evening, April 27, when the first organization from the City of Hamilton ever to provide entertainment for the residents came from Hamilton to present a program. These thoughtful and generous visitors were about 30 members of the choir of Central Presbyterian Church in Hamilton. Their president, J. F. Reesor was one of those who came. Mrs. Murray Hall was the convener of the entire delightful evening.

The choirmaster, Murray Hall, announced the program, led the singing and played the piano accompaniments. Due to the fact that Mr. Hall possesses a very keen sense of humor, the program was not only a delightful one musically, but a merry one as well. The wonderful program of choral numbers and solos made a great impression on the audience.

The choir sang several hymns, beginning the program with, The

Church's One Foundation, and ending it with Love Divine. The choir also sang several anthems, among them, One World, Glorious is Thy Name and I Am Alpha and Omega. Mr. Hall and the choir demonstrated how they practice an anthem for a church service and this proved very interesting. The anthem chosen for this purpose was, The Sun Shall Be No More Thy Light By Day.

**Solos as Well**  
The choir sang one secular number, a solo, Bendemeer's Stream. Two very fine solos were included in the program. In honor of her father, James Warty, who is a resident at the Manor, Mrs. Hall sang, Happiness. Edward Johnson sang, Mother O' Mine. Both solos were enjoyed very much. The visitors had provided very tasty and attractive refreshments for a social hour and at the close of the program they were served with tea and coffee—a delicious lunch. By this means, the ladies and gentlemen of this first organization ever to come to the Manor from Hamilton had the opportunity to mingle with the residents and become acquainted with them.

Many wishes were heard on all sides that the residents would be entertained again by the choir and by Mr. and Mrs. Hall in the near future.

**SAVE A LIFE**  
A young man rather reluctantly took a St. John "Save a Life" Week class, not really believing that it was possible to restore life with artificial respiration. A few weeks later, while on his trucking job, he was able to use his newly acquired knowledge to "bring back to life" a person who had been under water for several minutes and was not breathing when rescued.

## Wins Gold Medal At Peel Festival

Dorothy Anne O'Rourke, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Rourke, R.R. 1, Limehouse, won the gold medal for her violin playing at Peel Music Festival at Port Credit last Thursday in the under 11 class. All gold medal winners were asked by the music committee to play at a concert in Peel's auditorium, Brampton, last Friday. The silver medal went to Elizabeth Banning, Lorne Park, while John Higman and Bruce Bennett, both of Cookville, tied for the bronze medal. There were 12 in the class.

## Mrs. M. Moffat New President Nassagaweya Women's Institute

Mrs. Ivan Richardson was hostess for the April meeting of the Nassagaweya Women's Institute. President Mrs. M. Mahon opened the meeting with two poems, Mum's Complaint and Take Time. Mrs. A. Frank read the minutes of the last meeting and the correspondence was dealt with by Mrs. M. Mahon.

Mrs. A. Frank gave the secretary-treasurer's report. Mrs. M. Mahon, in closing remarks, as president voiced her appreciation of the helpful co-operation of the members. Mrs. I. Richardson reported on flowers and Mrs. M. Moffat on the recent successful euchre and dance. It was decided to contribute to the Milton and Acton fairs. In a discussion regarding the new training school in Milton, the subjects Window Treatment and Sew to Save were the most popular.

**Name Officers**  
Mrs. I. Richardson was appointed chairman for the election of the following officers: president, Mrs. W. A. Fraser; secretary, Mrs. J. R. Henry; treasurer, Mrs. M. F. Mullen; assistant secretary, Mrs. A. Frank; district director, Mrs. M. Mahon; alternate, Mrs. B. D. Young; pianists, Mrs. W. A. Fraser, Mrs. M. Anderson; flower convener, Mrs. I. Richardson; press reporter, Mrs. M. Mahon; auditors, Mrs. E. Ward and Mrs. M. Anderson; public relations representative, Mrs. M. Mahon; branch directors, Mrs. H. Price, Mrs. J. Robertson, Mrs. T. C. Amos and Mrs. DeBlauw.

A contest conducted by Mrs. M. Moffat was won by Mrs. M. Mahon. Following the Queen and Grace, tea was served by Mrs. B. Young, Mrs. M. Mahon and Mrs. M. Moffat.

## Knox Student Sunday Preacher Mrs. Mills Hostess to W.A.

Howard McIlveen, student at Knox College and a counsellor at Evangel Hall, Toronto, preached at Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Sunday. The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Mills on Tuesday of last week. The Patterson's visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alex McKay of Guelph.

Mrs. Mills spent a few days in Toronto last week. We extend sympathy to the Morgan Madfitt's in the passing away of her father, Mr. S. Lindsay last week.

**Congratulations, Choir**  
Congratulations to those in the mixed choir, which placed second

in last week's festival, as well as to Garry Poot, placing third, and to all those who were qualified to take part.



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# PROCLAMATION

**Whereas** A Committee of Citizens of the area has gathered together to encourage the construction of a Community Centre and installation of artificial ice at Acton Arena and

**Whereas** This is a significant effort requiring the support of the Citizens of Acton and District and

**Whereas** The new facilities proposed will materially improve the opportunities to advance recreation and contribute to the welfare of our youth and other community groups and

**Whereas** The construction of these facilities will be a voluntary public subscription to raise sufficient funds in advance of construction and thus avoid heavy carrying charges.

**Therefore** By the authority vested in us we hereby proclaim May 14th - May 22nd Community Centre Week and sincerely urge the Citizens of Acton and District to do their utmost to make possible the construction of Acton and District Community Centre.

J. MILNE, JOHN H. GOY, G. SINCLAIR,  
Reeve of Nassagaweya, Mayor of Acton, Reeve of Esquewaug.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN