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## TB Clinics

The town is well organized for the upcoming tuberculosis clinic for the general public, say the organizers. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hinton. Schools are all done and the mobile clinic has visited industries. Now the volunteer canvassers are this week beginning to go to all the homes to give out cards to everyone not yet tested. These are to be brought to the clinic at a suitable time. (See advertisement.)

## Two-Car Accident Injures Acton Man

An Acton district man was hospitalized with head lacerations Wednesday afternoon of last week in a two-car accident on 20 Sideroad at Wildewood. Russell Almer Upshall, R.R. 2, Acton, received lacerations when his vehicle and one driven by David L. Bell of Georgetown collided on a hill.

Police said one of the cars had gone into the ditch, hit a tree, then left the ditch and struck the other car. Damage totalled \$2,400.

## Discover Theft Masson Motors

Constable Bruce Kressler of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment is investigating a theft at Masson Motors over the weekend when a tire and rim were stolen. Thieves jacked up a used car parked in the lot outside and took the tire and rim. Discovery was made Monday morning.

## Move Office

Acton Credit Union will soon move into its new quarters in the offices occupied formerly by C. F. Leatherland, Q.C., on Mill St. Presently the Credit Union is occupying offices in the former post office on Mill St. Before the move is made March 1, the new location is undergoing slight renovations.

## \$200 Damage

Cars driven by Stewart Richardson of R.R. 1, Acton and Herbert McMenemy of Main St., Rockwood, collided on the Esquesing - Nassagaweya Town Line on Wednesday of last week.

## Recall Formation of Cubs At Father and Son Banquet

Pages of time were turned back for over 80 fathers and sons attending the annual Cub Father and Son banquet at Knox Presbyterian church Tuesday evening, when former Cubmasters reviewed the Cub movement in Acton from its beginning in 1940. Former Akelas reminded Cubs the importance of living up to their "Cub Law and Promise" as they recapped the years they had served as Cubmaster. Present to review the past years were former Cubmasters Esther Taylor who served from 1942 to 1953; Murray Scovyn from 1954 to 1964; Jessie Coles, who was assistant Cubmaster until the time she

headed the group beginning 1958 to 1964, and present Cubmaster Mrs. Earl Jordan who took over in 1964. Began in 1940 The Cub movement in Acton was first started by Rev. E. A. Brooks in 1940. Other Cubmasters not present included Rev. Ray Costerus who served in 1956 when enrolment reached three packs with 74 boys. Mrs. Eileen Wemley who was Cubmaster in 1956, and Ron Smith who headed the group in 1957. All speakers recalled the serious aspects as well as humorous anecdotes during their terms as

Cubmasters. The crowd was reminded of the pitfalls in the formation of Cubs in Acton when meetings were held in homes and various places throughout town including the Y.M.C.A. before the Scout Hall became a reality. Fully Trained It was also noted that Ron Smith was the only Cubmaster serving the Acton group who had pursued Cubbing to obtain his Gilwell beads which qualified him as a fully-trained Cubmaster. The former Akela was quite active in the Scout movement when in Acton having served on the Scout Group Committee and

chairman Hugh Patterson, reviewed the proposed summer playground program and school ice carnival with part-time recreation director Howard Pearce, and decide on the method of approving banquet permits for the community centre. The budget, exceeding \$20,000, will be presented to council for approval before the March 1 deadline. An agreement with the curling club to install the necessary improvements in the booth so the community centre could enjoy banquet license privileges was discussed and recreation committee members left a fee of \$25 should be charged for their use. The curling club bore the cost of the project but council representative C. F. Leatherland said he'd just as soon have the recreation committee pay it off and not be indebted to anyone. John Goy agreed with Mr. Leatherland, but also reminded the members no funds were available, since the committee operates in the red until the municipal budget is set in March. He suggested extra days of curling be allocated to the curlers whenever possible to pay off the \$375 cost of the project. Chairman Len Lovell was asked to see representatives of the curling club to work out an acceptable arrangement.

Responsibility Confusion over the role the committee was to play in approving the issuance of banquet permits was cleared up when C. F. Leatherland informed members council directed the responsibility rests with the recreation committee. By motion, members authorized the administration committee to administer and make decisions on the issuance of banquet permits. A fee of \$25 was set for use of the facilities. Council was to be advised of the motion. Booth Concession The committee was advised Eastwood Foods had vacated the booth concession and the facilities were now being operated by Joe Jaque under the same terms as the former occupants. Mr. Jaque will keep the booth open for intermediate hockey Saturdays skating and Sunday afternoon till the end of the season and whenever else it is feasible. School Carnival Recreation director Howard Pearce kept members up to date on his plans for the school ice carnival in March. Eleven schools from Acton and district have indicated they'll participate in the event, which will have Ruth Fitzgibbons of the Guelph College Figure Skating Club as a guest. There'll be a banner contest and some unusual competitions including a bonus of 10 points for the best behaved school participating. Playground Leaders Mr. Pearce also told the com-



FALL FAIR LADY DIRECTORS, dressed as "Flappers", entertained the audience Saturday night at the Robert Little school auditorium during their Variety Night program. The gay costumes complete with bright garters were a big attraction as the ladies presented their skit. Back row left to right are Mrs. William Thompson, Mrs. Lloyd McEnery, Mrs. William McDonald, Mrs. C. W. Swaghamer, Mrs. Walter Linham, Mrs. Ed Archibald and play director Mrs. Don Mathews. Seated in front are Mrs. James McCulloch and Mrs. Stan Mathews.

## Recreation Committee

### Plans for Ice Carnival, Playground Requested \$20,000 Budget on Agenda

A three hour session Thursday night gave ample time for the Recreation Committee to accept the budget as presented by finance

director Howard Pearce, and

committee, applications were being accepted for leaders for the summer playground program. He was conducting personal interviews for the positions and asked permission to send the supervising leader and the assistant for a week's instruction in Kitch-

enr. Mr. Pearce queried the committee on the possibility of hiring lifeguards to police the swimming area on Fairy Lake as part of a supervised recreation program but was given little encouragement. False Security "It would be a hard thing to control," said John Goy. "If the director wanted to take the summer playground for a half hour's swim." "We'd not only be responsible for 150 feet of beach but the entire lake if we posted lifeguards," he cautioned. The presence of guards would also tend to give parents a false sense of security about their children's safety and if any drowning occurred, the committee would be blamed. An hour's swimming a day as part of the summer program, for those participating, would be a better alternative, Mr. Goy concluded. Full Time Job? The committee also discussed with Mr. Pearce the possibility he'd be interested in taking the

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## Town Buys Garbage Packer Mayor Cites Library Costs

The garbage packer won't reduce the number of men required to collect garbage, but it will allow the present works staff to accomplish more, mayor Les Duby pointed out at Tuesday night's council meeting, when it was agreed to purchase a Sicard garbage packer at a cost of \$7,345 plus tax. The packer will be mounted on a chassis yet to be purchased by the town. A unit such as the one purchased would be required if any new dump site is located. With the special packer, the garbage is compressed as it is picked up on the street and is transferred to the dump site without any garbage being lost en route. Councillor Drinkwater suggested the time saved on the whole operation would pay for the whole unit within a year or two.

Conservation Budget Notice of the annual budget of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority was received. For 1966, the cost to Acton will be \$3,857.40 or 90 cents per capita. Deputy Reeve Parker, Acton's representative on the Authority, reviewed the Authority's decision to try to maintain the 90 cents per capita figure for a number of years. He said this assessment would see their program's completion.

Three applications before the committee of adjustment received the support of council. The applications are for minor variances in the zoning by-law. An application by Jules Fryters for a coin car wash on Mill St. E. was approved, as was construction of a dwelling on Queen St. E. by Mr. Mancini. An application for an addition to a home on Main St. was approved; the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rognvaldson is presently in an industrial zoned area which is classed as a non-conforming use. Mayor Duby said "It's ridiculous when a man has to get permission to build an addition to his house when he's on a lot the size this man has."

The mayor and clerk reported on their meeting last week at which the format of the submission to the Plunkett report was decided. Those at the Sunday meeting were the chairmen of the public school boards, the recreation commission and the development committee as well as the chairmen of No. 1 and No. 2 committees and the mayor. The clerk was instructed to prepare the submission on the basis of past meetings and return it to council for approval before the date of the town's appearance before the commission on March 22.

Congratulations A letter was read from the fire marshal's office advising council and offering his congratulations to Acton Fire Fighters on their recently-won award in the international fire prevention contest. Assessor William Erskine was appointed to the Halton Emergency Measures Organization welfare committee as Acton's representative. Mr. Erskine will attend a one-week emergency measures course at Arrprior in April so that he will be familiar with the program. It was also reported the assessor had applied for his license as an assessor. A new Xerox photo-copying machine has been installed on a trial basis in the town office and has now been accepted. The machine is rented at the rate of \$10 a month plus five cents per copy for a minimum of 500 copies. To-

tal monthly rental will be \$35 plus five cents a copy for every copy over 500.

The clerk administrator estimated monthly requirements would be in the neighborhood of 250 copies. It's expected a saving will be made over the previous year copying machine which the town had purchased some years ago. Accounts totalling \$8,927.31 were approved for payment as well as Lakeview completion accounts of \$5,616.26. The town agreed to accept no municipal group in their weekly indemnity insurance plan unless the municipal group had less than 10 employees. Under the plan the employees are paid a portion of their wages for sickness or accident. Clarification of operation costs of a proposed centennial library was presented by Mayor Duby when he presented to council the results of the study he has made on libraries in towns of a similar size. According to the mayor, Acton with a population of 4,300 spends \$1.20 cents per capita for operation of a library, with a proposed \$50,000 new library on the drawing board. Parry Sound, for an \$111,000 library with a population of 6,054, spent \$5.09 per capita. Closer to home, in Hespeler the per capita cost was \$1.67 and in Fergus the figure is up to \$2.18. Both Hespeler and Fergus are established as Carnegie libraries. The mayor said it was his opinion that the

operational costs of the new centennial library in Acton would be approximately one to one and a quarter mills annually. He regretted the delay in his presentation of figures. In mayor's list of 15 libraries studied, not one spent less than Acton annually. Parry Sound was tops. Resignation of John Goy as chairman of the development commission was received. Mr. Goy pointed out he would be unable to continue to serve as chairman this year when he expects to build a new home.

Regional Meeting The mayor also reported his attendance at a meeting of the regional development association of Central Ontario. The vice-chairman is Mr. Reaume of Oakville, and Mayor Duby is on the membership committee. He said the operating cost of the development association is estimated to be eight cents per capita. At this rate, Acton's membership fee in the association would be \$350. He suggested the association's annual budget would be in the neighborhood of \$50,000 including certain grants from the Ontario government. All members of council were present but reeve H. H. Hinton who is attending a convention in Toronto and Councillor C. H. Leatherland. Mayor Duby presided and councillor Oakes conducted the session of the committee of the whole.

## Finalize Official Plan

Acton has a new official plan — almost. Tuesday night at council two by-laws were passed; the first rescinded the old official plan map while the second set up the new official plan and documents. All that remains to make it final is the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs. A new official plan had been submitted for the minister's approval. The minister recommended two changes on the plan and certain amendments to the document accompanying the plan. The clerk said the planner had discussed the changes with both the department and the local planning board, and it now came to council for final approval before being re-submitted to the minister. Rather than make the changes on the official plan that had been submitted and in the documents, it was decided to incorporate the minister's suggested changes in provision of waste receptacles on another by-law and resubmit it for his final official approval.

The clerk said it would be a matter of form after council's passing of the by-law for approval by the minister. He suggested the approval would be forthcoming within a week or two. One of the changes in the document accompanying the official plan was an undertaking by the town to very carefully study any expansion of the town in view of the present capacity of the sewage treatment facilities.

## C. of C. Plans

Chamber of Commerce board of directors held a meeting Wednesday evening of last week in Knox church. Plans for the activities of the Chamber for the year were outlined, Committees were appointed and projects studied. Two projects to be undertaken are the repainting of the signs at the entrance to town and the provision of waste receptacles on Mill St.

## Change Riding Names To Halton "East", "West"

The Provincial redistribution plan has been slightly altered to change the name of the split Halton riding, it was announced in the Ontario Legislature Thursday, when the redistribution commission brought in its second report. Originally labelled "Oakville" and "Burlington", the names for the split riding district, particularly from the northern section of the county. The commission has adopted the suggestion to change the names to "Halton East" and "Halton West". Growth of the voting population in Halton's present riding — which encompasses the entire county — and in several other areas of Ontario prompted the redistribution report. When it is adopted, the 108-seat legislature will increase to 117 seats. Halton is virtually split down the centre by the change in boundaries. The northern 10 lots of Esquesing Township (Lots 23 to 32) will join with the entire Township of Nassagaweya, Town of Burlington and Town of Acton to form "Halton West". The remainder, including Georgetown-Oakville, Milton and the southern-most 22 lots in Esquesing Township, would be called "Halton East".

## Parents Get into Act Lacing Skates



SEVERAL PARENTS took their children to the arena, helped lace skates and then stayed to see them play Friday night when youngsters in the A-Jom league staged an exhibition game prior to the N.H.L. Oldtimers playing Acton Tanners. Left is Tanner defenceman Fred Kenner as he helps his son Kent don equipment. Even the mothers showed a keen interest in their boys and Mrs. Wayne Dixon visited the dressing room with daughters Karen and Kim as she assisted her son Derek with his skates. Right is Gordon McCutcheon helping son John tighten skates. An estimated crowd of close to 1,200 crowded into the arena for the program.



FATHERS AND SONS joined together Tuesday evening at the annual Cub Father and Son banquet at Knox Presbyterian church to commemorate the memory of the founder of the Scout movement, Lord Baden-Powell. Front row left to right are Cubs Cliff Creasey, Glenn McKenzie and Blair McCallum. Back row left to right are John Creasey, Rev. A. H. McKenzie, Scout Group Committee chairman Ron Lewis and Jack McCallum. Over 80 fathers and sons attended.