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## Ice Sheet Soon If Weather Helps

Motors began to hum and hoses started to flow Wednesday afternoon at Acton Community Centre as ice making equipment was turned on to start production of artificial ice at the arena. Weather permitting, the plant will continue to run until the temperature in the pipes reaches 15 degrees, then flooding for a smooth ice surface will take place.

Following a few minor setbacks when machinery was checked and corrected, recreation director Jim Casburn pressed the switch to put gears in motion for the ice making process.

**Details Checked**  
Prior to this, the sand floor was levelled, pipes checked or replaced and last minute details locked after. As soon as the ice is made, the winter program at the arena is underway.

Mr. Casburn has his fingers crossed that the weather will remain cool in order to continue with an early start for a full winter's program.

The arena director is not alone in his hopeful wishing. Hockey and skating enthusiasts are looking forward to getting the jump on "Old Man Winter" in order to don skates and take to the ice.

## Esquing Twp. Population Up

The Township of Esquing has 6,514 people, Esquing assessor Art Benton reported at Council Monday evening. This is an increase of 310 over last year and is slightly higher than usual. The total assessment for Esquing this year is \$8,981,492, an increase of \$692,626 over 1961.

Of the total assessment 46.21 per cent was farm, 36.75 was residential and 17.04 was industrial and commercial. As of Monday night, there were 30 assessment appeals, more than usual but less than expected, Mr. Benton said. The numerous appeals are due to a change in assessment procedure. This year the assessor was required to use a Department of Municipal Affairs as a guide while in past years the County system was used.

## 55 Register Tuesday For Figure Skating

Tuesday evening, 55 skaters registered for the newly formed figure skating club under the administration of the recreation director Jim Casburn. Many others have indicated their interest.

Skating professional Andrew Drenters will teach the young skaters and Gulph professional Ross Smith will be available to give private lessons only. The recreation director Jim Casburn reported several phone calls from people wishing to join and by the end of the week he expects an increased number ready to begin.



**HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS** were out in full force Tuesday afternoon to encourage the senior gridders during their game with Waterloo-Oxford. In spite of the 60-0 loss suffered by the home team the girls kept up a constant support. Pictured above are Gail Gilmore, Nancy Reid, Janet Rognvaldson, Vicky Newton, Carolynne Williamson and Mary Grischow.

## Winter on Way?

# Council Discusses Snow Plowing Equipment

A casual question posed by Mayor John H. Goy, "I hate to mention this, but is our snow-plowing equipment in shape?"

With about five feet of snow around us, it's a bad time for it not to be," sent shivers through council members Tuesday night until they learned everything was ship-shape.

The question was posed during a committee of the whole meeting while several items of business were being discussed. Clerk Jack McGeachie also informed members snow removed from the streets would be dumped on town property near the present dump site. Sand will be stockpiled immediately and salt to be mixed with sand ordered from a new company this year.

"How are we fixed for snow fences?" was the next question popped by the mayor. Mr. McGeachie stated this was a ques-

tion for the sewer and water committee to decide. The answer brought a quick "What?" from the chairman of the road committee.

The clerk asked if the sewer and water committee intended to operate the south spring this year. "If so, we will need an additional 1,000 feet of fence for the lane," he said. If the spring is not being operated, it would not be necessary to purchase any additional snow fence. The sewer and water committee will make a decision following a meeting with the Ontario Water Resources Commission and Beardmore and Company next week.

Only one tree planted by town workmen this year under a co-op measure by homeowners and council (each paid \$2.50) had to be returned to the nursery for replacement. Councillor Hamilton Real in reporting on the tree-

## Schedule, Rates Finalized For Arena Winter Program

Four prospective members for Acton's first recreation committee were visitors Thursday evening of last week when Parks Board held their weekly session to discuss arena activities for the coming season. Council will name a recreation committee at a later date and meanwhile proposed members will attend Parks Board meetings to familiarize themselves with routine.

Welcomed to the meeting were Mrs. Helen Ottobreit, Len Lovell, Claude Cook and Doug Widdis. Regular Parks Board members attending were the chairman G. W. McKeitric, Mayor John H. Goy, Mrs. George Fiver, Cliff Bradley and Nino Braida. Also present was the recreation director Jim Casburn.

**Visitors Welcome**  
Lacking a secretary following the resignation of the former secretary Joe T. Hurst, the board named Mr. Casburn to record the minutes until a new secretary was appointed. In welcoming the proposed new members, Mr. McKeitric told the four they would be working with Parks Board which is serving a date-time until appointment of a recreation committee to become acquainted with routine.

The main subject for discussion during the meeting was arena schedule and rates and the various board members and recreation director spent considerable time reviewing the proposed program before giving their nod of approval.

The schedule this year will allow for two new programs, figure skating and curling. Hockey school for kiddies age six and seven. In daily registration for preschool, intermediate and senior skating classes stands at 75 with dues set at \$6, \$10 and \$12 respectively.

In order to accommodate curlers this year, Monday and Tuesday were set aside for this purpose. Rates for the curlers were

# Town's Nominations Set for Nov. 22 Council Approves '63 O.P.P. Contract

Municipal nominations were set for Thursday, November 22, at the Robert Little School auditorium when Acton council approved the necessary by-law Tuesday evening. An election is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4.

During nomination night candidates will be named for the positions of mayor, reeve, deputy-reeve, six councillors, public school board and hydro commission. In the event an election is necessary, the by-law established polling places and named the deputy returning officers.

The following are the polling booths and names of D.R.O.'s: ward one, subdivision one, United church, Mrs. Vera Inglis; ward one, subdivision two, Y.M.C.A., Mrs. Nan Hurst; ward two, town hall, Mrs. Harriet Helwig; ward three, Luxton Memorial Hall, Mrs. Mac Dumarsh; ward four, Y.M.C.A., Mrs. Annie Anderson. Clerk J. McGeachie will be returning officer.

Council also approved a by-law to sign a contract with the Ontario Police Commissioner for a one-year contract to have the Ontario Provincial Police continue policing Acton. This action was taken when members decided the cost of adopting a town force would be prohibitive.

The cost to the town under new provisions laid down by the police commission will be \$2,300 higher than last year. Under terms of the new contract, the cost of a corporal will be \$6,000 and constables will be \$5,400 per year. No increase in cruiser costs of nine cents per mile will take place. The expected cost to the town for 1963 is \$22,200. Last year O.P.P. protection was estimated at \$19,900.

date has been set for the hearing.

**Warehouse Appeal**  
Mr. McGeachie enquired if council desired to take action against an assessment appeal lodged by the Brewers' Warehouse Corporation which is seeking a 35 per cent assessment for business tax instead of the present 75 per cent.

The clerk stated the corporation is appealing the business as-

essment throughout the county. He told members the lower portion of the county had not indicated their intentions of fighting the appeal and stressed the importance of Acton, Milton and Georgetown upholding the present assessment.

Council agreed to seek support from the assessment committee of county council in opposing the appeal on behalf of the three towns.

# Vandalism Poses Big Problem As Council Hears Complaints

Broken or bent street signs, scratched vehicles, children playing on the street and general vandalism puzzled Acton council Tuesday evening when several disturbing incidents were aired.

Road chairman Les Duby reported he had complaints from several residents of vandalism on or near their property. Included in the list of complaints were street signs pulled up and laid on the ground, new cars being scratched while parked on the streets, aerials broken off cars, children playing on the roads and apples and carrots being stolen from gardens.

Mr. Duby stated one resident on the Crescent had requested a street sign be cemented in as the sign was always turned around backwards by children. New parking signs posted on Mill Street barely had time to settle when they had been torn out, the councillor claimed, when he cited several cases noted by himself. He also said drivers had complained of their cars being scratched with some sharp object while parked on the street.

**Recommends Girls Instead**

Another complaint regarding vandalism entailed a few bigger boys who raided a resident's garden and stole carrots and apples. This brought a raucous chuckle from some members who recalled doing the same thing in their younger years. One member philosophized, "They will stop when they get old enough to recognize girls. There's no kink in stealing apples when you get to know girls."

Mr. Duby cited another case of small children playing on Main Street who ran out on the road carrying a bed spring in front

of approaching motorists. He stated parents were sitting on the porch at the time and didn't stop them.

Councillors agreed vandalism was quite a problem and until a by-law forced parents to be responsible for damage, the trouble would not be stemmed.

Clerk McGeachie said he had recently heard unofficially that town engineers and the O.W.R.C. were "having a hassle" over sterilizing the new reservoirs not yet put in use. He understood the Ontario Water Resources Commission had instructed the engineers to use 50 parts per million of water of chlorine for initial sterilization of the reservoirs and engineers objected.

The clerk stated the two newly-constructed reservoirs had been scrubbed down and sterilized by workmen and he was of the opinion the storage tanks were the cleanest in Ontario.

Council discussed the results if the heavily chlorinated water was pumped through the town system or drained down ditches into fields. It was noted the heavy chlorination would take some time to reduce if turned into the present water system. Chlorination at the Churchill spring had been at the rate of four parts per million of water and several residents had complained.

**Might Kill Cattle?**

One councillor thought the water pumped down the ditch into fields might kill cattle or if the water seeped into springs, it could kill fish in streams or hamper production in industry. As council was not too certain of the exact amount of chlorine stipulated by the O.W.R.C. and possible methods of disposing of the water after the tanks had been sterilized, the clerk was instructed to make further enquiries. Council stated their objection against running the heavily chlorinated water through the Town System.

**Victorian Order**

Possibilities of establishing a Victorian Order of Nurses branch in North Halton including tentative costs were discussed following information received from the

**Recovers Articles**

When police were notified, constable Mervin Harness investigated and recovered the stolen goods. The youths were taken to the police office where a 17-year-old Acton youth admitted the theft.

He was charged by police and appeared in court Monday morning where he was remanded in custody pending the magistrate's decision next week.

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**HALTON U.C.W.** held their fall presbyterial rally in Acton United church Tuesday when United church women from North Halton County attended. Pictured above are some of the women in charge of the day-long program. Seated left is Mrs. H. R. Force, president of the Acton U.C.W., and right Mrs. Percy Chalmers, president of the Hamilton conference U.C.W. Standing back row left to right are Mrs. F. W. Harbottle, president of St. Paul's U.C.W. Milton; Mrs. F. W. Hayward, North Halton area vice-president of the presbyterial U.C.W. from Lowville and Mrs. K. McMillan, leadership and development chairman of the Halton presbyterial, from Burlington.



"**ALL RIGHT, FOLKS!** How much am I bid?" was the continuous plea of auctioneer Frank Petch Saturday afternoon during the Ballinlad Community auction. Proceeds from the auction boosted the community hall building fund by an additional \$400 as district residents gathered to make their purchases. Articles were donated for the auction and Mr. Petch gave his firm free to aid the building committee.