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Plan new homes, apartments in Acton



MOST OF THE HOUSE BUILDING activity in Acton during 1966 was confined to Lakeview subdivision where 22 units were built by one contractor. Mortgages were hard to get and houses could only be built as lots were released in groups of two.

32-suite apartment building, 44 houses to be erected

Real estate agents in Acton are optimistic about Acton's acute housing shortage being relieved this spring.

It's expected 44 new homes will be erected as soon as weather permits in Lakeview subdivision. A 32-unit apartment building will also be constructed on Beverley St., which is situated in the old Beverley house property fronting on Church and Maria Streets.

Additional housing units will be constructed by smaller concerns on existing lots elsewhere in town.

There's a keen demand for houses in Acton, especially from people who live outside the town. It is presently extremely difficult to find rental accommodation. Ten to 15 enquiries a week for rentals are received by agents.

Real estate men predict spring will see a real loosening of C.M.H.A. mortgages which buyers find most attractive. The new 7 1/2% interest rates are expected to attract capital from lending institutions and from the banks which are expected to be in the mortgage business by spring.

A-Z Construction Co. has bought 15 more lots in Lakeview subdivision for spring construction. The remaining 75 lots in Lakeview have been bought by Rubin Corporation Ltd., Brampton, and it is understood here they will build 25 new homes on Elm Drive behind Tidey Ave. for a start.

These homes are expected to be in the \$17,000 to \$25,000 price range. Perini Construction will build four more houses on property in Lakeview, on one of which a start has already been made. Three more will likely get started in the spring, says realtor Syd Lamb.

Last year in Lakeview 22 homes were constructed. They were all pre-sold, on an owner-applacant basis for loans. The long-discussed apartment building will appear this year, on the vacant lot on Church Street siding on Maria Street. The property was purchased from Beardmore and Co. and rezoned.

Of the 32 suites, about 60 per cent will have two bedrooms and 40 per cent will be one bedroom suites. It is expected that as soon as the footings are poured, rentals may be accepted. If the entire building is rented before completion, it is understood by real estate agents that a second building would be commenced on the same site.

Young marrieds and senior citizens are expected to be particularly interested in the new apartments.

The average price of a home in Acton has jumped about \$2,500 in the past two years but realtor Alec Johnson estimates there's been a \$5,700 jump in Metro Toronto prices. Demand for housing has exceeded the supply and created the price spiral. For those in the lower wage brackets there seems to be no immediate relief except the possibility of longer term mortgages.

Real estate brokers in Acton were encouraged, however, by the rash of spring construction promised and there were hints of more yet to come.

Spring song

Something to crow about — four crows just south of Acton heralding spring. A Highway 25 resident phoned the good news to the paper yesterday.

Nurses seek certification

Public Health Nurses from Halton County Health Unit have decided to apply for certification under the Labor Relations Act, and a hearing is scheduled for next Wednesday morning, March 1 in Toronto.

The nurses have been quarrelling with the Board of Health and Halton County Council for over a year. At the last joint meeting between nurses and councillors, they were told to seek certification as a bargaining unit before any negotiations would continue.

Acton, Brookville students win public speaking awards

Grade eight students Carol Patterson of Robert Little School in Acton and Rosemary Young of Brookville School, won the public speaking honours in the contest for the Inspectorate of Halton 4, on Friday night.

A large number of parents and friends attended the contest at Brookville school, and heard seven fine speeches. The judges named Carol and Rosemary as co-winners. They will represent the Inspectorate, which consists of Acton, Milton and Nassagaweya, in the county finals.

The winners each received a

personally autographed book "Home From Far," written by Canadian novelist Jean Little of Guelph. All the contestants received a Centennial Year silver dollar. The presentations, were made on behalf of the Milton, Nassagaweya and Acton school boards by Carlo Bryce, vice-chairman of the Nassagaweya Board.

Diane Bousfield and Carol Patterson represented Acton in the contest. Lois Fay, Susan Arbic and Rachel Andreko represented Milton and Natalie Dudnik and Rosemary Young represented Nassagaweya.



AWAY FROM THE SCRUTINY of the captain of H.M.S. Pinafore which is playing in the Robert Little auditorium tonight and Thursday, two sailors, John Rossell and Bob Manning, indulge in a little tradition of the Royal Navy. The operetta is expected to attract capacity crowds for both performances.

Operetta, centennial program at R. L. auditorium two nights

"So give three cheers and three cheers more, for the operetta H.M.S. Pinafore . . . with apologies to Gilbert and Sullivan."

Sold Right Out houses are expected tonight (Wednesday) and tomorrow night at the Robert Little school auditorium. The double-bill features the grades six, seven and eight students in a merry adaptation of H.M.S. Pinafore, and the junior and primary students with a special centennial series of acts based on the theme "This Land of Ours".

Tickets are limited to 400 a night and advance sales account for most of it. As in the past, there is a different cast each evening.

Delighted school children from the Robert Little school will saw the performance at the two dress rehearsals Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, for the Wednesday evening and Thursday evening casts.

Well practised technically and naturally sweet-voiced, the cast of H.M.S. Pinafore will entrance the audience as they make the utmost of the tuneful solos, the mock pathos and the traditional comedy. The youngsters thoroughly enjoy

themselves in their Gilbert and Sullivan roles and their own enthusiasm, as well as budding talents, makes the production a pleasure.

The operetta's director, the ivories' favorite tinkler, Glenn Banks, accompanies the show

on the piano, while Doug Copeland directs the close-packed choir of 85 boys and girls at the front of the auditorium.

"Pinafore" brings back those rollicking tunes We Sail the Ocean Blue, Little Buttercup, The Ruler of the Queen's Na-

vee, Sing Heigh the Merry Maiden and the Tar; Farewell My Love; and For He is an Englishman.

The captain echoes years and years of successful performances when he muses "What never? Well . . . hardly ever." And the admiral again admonishes the newest audience to "Stick close to your desks and never go to sea and you all may be rulers of the Queen's Navy."

The main players change on the two nights. Wednesday's players (tonight) are David Bittorf as the captain; Barbara Pratt as his daughter; Jack Holmes as the common sailor who loves her; Steven Van Fleet as the beribboned and bemaddled admiral, who loves her too; Diane Frank as Buttercup, the peddler woman; Carl Reed as Dick Deadeye, the nasty one-eyed limping sailor; Riny Schuts as the boatswain and Jane Watson as Hebe.

Supporting cast remains the same each evening. Sir Joseph's cousins, sisters and aunts are Patricia Dunne, Barbara McNabb, Brenda McNabb, Glynis Johnson, Madeline Rogers, Cathy Ashley, Corie Maxwell, Bonnie Wood,

day night. The regular Friday night is taken up this week by the appearance of the N.H.L. Old-Timers here.

Shaking off the lethargy which has enveloped them in the latter part of the schedule, the Acton club shook the powerful Beavers up by staying with them until the last few minutes.

Missing Harold Townsley, Doug Richardson and Stafford, out with injuries, sickness and shift work, they brought rookie Kevin Hall up from the ju-

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Centennial church service attended by 400 on Sunday

Hundreds of guides, brownies, scouts, cubs and their leaders assembled in the high school auditorium Sunday afternoon for an impressive centennial church service.

Over 400 from Georgetown, Terra-Cotta, as well as Acton, filled the auditorium for the service. Quite a few from Streetsville and other centres couldn't make it because of bad road conditions.

The service was a first time event in this area. Guide and scout officers were more than satisfied with the "marvellous turn-out. It marked the beginning of Scout and Guide Week, which falls on the birthday of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, founders-of-the-world-wide movement. It was also the Thinking Day program for some groups.

Rev. R. McMurray welcomed all who attended and introduced those on the stage, which included Acton scout Steve Van Fleet; R. R. Parker, centennial commission chairman; Mr. Herbert, district commissioner for cubs and scouts; Rev. A. McKenzie; Mac Sprowl, president scout hall committee; Mayor Les Duby; Lynn Nielsen, an Acton guide.

Acton Citizens' Band provided accompaniment for the hymns and march music for a recessional. They were conducted by Dr. George Elliott.

In lieu of a sermon a special film on Expo was shown by high school teacher Clarence Rognvaldson.

Presiding minister Rev. McMurray led in the responses. The lesson was read by Rev. A. McKenzie.

Mayor Les Duby spoke briefly congratulating the groups for presenting the first centennial program in Acton. He spoke of the part scouting played in his life and the influence it had for good.

District Commissioner Herbert brought greetings to the district from headquarters, expressing his congratulations for the gratifying turn-out.

The Acton Guide and Scout movement has been preparing for the event for months and they were pleased at the success of the service. The groups marched into the auditorium down the long corridors of the high school.

First of its kind

Attending as well as the Acton groups from Guides and Brownies were: Brownies and leaders, First Georgetown south, Mrs. D. McKenzie, Brown Owl; fifth Georgetown South, Mrs. M. Spingola, Brown Owl; chapering girls from 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th and 5th.

First Terra Cotta Mrs. B. Countryman, Brown Owl; 10th Georgetown North, Mrs. K. Collier, Brown Owl; 9th Georgetown North, Mrs. R. Crawford, Brown Owl.

Committee raps director, staff

A letter from the curling club thanking the recreation committee for the improvement in curling ice since Christmas triggered a complaint session for the benefit of the recreation director Howard Pearce at the regular meeting of parks and recreation committee Thursday.

The curlers, in addition to expressing thanks for better ice conditions, also asked that the ice be shaved down more and targets repainted.

Committee member Ted Tyler Jr. asked Mr. Pearce why the lines and targets hadn't been repainted since he was under the impression they would be done a month ago.

"I've got a certificate in recreation, not in ice making," said Mr. Pearce. "I just go by what the staff tells me. They say three-quarters of an inch of ice is ideal. If we repaint, it's another quarter-inch to cover the new paint."

See weekend rush for license plates

It's too late to avoid the rush, but be sure to have your 1967 car license plates installed by midnight next Tuesday, February 28.

Local issuer Jack Hargrave has been making sales steadily but he expects quite a rush this weekend. "There are a lot to sell yet", he said.

Several committee members expressed amazement it took at least one-quarter of an inch to cover the paint. Mr. Pearce also explained he tried to program events so the pebbling done for curling was worn off for hockey and skating.

Chairman John Goy said he didn't think ice was being made properly for anything. It was also his opinion the arena deteriorated rapidly this year. He asked the recreation director to see the staff wiped chocolate off the walls and stopped kids from whirling hockey sticks around adults' heads. He wondered if Mr. Pearce would care to go to some arenas around Acton to see the way they were operated.

Mr. Tyler agreed with Mr. Goy and questioned where the staff was when he was down there.

"We must impress on the director that the arena is an important area," the chairman emphasized.

"I'm getting the idea I'm more arena manager than recreation director," said Mr. Pearce.

"You can be an asset to the town. I hope you're here for many years," answered Mr. Tyler.

On the suggestion of vice-chairman Brendan Aherne it was agreed complaints should be aired at the committee level rather than at regular meetings.

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A CENTENNIAL MOTHER AND DAUGHTER banquet held by Acton Guides and Brownies last Thursday night in the legion hall heard a splendid address by Mrs. I. M. Howard, commissioner for the White Oaks area of the Canadian Girl Guides. Mrs. Howard, right, cuts the centennial cake with other head table guests looking on. From the left, G. W. McKenzie, Mac Sprowl, Mrs. E. Browne, Rev. A. McKenzie, Mrs. G. Hargrave, Mrs. T. Presgrave, Mrs. W. Elbing, Mrs. T. Newton, Mrs. J. Van der Kooy, Mrs. A. Coombe, Mrs. J. Lowrie and Mrs. Howard.