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## Parks, recreation expansi ᅙ Actor

can you visualize a park stretching from the band hall on Wallace Ave., following the course of the school creek all the way to fairy Lake?

If you can, you're tuned in to the same wave length as parks and recreation chairman John Goy and his committee. This is part of his projection for the years abcad.

Acton scrapped the previous two board — recreation committee and board of parks management — system of running recreation and parks. In its place are still two boards with the same function but they are composed of the same members.

Instead of a five man parks board and 10 member recreation committee doing business which often overlapped, there are seven people handling both sets of books and expediting business which previously occupied 15.

A success? It has done away with many of the unwieldy things and the overlapping but only time will tell the story.

The new board(s) is headed by John Goy with Brendan Aherne as vice-chairman and since he's the only former parks board member he is also head of parks develonment parks development. Other cembers are Helen Otterbein, spots will be filled by the silt which comes from the bottom of the lake. After the job is done the committee will have a much clearer idea of what they can do. Present facilities include a wading pool, a beach on the lake which has just been renovated, diamonds for baseball, softball under lights and the community centre which houses diverse activities like roller skating, lacrosse, dancing, movies, wrestling, shows and of course bockey, curling and skating from October to May. There are excellent facilities and Fairy Lake is renowned for its fishing.

Hugh Patterson, two council appointees Earl Masales and Ted Tyler Jr. and a member yet to be named. He or she will replace Harold Townsley who resigned to take the full-time position of arena and parks manager, one very much in keeping with the present set-up. The home 1913 ar he park has also been the of Acton Fall Fair since and this the centennial yearing to be a four day extravata which will be the hub on's centennial celebrations.

The community centre or the arena as it is known, is also due for a face-lifting as soon as funds are available. The recreation end of the committee would like to see the present walls and seats replaced by sturdier concrete structures and the introduction of heat for frigid winter

These renovations will likely be a two stage development, half done one year and the rest the next. This year an engineer has been engaged to draw up plans and specifications for the work.

When Art Cooper resigned as secretary-treasurer the board(s) were fortunate to secure Harold's wife, Doris, to take the vacancy thus giving a man and wife team the job of running arena and parks.

Helping with both sides also are Frank Thompson, Don Price and Tom McK.cown, the latter for the summer only.

Again this method of running the parks and recreation program is a new wrinkle imposed more or less by the frequency with which recreation directors came and went.

Chairman Goy freely admits the new system is an experiment but he has every hope it will be auccess.

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structed and the board hopes residents will be able to use the park as the present Prospect Park is used both as a pleasant garden spot and for recreation.

The program of developing Glenlea park was conceived by the previous parks board. It is interesting to note the board hoped to hold an official opening in conjunction with Canada's centennial celebration this year.

Centre of most activity for the parks end of the committee which wears two hats is of course the present Prospect Park. Prospects for Prospect will hinge a lo: on the present cleaning of Fairy Lake which is being done by conservation authorities in conjunction with the

The summer playground is a mecca for youngsters from Acton and district. This year's is being run by Elizabeth Atkey and her staff at two locations—the park and M. Z. Bennett school grounds. When the new Glenlea park is finished it is quite likely the action will be switched from the school.

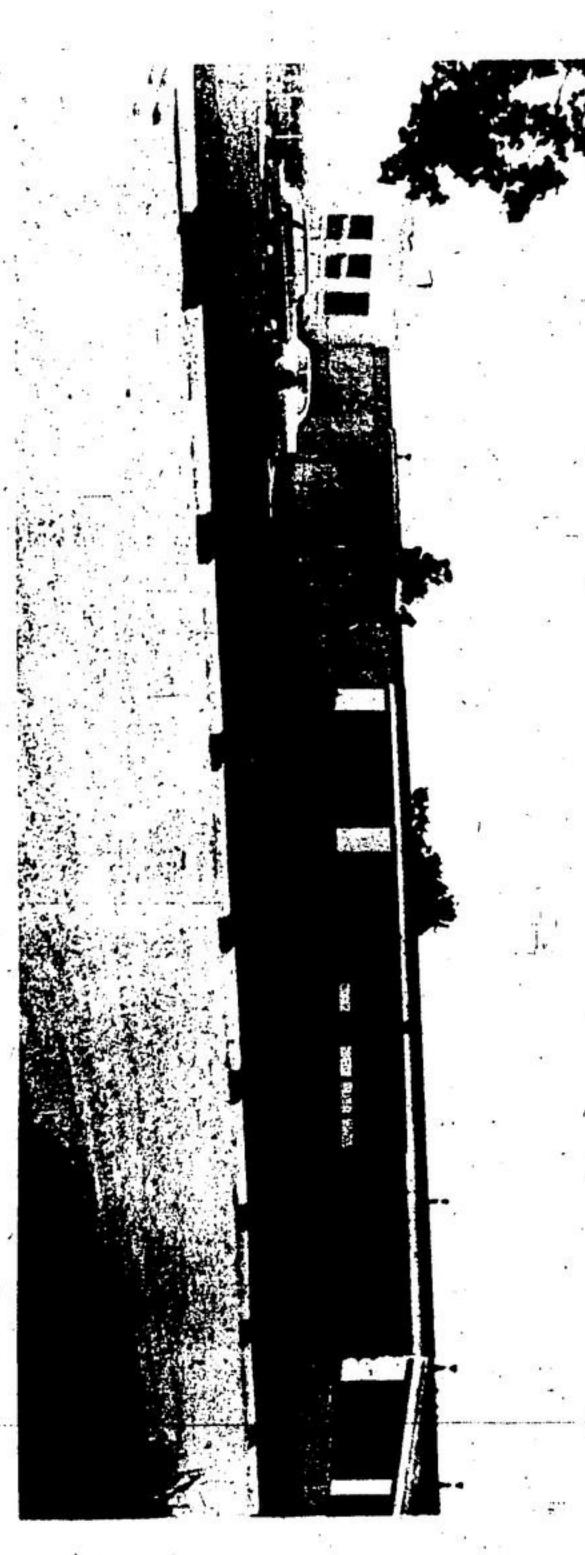
The green best visualized by chairman Gov from Fairy Lake to the band hall?

It could be a reality but these projects are a long, time consuming process. The idea is there and it will take co-operation from many groups to make it a reality.



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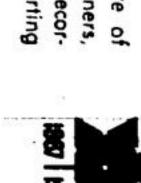


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