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ACTON SKATERS took part in the Lions Club Skating Carnival Saturday evening and some of the young skaters are pictured above. Left to right are Bonnie Bristow, Elaine Lamb, Elaine Doherty, Peter Arbic, Diane Lamb and Anita Braida. Standing at the back is Linda Braida. The young tykes were much enjoyed by the large audience in attendance.

Mystery Chair at Dinner Tonight For Fifth Citizen of the Year

There'll be an empty chair at the head table for the Chamber of Commerce dinner tonight (Thursday) for the town's fifth Citizen of the Year. The name of a closely guarded secret will be announced during the program which annually marks Chamber of Commerce week in town. An address will be read to the citizen whom the Chamber chooses for its highest honor this year and the usual engraved plaque will be presented.

Former winners have been Amos Mason, G. A. Dilla, Dr. W. G. C. Kenney and Bill Coon. Last year's announcement came as a complete surprise to many at the dinner as well as to the recipient of the award.

About 150 are expected tonight in the Legion auditorium for a hot turkey dinner served by members of the Legion Ladies' auxiliary.

Head table guests arranged for are Chamber president Bert Hinton, who will chair the program, and Mrs. Hinton, Mayor John Goy and Mrs. Goy, first vice-president the Rev. A. H. McKenzie and Mrs. McKenzie, civic committee chairman Bill Benson and Mrs. Benson, past president Ted Tyler Sr. and Mrs. Tyler, secretary Murray Harrison, the guest speaker Judge George Elliott and that mystery chair.

Milton's Citizen of the Year
Judge Elliott is Milton's Citizen of the Year for '62 and he will be among those applauding Acton's First Citizen. He will be introduced by Acton lawyer C. F. Leatherland and thanked by George Barbeau.

Mr. Hinton will propose the toast to the Queen and welcome the crowd of Chamber members and their many guests. Frank Prouse will lead a singing. Mr. Harrison will introduce the head table and Mr. McKenzie will introduce new members.

Esquering Seeks Site For Six Room School

A resolution to make an offer of purchase on 12 acres of land at the farm of C. Austin, at the corner of 5 Sideroad and Sixth Line, for a proposed new six room school was defeated during the March 19 meeting of the Esquering school board. The board agreed however to secure an option on acres of land at the farm of Cliff Hunter and the chairman, R. J. Cunningham, was requested to discuss the situation with the farm owner.

The board turned down a resolution for the board to forward copies of the minutes of each meeting to the press in Acton and Georgetown, but agreed to have trustee Mrs. Shirley Armstrong forward the local paper minutes and a brief report of business transacted at the meetings.

\$100 Donation
A donation amounting to \$100 was approved for payment to the Acton Music Festival Association. The secretary was instructed to forward to local newspapers the names of companies tendering on the new Limehouse school.

Old Landmarks Disappear Pave Way for Post Office

Bricks began to tumble, tarpaper roofing flies and walls tumble, while spectators gathered as the Kopic Wrecking and Salvage crews began demolition of the former Storey Glove building to pave the way for the new federal Post Office in Acton.

Workmen were on the job Tuesday morning and already the top section of the main and boiler room buildings have been demolished. Old lumber is being salvaged and piled, ready for sale and other salvagable materials are being kept.

Done by Easter
E. C. Roggs, Georgetown, federal inspector for the demolition, is keeping an eagle eye on the work and reported this week the former glove shop as well as the home formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Knox will be completely demolished by April 21.

After all the rubble is cleaned away and the ground levelled, Wilchar Construction Company, contractor for the erection of the new building, will move in immediately to begin construction work. Kopic Wrecking Company, Brantford, is sub-contractor to Wilchar.

85-Foot Elm Sprayed In Helicopter Experiment

A unique method of spraying a Dutch elm tree was tried Wednesday morning at the farm home of W. A. N. Hoey, R.R. 1, Moffat, when a helicopter hovered several times over the tree and sprayed D.D.T.

The 85-foot high Dutch elm, estimated to be over 200 years old, had not shown any signs of the dreaded Dutch elm disease, but Mr. Hoey was determined not to lose the family's favorite tree which stands in front of the house near the roadway. Their home, Elm Tree Farm, takes its name from this tall, stately tree.

Watch Experiment
Present to witness the experiment were Doctor A. Kingscote and Doctor John McGraw from the Ontario Veterinary College. Several neighbors and press representatives also were on

Two Weekly Garbage Pickups Approved During Summer

Administrative salary adjustments were the object of considerable discussion at Tuesday's meeting of Acton Council. Meeting as a Committee of the Whole under the chairmanship of councillor Ham Peal, the meeting finally accepted the recommendations of the Administrative Committee. Through an oversight the proposal had not been presented to council before acceptance of the budget, but had been included in the administrative committee's estimates.

Under the increases granted, which were objected to by councillor Peal and Wood, the salary of the office clerk goes from \$45 to \$48 per week. The office manager increases to \$4,300 from \$4,050; and the clerk goes to \$5,200 from \$5,000 per year. All increases are retroactive to January 1st, 1962.

Twice a Week
Garbage collection will revert to a twice weekly schedule for the summer months. Under the new schedule, to be effective in late May, one section of town will be covered on Monday and Thursday. The remaining section will have pickups on Tuesday and Friday. The clerk explained this will allow a better distribution of the works' staff. Three men and a truck will be on garbage collection for four days a week. The remaining five men will be available for continuous works department duties.

A report of the hydro-inspector, relayed by the clerk, recommended the immediate recovering of the lower floor of the sewage disposal plant and all outside units. The clerk is to secure prices immediately on this work. Inspection shows that the conduit, exposed and buried in concrete, in

the 9-year-old plant, has deteriorated badly and has now been determined to be unsafe.

The road committee presented their proposed work schedule for this summer. Three major projects will be undertaken and tenders are being called immediately.

Repaving and curbing of Main Street from Mill to the school lane, including widening of the bridge over the school creek will be undertaken. This project has been engineered by the Department of Highways for three years.

The final cost of hardtop will be applied to the roads in Lakeview subdivision, Churchill Road North, and the extension of McDonald Boulevard.

Sidewalks on Main Street North, Willow, John, Mill, Elgin, Bower and St. Alban's Drive are due for improvement under the plan to rejuvenate 17,000 square feet of sidewalk at an estimated cost of \$3,500.

New Compressor
The purchase of a new air compressor for the works department at a cost of \$4,300, including trade-in and all taxes was approved. The only stipulation on the purchase was the investigation of the starting problems of the unit in cold weather. The power is supplied by a diesel unit.

The clerk was instructed to prepare a by-law to restrict and control parking on certain streets in the town. Under the proposed by-law the fine for illegal parking will be increased from \$1 to \$3. A two hour parking limit will be imposed in the business district. No parking will be allowed on the south side of Knox, from Park from Knox to Mill and the north side of Mill from Main to Park.

Auditor's Report
The annual auditor's report for 1961 was received and 150 copies are to be prepared. A surplus of \$14,294.95 on 1961 operations is reported.

The assessment committee reported it had been unable to get hold of a qualified assessor and recommended advertising again in the Municipal World.

A tree stump removal program will be undertaken at an estimated cost of \$5 per stump. The town staff will clean up after the stumps have been broken up.

The transfer of the Reliable Taxi license to Peter Brockhovens was approved and a third cab was licensed.

O.W.R.C. Contract
The contract with the O.W.R.C. for the water project on Church Hill Road North and the extension of watermain has been signed. Final acceptance of the contract by the O.W.R.C. and contractors could take up to 30 days. The clerk reported conversations with the O.W.R.C. indicating approval could be given in 10 days and work could start then. To qualify for winter works payments, only work done before the extended deadline of May 31 will be subject to subsidy.

The clerk reported his investigations had indicated it would not be necessary to have a plebiscite on changes in the amount of the annual grants to the bands of music.

Ted Tyler Jr., president of the Citizens' Band, was present and requested permission to use the second floor of the town hall for band practice. Use of the town hall would require installation of lights in the auditorium. The band must vacate the rooms at the stone school by April 30 so that they may be prepared for use by the high school next fall.

He also reported to council negotiations underway for the acquiring of a site and construction of a building as a home for the band. The site is on Wallace Ave. and it is proposed to erect a concrete block building, a minimum size of 30x60.

Construction of the band building complies with the zoning by-law except in the area requirements. The land is zoned O 1 Conservation.

It was felt a building permit could not be issued until sufficient land is acquired by the band to meet area requirements of the by-law. It was pointed out an amendment to the zoning by-law would take up to 12 months.

Dogs and dog control were again talked about. The pros and cons in the use of a tranquilizer gun, increasing the dog license fee, dog pick up, and the appointment of the control officer as a special constable were all subjects covered. Discussions will be held at Urban Board before any decisions are made.

Lack of Cement Floor in Arena To Restrict Summer's Activities

In the near future, visitors to Acton park will identify the arena by the name of "Acton District Community Centre" following a decision made Wednesday evening by the Parks Board. Members agreed unanimously on the name following a recommendation by Nino Braida.

Equipment for making artificial ice at the arena will be shut down completely on Tuesday when representatives from J. H. Locke Engineering Co. will be on hand to supervise. Meanwhile, equipment will be left running sufficiently to keep the brine flowing through the pipes but not at a low enough temperature to continue making ice. Last skating will be held Saturday night.

Activity Limited
Summer activity in the Community Centre will be very limited, owing to the lack of a cement floor. Board members agreed that under present conditions, the dirt floor would present a lot of summer activities and stressing the importance of fund raising to support the installation of one.

It was agreed it was impossible to install a cement floor with this year's budget and members suggested it might be possible to investigate further conditions for this purpose. Members agreed this was not the function of the board but might be handled by the original canvass committee.

Dance in Arena
A delegation from the Lions Club, Sydney K. Lamb and Vic Bristow, were granted use of the auditorium for a Teen Town dance, Saturday, April 28, at a rental fee of \$20. They were informed that doors leading to the arena area would be locked and no one admitted.

The Lions Club was also granted use of the park for a three-day carnival, June 14, 15 and 16, at a rental fee of \$50 or 10 per cent of their net profit, whichever is the greatest. The delegates stated there would be no admission charge into the park and they would assume responsibility for cleaning up the park in time for Sunday activity.

Request Room
A request from the ladies members of the curling club to use a room at the Community Centre once a month for meetings during May, June, September and October was deferred until the next meeting. Mayor John Goy told the board the ladies were anxious to plan activities for next curling season and stated they did not require hydro or heat, but merely a place to meet in order to keep active and draw up teams.

Nino Braida asked if there had been any mention of rent for the room and when told no, he stated, "We can't set a precedent by not charging." Members discussed adopting a policy regarding rental at the Community Centre and chairman G. W. McKenzie requested a policy be adopted by the next meeting.

Study Operations
A three-member administration committee comprising Cliff Bradley as chairman, Mrs. G. Ffyller and John Goy was formed to study park operations and make recommendations to the board for their approval. Chairman McKenzie requested the newly adopted committee to make a thorough study of parking, life guards, pool attendant and park charges especially. In making this request, Mr. McKenzie stated, "I hope you can find a method to eliminate park (Continued on Page Four)



HELICOPTER PILOT John Schultz of Dominion Helicopters Limited, King City, pours payload after payload of D.D.T. mixture into a tank at the side of his plane prior to taking off to spray an 85 foot elm tree at the farm home of W. A. N. Hoey, R.R. 1, Moffat. Helping, with back to camera, is Dr. A. Kingscote of the Ontario Veterinary College. A spray bar can be seen attached to the landing gear with small jets to supply pressure.

Bill Wilson New District Governor

New district governor of the Central Ontario district of Y's Men's clubs is Bill Wilson, past president of the Acton club. His appointment to the district's top post was announced at the annual two-day conference in Brantford.

He succeeds Oscar Thompson of the Kitchener-Waterloo Y's Men's club. Local past president G. W. McKenzie is also a former district governor.

Doug Copeland takes over the presidency of the Acton club from Mr. Wilson tonight (Thursday). Mr. Wilson will be visiting clubs throughout the district as part of his year's activities.

The active and keen Y's Man was recommended for the post by the members of his club.

Rev. D. West New Rural Dean

The Rev. Donald West of St. Alban's Church has been appointed rural dean of the deanery of Wellington by the Right Rev. Walter E. Bagnall, the Lord Bishop of the diocese of Niagara. In Wellington deanery are Guelph, Elora, Fergus, Arthur, Mount Forest, Palmerton, Rockwood, Erin, Orangeville, Glen Williams and several rural churches.

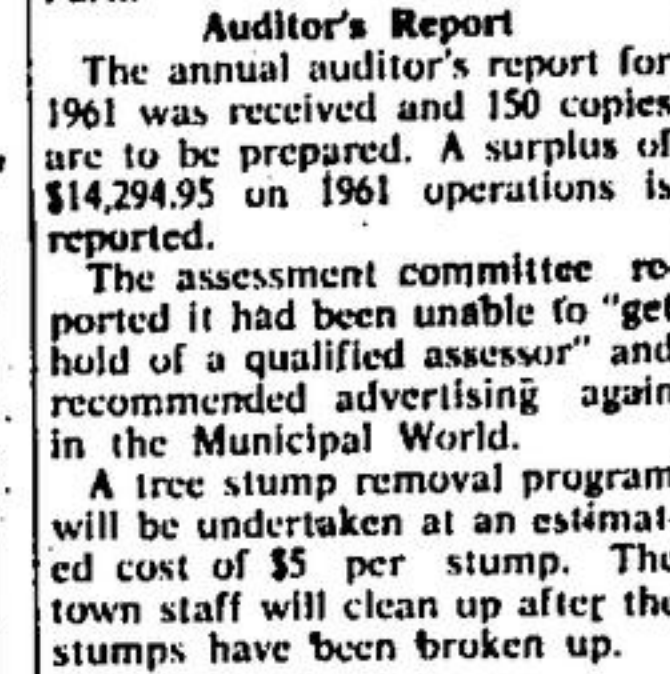
Suffers Gash, Bruises In Two-Vehicle Crash

Mrs. Jack Reid, Lake Avenue, was hospitalized briefly for treatment, X-rays and observation Wednesday afternoon following a car accident on Main Street South, near the Queen Street West intersection.

Mrs. Reid was proceeding south on Main Street when her car was in collision with a panel truck driven by Hartley DeForest.

Police constable Mervin Harness of the Acton O.P.P. detachment investigated and stated the DeForest truck was proceeding to back from the west shoulder of Main Street to a driveway on the east side in order to proceed north on Main Street at the time the accident happened.

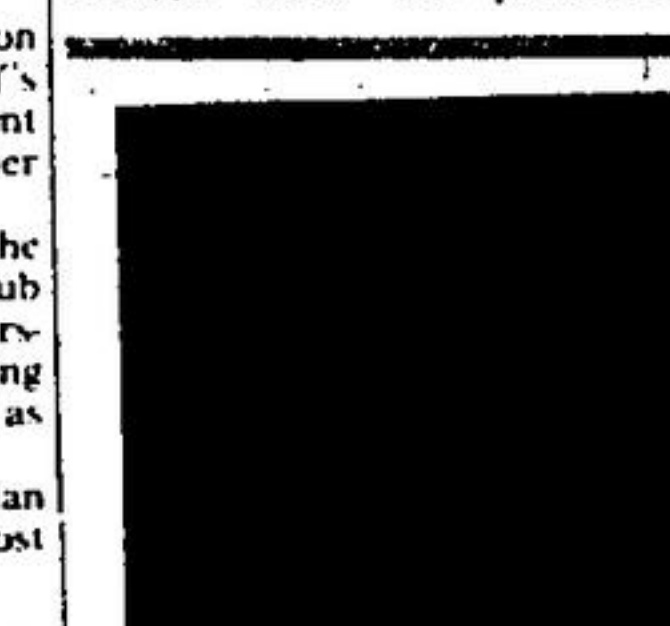
Mrs. Reid suffered a gash on her forehead, an injured right elbow, bruises and shock. She was taken to the emergency ward at Guelph General Hospital for treatment and was allowed to return home later in the evening. Damage to the Reid car was estimated at approximately \$300 and the DeForest truck, \$100.



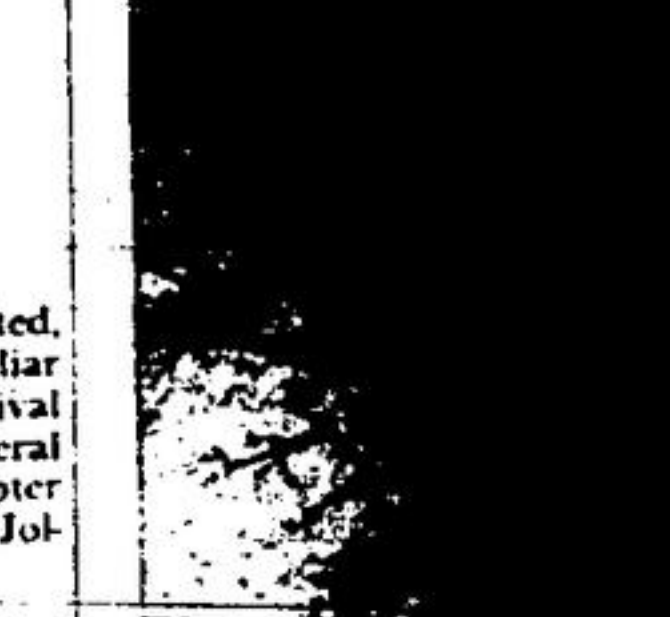
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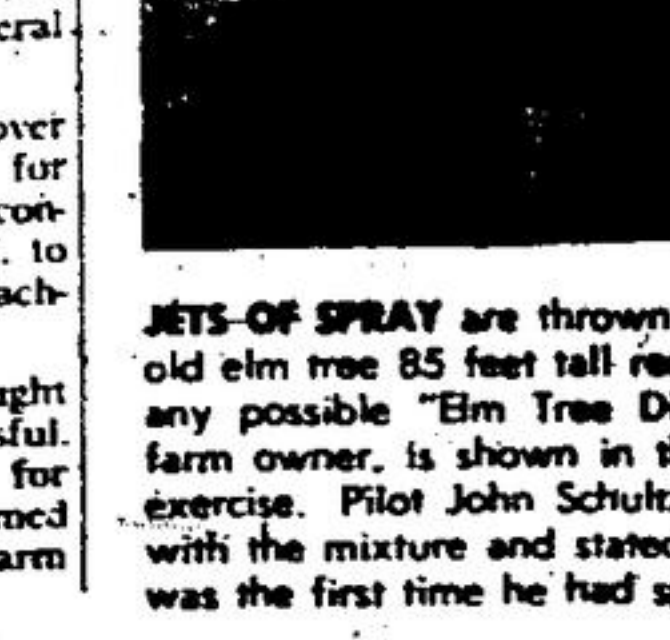
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