

Acton Groups

Study Recreational Program

An open meeting of the Parks Board, attended by representatives of the groups interested in Community Recreation, heard D. L. Minshall, Community Program Branch of the Department of Education, outline the advantages and problems involved in undertaking a recreational program under a Recreational Committee. Representing the Council, Parks Board, Canadian Legion, YMCA Board, Y's Men's Club, Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Rotary Club and the Public School Board were: Allan Lauder, John Bulloch, Gord McCutcheon, Clarence Rogvaldson, Jim Gunn, Ed. Footitt, Bob Foyer, Mansell Nelson, Murray Harrison, Phil Unger, Jim Ledger, Dave Manes, Andy McKenzie, Dick Wiley, Ham Peal, Les Doby, Frank Toth, Jack McGeachie, Cliff Bradley, George Barbeau, Mrs. G. Fryer and Joe Hurst. Mayor John Goy chaired the meeting and introduced Mr. Minshall.

Reviews Legislation
Mr. Minshall reviewed the legislation under which the Parks Board, Community Centre and Recreation Committee operate. He suggested it was his hope there would soon be a "way to legally bring these three things under one act. In many communities, the same citizens are named to serve on all three boards."

He defined recreation as "all things a person does by choice; something done in leisure time; something which contributes to you as an individual or to the community and something which makes your life more interesting, more personally satisfying and more worthwhile."

"To many people, recreation is synonymous with sport. This is not the case. Others feel recreation is only for children. All age groups have need of recreation."

Outlines Duties
Mr. Minshall suggested the duties of a Recreation Committee would be: (1) Find out what's happening in the municipality.

Support and not compete with present groups. (2) Assist existing groups with leadership, advisory services, information services, publicity services, financial help, provision of facilities and community planning. (3) Fill the gaps in interests in which people like to take part. Activities for older people; all forms of adult recreation should be self-sustaining. (4) Co-ordinate and develop co-operation in the activities of the existing organizations of the community. (5) Administer public funds. If the committee is doing a good job, it's going to cost the municipality some money. (6) Interpret to the citizens the need for and value of community recreation. A recreation committee is not a community organization, it is an arm of council and can only do those things which council will give it power to do.

Question Period
The question and answer period developed the following points:

There are 350 recreational committees in Ontario. Less than one-third have a full time recreational director. Most rely on part time instructors and volunteer help. Salaries for full time recreational directors range from \$4,000 to \$5,500, depending on qualifications.

Recreational committees are composed of 7 citizens which may be increased to 12 by pending legislation. Recreational committees are concerned with people, while parks boards and community centre boards are more interested in facilities such as buildings, pools and parks.

There are no legal problems in having a recreational director assume some of the duties of a Y.M.C.A. general secretary. The committee would not ask the Y to give up its goal. "I think the programs could fit together. The problem would be to work out how."

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payment to a committee treasurer. The funds must be spent by the committee, paid to an individual and the books must be audited and attested to by the municipal auditor. It works best where the books are kept in the municipal office and cheques are issued on accounts authorized by the recreation committee, although the treasurer could be appointed by the committee.

Need to Pass By-law
To set up a recreation committee, council would have to pass a by-law, submit it to the Department of the committee. No members should be named in the by-law and terms of office should be staggered. The committee cannot own property but can administer its operation.

Grants by the Department of Education are: (1) 25% of operation and maintenance costs up to \$600; (2) part-time assistants, 33 1/3% up to \$400 per person and \$1,800 per community; (3) full-time recreation director depending on qualifications of the director, 33 1/3% between \$1,400 and \$1,800; (4) secretary, 33 1/3% up to \$500.

Payments are based on the expenditures of the year previous. Half of the payment is made in April or May and the balance "some time after the summer; last year was an exception and it was December."

Parks Board will continue its studies of the program and report to council on its recommendations.

ROCKWOOD

Twilight Auxiliary Organized Five Years

Members of the Presbyterian Church Twilight Auxiliary celebrated five years of their organization last week in Guelph at the Manor in the form of a dinner with 21 members and guests present. Those at the head table were president Mrs. Walter Swanson; former president, Mrs. Robert Johnston, Mrs. Gordon Gray; Miss Frances M. Kidd, Dean of Women, MacDonald Institute, guest speaker; Mrs. (Dr.) George Aitken, honorary president.

Mrs. W. Morris read the history of the auxiliary, which started with a membership of seven members, with Mrs. Anderson inaugurating the auxiliary. Mrs. George Scott introduced the guest speaker and Mrs. Gordon Gray thanked her. Mrs. Aitken pronounced the benediction.

Lenten Service
The final Lenten service of St. John's church was held Monday evening with a good attendance. A brief devotional period was held, including Junior Auxiliaries enrollment and presentation of awards. At the conclusion of the service, all adjourned to the parish hall where a sound film was shown dealing with the worship of the church and discussion on the subject. Following the discussion refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

Stock Trout
Game Warden Bob Reid and Department of Lands and Forests officials planted 3,800 speckled trout in three Halton streams this week. The four-inch fingerlings were stocked into the Black Creek near Stewarttown, the Credit River at Georgetown and the Limestone Creek at Lowville.

Don't Rush
Mr. Garner of Ryerson Press was in town Tuesday and took an order for new books for the library. Don't rush over — the books won't arrive for some time yet. Deciding the order were Mrs. Jack Chapman, Miss Madge Chapman and Charles Kirkness.



EASTER BUNNY came early for a few of the Acton district school children when they won prizes in a coloring contest staged by MacKay's Fashion store. A few of the lucky winners are pictured above with proprietor Shirley MacKay. Front row left to right are Arleen Wensley, Garry Edge, Charlotte Feenstra, Lynn Burcombe and Joyce Denny; back row Shirley MacKay, Linda Penson, Dina VanHorn and Carol Beatty. The colored pictures are on display at MacKay's store on Mill Street. Missing when picture was taken were Barbara Fowler and Harold Martin.

Can't Assess for School Costs Refuse Township Trailer Camps

Applications for two trailer camps in Esqueving Township were flatly refused Monday by members of the township council.

J. Olliver appeared before council for the third time, seeking permission for a large trailer park at the 240-acre Twin Lakes resort. Displaying an aerial photo of the resort on Highway 25 south of Speyside, he pointed out the location of a proposed small airport and a planned golf course. Mr. Olliver told council he planned to spend \$160,000 on the property this year, and trailers would have to be valued at \$6,000 at least.

But councillors expressed concern about providing schools for children from trailer parks, when they "cannot be forced to pay school assessment."

A second request came from a Mr. Knott, who plans a mobile home court near Georgetown, with underground sewer and water service, central disposal plant and a water pressure system. Mr. Knott pointed out councils in the Maritimes assessed trailers \$10, \$15 or \$20 per month to cover school costs, but councillors noted there was no provision for that in Ontario.

Toronto Township, he went on, is making money from about 800 units there, and he added he couldn't understand council's policy for forbidding trailer parks when there is a great need for this type of accommodation.

Permits
Esqueving issued \$95,000 in building permits during March, inspector William Halls reported. All were for residential construction.

Hamilton McLaughlin made an application to sell off five parcels of five acres from his 10th Line farm, and his request was referred to the planning board.

A large delegation from Pinegrove School area appeared before council to ask permission to obtain the old school for use as a community hall. Council is to get more information on whether it should be given or sold to the ratepayers.

Quarry Road
Representatives of Dufferin Quarry near Milton appeared to seek help with a road to their quarry from the First Line, Esqueving. It was agreed council would seek help from the Department of Highways in the way of subsidies.

Road superintendent Bill Townsend was given permission to at-

60 Years! Combined Service Brings Gifts for Y Wives

Doug Cupeland, newly elected president of the Acton Y's Men's club, capably chaired the regular dinner meeting April 12 at the Y.M.C.A. Newly-elected district governor Bill Wilson was back at the head table in the capacity of fines-matter. 22 members were present with one guest, Gord Anderson of the Sarnia Y's Men's club.

After a short sing-song Y's Man Glenn Banks outlined an attractive program for the father-son-daughter banquet to be held April 26.

had just made a surprise appearance at the club. These ladies were thanked for their help and co-operation for a total combination of 60 years of true service to Y's dom contributed by their husbands. As a token of the club's appreciation each of the three ladies was presented with a fancy cup and saucer.

The meeting adjourned to watch the remainder of the hockey game.

Holy Week Services Conclude Tonight

Congregations in Knox church for the special Holy Week services heard the Rev. D. West, the Rev. J. Nutma, the Rev. A. H. McKenzie, the Rev. J. Rudd and the Rev. D. Engel. Choirs from participating churches led in the singing. The services, which conclude tonight, are sponsored by the Acton Ministerial Association.

An Easter Message

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SPRING-FEVER

Each year at this time most of us fall victim to a strange malady known as spring fever. The symptoms are easy to detect. Members of the fair sex usually develop a keen interest in colorful new clothing and can generally be seen sporting lovely new creations called Easter bonnets. The menfolk, on the other hand, just sit around and dream of distant trout streams. Another strange effect of this disease might be termed: "A reawakening of the nest-building urge" — an intense desire to improve and beautify the home. And that's exactly what a lot of folks in Acton are concerned with these days. How do we know? Well, we've noticed a greater interest in our colored extension phones. As a matter of fact, there's a decided increase in the number of orders we've received in recent weeks. I guess that's proof enough. So, if you're suffering from spring fever, just relax and enjoy it. Remember, you're in good company.

OUR UNDERCOVER MAN

Those tents you occasionally see on telephone lines may have set you wondering what sort of mysterious operation was going on inside. Actually, it's no mystery. The tents are simply protection against rain, wind, or hot sun for phone men engaged in splicing cables together. It's one "undercover" job that helps assure the dependability of telephone service, since tents like this allow us to make cable repairs in just about any kind of weather.

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Cyril Shone Installed At H. and S. President

At the organizational meeting of the M. Z. Bennett Home and School Association Monday evening, the executive was installed by Mrs. N. Black, president of Guelph Council of the Home and School Association.

President is Cyril Shone; vice-presidents are Mrs. E. Brown and Mrs. George Hargrave; secretary is Mrs. William Jeffrey; treasurer is Philip Elliott and executive members are Mrs. J. W. McCurdy, Mrs. Zygmont Luty, Mrs. Tom Lazenby and Mrs. R. Bannon.

70 Attend
Principal Elmer Smith presided before Mr. Shone took the chair. The meeting in the hall was attended by about 70.

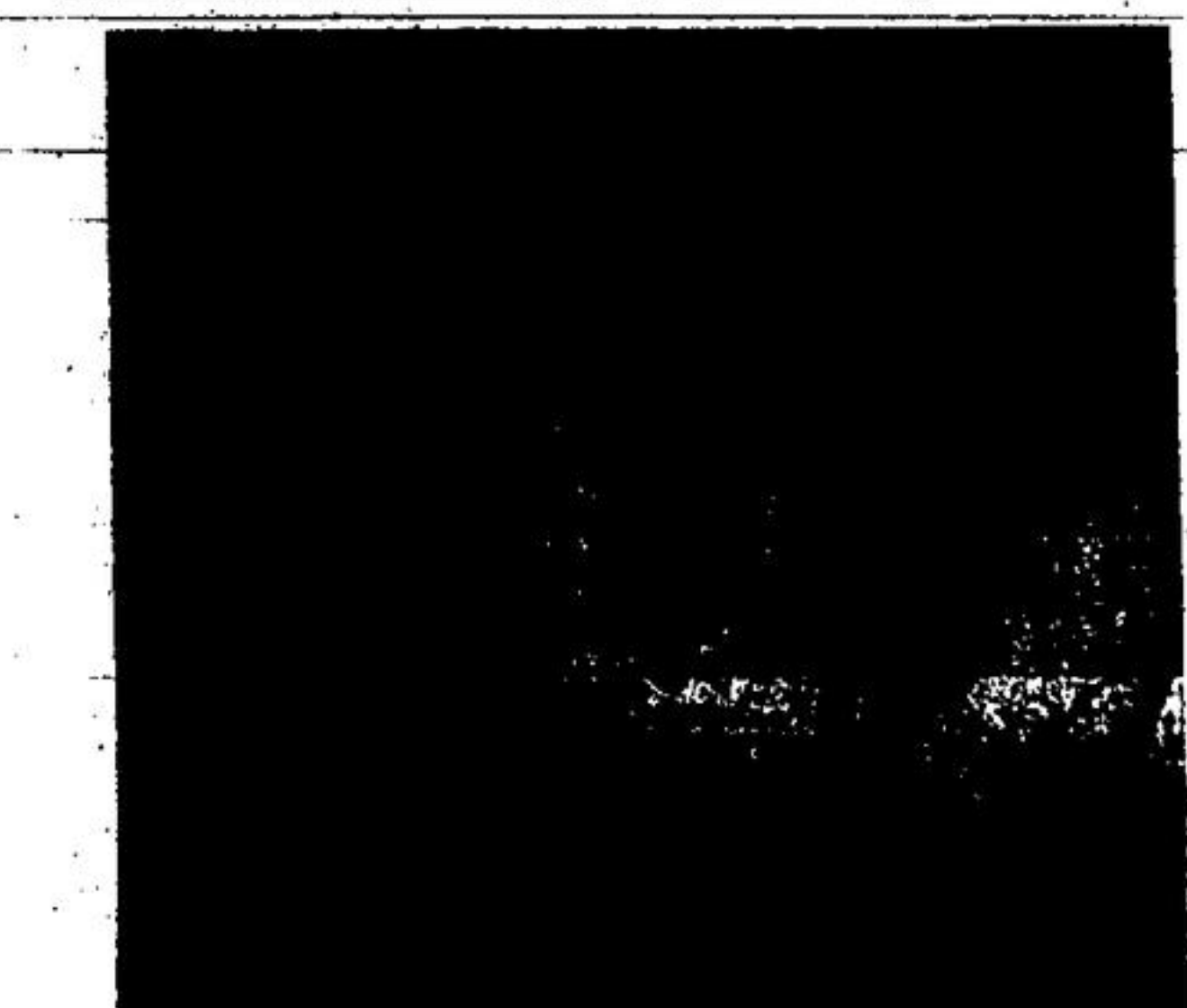
Mrs. Black spoke briefly, stressing the importance of leadership training. Another speaker was Mrs. R. Philip of Waterloo, district organizer of the Ontario Federation, who explained the group here is

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Mrs. JOE WHITNAM had one of her paintings chosen for entry in the area show at Brampton in May, when judges made their selection during the Five Counties Art Exhibit in the Robert Little school Saturday. Mrs. Whitnam is shown with art class teacher Frank Black. Mrs. L. Dittich also had a painting chosen.

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