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HEAVY EQUIPMENT for the artificial ice plant at the arena arrived this morning (Thursday) and workmen were kept busy unloading motors, tanks, pipes, steel frames and many other pieces of equipment. Pictured above a huge crane lowers the compressor into place on the cement pad in the refrigeration

room. Specialists from Toronto were on the scene early and will start immediately to set up equipment. Hydro workers will make necessary connections and the contractor will complete the enclosure to house the units.

Award Centre Contract Auditorium Area Larger

Artificial ice and the use of the new Community Centre building for this season were assumed on Tuesday when Council in a special meeting accepted the recommendations of the building committee.

The committee recommended the awarding of a contract to J. B. Mackenzie and Son for the construction of the Community Centre building at a price of \$31,157. Also recommended by the committee was the heating, plumbing and ventilating proposal of Shortill Sheet Metal at a price of \$5,958.88. Both of these quotations are subject to provincial sales tax estimated at \$600.

Final recommendation on the electrical wiring program is not included in these prices. At the present time, Ontario Hydro engineers are preparing plans for

the wiring of the new building and the re-wiring of the present ice arena. When these plans are received, the building committee will make a final recommendation to Council on the electrical installation estimated to cost \$4,500.

Building Size
The recommendation of the building committee will provide a building 44' x 84'. In this building on the main floor, there is an entrance lower 21' x 25', an office and ticket booth 9' x 17', a snack bar and kitchen 12' x 17', and the 38' x 60' auditorium overlooking the ice surface. Under these revised plans, the floor area of the auditorium has been increased slightly over the original plan.

On the lower level, there will be two team dressing rooms with

connected shower and wash rooms, two skate change rooms and two washrooms, a boiler room and a storage room, and a general purpose room. A passageway is provided at the west end of the ice surface to connect the seating areas on the north and south sides of the arena.

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Milton Turned Down

A motion by Councillors McLeod and Doby to increase the length of the building by six feet, at an estimated cost of \$2,500, was turned down. Councillor McLeod pointed out that the Municipal Board had authorized a debenture issue of \$10,000 on the project and the addition of money required for the addition could possibly be acquired from this source. It was pointed out that the final raising committee had promised no tax money would be used for the construction of the centre and it was felt by the committee the plans for the building fulfilled the commitments made during the final raising campaign.

In reporting on progress to date, the mayor pointed out that the drainage installation under the ice surface had been completed. The equipment room at the east end of the arena was started and ready for the heavy ice equipment which would arrive Wednesday and positioned on Thursday. He also reported contractor J. B. Mackenzie and Son had said the building would be usable at Christmas, with possibly some interior finishing to be completed after that time.

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Dismiss Appeal Against Conservation Area Suggest Authority Study Acton Area Projects

Acton's appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board against its levy from the Credit Valley Conservation Authority was dismissed after a four hour hearing in Acton Town Hall Wednesday.

The appeal against the town's portion of the Authority budget was opposed by Toronto Town Ship, Trafalgar Township and the Authority representatives.

"We aren't happy about the tax burden of the Acton people," the presiding chairman A. H. Arrell concluded. He expressed the hope the Authority would be able to do something in the Acton area to make the people of Acton happier. He suggested there would have to be some polyhedron of the amount of funds that could be spent by an Authority on parks and recreation.

Acton was appealing against the costs of preliminary work on the construction of a dam at Orangeville. The town also objected to the fact that the 1961 budget showed expenditures of approximately 75 per cent for parks and recreation. A. Branda, representing the town, said the parks and recreation areas were too far from the town for many of its citizens to benefit. He pointed to the town's expenditures on the local parks of about half a mill while the town was forced to pay approximately three quarters of a mill to the Conservation Authority.

Conservation Field Officer C. J. Spretin, under examination, said the pollution in the Black Creek east of Acton was variable. "If a recreation area was established east of Acton could the Black Creek be used?" he was asked. He replied the water could never be used for drinking, sometimes for swimming and sometimes for fish growth because of the variation of pollution.

Evidence also revealed some preliminary planning had been done on a possible conservation area near Lemhouse.

The Conservation Officers suggested the pollution on Black Creek was not more serious than in other comparable streams in Southern Ontario.

Authority Secretary J. W. White admitted under examination that the budget for Authority purposes had increased by more than 100 per cent since the Authority's inception in 1954.

A. M. Greenway, chairman of the Authority, argued that Acton had gone along willingly with the Authority until recently. This was later refuted when evidence was submitted that Acton had opposed its membership on the Authority from the outset.

The Chairman praised the work on the Authority of Acton's representative R. R. Parker. He argued the type of Authority park was quite different from the town owned park. "We had a team effort right from the start until the last two years. It was apparent that for a very significant amount of money one of our members has seen fit to object."

Acton's objection to the method of apportioning the cost on a per capita basis, objected to the percentage of benefit to Acton citizens from the capital works and opposed the expenditure on parks and recreation.

He noted that 17 per cent of these using the Authority provided park were from Acton while 32 per cent were from the Metro Toronto area. He also criticized a \$200,000 loss on operation of the

park.

The town suggested that a \$3,796.40 levy be reduced to \$1,568 or if the Board felt the town must participate in the Orangeville dam project to reduce the existing levy by \$1,047.69. This reduction was to be effected by deleting Acton's support from the recreation areas.

Toronto Township solicitor A. B. McInroy argued that Toronto Township was not using the Credit as a vehicle for its sewage effluent since plans had already been advanced to pipe water up and sewage down the Credit. "The township is spending money to help clean up someone else's backyard," he contended. He pointed out that Toronto Township was spending three mills on parks and recreation within its own boundaries while Acton was only spending half a mill.

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"They're taking a very small view. There is no gross unfairness in this levy," he concluded.

E. L. Moore, solicitor for Trafalgar Township, contended that Acton citizens do not Terra Cotta and Britannia parks. "They should regard these parks as a supplement to their own park," OMB vice chairman Arrell pointed out there was not the same pressure to use the larger parks of the Authority as there would be in the south where the population explosion has been greater.

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Acton Probable Reception Centre In Event of Nuclear Attack

Acton would probably be a reception centre for 1500 fire services on a mutual basis would be made on Hamilton, Bruce, Wellington and York counties.

The coordinator explained the town was outside the fallout danger zone of an estimated 25 mile radius from the explosion point. He predicted that if a bomb was dropped over Burlington it would shatter glass in Milton. He ruled Milton out as a reception area.

At present county police forces are organized under Chief Fred Oliver as director of police

Draw Winner

Mr. Bob Frank, Frederick St., will be able to enjoy any Night School course of her choice this year (Saturday evening she was the holder of the lucky ticket drawn by the Night School lottery during the Fall Fair. To date Mrs. Frank has not yet decided on the course of her choice.

6,500 Patrons Enter Park Gates To Attend Acton's 48th Fall Fair

Acton Agricultural Society's 48th Fall Fair was a huge success. Over 6,500 patrons passed through the gates during the Friday evening and Saturday show.

In spite of cancellation of the Friday evening performance due to the construction of the artificial ice plant and Community Centre building, Fair Board officials engaged the use of several large tents to house the usual fall exhibits.

Friday evening a large crowd dressed in warm sweaters to ward off the cool breeze, viewed the hall exhibits and enjoyed the midway amusements.

Parade at Noon
Saturday patrons began arriving at the park gates before noon and the show was on the road. A parade led by Acton Citizens' Band and Acton Junior Pipe Band marched from the United church parking lot to the park and scouts, guides, cub Scouts and brownies were stepping lively to the marshalling times. Children riding decorated bicycles and tri-cycles, as well as pushing decorated doll buggies, were also included in the parade.

Shortly after entering the grounds, the parade broke up to make way on the race track for the first automobile event. An announcer kept warning people to keep clear of the track during the road races and encouraged exhibitors to have their entries ready for the near and sunny amusements were plentiful. Exhibits were excellent and patrons were well pleased with the 1961 presentation of the Fall Fair. Board directors were happy with the attendance, the exhibits, the midway and the financial returns.

Officially Opened
During his remarks to officials to open the 1961 Fall Fair, Mayor John H. Gov praised the Acton Agricultural Society for accepting the substitution of tents for exhibit displays and told the large crowd, the society and rural neighbors had played a major role in making it possible for the new Community Centre building to be erected.

In his address, he told Fall visitors that next year, the Fair Board would enjoy the facilities of the new building and added his regret at the inconvenience caused due to the construction of the new centre.

The mayor stressed the important part the rural area plays in the success of any community and noted that co-operation and harmony had always existed with Acton's rural neighbors.

In his closing remarks, he wished the Fair Board every success in the future and invited the visitors to have a good time during the Fair and to return for future fairs.

Fancy Turnout Popular
Classed by many visitors as the highlight of the horse show, the fancy pony class had many entries for the judges to choose from. Youngsters dressed in fancy costumes, decorated buggies and decorated ponies added to the

attraction as a large crowd watched the show.

Directors stopped other activities on the grounds so everyone would have an opportunity to witness the gala event while proud youngsters handled their ponies to perfection at the beckon of the judge.

Once again, the Aberdeen Angus show proved to be interesting to many Fair visitors and the entry was regarded as one of the best to date. Spruced up by their owners and gleaming in the sunlight with their fine black coats sprayed with dressing, the animals were paraded on the show ring and after much deliberation, judges awarded the prizes.

The Acton Branch of the Bank of Montreal trophy for the champion male in the Aberdeen class went to Charles Kee of Crediton, the Female Sixties class, while the E. Branda and Son challenge trophy for the champion female in the same class was captured by the same exhibitor.

Special Trophies
The James Ledger LGA challenge trophy for the grand champion steer of all breeds was won by Wheeler Bros., Hillsburgh, and the Bank of Nova Scotia challenge trophy for the champion steer or heifer in the commercial class was won by Ron Storey of Gosport.

The decorated cattle exhibit was much admired and judges were lauded in their decisions after much deliberation as fine animals were paraded before them.

Trophies awarded in this class

included the R. A. McNair, Thistlestone Farm, Acton, challenge trophy for the grand champion male, won by Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Chambers, Acton, and the E. Branda and Son challenge trophy for the grand champion male in the Shorthorn show, won by Bob Merrifield of Milton.

Dairy Calf Exhibit
Entries in the Dairy Calf exhibit were of excellent quality and boys and girls exhibiting in this class were afforded much praise from the judges during competition. The Acton Branch of the Bank of Montreal trophy for the champion cow or girl over 18 and under 21 exhibiting the best calf went to Bernice Freeman, Rockwood. The James Ledger trophy for junior showmanship went to Adrienne Nurse, Georgetown, and the R. A. McNair trophy for junior showmanship was won by Vernon Joby, Monroeville.

Exhibits in the sheep, hog and market cattle classes were many and interest was keen as herdsmen paraded the animals prior to their turn in the show ring.

Poultry exhibits were equally as bright as last year with many exhibitors not including their poultry for the show. Judges in this class were afforded a difficult time and remarked on the fine quality of the exhibits.

In the cattle lot, the fair ground many spectators cast their eyes on heavy and light horses performed while in another ring jumpers cleared the high standards with ease. Road back classes trotted around the track and announcer Don Brown warned the people to clear the track.

The biggest midway in many years had children lining up continuously waiting their turn on the ferris wheel, airplane ride, merry-go-round, salt and pepper shaker and many other rides. Other interesting attractions on the midway included the fun house, games and fish pond.

For the weary visitor, Acton and Lemhouse Women's Institute ladies had steaming cups of tea and coffee and a varied selection of sandwiches and pies ready to be purchased. A new attraction at the Fair this year was sponsored by Churchill W.I. and included a portable tea wagon where hot cups of tea were handed out by attractive hostesses from the Salada Tea Co.

Acton Rotary Club members took their turn at the gates selling tickets. Acton Fire Fighters, in their blue and gold uniforms, assisted the police in parking cars, assisting lost children and keeping the race track clear of pedestrians during the road races.

Brigade on Hand
St. John Ambulance Brigade was on hand in the event of any emergencies and had their white and black ambulance and portable tankster unit available for assistance.

Acton Boy Scouts added a touch to the fun this year not just inside the park gates but in a complete camp Friday morning. Young scouts led uniformed campers, looking their own names Saturday, and displayed many projects. Fair visitors viewed the campsite.

for their two-day Fall Fair, give the Parks Board control of any permanent type building the Society wish to erect at the park, except the Saw City to full responsibility for providing a race track, give the Parks Board control of all present or future permanent buildings in the park.

Bathers at Acton Fairy Lake can be assured the water is safe for swimming following a report received Tuesday evening from the Health Department that tests taken June 19 showed the water to be satisfactory. The board also found the pool had been closed, freights and gate attendants dismissed for the season following Labor Day weekend.

Chairman R. R. Parker informed the board that 24 trees previously ordered would be planted in mid-October. He also urged installation of the filtration plant this fall in preparation for the swimming season next year.

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6,500 VISITORS attended Acton Fair last weekend and saw wheel and other rides were busy at all times as crowds lined the splendid exhibits and enjoyed the large midway. This photo, up waiting their turn. Other exhibits attracted many visitors shows a portion of the crowd Saturday afternoon, when the and entries were so heavy judges had a difficult time awarding amusements were going full tilt. The merry-go-round, ferris and.