

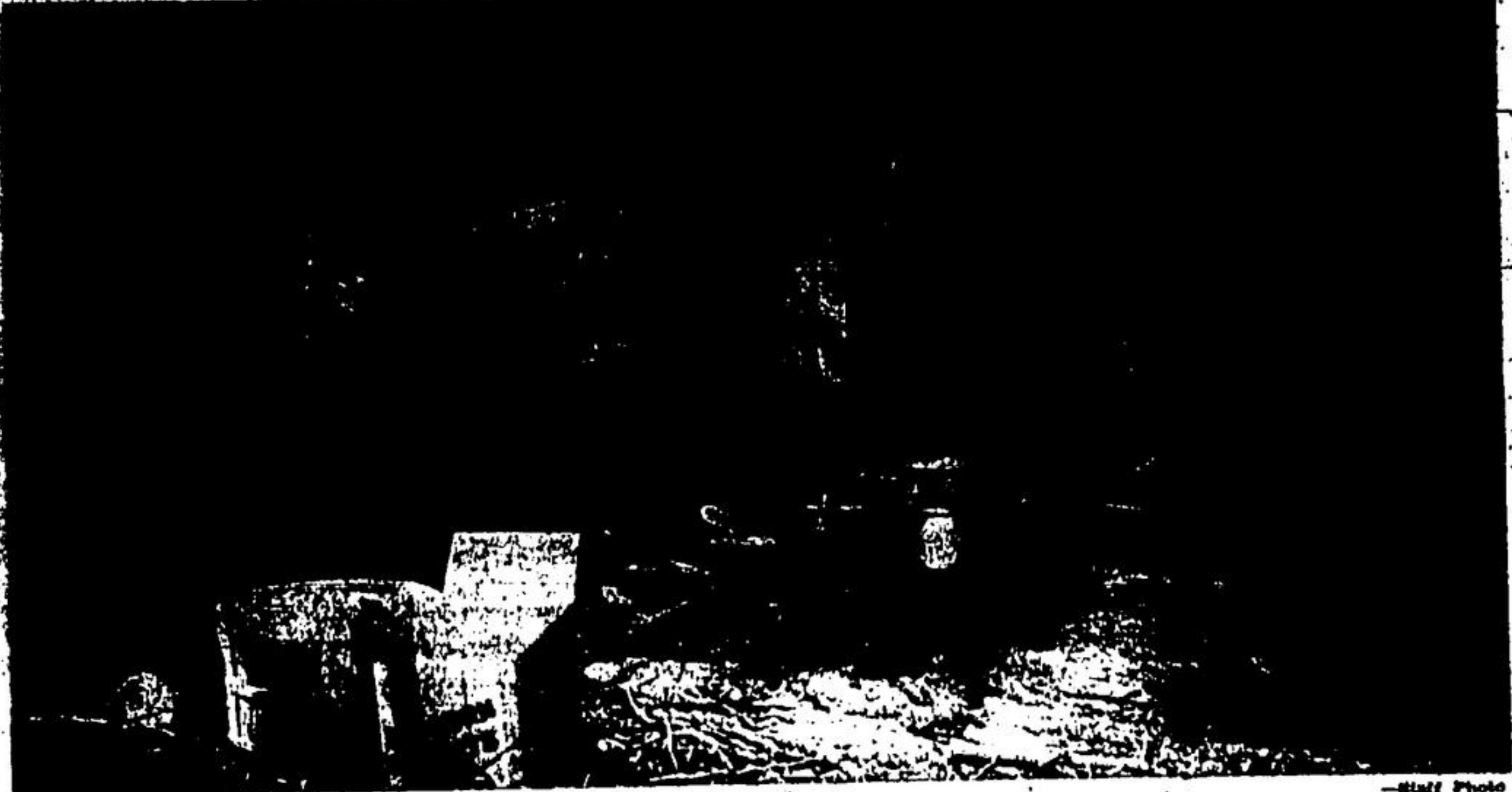
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Okay Artificial Ice Plant Installation Four Tenders Received for New Building



The installation of artificial ice in Acton Arena moved one step closer to realization on Wednesday evening. At a special council meeting, the proposal of J. B. Mackenzie for the ice equipment building was accepted with minor reservations. The \$4,050 program includes the construction of an equipment building on the north-east corner of the present arena. This building 31 feet long by 12 feet wide by 10 feet high will house the compressor and related ice equipment as well as the electrical transformer station. The building is so designed that it will replace the existing wall of the arena in this area and support the end gable. Also included in this phase of the program is the installation of a concrete header trench for the main pipe line of the freezing system as well as a portion of the drainage system.

Four tenders were received for the construction of the Community Centre building on the west end of the building. The tenders ranged from \$54,000 to \$66,400, when the cost had been estimated before the tender call at \$40,000 to \$45,000.

Mr. Bantlin answered the "real" by thought the price would be nearer \$45,000 to \$50,000 than what it is. He also pointed out that the building had been enlarged four feet in length and a large entrance had been provided since the very earliest discussions. He felt the tender call (two weeks) might have been too short.

Thirteen contractors had taken out plans and only four tendered. Mr. Bantlin said, "Frankly, this is a very poor average. We had calls from three contractors who were unable to meet the deadline." He also reported, "I am not confident in the bidding with the so great discrepancies on prices of the variables."

Gord Beatty said, "None of these figures are in the ball park as far as I'm concerned," to which Mayor John Goy agreed, "There's no doubt about it." Considerable discussion ensued on the relative costs of various types of construction and the meeting agreed to await suggestions from the building committee before any further steps are taken.

Eight Pass

Grade 13 examination results, announced last Friday, show that eight Acton high school students will receive their graduation diplomas at commencement. Five of these completed their year by writing and passing eight papers or more their first year in grade 13. To receive a diploma, a student must pass eight or more papers.

Of the 21 listed below, 12 wrote eight or more papers and were eligible for a certificate. Others wrote from one to seven papers.

- Following are the results, not indicating papers failed:
- Andrews, Bruce H. — Eng. Comp. 61, Zoology 61.
 - Duby, Laurence G. — Eng. Comp. 50, Eng. Lit. 55, History 50, Geometry 67, Trig. and Statics 61, Botany 51, Physics 59, Chemistry 57, Fr. Auth. 57, Fr. Comp. 60.
 - Gibbons, Denis N. — Eng. Comp. 53, Geometry 55, Trig. and Statics 50, Latin Auth. 51, Latin Comp. 82, Fr. Auth. 69, Fr. Comp. 70.
 - Goobie, John R. — German Auth. 60, German Comp. 62.
 - Gordon, Doreen R. — Eng. Comp. 61, Eng. Lit. 76, History 54, Botany 71, Zoology 63, Latin Auth. 79, Latin Comp. 78, Fr. Auth. 80, Fr. Comp. 73.
 - Hinton, Robert A. — Eng. Comp. 59, Eng. Lit. 57, Algebra 67, Geometry 56, Trig. and Statics 66, Physics 76, Chemistry 56, Fr. Auth. 55, Fr. Comp. 64.
 - Kirkness, Barry A. — Eng. Comp. 66, Eng. Lit. 58, Fr. Auth. 54.
 - Lawson, Peter N. — Eng. Comp. 51, Eng. Lit. 51.
 - Lindsay, Donald F. — Eng. Comp. 69.
 - Lindsay, Jim B. — Eng. Comp. 57.
 - Macpherson, J. Bruce — Eng. Comp. 51.
 - Mariscak, Frank W. — Algebra 51, Geometry 58, Trig. and Statics 59, Botany 53, Zoology 57, Physics 55, Chemistry 51.

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- Marshall, Mardelle O. — Eng. Comp. 73, Eng. Lit. 54, Fr. Auth. 51, Fr. Comp. 52.
 - Moffat, B. Jean — Eng. Lit. 63, Fr. Auth. 58, Fr. Comp. 50.
 - Reid, Harold J. G. — Eng. Comp. 53, Eng. Lit. 64, History 56, Algebra 51, Geometry 59, Trig. and Statics 68, Physics 56.
 - Ridley, J. Wayne — Eng. Lit. 51, History 63, Zoology 51.
 - Ruddick, Douglas J. — Eng. Comp. 51, Eng. Lit. 52.
 - Swackhamer, Jas. G. — Eng. Comp. 58, Eng. Lit. 50, Algebra 73, Geometry 58, Trig. and Statics 61, Physics 63, Chemistry 53, Fr. Auth. 61, Fr. Comp. 60.
 - Varey, C. Ilene E. — Eng. Comp. 67, Eng. Lit. 57, History 71, Botany 58, Zoology 62, Latin Auth. 74, Latin Comp. 67, Fr. Auth. 65, Fr. Comp. 68.
 - Williams, Andrew W. — Eng. Comp. 51, Geometry 53.
 - Wilson, Susan M. — Eng. Comp. 77, Eng. Lit. 77, History 52, Geometry 55, Latin Auth. 53, Fr. Comp. 58.

New Post Office One Step Closer — Land Purchase

C. Alexander (Sandy) Best, M.P. for Halton, announced this morning (Thursday) that final purchase of two lots had been completed for a new \$90,000 Federal Post Office in Acton.

Purchase of the lot and home formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Knox, Bowler Ave., was made at an earlier date and recently, completion of purchase of the former Storey Globe building owned by G. H. Smallwood was completed.

In making the announcement, Mr. Best stated that architectural plans were being prepared and contracts for the job are expected to be called by September 1. It is believed the building will be erected under the winter works program this year.

The new building will house the local offices of the Post Office and National Revenue Departments which need more space to meet growing requirements. When completed, the structure will be one story with basement accommodation for rural mail carriers. A parking lot for patrons will be available at the rear of the building with an entrance off Bowler Ave. and exit from Alice St.

CHOW IS READY and Cubs line up for morning pancakes during their first camping trip on the weekend. Over 21 pounds of flour, several cans of baking powder and gallons of syrup were consumed during the Sunday morning breakfast. Cooks were

kept busy frying the pancakes as hungry youngsters returned time and time again for refills. In spite of a chilly turn of the weather cooks enjoyed the outing and returned home filled with food, tired but pleased with the outing.

House Fall Fair in Tents Arena to be Out of Bounds

This year for the two days of the fair, the entire arena property will be fenced off and declared out of bounds to the public. This decision was reached at a meeting between fall fair officials and chairman John Goy of the Community Centre building committee on Thursday of last week. This step was taken to ensure the safety of Fall Fair patrons and exhibitors during construction of the building.

To compensate for the loss of exhibit space, fair officials have already completed arrangements with the Guelph Tent and Awning Co. to erect large tents on the grounds to accommodate the classes normally exhibited in the arena.

Tentative plans are to house homecraft, domestic science, and baking classes and school children's work in a tent 25 x 50 feet equipped with showcases, and plywood backdrops. Another tent 14' x 28 feet will be used to show grain, roots and vegetables, fruit, flowers and the commercial feature in hay. Tent space for Commercial exhibits will be provided as required. Arrangements are presently being made with hydro superintendent Doug Mason to wire the tents for lighting and twenty four hour police protection will assure the safety of all exhibits.

Three Years Of Change
For hall superintendent R. L. Davidson and his committee,

this represents the third change of plans in as many years. Following the collapse of the curling rink, the 1960 agricultural exhibits were shown in the arena proper along with Commercial and industrial displays.

This area will not be available this year because construction is expected to be in progress on the new Community Centre.

Half-Century Mark
Directors of the Fair Board are looking forward to the completion of the building and already plans are underway with the co-operation of the Acton Chamber of Commerce for a full-scale agricultural and industrial show to celebrate the half-century mark of Acton Fair in 1962.

Move Trough-Fountain to Park No Filtration Plant this Year

The old horse trough drinking fountain located on Main Street South is destined for a new location in the park, following a decision by Parks Board Thursday evening, August 10.

Mayor John H. Goy enquired about the re-location of the trough drinking fountain and was told as soon as town workmen could find time the antique fountain used in the earlier horse and buggy days and enjoyed

to this time by Acton's only horse, "Mellie" Mangles Dairy, could be located in the park. A proper base is to be constructed and the piece of equipment preserved for use by citizens.

No Filtration Yet
During the meeting members entered into a discussion regarding the installation of the filtration plant for the wading pool.

First ordered two years ago, final parts of the equipment arrived this spring but will not be installed for this season. Mayor John H. Goy told the board town workmen would possibly find time to install the system this fall.

Mrs. G. Fryer, secretary, enquired if members thought life guards should wear lettered jerseys for proper identification in the Ukrainian camp Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Leslie, Bower Ave., were taken by ambulance to Georgetown District Hospital. Rushed to hospital by men of the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Brigade, Mr. Leslie, driver of the northbound car, had a broken wrist, chest injuries and bruises. His wife, a passenger in the car, is in fair condition with a broken right knee, head and face lacerations and bruises.

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Constable Tom Dube of the North Halton O.P.P. Detachment investigated and estimated damage to each vehicle at \$1,000.

Save Tax

The resolution passed at the meeting calls for the contractor

Assessment Deadline Extended Extra Time

Acton council were granted a 60-day extension for filing assessment returns and assessor John Ladouceur is busy making numerous calls each day in order to meet the extended deadline.

In order to compute the returns clerk-administrator Jack McGeachio and town office manager Joe T. Hurst along with the assessor are working Saturdays.

The provincial deadline for filing returns in September 30 but the extension will allow the assessing department to file final returns on or before November 30. It is believed the extended deadline can be met and everyone involved is working vigorously in order to comply.

Presents Coat of Arms For County Court House

Halton County Council was presented Tuesday with a coat of arms to hang in the new court house and administration office. Deputy-Reeve Herb Merry of Oakville, one of this year's councillors, made the presentation in memory of his late brother W. Harland Merry of Milton, a lifelong county resident.

The plaque is a replica of the British coat of arms which adorns the front wall of the court chamber in the present court house on Brown St., Milton. Mr. Merry explained the origin and

development of the coat of arms and its many symbols.

Halton, he checked, must have chosen to hang this special coat of arms because the county's love of animals was borne out in the many animal symbols in the coat of arms. He suggested the lion on the left side represented Tratalgar's tamed cougar, the Irish lion on the top represented Burlington's alley cat, and the unicorn was a cross between a Nagsagaweya horse and an Esquessing cow!

Couple Hospitalized After Head-on Crash

Following a head-on collision at the brow of a hill on the fourth line north in Esquessing below the Ukrainian camp Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Leslie, Bower Ave., were taken by ambulance to Georgetown District Hospital. Rushed to hospital by men of the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Brigade, Mr. Leslie, driver of the northbound car, had a broken wrist, chest injuries and bruises. His wife, a passenger in the car, is in fair condition with a broken right knee, head and face lacerations and bruises.

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Four National Awards for Free Press

Acton's over the top campaign for a Community Centre received recognition all across the Dominion this week when competition winners were announced at the annual national convention of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association in Halifax.

For the first time the Free Press entered a presentation in a special competition for a community service award and received third place, competing against 15 entries.

Best All-Round Paper
The Charles Clark cup for the best all-round newspaper and the M. A. James shield for the best front page in the circulation 1,001 to 2,000 class came to the Acton Free Press. As well as these two "firsts" the Free Press was awarded a second for best editorial page.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dills, packing this afternoon to fly home from Halifax tonight, will have six large glass-fronted certificates to locate safely in their luggage. As well as the four certificates for Acton, they accepted for the Canadian Champion, Milton, the Gertrude A. Dunning memorial trophy for first place in the best all-round newspaper in the 2,001 to 3,000 class, and a certificate for second place in the best front page competition.

A certificate is presented for each win. Luckily, the three heavy trophies for first place wins are crated and sent separately! Milton's first place trophy is a very large silver bowl and Acton's two are pictured.

The Competitors
Acton's three awards — one in each of the three classes of circulation — were accepted by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dills in Halifax on Monday. For best front page, Acton in first place was followed by the Kimberley News of Kimberley, B.C. and the Manitoba Leader of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

The Malcolm MacBeth shield for best editorial page went to the Port Elgin Times of Port Elgin, Ontario, followed by Acton in second place and the Kam-sack Times of Kamsack, Sask. third.

Acton topped contestants for the best front page followed by a tie for second place between the Kimberley News and the Manitoba Leader with the Rimbey Record of Rimbey, Alberta, third.

Milton's Wins
Presentations in the higher circulation class including Milton were made yesterday (Wednesday). Milton's first place as best all-round paper was followed by the Cariboo Observer of Quesnel, B.C. second and the Williams Lake Tribune of Williams Lake, B.C. third. The Frank Howe Beattie shield for best front page went to the Dryden Observer, Dryden, Ontario followed by Milton in second place and the Cariboo Observer third.

The Community Service competition is a new one for the Free Press and is open to all weeklies. Some of the winners, including much bigger ones than

this. Also the way to show how the newspaper took a part in the drive this May for \$60,000 was a puzzle. However, a scrapbook was rather hastily compiled and the entry was awarded a third out of 15 entries.

In first place came the Deloraine Times of Deloraine, Manitoba; in second place the Red River Valley, Echo of Altona, Manitoba, and in third place Acton. Other entries included Aliston, Atikokan, Brampton, Bois-Sevain, Man., Granby, Palmerston, Prescott and North Battleford, Sask.

Meeting Overhead
The scrapbook sent in was put together at the Free Press office the night before the deadline — July 25 — while another in the series of meetings of the Community Centre committee was taking place upstairs. (This time it was the building committee with the architect.) Into it went clippings from the papers starting over a year ago with the collapse of the curling rink and deterioration of some of the old arena. It showed how the idea of repairs grew and grew into the vision of a new front to the arena with artificial ice — a long-time wish of the townspeople.

There are pictures of Eugene Braida signing the first \$1,000 cheque, the clock indicator, demolition of the old front and all the others that were in the paper including the architect's sketch, editorial, the question and answer columns and the many news articles which mentioned dona-

tions from groups in the town and through the countryside; accounts of meetings, decision and the celebration dance; a copy of the green and red "extra" that went out just before the campaign started; copies of all the donated articles of printing done by Free Press employees on a grand total of 200 hours of their own time, with no cost to the Community Centre committee, including booklets, window stickers, and canvassers' kits.

With this went a few short sentences on each page explaining the progress of the campaign.

The third place win was a surprise and thrill.

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New Crest Already
The Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association crest, which appears each week on the editorial page, is changed this week. Just one small difference — last week's read, "1960 prize winner" and this week's reads "1961 prize winner."

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Both Milton and Acton newspapers are published by the Dills Printing and Publishing Company Limited — G. A. Dills, David Dills and Jim Dills. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dills moved from Acton to Milton several years ago when he took over management of the Canadian Champion. Both newspapers are printed in the Acton plant.

Awards were presented to 50 weeklies at the 22nd annual convention.



FOR BEST ALL-ROUND NEWSPAPER

Among the highlights was an address by Prime Minister John Diefenbaker and a short dinner at Hubbard's Cove yesterday.

Special tours and coffee parties were planned for wives but for the most part, they attended breakfasts, lunches, dinners and sessions along with their publisher or editor husbands. In many cases, the wives work on the papers as social editors, managers, columnists and in a variety of other capacities. Several are publishers or editors in their own right.