

Exciting Hydroplane Regatta Next Project Y's Men Considered "Backbone" of Y.M.C.A.

Acton, said to be the smallest town in the world with a Y.M.C.A. building, is soon to host one of the Y's Men's biggest projects — the second annual regatta on the demanding water course in Fairy Lake. With more entries, more prizes, sky-high draw money and even bigger crowds, the Y's Men's club will again be turning their ingenuity into raising funds for the valuable work of the Y.

Last year 500 lined Fairy Lake's banks to watch the excitement of the hydroplane regatta. A larger crowd is expected due to the advance sale of tickets, which is being sold off at the Y's Men's

club meeting tonight. Coupled with advance sale is the opportunity of winning cash prizes totalling — hold your breath — \$1,000.

And ticket sales will be limited to 2,000, which includes admission to the regatta on June 20.

Samlity at Helm

Heading the regatta committee again this year is Elmer Smith, with Lloyd McIntyre, Lou Bonnette, Doug Copland, Mansell Nelson, Earl Masales, Eric Johnson and John Weldon. The 25 members of the club will all be pushing the project.

Coupled with advance sale will be something else in advance

that lake district neighbors will remember — the driving motors of the light hydroplanes skimming the surface of the lake in practice last spring. This year, practicing on Sundays is "out".

And why does the Y's Men's club seek to raise so much money? The men have pet projects — the Saturday shows, purchasing of gym equipment, and the latest, supplying equipment for the new park promised for Glena subdivision. But a primary purpose is the support of the Y.M.C.A.

Murray Memorial

The Y provides a wide range of opportunities for young people

and continues its program into the adult years to offer a continuing pattern for the development of proficiency.

In Acton the Y.M.C.A. was established through the benevolence of J. A. Murray who bequeathed the financial means to erect and equip the Y.M.C.A. building, and Acton Y.M.C.A. is officially known as the Murray Memorial.

Besides the youth division of the Acton Y.M.C.A. which runs a physical program under the direction of the Y.M.C.A. board and general secretary Sid Saitz, there are service organizations which support the Acton Y by various projects financially.

Real Backbone

The real backbone in keeping the Acton Y.M.C.A. operational are the Y's Men's Club, and the Ladies' Auxiliary. Both these clubs give unselfishly of their time and means to support and strengthen the Y.M.C.A.

The program of the Acton Y, which is enjoyed by approximately 150 boys and girls, is mainly centred on the gymnasium, floor tumbling, group games, 110 or hockey, basketball, volleyball, gymnastics, archery and badminton keep the young members busy. There is a separate girls' group with around 30 members who engage in physical activities which are not quite so strenuous as the boys'.

Total membership of the Y this year is 218.

83 Awards

There is also a swimming group, the Acton Water Y's, who travel by school bus to Guelph on Friday nights to use the facilities of the Guelph Y.M.C.A. since Acton has no swimming pool. During the past year 83

different swimming awards were won by members of this group, indicating their progress from beginners to accomplished swimmers.

For those who tire of physical activities there are a variety of games available and for these pastimes the downstairs game room is open to members. A couple of years ago the Acton Y ran a table tennis tournament with trophies as prizes, and the secretary would like to have another event of this kind if enough able players were available.

For young men over 16 years of age there is a well equipped weight-lifting room, where young body-builders can strengthen their muscles.

With the cooperation of the town's recreation director Jim Casburn, the Acton Y.M.C.A. is trying to expand its program to include senior citizens, too, and in the last couple of months there have been two exploratory meetings for older folks which indicated that there is need and interest for this type of program.

Besides these various parts of the program the Acton Y.M.C.A. has, for the past four years, also provided film shows for the youngsters. These shows are generally popular during the winter months and early spring, after which there is usually a decline in attendance for which reason

the shows are discontinued during the summer.

There are annual events, as for instance Father and Son banquet, Y.M.C.A. Sunday, the UNICEF collections with subsequent Halloween party at the Y which always draws a lot of school children.

The Acton Y.M.C.A. is also available for extra-curricular activities which are not part of the program and various groups in town make use of the facilities. The Scottish Dance Club and The Evangel Baptist Church are just two of these groups which use the Y.M.C.A. regularly for their own purposes.

Figures usually make very uninteresting reading but just to indicate the service that the Acton Y.M.C.A. renders to the whole community — during the last year a total of 8,416 persons used the facilities of the Acton Y. 124 swimming lessons were given, and the gym was used by 4,285 persons.

Began in 1851

The Young Men's Christian Association has been working with young people in Canada since 1851, and has pioneered in many sports and in the field of fitness generally. The physical education in the schools and the recreation activities of the municipal parks and recreation departments have been developed in the Y.M.C.A. pattern, and have used many Y.M.C.A. trained physical directors.

Many of the facilities which we take for granted today were made popular by the Y.M.C.A.

Some of the more notable examples of this are the following:

(1) The gymnasium: In 1873 the Y.M.C.A. opened one of the first gymnasiums in Canada and in the course of the following 15 years similar facilities were established in the Y.M.C.A.'s in most of the other major cities. Basketball was invented by the Y.M.C.A. and

indoor sports such as handball and volleyball have been fostered very largely by the Y.M.C.A.

(2) The indoor swimming pool. In 1887 the Y.M.C.A. opened one of the first indoor swimming pools in this country, and over the years the Association has taken the lead in swimming and diving instruction, and life-saving.

(3) Summer camps: Still the leading organization in this field, the Canadian Y.M.C.A. has been operating summer camps since 1889. More important even than the general acceptance of the camps, the Y.M.C.A. has taken the lead in raising the standards of camping and camp leadership, and fostering activities such as canoe-tripping, daysamping and conference camps.

Secretaries directing the programs in Acton in the last 15 years have been Cliff Sutton, Dick Schmitt, Bill Braxshaw, Dave Doherty and now Sid Saitz.

Recently the Y board and the Y's Men's club operate the Y them-

selves without a full-time secretary.

In 1952 the kitchen received a major facelift sponsored by the Y's Men's Club. Other improvements then included a new basement exit, washrooms in the basement, hall reception counter and decoration.

Coupled with the Y's Men's club is the Y's Menettes club, formed in January 1957.

The Central Ontario Y's Men's conference has been held here in April, 1959 and April, 1964. Currently Acton is "on the map" in Y.M.C.A. circles throughout the world since G. W. McKenzie is international president. He will be at a Y's Men's conference in Charlottetown, P.E.I., this coming weekend.

Georgetown has just lately established a Y.M.C.A. — but without a building; in Milton a Y is one of the suggestions for a centennial project. Acton is wonderfully fortunate; let's not just take it for granted!

Our Readers Write

MORE THOUGHTS ON NASSAGAWEYA PETITION

Dear Sir:

The Women of Nassagaweya Centennial Project Committee deserves a long round of applause for initial success of its time-limited endeavors. Many aspects not normally considered in the area of interest of the "weaker sex" have been painstakingly checked and local Council supposedly in power in the interests of the people, has surely received its first warning shot across the bows that the people who launched it to show regard for their interests.

Those taxpayers present at the meeting could not help observing the low, mumbled tones in which the business is conducted, almost as though their very presence were resented; instead of showing pleasure, the Councilors' faces showed strain. The voices of "the people" came through loud and clear and the content of their cause gave Councilors food for thought, but Council's unwillingness to discuss the women's project, despite a forewarning of the petition presentation, was confirmed by their request for a later, smaller meeting. Clearly they do not like open discussion on public affairs.

The following points may be of interest:

1. The women came up with firm figures, yet Council, who have applied for the availability of loan money, still do not know how much their building might cost. The proposed site may have been prompted by the Township's purchase of some very expensive land and their obvious doubt that the same monies could be realized were they to be faced with the resale of this land.
2. Council's claim that S.S. 3 is falling down is sheer plain nonsense, they are expressing layman's opinion against that of a reputable qualified architect.
3. If S.S. 3 is so dangerous for a four or five man occupancy, perhaps we can be told why until recently as many as 60 children were permitted to attend school there. Or conversely why such an old building can suddenly become untenable in a three year period of vacancy.
4. Dr. B. D. Young did not question the legality of some of the signatures. He stated some of the people were liars as they had told him personally that they were against it. Unfortunately, he chose not to name those people, only weakening his own claim, but as no measure was applied, neither were prizes offered for those who produced names, the claim should be taken with the proverbial pinch of salt. A signature on a document is certainly more valid than a polite conversation and I have no doubt that Council burned the midnight oil scrutinizing all the names, shocked that anyone should have the effrontery to question their actions.
5. As representatives of an old farming community, Council should show more interest in the retaining and preserving of the achievements of their forebears. Mr. Ross Gordon stated he burned his old furniture; perhaps in future he will offer it to our local museum. He clearly has no respect for old things, which makes one wonder how he will react towards himself when he reaches that category.
6. The old school building, it was learned, will provide all the things needed in the proposed new structure, with the exception of a basement. When Council was asked to what use it proposed to put the basement no concrete plans were offered. A further indication of money wastage — and this at a time when annexations are taking place, with the distinct possibility that our community is on the list.
7. Provision for a Road Superintendent's office, also one of Council's requirements — and a reason for the new building, is feasible. For some obscure reason he must be in the same office building, yet if S.S. 3 were used he would only be two miles from the municipal offices — and a telephone could surely be provided.

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