



PREPPING FOR the Acton Figure Skating Club's annual carnival "Ice Review '71" are l. to r. Robin Marshall, Kathy Toth, Marilyn DeBruyn and Diane Baginski. Club members have been practicing all week for the gala affair. An afternoon performance at 2 p.m. will be followed by an evening show at 8 p.m. this Saturday at the community centre. Guest skater is Rachel Amelia of the Chatham Figure Skating Club. —(Staff Photo)

Warden opposes change in voting structure

If Oakville and Burlington elected officials are going to present a private members' bill to have voting power re-structured at Halton County Council, they should make a presentation to county council. "I think it is in bad taste for them (Oakville and Burlington representatives) to go ahead with a private member's bill without going to council first," Warden Dr. F. G. Oakes told this paper.

No presentation
He said there had been no presentation to council and he

didn't think it was fair to proceed until council had heard the presentation. "There has been a lot of lobby talk and newspaper talk and just plain gossip, but there has been nothing brought to council. It is all unofficial and the way it is being done is in bad taste, if it is being done," he said.

The Warden said he felt the change was not needed because the south had even power with the north on a recorded vote and they had that power when they needed it. "The presence of more bodies on council will do nothing to strengthen it," the Warden claimed.

Old problem
The problem of changing representation on county council is not a new one. The problem became evident last year when Burlington pressed for change in the voting that would reflect greater strength with the two southern towns.

The Burlington representatives argue Burlington and Oakville taxpayers pay 82 per cent of the county bill. When the matter came up last year Oakville's county representatives wanted no part of the plan. Oakville Reeve, and at that time Warden Allan Day and Deputy Reeve Bill Gillies reasoned that the southern municipalities had lost nothing because of a north-south struggle. They felt the move would only aggravate north-south relations and tend to fragment the county.

As it now stands there are 14 members on county council, two each for the five towns and two townships. On a recorded vote the "voting is weighted so Oakville has eight votes, Burlington 10, and the five remaining northern communities have 18 between them.

Have power
If the four southern representatives voted the same way on a recorded vote they would be assured of a tie vote and if they swayed just one of the 10 other members they would have a majority.

According to published reports a resolution has been drafted and will be presented to the Ontario Legislature as a private member's bill. If passed this resolution would make provisions for extra voting power for the two southern towns.

Both Oakville representatives from last year were defeated in the December elections. This year's Oakville council is supporting the restructuring of the voting system.

Suggests cleaning up school creek

The \$1 per capita subsidy available to municipalities for extraordinary works was the subject of a brief council discussion at the most recent meeting.

Although the mayor observed there were so many ramifications he hesitated to take advantage of any subsidies, he suggested to council there were things to be done in town and since they couldn't use the town works force they could possibly use students.

Number one
Number one on the mayor's list was the school creek from Main St. to the school bridge at the bottom of Willow Street. He suggested the creek could be drained, dug out and stone or timber banks built.

"This is seen by everybody who arrives or is leaving town," the mayor said and is a difficult place to maintain at present.

"I can't agree more. The area around the library should be a showplace," observed Councillor Norm Elliott. He said he had noted a similar project in Guelph and was struck by the beauty of the grounds.

Hand in hand
"This is one area where the Chamber of Commerce and the town could work hand in hand," he suggested.

The discussion ended when councillor Greer noted Milton had been ordered to stop burning at their dump. He acknowledged several people asked why Milton could burn Christmas trees while Acton could not. He saw this as the answer.

The mayor agreed, since he had been tackled on the subject himself.

Prosperity has been described as buying things we don't want with money we don't have to impress people we don't like.

John Brooks PR manager for Ford Co.

The Ford Motor Company of Canada Limited announced the appointment of John E. A. Brooks to the new position of public relations manager, sales division. He has been succeeded as public information manager in the public affairs office by Anthony J. Fredo.

John Brooks is the son of Canon E. A. Brooks who was rector of St. Alban's Anglican Church, Acton, and St. John's in Rockwood, from 1937 to 1944. Born in Hamilton he moved to Acton with his parents and lived here for seven years.

Was editor
Brooks, 33, has been with Ford of Canada since 1967. A graduate



JOHN BROOKS

of Ridley College, St. Catharines, and the University of Toronto, he was with the Hamilton Spectator for eight years, becoming city editor before joining Ford.

He is married with two children.

Fredo, 38 of Niagara Falls, left the position of executive editor of the Niagara Falls Review to join Ford. He is married with five children.

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