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Cliff Bradley Chosen Parks Board Chairman

New members welcomed to parks board last night (Wednesday) heard a general discussion on aims of the board, prospects and duties, charging some of the park's history, and from secretary Joe Arbie a detailed review of last year's budget which ended its \$3,991 balance sheet with a surplus of \$2,800. The board has never shown a deficit.

Cliff Bradley, last year's vice chairman was unanimously and speedily named chairman. Last year he was property chairman and had the complete administration of the park right under his fingertips. (He lives next door.) "He's handy for bees," another board member mentioned.

Three New Members
On the board for the first time this year are Alex Zibonoff, George Williams and council representative Ray Arbie. Former members present were Sam Branda and Mr. Bradley, absent were council representative Alex Johnson and Keith Black who has a university lecture Wednesday.

Joe Hurst, who is also secretary of the recreation committee, was re-elected by parks board on the same financial split basis as last year.

The administration committee will be headed by Mr. Branda with Mr. Williams and Mr. Zibonoff. The finance committee will be headed by Keith Black with Ray Arbie and Alex Johnson.

The finance committee concerns itself with rentals and budgets. The administration committee will be in charge of personnel and property and its chairman will direct the park attendants.

There were more parks board committees necessary when the board directed the arena too.

Monday Conference
When a committee of council meets with R. R. Parks of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority in the town office next Monday to discuss the possibility of the Authority clearing stumps from Fairy Lake this winter, parks board representatives there will be Mr. Bradley and Mr. Branda.

Facts and Figures
Mr. Hurst's rundown of the 1963 budget and actual expenditures included costs of gate attendant and park attendant labor from town men, repairs to new mower and repairs to an other maintenance of buildings and grounds, tree planting, oiling track, the \$100 for installation of the filtration plant in the weed ing pool, a big improvement, grading and leveling as the first step toward a park in Glenora for 1972.

The park is not there to make money, but for the use and pleasure of the people of Acton. The chairman pointed out. Receipts for 63 as well as the gate receipts, which were down due to the chilly summer, were from park rental for the Lions club carnival, football tournament, Y.M.C.A. regatta and group picnics.

Second Thursday
Activities were held for the second Thursday at 7:30 in the town office. A budget meeting comes next and members will meet as soon as convenient with representatives of the L.O.P. to learn more about the 12th of July celebration here, which is expected to draw thousands to the park.



TROPHY WINNERS in the annual curling league were declared Tuesday evening after the final. From left to right: Chester Anderson, team captain, the Acton mixed trophy. Left to right are the winners, skip Chester Anderson, Jim M. Hugh, Doug Cameron and Jim Hugh who substituted for Fred Wells. The team coached by Van Hest's lost to a large crowd of spectators.

Reeve, Deputy Under Fire Regarding County Support

Reeve H. Hinton and deputy Reeve J. Bell Wood were both targets during a crossfire of questions from other council members Tuesday evening when they were asked whether their county council level are based on objectives from local council or their own conclusions.

This lengthy discussion followed a recommendation by No. 1 committee to have the administration committee (No. 1) and the clerk attend a one-day town and county conference at Bowmanville February 18.

Councillor Albert Brown sparked the objections when he asked how this decision was reached. He thought an council clearing up its attitude should be able to do so.

During a review of the brochure outlining particulars of the conference, it was noted a discussion on a county assessment commission would occur.

Councillor Eric Johnson asked the clerk if his county on this subject at county level would be influenced by Acton council directives or not. County representatives should abide by the wishes of their own council, Councillor Ray Arbie thought.

Reeve Hinton said he had been elected by the voters to represent the people and his opinion as a county council level might differ from that of councillors representing a representative at county level. He would not wish to be pushed into an action which would be justified in his action.

Deputy Reeve Wood was asked for opinion and he was surprised but was attempting to discuss what he proposed. This year county council level did not discuss however he felt any decision made by a county council representative would have to be decided on the merits of the question involved.

agreed to have any member of council interested in attending the conference contact the clerk by the end of this month in order to make reservations.

Another recommendation made by No. 1 committee to have Eric Johnson, chairman of the industrial committee of council attend the Ontario International Trade Fair Forum in Toronto was debated when presented in motion from Supporting the resolution was Deputy Reeve Wood only.

When the motion was taken, Mr. Wood moved for the clerk to call a meeting of the county council on Wednesday evening in order to have an urban board meeting in Acton on a Wednesday night. All but one urban board member is now either in Milton or in a position on a county level. He proposed an action of council of local practice in the operation of the town hall. The clerk was instructed to make necessary arrangements.

It was agreed to place Police Parking Only signs in front of the town hall on the east side of Willow St. to provide a parking lot for the police station.

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will remain in the town offices most of going to Acton City Hall Tuesday evening. It was recommended by No. 1 committee that the money be transferred to A. H. When the vote was taken to transfer the money out, deputy Reeve Wood and council members Johnson and Johnson were in favor. The money is left from operation and the sale of bond maturing in the hand was of bonded in 1961.

Board in Hand
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Refuse Financial Aid For Proposed Water Line

Expressing Council refused Monday to give financial aid to a developer to assist him in buying water from the town of Georgetown. Mr. Morris owns a 100 acre farm south of Georgetown in the township of Georgetown. He wants to carry the water line to purchase from the town. But Council members refused. The grounds it was not their responsibility.

Jim Morrison appeared to complain of a hedge blocking motorists' view at the 27 Sideroad First Line intersection. He asked that the fence be lowered and a stop sign erected. Council agreed to look over the corner.

Three members of the school board property committee attended to discuss rental of their board room in the basement of the Township Office, building A. A fee of \$500 per year was set for the next five years with an option for an additional five years to be available. The price includes hydro and heating. The trustees also complained of the noise from a fan motor which is to be investigated.

Payment of \$500 to Joe McDonald for use of his land as a town dump was authorized. Last year the payment was \$300.

Unless more money is forthcoming from Sunday afternoon family skating in the next few weeks, Acton Recreation Commission decided the time must be allotted to an activity more lucrative to community centres.

Council is paying the tax on the Saturday but the silver collection has only been yielding \$16 on \$17. This amount hardly pays for lights and labor.

Members asked Recreation director Jim Cashman to approach the industrial, farm and stock show to play Sunday afternoon instead of on the evening of the Saturday night. It was agreed to attempt to switch the time of the show to the Saturday night in January.

Thursday's meeting of the Recreation Commission on the new municipal arena produced a new chairman, Herb Eck, Burroughs.

Four Cents Each

Sunday Skaters Cheap Skates? Collect \$16 from 400 People

Over 400 people for the event which would take place on Saturday July 11. Seventy or 80 judges were expected and at least 40 boats.

Members told the delegation the community centre was used for their club. He asked them to meet with the administration committee to iron out the problems involved.

Secretary Joe Hurst informed the Council on Thursday a deficit of \$225.00 owing from 1963. Included in that amount was the 1963 deficit of \$300.00. A new budget is being prepared by Finance committee members, Hugh Patterson, Sam Branda and Eric Johnson.

Recreation director Jim Cashman gave the committee a report on the special motor hockey night in January.

Second year public school was a success. Eight to 10 children are expected with a program of ice, tennis and skating. School board Expressing Eric Johnson's powers are to be used as well as from Acton.

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Install New Officers, Present Life Membership Legionnaires Honor Past President Max Storey

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Legion Ladies Auxiliary president Mrs. Fern Shultz, charged the male members to take a more active part in branch activities and meetings. She wished the incoming president and members of the executive a successful year. Her remarks followed a toast to the ladies who catered for the dinner.

Rep. Clayton held a surprise for Provincial Command, was present to bring greetings from his superiors and on behalf of the Acton branch presented past president Max Storey with a life membership certificate and a social time afterwards.

Mr. Storey praised the Branch for their increased membership last year and expressed a desire to see an equal increase again this year. He stated that new membership was one of the most important projects any branch could undertake as due to natural causes veterans from the first world war were passing on and

representatives had to be found. He presented the incoming vice president, Max Storey, with a certificate of appreciation and an increase in membership during 1963.

In response to the outgoing president's remarks, Mr. Storey thanked the Branch members who had assisted him in his successful years of office during the past few years. No Legion can be successful without a team effort and I have high hopes for this Branch with Jim Storey who will make a good president. He stated.

In conclusion the retiring president thanked the members for their support and assistance during the past year. He stated that the Branch was in good stead and he hoped for a successful year ahead.

Other speakers included D. George, H. M. P. M. P. P. George, K. M. P. M. P. P. George, and Z. M. P. M. P. P. George. They all expressed their appreciation for the past year and their hopes for the future.

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Enrolment Friday For Credit Union

On Friday, January 17, the Acton Community Credit Union held its annual enrolment for the year. The enrolment was held at the town office and was attended by a large number of people. The enrolment was successful and the credit union is pleased with the results.

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Second Year in Row Anne Bennett Public Speaking Contest Winner

Anne Bennett put the spotlight on Acton High School again Monday night when she won first place in the Second Year Industrial Accident Prevention Association public speaking competition at Guelph. Anne won first place last year also in the same competition.

At the sectional competition the secondary schools of Guelph, Acton, Elora and Elgin and students.

House Next
At the divisional competition to be held at Doon, Ontario, on February 12, Anne will compete with the winners from the Kitchener area. If successful here the next step will be the Western Ontario competition.

The topic of the address for the competition is "Safety as Everybody's Business." The Industrial Accident Prevention Association supplies each year study kits to any student wishing to compete.

Hard work and repeated effort have made Anne a winner. Generous cash prizes for first and second place winners provide an incentive for this competition.

Y Program
The Y program is continuing as usual here under the supervision of different members of the Y Men's Club. Secretary Sid Saitz is in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph.

Acton Firefighter is Chairman Halton Fire Prevention Bureau

Firefighter William Williams and trophies. Firefighter Ivan of Acton Fire Department was named chairman of the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau for 1964. He succeeds George W. Lewis, former chairman.

The bureau is comprised of representatives from the five Halton County Fire Departments and firefighters from each town were named to the new executive at the January meeting.

Other officers include Inspector Laurie Barkwell of Burlington, vice chairman; firefighter Doug Bowen, Oakville, secretary; and District Deputy Chief Harry Wilson, Oakville, treasurer.

Committee chairmen and auditors were also appointed. They are: Literatures, Chief Douglas Wilson, Oakville; Inspections, Chief Erwin Lewis, Georgetown; and Chief M. Holmes, Acton.

The bureau is presently being re-organized. Chief Wilson installed the new officers and congratulated Chief Lewis and the retiring executive for their services during 1963. The past chairman presented his annual report covering the bureau's work and safety activities during his year in office.

New Store
Charles Withnall of Toronto who has been in the clothing business for many years in Toronto, has moved to Acton. He is now in Mill St. just west of the town office. He is presently being re-organized.

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1964 LEGION EXECUTIVE members were installed Saturday evening during Branch 197 annual dinner. Front row left to right are secretary John Hufnagel, first vice-president Ted Poirer, president Jim Gunn, second vice-president Gord James, and sergeant-at-arms Jim Milne. Back row left to right are sports chairman Gord Thompson, sick chairman Frank Holmes, contest chairman Tom Watson, entertainment chairman James Higgins, minor sports chairman Bob Leithe, public relations George Ware, poppy chairman Pat Waldie, and building chairman Doug Guthrie.



ANNE BENNETT won first place in the Industrial Accident Prevention Association public speaking contest Monday evening at Guelph for the second year in a row. The 16-year-old high school student took over the certificate she won with principal E. A. Hansen. She will now enter the divisional competition at Doon, Ontario, February 12.