



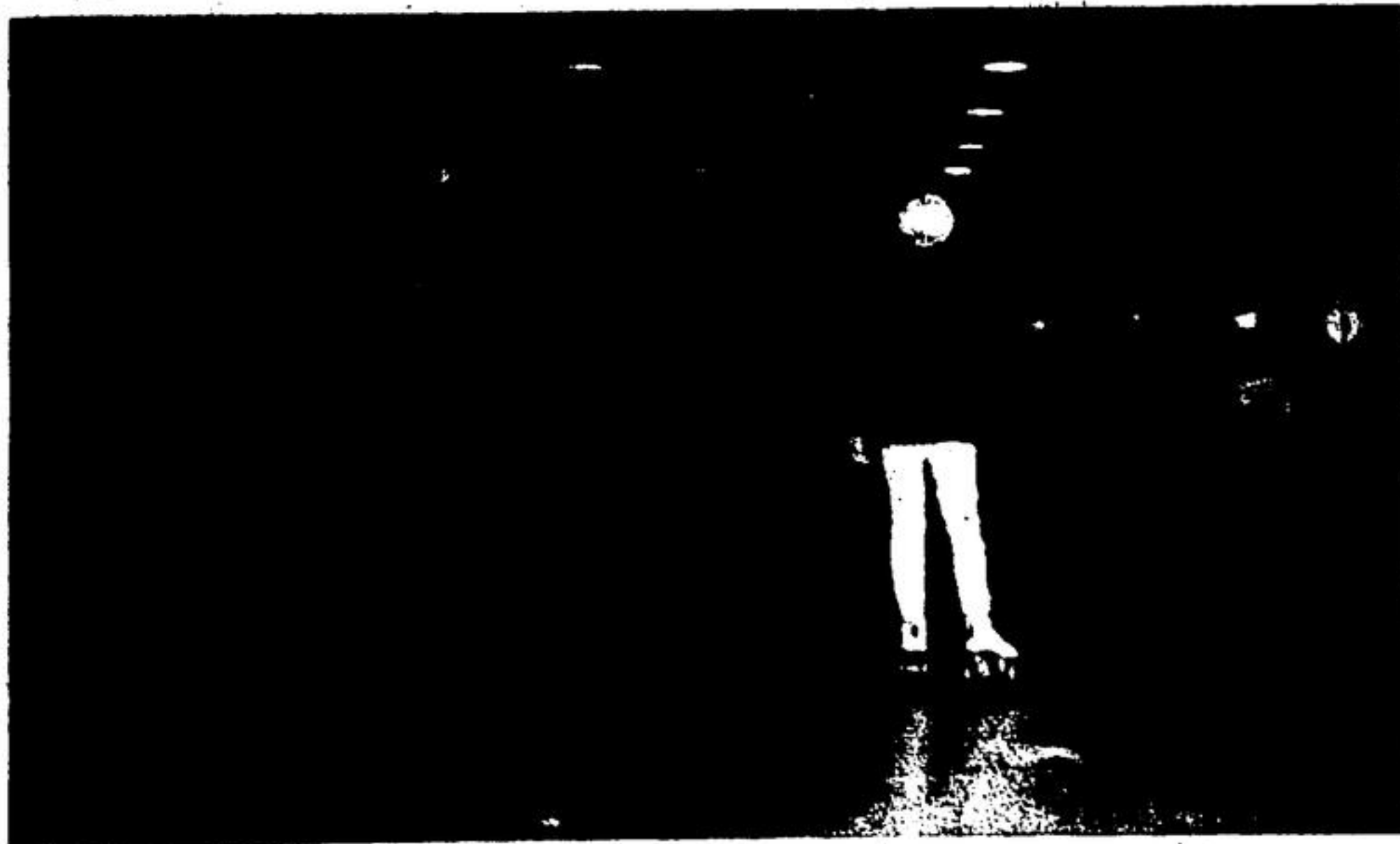
HERE YOU ARE, FELLOWS! says arena manager Harold Townsley, left, handing out cash prizes to the three male winners in the roller skating marathon. Barrie Elliott, centre, came first; Bob Hart left, second, and Dave McMillan, right, third. (Staff Photo)



JANE FABIAN accepts third prize in the roller skating marathon from official Don Price. She skated almost 21 hours, too, in the gruelling contest. (Staff Photo)



CATHY CLARK, 17-year-old student, and Fiona Gidman, 17, finished one-two in the roller skating marathon and captured cash prizes of \$30 and \$15 respectively. They showed more stamina than the boys, skating for almost 21 hours. (Staff Photo)



THIRTY-THREE ENTRANTS in the roller skating marathon at the community centre started out strongly Friday at 8 p.m. but only a few — eight — were left as the contest went into Saturday afternoon. (Staff Photo)

Cathy Clark, Barrie Elliott win roller marathon

Purveyors of the dominating male philosophy will have a hard time convincing arena manager Harold Townsley of it following the roller skating marathon which started here Friday night at 8 p.m.

Thirty-three endurance testers left the starting gate but the

one to finish last was pretty, perky Cathy Clark, 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Clark, 158 Jeffrey Ave. Time? Almost 5 p.m. Saturday afternoon 21 hours after starting.

Cathy quit when no other contestants were left. Fiona Gidman, 163 Min St., succumbed a couple of minutes earlier to cop second prize and Jane Fabian a few minutes before that. Jane took third.

The three teen-aged girls went on after Barrie Elliott, 18, had wrapped up the \$40 first prize for boys, followed by Bob Hart, 18, and David McMillan. Barrie could conceivably go for much longer but felt almost 20 hours on wheels was enough.

Spectators kept coming and going with a few keeping an all night vigil with the skaters. Officials headed by arena manager Townsley, Assistant Don Price, Don Ford and Steve Townsley managed to get a few winks of shut eye on a camp bed in the St. John room.

Numbers in the marathon dropped by drabs and drabs until only eight contestants remained late Saturday morning. They kept going for about another four hours when two of the boys couldn't muster for roll call after a five minute break allowed each hour.

The remaining six divided equally between males and females looked like they could go on and on...and on. Arena

manager Townsley was talking of a Sunday ending with a sleepy look.

Suddenly Dave McMillan could go on no longer. Bob Hart wisely decided he couldn't beat the combination of breaks Barrie Elliott had chalked up so he called it quits for second prize of \$20. Barrie pocketed the \$40 first prize for males.

The gals? They kept on going until Jane Fabian decided third prize of \$10 would be fine. It became a two way endurance contest between Fiona Gidman and Cathy Clark.

Fiona gave it everything she had but finally between 4.45 and 5 p.m. she had to quit. Petite Cathy took another whirl around the rink and clinched first for the ladies - a purse of \$30. Fiona got \$15.

"If we do it again next year -- and we will," said Mr. Townsley,

"we'll only have three prizes." The stamina of the gals amazed him.

Plans for the marathon called for a smaller division of prizes for girls than boys with the original \$66 in prizes to be divided as \$48 for boys and \$18 for girls. However, \$10 donations from the Royal Dairy Jug Milk store and another from Sports Corner, along with swelling gate receipts which the arena contributed \$39 made a total of \$125 for prizes.

The boys were divided in \$40, \$30 and \$10. The gals got \$30, \$15 and \$10.

Entering the gruelling marathon were: Craig Perkins, John Mason, Jim Milson, Bill Hagan, Jim Finlayson, Brian Robinson, Bob Toth, Dave McMillan, Fiona Gidman, Fred Lockertie, Steve McIntyre, Cathy Clark, Jeanette Yateman, Gary Edge, Raymond Still, Karen Townsley, Susan Nicolak, Jane Fabian, Bob Andrews, Barrie Elliott, Mrs. E.M. Hurley, Wayne DeForest, Bob Rossignay, Pauline Whitham, John Bonnic, Leslie King, Donald Suttler, Brad Timbers and Bob Hart.

There was a keen run on liniment and salve but most contestants had recovered sufficiently to be around and about Sunday. One skater, John Mason fell and hit his head and was admitted to hospital overnight for a slight concussion.

Skaters in the marathon were encouraged by relatives and friends who donned skates and went a few rounds with the contestants.

Development corp. fields queries about closing of Acton station

Mayor Les Duby headed a six man delegation from Acton which attended a launching of the Ontario Development Corporation's consulting service in Kitchener Monday night. Representatives from 15 industries in Acton were invited by the Chamber of Commerce but only Chamber president Paul Nellsen, clerk J. McGeachis, Reeve Hinton and Councillors G. McKenzie and C. Perry attended.

Dinner was followed by an address by Mr. Clarkson, deputy minister of the department of economics and development in place of the minister, Hon. Stan-

ley Rondall, who was unable to attend. In the discussion period Acton representatives made the meeting aware of the closing of the C.N.R. station here and asked advise on how to deal with the corporate body of the C.N.R. Development officials told Acton delegates the consulting service was available for situations like this.

Their high hard one fielded, the next puzzler on how the different regional development councils could co-ordinate was hobbled by corporation officials.

Specially qualified consultants from the O.D.C. will be holding a series of private counselling interviews in this area for the benefit of local businesses and industry. Further information on the program may be obtained from the Chamber of Commerce. There is no charge for this service which is sponsored by the Midwestern Ontario Development Area Council and area Chamber of Commerce of which Acton C. of C. is a member.

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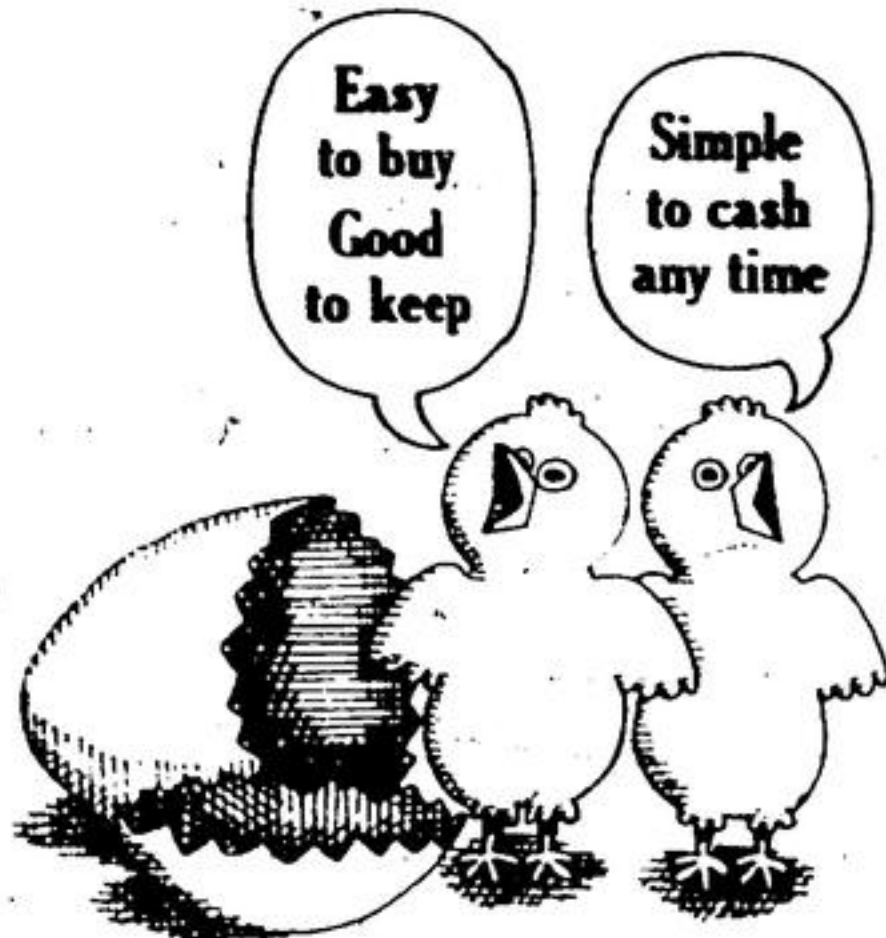
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