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Ice Carnival Saturday To Conclude Third Year

Undoubtedly the best ice carnival yet will conclude this season for the young Acton Figure Skating Club. Costumes, curtains, specially painted ice surface, scenery, props and spotlights are assembled for the third final program at the community centre this Saturday night.

Volunteer teachers, skating students Linda Branda and Sharon Bradley, are staging their first carnival themselves. Experienced assistance through past carnivals in Guelph comes from Linda's parents. The music has all been taped by the Bradas; many extra practices have been held for the 35 young members of the club. Tools are very reasonable, the instructors are not paid since they are amateurs, and the executive hopes to edge over the year's end "in the black".

Spring Festival

"Spring Festival" has such provocative numbers as Winter Is Over, Spring Flowers, Rainbow, Miss Springtime, Apple Blossom, and The Creatures.

Other special numbers that will please the audience are Little Girls, Gypsies, Jazz, Blue Bells, Walking in the Rain (complete with umbrellas), Marche Militaire and Easter bunnies, who'll be swinging baskets of candies.

Guest Stars

Guest soloists are Karen Whiff and Ronne Shaver of the Hamilton Figure Skating Club, 1965 Western Ontario Novice Party Champions, and Silver Dance Champions, Andrew Drenters, a former instructor here, who does comedy numbers, Carol Lovell and Karen Sutherland of Guelph, and Sally Wilson of Acton.

Acton skaters who have solo or feature parts include Colleen de Bruyn, Lynne Dunn, Cathy Papillon, Dolores Jordan, Linda Roe, Linda Perry, Karen Townsley, Bonnie Bristol, Julie Townsley and the attractive young instructor themselves, Miss Branda is Canadian Figure and Free Skating Gold Medalist.

Pep, Enthusiasm

Both Miss Branda and Miss Bradley have skated in other carnivals and undertook to produce their own with great enthusiasm. About 35 lively young girls with a few boys will be holding dress rehearsal Saturday. The arena is booked by the club for the entire day. Public skating attendance has

'64 Grey Cup

Acton Rotarians relaxed following their dinner meeting Tuesday evening and sat back to enjoy the 1964 Grey Cup game in color on the screen. A representative from Labatt's Breweries was present to show the film on behalf of his company.

Three Car Crash Sunday Kills Kenneth Fountain

A three-car crash claimed the hospital and released. The four-year-old Papillon child was uninjured in the crash.

The driver of a third vehicle which was southbound on No. 24 highway, John McClellan, 47, of R.R. 1, Acton, was injured. Corporal A. C. Jettens and constable J. S. Pitts of the Guelph OPP detachment investigated and estimated damage to the Papillon car at \$1,000, the Fountain vehicle at \$800 and the McClellan auto at \$300.

Mr. Fountain is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fountain, Everett and is also survived by five brothers and eight sisters.



NO FISHING ALLOWED! Although no signs are posted to this storm throughout the night caused extensive flooding. Mrs. effect, residents in Lakeview aren't worrying too much about Paul Hurley is working frantically to keep the driveway from catching fish. They are more concerned about flooding base-ments. Wednesday's sudden thaw which followed a thunder-

washing away while the children in the background seem to be enjoying a pond in front of their homes.

OMB Rejects Application To Re-Zone Mill St. Park

A year and a half battle waged by a handful of Mill St. East residents has ended. A small piece of land originally designated as the Leishman Park will not be sold for residential houses.

Originally designated as park land, the area was never developed for this purpose and Parks Board last year failed to see any possibility of developing it for this and turned the land over to the town for sale.

Options were taken on the property and application made to the Ontario Municipal Board for rezoning the property. Applicants for purchase of the property obtained additional land from Tony Sevnick in order to comply with planning and building regulations.

Residents Objected

Residents living in the area objected strongly to sale of the land and argued the property should be maintained as parkland.

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Prospective builders are Bruno Consolo and Salvatore Pupo. Three others, Ennio Mancini, Secondo Rossi and Alfredo Lucas, paid a deposit for deeds for land and these deposits will also have to be returned.

The original parkland under

fire measures approximately 55 feet deep by 450 feet long. At an O.M.B. hearing, counsel for the town, Bill Sharpe, claimed town officials did not feel the parkland was now required and that money should not be spent on maintaining it because it is small and used

only by a limited number of persons. Since then land acquired by prospective builders boosts the depth to 97 feet.

Residents objecting claimed the land should be used as a park and playground by residents of the subdivision. At the hearing the O.M.B. reserved its decision and suggested the parties involved try to work out a settlement. This was never accomplished.

In suggesting this method the board stated it had two points in view. The piece of land was shallow and it might be possible to exchange some of the land fronting on Mill Street for land in the rear to create a better shaped parkland, and it might be possible to set up a park area under the Municipal Act, comprising all or part of the subdivision.

After learning no settlement could be reached with town and objecting ratepayers, the board dismissed the town's application with the following conclusion:

"If the town desires to make further application to the board, it should be prepared to show that it has made a bona fide attempt to work out a scheme by which these lands could be retained for residents of the subdivision or that it has endeavored to work out a scheme for an alternative park site."

Miss Shortill and Marilyn Cripps played a duet. Tonia from West Side Story, Marilyn Peters and Dale Wood played Jamaican Rhumba as a duet.

Dale Jenner, Elizabeth Volpe, Ailsa Hanson and Susan Obata of Friends and family of piano pupils of Dale Wood formed a most appreciative audience for the piano recital at the Robert Little Jack McDonald of Rockwood, school on Tuesday evening. His students in this group who received honors or first class honors in January 1965 Royal Conservatory and Toronto took part in the full program.

Refreshments were served afterwards, through the assistance of Mrs. Stan Cripps and Mrs. Orville Darby.

Lloyd Waddell acted as master of ceremonies, and Roger McGilligan of Rockwood opened the program playing The Queen, Marilyn Cripps of Acton had the last number on the program, O Canada.

Beginners First

"Introductory" students who played first were Peter Abel, Andrew Tostic, Reid Jenner and John Godfrey of Toronto and Susan Tostic of Rockwood.

Juniors, grades 1, 2 and 3, were Mary Watson, Sharon MacDonald, Wendy Knopoff, Dianne Frank, Paul Youngblut, David Watson, Anne Watson and Gay White of Acton. Gail Nichol, Roger McGilligan, Cameron Gibson, Mary Anne Waddell and Paul Waddell of Rockwood, Greg Roy, Stephen Abel, Susan Abel, Bobby McPhail, Cathy Godfrey, Jane Ferguson and Mary Elizabeth Sunday of Toronto.

Student Composer

Miss Sunday also composes music, one of her compositions was played by Andrew Tostic.

Intermediates, grades 4, 5 and 6, were Linda Petty, Sharon White of Acton, Bobby Hull, Gay Nicol, Peter Tostic, John Vail, Karen Wild.

Holy Week Services At Trinity United

Beginning on Sunday evening and continuing Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Holy Week services for non-Roman churches of Acton will be conducted in Trinity United Church at 8 p.m.

The Rev. Robert H. Armstrong, M.A., of Erskine Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, will be the guest preacher.

Various groups will attend together on different nights; there has already been a good response.

Two ministers will conduct the service each evening and different choirs will participate.

Since St. Alban's church lacks a rector, members of that congregation will be able to participate more fully this year. In previous years, St. Alban's has had its own celebrations of Holy Week Eucharist.

No Grant Available School Leaking Roof

Much to their dismay, public school trustees learned Tuesday evening that no legislative grant could be obtained for repairs to the roof at the M. Z. Bennett school.

The perennial problem of a leaking roof has occurred again and board members obtained a tentative cost of over \$14,000 for a complete repair job. Tuesday, former trustee William Middleton informed members no grants were available to offset costs for the parts at the present time.

Property chairman Murray Smith suggested the roof continue to be patched whenever a leak appears until such time as grants are available for a complete job.

No Increase

Board chairman William Bent turned down a 24 per cent increase in his honorarium which is allowed all board chairman. At present board members receive \$25 per month, according to new legislation enacted in January. The increase would have allowed

the chairman an additional \$75. Trustees expressed their sympathy on the death of attendance officer Robert Algie who died suddenly Friday and discussed a replacement.

Principal G. W. McKenzie of the Robert Little school reported changes in classes anticipated next Tuesday and Wednesday in order to accommodate pupils from other schools who are taking part in the music festival.

P.T. Equipment

He also reported the physical training equipment had arrived at the school and a carpenter would be required to assist with installation. The equipment was made in Joiceville, Peterborough, Kingston and similar equipment installed in Guelph, Sudbury.

Teacher management chairman Vic Bristow reported resignations have been received from teachers Keith Allen, Mrs. Nancy Webb and Miss Donna Kingsbury to date.

Accounts totalling \$7,139.93 were approved for payment.

C. of C. Banquet

To Honor Billy Middleton As Citizen of Year Tonight



DEAN MACKINNON

has published various articles on Elizabethan poetry and education and on Sir Thomas Browne and Sir John Harrington. He did research in England. He has been on CBC programs such as "Critically Speaking."

He served in the RCAF during the war and was Commanding Officer of the University Reserve Squadron at Western.

He is currently president of the Humanities Assoc. of Canada and is a member of Ontario Universities' Committee on Educational Television, a Canada Council Selection Committee.

A report and pictures of the banquet will be carried next week.

NEW RIVER

Residents in Lakeview Subdivision are beginning to wonder if a new river has found its way into the area. Water is flowing fast and free through back yards and flooding roadways. Some driveways have already been washed out. Some lawns are covered with water. Residents fear flooding of basements.



THE LIMEYS were presented with ash trays Friday night at the annual Legion cribbage banquet when they topped spot in the league throughout the season. Left to right are Fred Julian, Julian Zejac, captain Jimmie Higgins receiving the trophy from league president Bill Spielvogel and Stan Collett.

Students Seek Job Placement

Michael Bevan, assistant principal at Acton District high school reported this week several students have already obtained jobs through the school but more leads are requested for those still looking for job placement.

Last week four students received placement but some who have reached their capacity of academic learning are eager to obtain jobs. Each applicant has been thoroughly screened and counseled and any industry or business desiring full or part-time help may obtain this information by contacting Mr. Bevan at the high school.

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