

Cut Tax Rate 3.8 Mills Down to 62.7 Mills

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Over 300 Take Part in First Skating Carnival

The first carnival, undertaken on a small scale by the newly formed Acton Figure Skating Club, Saturday gave a promise of fine skating and many more carnivals to come. Designed primarily to cap the season and show parents what had been learned, the show drew a good crowd of 300 to the arena Saturday evening. A few district skaters joined the 50 members of the new Acton club to present a fast-moving, colorful carnival with variety and flair.

Figure skating lessons began after artificial ice was installed. Last year's closing program was a simple one without costumes.

Juniors in Space

The children in the junior class were all on the ice together for "Space Escapades" with recreation director Jim Casburn narrating. They had rented attractive costumes and had a couple of special effects.

Three boys in the class, in pilots' outfits, were encased in cardboard airplanes and billed as the R.C.A.F. Golden Hawks. They were David Hodgson, Doug Porter and Steven Papillon.

Six Spartans, all in red, were Donna Lee Spivogel, Becky Blueley, David Williams, Cheryl Williams, Heather Reid and Elizabeth Laver.

Wearing brilliant green were the Martians, Suzanne Porter, Kathy Papillon, Debby Papillon, Carol McCutcheon, Judy Cameron and Sandra Patterson.

Space Chimps

Four clouds, who skated around cloud-forming baskets of dry ice, were Patty Dunn, Mary Freuler, Kathy Hinton and Kathleen Dills. Two tiny space chimps, holding hands as they maneuvered down the ice, were Howard McCutcheon and Kathy Chapman.

There was a galaxy of stars wearing sparkling green tulle and carrying sparklers. Lynn Dunn, Dolores Jordan, Linda Perry, Heather McCutcheon, Lindy Lou Moon and Karen Townsley.

Proutteting in a short solo was one of the youngest skaters who depicted Twinkle Star in a pink and white ballet costume. Debbie Rippon, Kathy Pevcha had another solo, in cream satin, as a shooting star.

Experimental mice frolicked up and down the ice, led by the smallest, white mouse Diane Buchman. Other mice, in gray, were Jean Elliott, Kim McCristall, Bonnie Bristow and Colleen De Bruyn.

Seniors, Guests
The senior skaters provided the rest of the program, with several special numbers from out-of-town skaters.

The entire group was on the ice together for a riotous mock rugby game, the girls bulky in red and white high school outfits, shoulder pads, helmets and all. David Sutton of Guelph had the near-impossible task of refereeing the game which had the unfortunate ball kicked by trim legs in figure skates.

Most of the girls took part in the Ritual Fire Dance which concluded with lighted sparklers in the dark.

Solos, Pairs

Several skaters from out-of-town swelled the ranks of the Acton group. Brian Farrance of London had a solo and gave a bronze dance demonstration with Mary Boniface of London. Miss Boniface had a solo and took part in group numbers. Marcia Walker of London had a solo and assisted in groups. Young Wendy Dempsey of Guelph was another with a solo and helping out.

Lynda Wickham of Rockwood, 1964 novice ladies' champion of Western Ontario, was well-applauded for her solo and a pairs number. Dance Moads, with David Sutton of Guelph, David Sutton had a solo as well.

Acton's best skaters showed their grace and ability in solos and pairs and were loudly applauded. Sally Wilson, Sharon Bradley and Lynda Baidia had well-executed solos to special music; Joan and Barbara Cook skated together; Lynda Baidia and Sally Wilson skated together.

Wearing air force blue, a group of these girls skated a number called Flight 707 Dance Time — Marcia Walker, Mary Boniface, Joan Cook, Linda Baidia, Sally Wilson, Sharon Bradley, Lynda Wickham and Wendy Dempsey. A preliminary dance demonstration was given by Cavell Marshall, Carol Beatty, Nancy Gordon and Barbara Cook.

Executive Busy

Club executive members handled all the tasks from selling tickets to darting out on the ice with armloads of lighted sparklers.

The Friday teacher, Kerry Leitch, directed the youngsters. The juniors' teacher, Barbara Still, had a previous commitment at another carnival.

Walter Cook is the first president of the Acton Skating Club. Syd Lamb secretary and Phil McCristall treasurer. On the board are G. De Bruyn, Phil Elliott and John Buchman. Recreation director Jim Casburn assisted and acted as master of ceremonies. The music was specially taped for the numbers.

Where Your Tax Dollars Are Spent



5.7 MILLS	COUNTY RATE \$40,714.13	14.1 MILLS	HIGH SCHOOL Operation and Debentures \$106,650.45	15.9 MILLS	PUBLIC SCHOOLS Operation and Debentures \$120,250.62
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27.	GENERAL PURPOSES Administration, Salaries, Bldg. Maint., Cemeteries, Insurance, Dog Control \$59,350.00 PLUS	PROTECTION Fire, Police, Division Court, Street Lights \$50,884.95	PUBLIC WORKS Roads, Equipment, Sidewalks, Bridges \$37,250
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SANITATION, HEALTH, WELFARE Garbage, Insulin, Ambulance, Relief \$24,450	RECREATION AND COMMUNITY Library, Parks, Community Centre, Fair, Planning, Urban Bd., Band \$19,285.61	DEBENTURES \$108,929.15 Water, Sewer Deficits, Taxes written off, Grants, Reserve and Capital Expenditure \$39,605
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1964 MILL RATE BREAKDOWN

General Rate	Mill Rates	To be Raised
Commercial Assessment	3,452,740	30.5
Residential Assessment	3,690,090	27.
Per Capita Tax		12,846.40
Total	7,142,830	217,892.12
Commercial Assessment	3,473,065	17.7
Residential Assessment	3,690,090	15.9
Total		61,473.25
Commercial Assessment	3,473,065	15.7
Residential Assessment	3,690,090	14.1
Total		54,527.12
Commercial Assessment	3,452,740	5.7
Residential Assessment	3,690,090	5.7
Total		19,680.62
Commercial Assessment	3,452,740	5.7
Residential Assessment	3,690,090	5.7
Total		21,033.51
Commercial Assessment	3,452,740	5.7
Residential Assessment	3,690,090	5.7
Total		40,464.97
Commercial Assessment	3,452,740	5.7
Residential Assessment	3,690,090	5.7
Total		485,060.13

TOTAL ASSESSMENT FOR 1964

Residential Section 54	3,695,915
Less Post Office	775
Commercial and Industrial	3,696,600
Total	6,600
Commercial and Industrial	3,366,165
Less Post Office	77,575
Total	9,000
Total	3,452,740
Total	7,142,830

RECEIPTS GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

	Actual 1963	Budget 1964
Taxation, Local Improvement, Supplementary Debt Recoverable, hydro, water sewers	(\$6,788.60)	\$6,028.36
Grants and Subsidies, relief, fire and police, highways, L.C.B.O., County, Children's Aid	(44,257.63)	58,641.96
General Licenses, dog tax, tax penalties	(24,439.08)	23,622.68
Other Revenues, town hall rent, fines, Warren Grove sidewalk	(4,484.83)	4,350.00
Recreation and Community, ambulance, cemetery	(3,427.13)	3,216.73
Miscellaneous Items, sundry, poll tax, Township Fire Standby	(5,764.32)	5,400.00
Cash in lieu of Taxes, Post Office, L.C.B.O.	(2,008.91)	7,650.00
Surplus	(5,025.60)	3,750.00
Unconditional Grant	(1,132.75)	9,202.92
O.W.R.C. Contract	(12,846.40)	12,846.40
Total Receipts	(15,057.00)	134,708.99

DISBURSEMENTS GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Council salaries, administration salaries, pension, audit fees, unemployment insurance, health insurance, cemetery, insurance, printing and postage, maintenance public buildings, office administration, legal and court costs, election expense, workmen's compensation, dog control	(66,139.39)	59,350.00
Protection to Persons and Property, Fire, Police, Division Court, Street Lighting	(49,602.92)	50,884.95
Public Works, Roads, Miscellaneous Roads, equipment maintenance, sidewalk, Church & Brock, bridges	(35,167.41)	37,250.00
Sanitation and Waste, garbage (labor only), covering dump	(6,895.99)	10,000.00
Conservation of Health, insulin, ambulance	(1,827.66)	2,450.00
Social Welfare, relief	(11,164.73)	12,000.00
Recreation and Community, library, community centre, parks board, fall fair board, planning board, urban board, citizens' band	(19,058.40)	19,285.61
Debentures, water, sewer, general, hydro, O.W.R.C. Contract	(108,955.62)	108,929.15
Interest charges, water deficit, sewer deficit, Taxes written off	(21,555.20)	4,800.00
Miscellaneous Items, Esqueasing debentures, Credit Valley, Y.M.C.A. taxes, water taxes, hydrant rental, St. Johns Ambulance, Retarded Children, equipment depreciation, reserve, community arena; capital expenditure	(12,947.39)	34,805.00
Total	(333,314.71)	339,754.71

CALCULATION OF 1964 PUBLIC SCHOOL LEVY

Residential Assess.	3,696,690	90%	3,327,021
Comm. Assess.	3,452,740		
Legion Assess.	20,325		
Less Post Office	6,600		
Total	3,690,090		6,800,086
			6,600
			6,793,486

Misc. Levy	67,715.00
Esqueasing Debentures	855.69
Debt Levy	68,570.69
Debt Levy	51,704.50
Total	120,275.19
Commercial Rate	17.7 x 3,473,065 = 61,473.25
Residential Rate	15.9 x 3,690,090 = 58,872.42
Under Levy	120,145.67

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Band Serenades Council At 1964 Budget Session

Strains from "Strauss Waltz" and "Lady From Spain" drowned out any possible clue press reporters might have gained regarding council's conclusion when the 1964 mill rate was struck Wednesday evening.

Members of Acton Citizens' Band staged their regular practice session in the meeting room above council chambers and members of council huddled around their table with cocked ears trying to hear each other above the lifting waltzes.

A complete breakdown of the budget appears elsewhere in the Free Press with a comparison of last year's figures.

Council members met in Committee of the Whole at 7 p.m. with the regular session scheduled to begin at 8:30 p.m. to discuss budget of the Whole amounting to \$7,142,830.

During the regular session which followed, the following salary increases were approved retroactive to the first of the year: J. McGeachie \$100; J. T. Hurst \$100; W. Erskine \$200 plus an additional \$50 mileage allowance; Mrs. Mildred Turnbull and Mrs. Lorna Clark \$250 increase per week. Caretaker Harvey Palmer was granted a \$5 per month increase.

Three readings were given by-law which amended seven previous by-laws to rezone the Leishman Park area from conservation area to residential. O.M.B. approval must now be given before this can be finalized.

Approve Salary Increase Three Hydro Employees

Easter joy came early for three Acton Hydro employees last week when commission members approved a wage increase for superintendent Doug Mason, secretary-treasurer Mrs. Audrey Urquhart and meter reader Newt Hurst.

The resolution approving the increase was sponsored by commissioner Doug Dawkins and seconded by commissioner Will McEachern. When chairman J. G. Duby read the motion mayor Les Duby asked what present rates amounted to.

He learned the superintendent last year was paid a salary of \$5,200 but with overtime had grossed a total of \$5,600; the secretary-treasurer earned \$3,500 and the meter reader \$3,500. Mason was granted a \$500 raise per year. Mrs. Urquhart and Mr. Hurst each \$300.

Hearing Tonight On Zoning By-Law

Compact copies of Acton's proposed new zoning by-law went by mail to each ratepayer last week. Public hearing on the by-law is scheduled for tonight (Thursday) in the Legion auditorium when the by-law will be discussed and any protests may be presented.

The original typewritten copy of the by-law was photographed, made into plates and printed by offset method at the Free Press plant to provide everyone with an exact replica and map.

The planning board has been working on this presentation for many months.

This zoning by-law is a completely new one, created with the assistance of Protect Planning Associates Limited. The last by-law in town was approved five years ago.

Opposition to certain changes is expected to be voiced tonight. In some cases, a proposed change of a residential area to commercial area may be protested.

K. Hardman is planning board chairman with board members Aldo Baidia, Wes Masales, Dave Manes, Bill Knight, Eric Johnston and H. H. Hinton. Secretary-treasurer is Jack McGeachie.

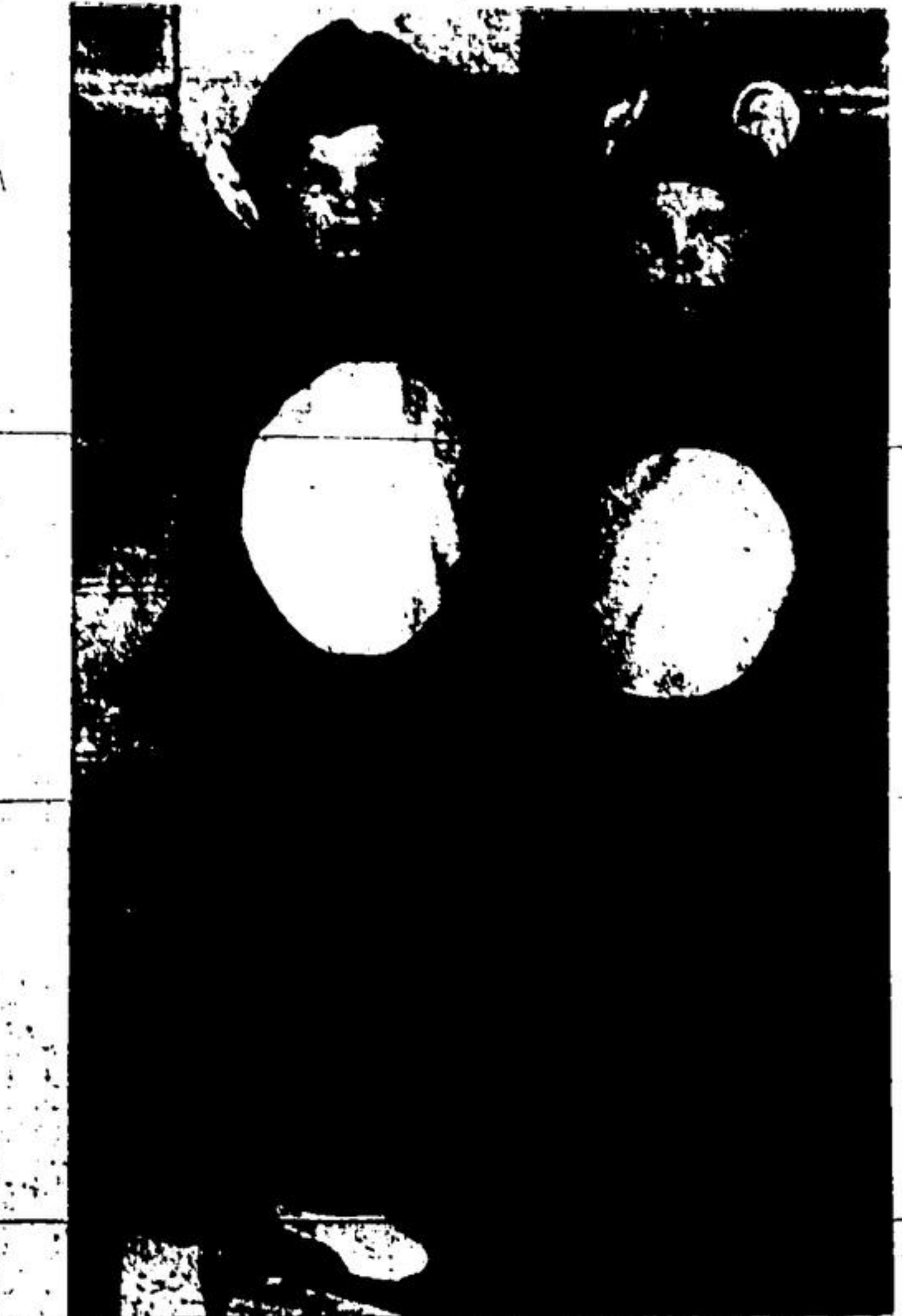
More Factor

Mayor Duby admitted he was in a bad position to make a decision when he was on the arbitrating board for council with town employees. He said he was in favor of an increase but wished to have more facts before deciding on a proper amount.

Chairman Ted Tyler said the employees had not been granted an increase during the past four years because some commission members did not favor an increase. On learning this and basing town employees' rates at \$100 per year, the mayor signified his approval to the increase.

Commission members were also on the receiving end for Easter when they got a cheque from Ontario Hydro amounting to \$21,048 for power fed off local lines.

WHAT'S GOING ON? Who is this person and what is he doing? To satisfy your curiosity please turn to the front page of the second section to see complete story and additional pictures.



SPACE CHIMPS Cathy, Chapman and Howard McCutcheon received welcoming applause from patrons at the skating carnival Saturday night when they returned from an imaginary trip into space during the junior section's presentation of "Space Escapades."