

ACTON'S RURAL FIRE area truck, enshrouded in smoke, made several runs the past week up and down country concessions and sideroads. High winds fanned flames and caused fires to spread.—(Staff Photo)



HEAVE-AWAY! Firefighters Lloyd McIntyre and Phil (Scotty) McCristall may not be Volga boatmen but they did plenty of heaving fighting grass and brush fires during the past week.—(Staff Photo)



FIREFIGHTER NORM PRICE administers oxygen to one man who swallowed too much smoke as he fought a grass fire on the Third Concession, near Churchill. The man was taken home after treatment.—(Staff Photo)

## Grass fires keep firefighters hopping over week

Acton Firefighters have been kept hopping answering grass fire calls in town and the surrounding area over last week. A total of nine fires kept the local brigade on the go. Two fires in Nassagaweya

township last Wednesday started the week off. The first occurred on the Leroy property, R.R. 2 Rockwood at 10.45 in the morning and the second at the home of Tom Martindale R.R. 2

Rockwood at 1.40 in the afternoon. Thursday afternoon firefighters were called to douse a grass fire on property behind the home of Mrs. D. Lappin, 135 Poplar Avenue at 4.05 in the

afternoon. The fourth fire occurred Friday morning at 10.45 on the Nickl property, R.R. 1 Acton, near Crewson's Corners. A fire at 301 Main Street North Saturday morning at

10.15 was the first of three that day. Firefighters gave oxygen to an over-exhausted man at the second fire on the Colbeck property on the Third Line of Erin township. The fire occurred

at 10.50. The third Saturday call was to the home of Mr. Coupland, R.R. 2 Acton, at 3 in the afternoon. Two fires Sunday completed the list of nine. York House was the site of the

first at 10.40 in the morning and the second took place at the home of Roy Trace on the Sixth Line of Nassagaweya at 12 noon. Firefighters also gave oxygen to a local man, who took ill later Sunday afternoon.

## Select 60 from crowd ...

(Continued from Page One) meeting to attend the next two meetings.

Then these 60 will set up another general meeting for all interested persons.

Divided into 15 discussion groups Monday night, the 300 produced from their own number the people who are anxious to go into the problem even more deeply.

Mrs. Palmer explained a continuing program is more helpful to a community. The nucleus group of 60 would then provide resource people. The program was introduced, in the full Robert Little auditorium, by Committee on Drug Education chairman Harry Dawson.

The discussion groups considered five questions, then returned to the auditorium to report, see a film Drugs and the Nervous System and conclude that the 60 would meet again next Monday at the M.Z. Bennett School.

Reports from the discussion groups showed interest was high, and both adults and young people were anxious to learn more.

Some comments: Adults must open their ears, and show a little more tolerance. Lack of communication between adults and students is obvious. Students said there are no adults they can talk to.

Parents felt a lack of specific information on the drug abuse problem. The natives get restless in the summer. There's nothing—but nothing—for young people 13 to 17 or so to do in the summer. Especially the girls.

Drug abuse is a limited problem confined to smaller groups. But some former users were in attendance and wanted to share their experience and advice with others who might have similar problems.

A lively group of 44 public and high school students talked over the question with Roy

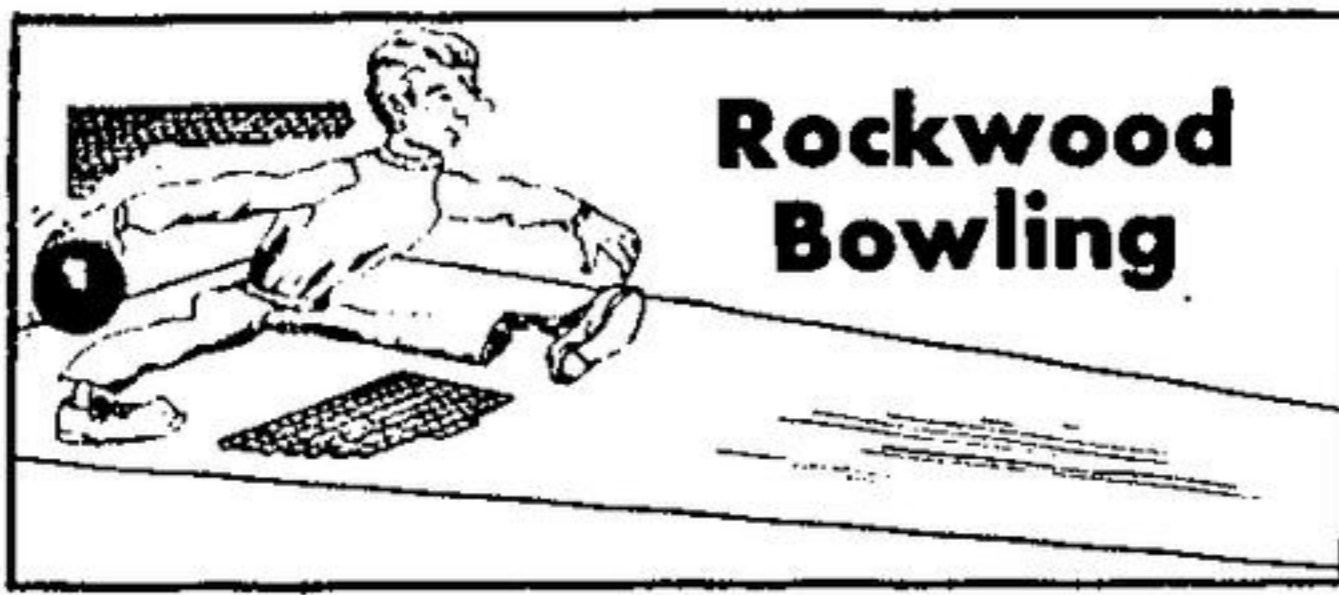
Wood, and told him they thought the problem of drug abuse was not serious, but was increasing.

They explained they look to adults for common sense, and would like to talk things over with adults.

Half of them stated they thought adults should not drink or smoke in front of children. Should marijuana be legalized? 11 of them said yes, 33 of them no.

All agreed they'd like more facts. Mrs. Palmer met afterward with some of the interested young people, and both Mrs. Palmer and Dr. Omelon were available to talk with anyone with specific problems.

Special thanks went to Mrs. Palmer, principal G. W. McKenzie for making available and readying the school, and Dave Dills for providing literature.



League leading Stratton's whitewashed Norton's seven points to nil in Rockwood bowling league action last week. Shirley Salmon paced the win with a neat 848 triple that included a red-hot 381 single. Dick Dupuis posted a 773 tricount and Sam Nyholt registered a 731 for the winners.

Second place Carney's downed Elmer's Alley Cats five points to two, as Doug Cross chalked up a 712 triple and 346 single. Begoodorbegones strengthened their hold on the third place with a five and two triumph over Four Corners.

Gail Bacon shone for the winners, scoring a 700 triple, while Nellie Stokman posted a respectable 665 for Four Corners.

Queen of Hearts moved to within a point of fourth place Neighbors, with a 5-2 win. Ellen Garner's 601 triple for Neighbors was the best of the contest.

Whitewashers also claimed a five points to two victory over Untouchables, behind a nifty 650 triple by Pete Mulder.

Present league standings follow: Stratton's 141, Carney's 127, Begoodorbegones 120, The Neighbors 106, Queen of Hearts 105, Norton's 101, Four Corners 95, Elmer's Alley Cats 91, Untouchables 82, Whitewashers 82.

### ESQUESING Township Council HIGHLIGHTS

At their regular meeting Monday night, Esquesing Council:

- Passed a resolution approving the budget of the township planning board for the sum of \$10,000 for the year 1970.

- Passed a by-law authorizing the clerk-treasurer and his staff to make charges for copies or extracts of township records or documents.

- Received a letter from the Ontario Water Resources Commission advising council to pursue negotiations with the town of Georgetown for the supply of water for Glen Williams. A recent investigation uncovered no ground water in Glen Williams.

- Received a letter from the Canadian Transport Commission informing council authorities will make inspection of railway crossing on the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth Lines, Thursday April 23 and asking council to have representatives present at the inspection.

- Received a letter from the firm of M. M. Dillon the township planning consultants, requesting a meeting with members of council, planning board and committee of adjustment May 12.

## Rumors persist-jumbo jetport near here

Rumors persist in this neck of the woods that the proposed new super jetport proposed by the federal government will be built here.

Latest information "leak" received by The Free Press is the jetport will be located in Nassagaweya township, including the area from 10

Sideroad to 30 Sideroad bordered by Highways 25 and 6. Highway 25 would be the main access by road.

Rumors continue that Premier

Robarts will reveal the location when he presents the sequel to the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Transportation Study in Toronto on Tuesday, May 5. It is also rumored Prime Minister Trudeau and Mr. Robarts discussed the jetport when they met in Toronto last week.

The welter of conflicting reports has set off varied reactions from residents of the town and district. Some welcome the possibility of a jetport which would "wake the area up" but most residents are concerned about the effect it could have on noise and air pollution and the possibility they would be squeezed out of their homes.

Official sources claim no decision will be reached on the proposed jetport until late summer. Department of Transport sources have said that five prospective sites are being considered west of Toronto.

Halton M.P. Rud Whiting could offer no explanation for rumors which crop up pinpointing this area for a jumbo jetport. Contacted by The Free Press Monday night, Mr. Whiting said he is investigating every facet of an airport's effect on an area but admitted he had no more information than was available to anyone else despite strong efforts to obtain it.

"I may know the day before the minister makes the announcement," he said.

There are similar rumors in other parts of the province especially in Proton township near Arthur where a speculator has reportedly assembled a block of land and in the area north of Toronto adjacent to Holland Marsh. Others have picked the

location close to Streetsville and still others maintain the existing airport at Malton will expand. Meanwhile, residents of the areas named in the rumors are looking at an uncertain future.

## Must remove studded tires

The Hamilton Automobile Club advises motorists it is illegal to drive in Ontario with studded snow tires after April 30. The April 30 deadline is also in effect in the Provinces of Manitoba, British Columbia and Prince Edward Island.

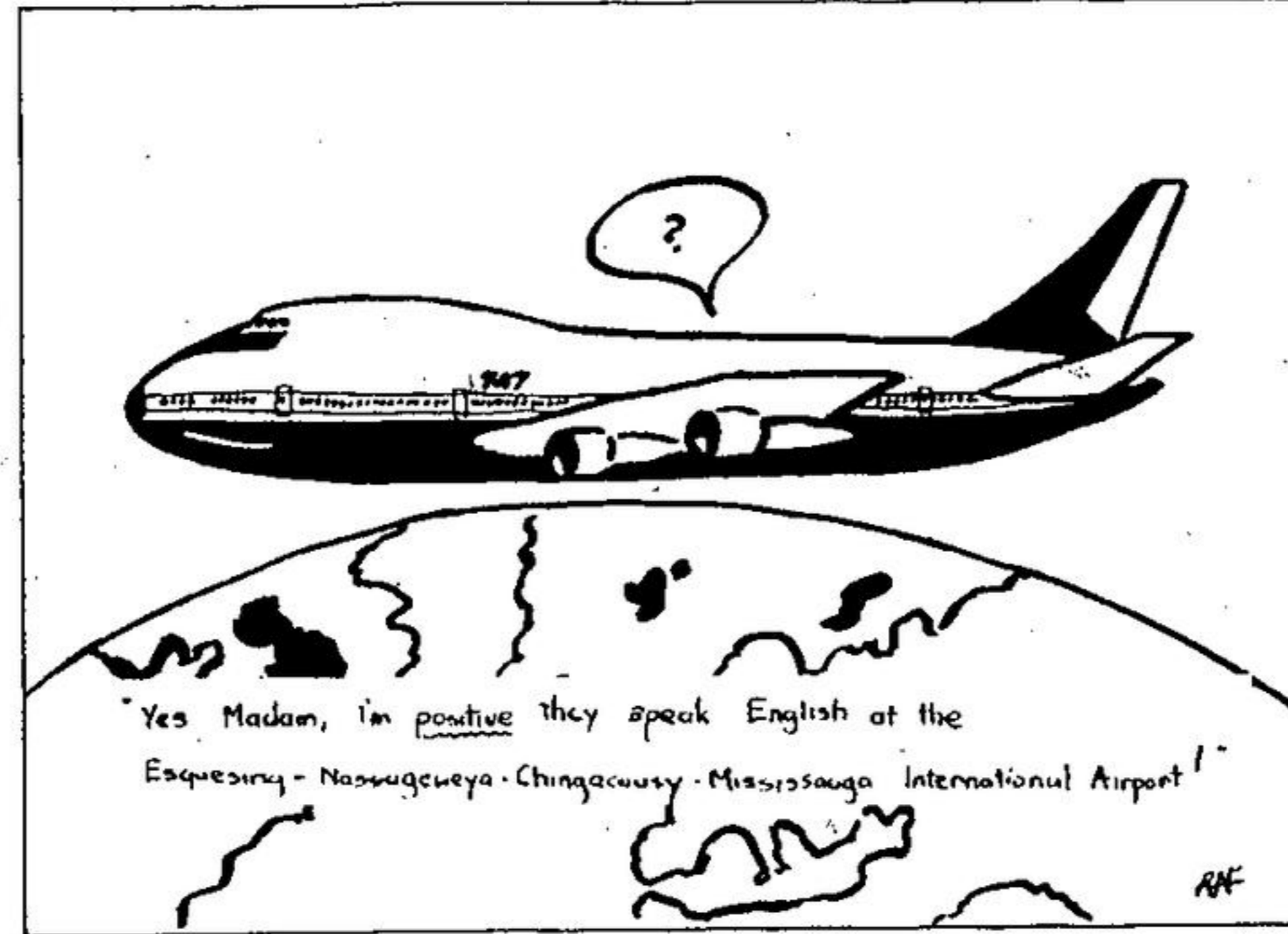
Nova Scotia has an April 15 deadline, while in Newfoundland these tires must be off April 16. There are no specified qualifications for Alberta, New Brunswick, Quebec and Saskatchewan.

For motorists travelling into the nearby United States, New York's deadline for studded tires is April 15, no restrictions in Ohio and May the 1st for Michigan.

Ontario motorists must store their studded tires until October 1.

## Too close to fire truck

Acton police this week charged a driver with following too closely behind the fire truck. Limit a vehicle must be behind is 500 feet.



## Should encourage youth to meet at arena-Marks

Should roller skating spectators have to pay admission to the community centre?

The question revealed different opinions among members of Acton Board of Parks Management and Recreation Committee at their monthly meeting Thursday night.

Chairman Peter Marks asked members to consider dispensing with the charge for spectators this summer, in an effort to encourage young people, who usually hang out on the street corners of town, to meet their friends at the community centre.

"It's better than the pool room, until we get some kind of drop-in centre," he said.

"It'll cost us a bit of money, but I think we'll be adding to a healthier social climate for teenagers," the chairman went on.

Board member Art Gordon wondered if allowing spectators free admission would not produce more headaches for the arena staff. He said he would like to see youths come in off the street corners, but not to cause trouble.

"What are we going to gain by not charging them?" he asked. "If they pay for something they appreciate it, if they don't pay they don't appreciate it," Mr. Gordon suggested.

Vice-chairman Bob Laughlen agreed with Mr. Gordon. He thought a charge of 10 cents would be fair.

Mr. Marks admitted the system could produce some

headaches, but maintained young people should be encouraged to meet at the community centre.

"What I'm saying is, let's hold

our hand out", he explained.

After further discussion, the board agreed to allow spectators free admission for a month, then review the matter.

## Board will discuss by-law to control power boats

A meeting of the planning and development committee of Acton Board of Parks Management will be held in the near future to discuss a by-law

to control the use of power boats on Fairy Lake.

Several complaints about power boats speeding on the lake were lodged last summer by residents.

At Thursday night's regular board meeting, chairman Peter Marks asked members to consider banning power boats from two specific areas of the lake, one on the north arm and one on the south. The areas would be circumscribed by barriers.

Board member Art Gordon went along with the ban on the south arm area in which swimming occurs, but disagreed with the restriction of boats from the north side area. It was Mr. Gordon's opinion that if power boats were allowed on the north side it would discourage swimmers from using the area.

After some discussion on the matter it was decided to refer it to a planning and development committee meeting.

## Drag strip trial ...

(Continued from Page 1) deputy-revee stated. "We had nothing to stop him."

"Has council approved complete operation of the drag strip?" Mr. Bowman was quick to enquire.

"We didn't have anything to disapprove it", the deputy-revee retorted.

Mr. Bowman concluded by saying he thought a governing by-law for the drag strip should be drawn up soon.

Council agreed to have clerk-treasurer Delmar French write Mr. Bristow to ask what days and what times he proposes to hold races.

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