



WINNERS OF THE FIRST draw for ladies at Acton Curling Club was this rink composed of Ina Melion, Gwen Tyler, Nan Hurst and Jean Parker They captured the B. D. Rachlin trophy for their efforts. —(Staff Photo)

Parks board plans summer festival

Acton Parks and Recreation Committee is planning a Summer Festival or Beer Garden for the Community Centre, Saturday June 26. Purpose of the night is to raise funds to replace budget items the committee slashed upon the request of town council. Cuts requested by council resulted in an overall \$9,000 reduction of the Parks of Recreation budget. Among items suffering from the cuts are repairs to some parts of the

arena, proposed purchase of playground equipment.

Made sense
Chairman Hugh Patterson told last night's committee meeting, "Council felt the original parks and recreation budget made sense and covered a good program, but they implored us to consider some items to be put off."

"Instead of cutting, we are considering the summer festival as an extra source of revenue. We didn't want to increase ice time rates," he said.

May make \$2000

Arena manager Harold Townsley estimated the committee could realize about \$2000 if the night is successful. Preliminary plans call for two separate bars to be set up at each end of the arena floor. A portion in the centre of the floor will be reserved for two bands and dancing space. Tables and chairs will occupy the rest of the floor space.

Similar festivals held in Milton and Georgetown have been tremendous successes.



Public may see minutes Esquering Council agrees

Should minutes of committee meetings be made available to the public?

That's the question raised at last Wednesday's meeting of Esquering Council, when Councillor Dick Howitt asked Reeve Tom Hill that his vote, opposing a council resolution to maintain Fourth Line and 17 Sideroad as a designated truck route, be recorded in the minutes of the committee meeting.

Most ask

Reeve Hill explained that anytime a councillor wishes to have a recorded vote, he must ask for it before the vote is taken. Thinking back to the night of the committee meeting, Councillor Howitt said he asked that the vote be recorded, but admitted he couldn't remember whether he asked for the recorded vote before or after the vote was taken.

Expressing his opinion on the subject of committee meeting minutes, Councillor Len Cox commented "I don't see any reason why they shouldn't be

made available to the public." Council generally agreed that anyone wishing to read the minutes of the meetings should be allowed to do so upon request at the township office.

Council began meeting in committee every second week, when Reeve Hill took office in January.

The Reeve promised 17 Sideroad will be given extra special care this summer. He hinted parts of the road may be oiled.

FARM SYNDICATES
Farm syndicate loan legislation was introduced in Canada six years ago so that groups of three or more farmers could form a syndicate to borrow money to buy equipment or construct buildings for their mutual use. This plan helps farmers to avoid the high costs associated with individual purchase and ownership. By the end of 1970, loans valued at \$9,399,667 had been made under the provisions of the Farm Syndicates Credit Act. These loans, which number 694, were made to 648 syndicates comprising 2,577 farmer members.

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South will press for more power

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18 between the five northern municipalities would give the five northern areas 17 instead of 18 by docking Georgetown by one vote. The bill outlines what

population is necessary for additional members to be assigned and the new weighting of votes. The proposition would bring total membership on county council

of Oakville and Burlington and from 14 to 19 and bring an additional expense estimated at more than \$20,000 a year.

Wrong time

Milton Reeve Ron Harris suggested the move was being made at an inopportune time. He said he realized the smaller areas would have to accept something on the principle of representation by population once regional government came but doubted adding five members would help in the operation of the county.

Georgetown Reeve Rick Morrow asked that the matter be dealt with behind closed doors. Ordinarily even committee meetings of county council are open to the press. Asked after the meeting why it was necessary to close the meeting, Morrow predicted an exchange of hostilities between councillors from the south and north.

Not lost anything

Following the meeting Burlington Reeve Jim Swanborough admitted he could not pin-point any one thing or project the two southern municipalities had been denied because of a north-south split. He said representation by population was part of the democratic process and pointed out Burlington and Oakville pay for 80 per cent of the county operation.

Asked after the meeting why he would support the move, Oakville Reeve Allan Masson said the south had been on the dirty end of the stick when it came to county affairs for too long. He pointed to the location of the county buildings in Milton as one injustice the south had to accept because of the voting power.

Needs north

He said a southern member's success on county council depended on support from the north. "If the north is with you, you've got it, and if you haven't you're sunk," he said. "It's just like in Oakville council with Barrett's parrots. They form a 6-5 block and you can't break it," he added. Harry Barrett is the Deputy Reeve of Oakville and is reputedly the leader of a six-man block on Oakville's 11-man council.

Hamlets exempt from by-law

Appearing before Esquering Council last Wednesday night, Leona Beadle was told she is perfectly free to go ahead and open an antique store in Norval, providing she complies with the township building by-law.

Reeve Tom Hill said any of the hamlets in the township such as Norval are exempt from the agricultural holding by-law.

Quick response to classifieds

"Many calls" were reported this week by a satisfied advertiser. Furniture had been soon sold.

A couple seeking an apartment also report quick response.

Griese lots in first phase new subdivision

Acton planning board at their regular meeting on Thursday evening learned from Joe Adamick of Hulad Developments that he wishes to extend phase one of his subdivision to include 24 additional homes. Mr. Adamick who attended the meeting with Cranston Griese, reported, agreement had been reached whereby Mr. Adamick would purchase the 24 lots in the Griese subdivision on Acton Blvd.

Ontario Hydro was to be asked for more detailed plans within the municipality.

Withdraw objections

Planning board rescinded a motion passed at the previous meeting asking the planning consultant to remove the designation of Wallace St. as a main arterial road. Notice had been received from the Department of Municipal Affairs that their objections to the plan of subdivision of Hulad had been withdrawn and it would not be necessary to change the street designation.

Reeve warns

Negotiate agreement
The secretary Grant Usher said the next step in the procedure would be for Mr. Hulad to meet with the administration committee of council to negotiate a subdivider's agreement on the property.

There has been some restrictions placed on the Griese subdivision so it would conform to the proposed street pattern in the Hulad area. These restrictions have been mainly overcome now by having all the property under one ownership.

Reactivate group

Acton planning board decided appeal to county council through the Warden to reactivate the Halton Planning Association "to a level of highly informative discussion for the benefit of all member municipalities."

"A letter was received from Ontario Hydro along with the plan for the relocation of the high tension line between Guelph and Acton asking planning board's opinion on whether it would have any effect on planning in Acton. Mayor Doby reported both the town and the hydro commission had received similar letters and plans from Ontario Hydro.

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when he was asked earlier in the meeting when council was hearing deputations. However, the reeve finally consented, when Councillors Howitt and Cox both said they felt Mr. Bowman should be invited because he's very much affected by the dragway's operation.

"I don't like anybody who sits back and waits for somebody else to make his move before he makes his," the reeve said. "I'm not fooling around with him or anybody else like I did last year," he warned.

Asked by the Free Press following the meeting about possible opening dates for the dragway, Mr. Pratt said he has no dates in mind until he hears from council.

"We intend to abide by whatever council says. We have too much to lose to do otherwise," he said.

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