

# Build own arena in Esquesing—Reeve Hill

Esquesing reeve Tom Hill urged Esquesing township council to seriously consider building an arena in a central site in the township and operate their own minor hockey program. Noting that Georgetown Branch 120 of the Legion has withdrawn their sponsorship of minor hockey in Georgetown, Hill said this would seriously affect the chance of many township boys to participate in a minor

hockey program. He felt the answer was in the township building their own arena in some central place and running their own hockey program. Hill said the size and the assessment of the township made an arena feasible at this time and council should be looking for some cheap property on which to start building. Not elaborate He didn't envision an elaborate

arena but an edifice seating 500 to 1,000 people, sufficient to meet the needs of the township. He saw minor hockey dying in Georgetown and costs escalating to the point where it would be impractical for the township to participate in their program. "Let's float debentures and do it," he urged an astonished council. "What's it going to cost?" asked Councillor Wilfrid Leslie.

Hill admitted he had no idea but felt the township was big enough to look after their own needs now without relying on Georgetown to supply recreation. "It will be worthwhile to explore the proposal and find out the different aspects," thought Councillor Len Cox. Although councillors noted there was no trouble with Acton or Milton regarding minor

hockey programs, opinion was that the Georgetown dilemma was not going to be easily solved and many minor hockey players would be without a place to play. Drop "Kid" hockey Hill's dismay at the situation in Georgetown stemmed from the action of Georgetown Legion in dropping "kid" hockey in Georgetown because of a disagreement with the Parks and Recreation committee over costs.

The recreation committee has guaranteed that minor hockey will continue in Georgetown under their sponsorship regardless of the outcome of the squabble with the Legion, but Reeve Hill is not convinced. A Legion delegation walked out of a council meeting the previous week when the matter was discussed in front of Georgetown council. The parks and recreation committee had figures to show

that the town paid \$3,823 or 63 per cent of minor hockey costs in 1970-71 and has argued they would pay \$4,466 or 65.1 per cent if there were no increases. The Legion delegation walked out charging they had no way of knowing whether the figures were accurate. The Legion has operated "kid" hockey in Georgetown for 20 years.

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### Meet the candidates in Acton on Monday

Voters from Acton and district will have a good chance to assess Halton West candidates in the upcoming provincial election at a

Meet the Candidates Night at Acton district high school, Monday, October 4. Acton Chamber of Commerce

is sponsoring the meeting and all three Halton West candidates — P.C. George Kerr, Liberal Bob McNutt and New Democrat Walter Mulkeewich have agreed to attend. Lots will be drawn to determine the order of speakers, who will each be allotted five minutes.

meeting will be thrown open for questions and opposing candidates will be invited to comment on the answers. Each speaker will then have a chance for a three minute wind-up talk in reverse of the first order. Times have been arranged so the meeting should finish at 9.45 for coffee and everyone can leave shortly after 10 p.m.

Chamber president Roy Goodwin said he "hoped the meeting is well attended by members of all parties and particularly non-committed voters." The Chamber was unable to arrange a day time appearance for the sake of high school students so is urging students to attend the evening meeting, which starts at 8.30 p.m.

### What - no bite?

Esquesing council has no objection to dogs without a bark being raised in the township, providing there's no profit motive.

They authorized Fred Dent to operate a dog kennel at his home near Speyside school to raise Basenjis, a breed of hound from the Congo that stand only 16 inches high and weight about 20 pounds, following legal advice from the township solicitors.

The advice from solicitors was that kennels of dogs and cats in the township did not contravene the holding-by-law so long as the

owner does not rely on raising pets as a livelihood. The onus rests on the township council to show whether the kennels are carried on for a profit or not.

Reeve Tom Hill, advised Mr. Dent at Monday's meeting of council that he could go ahead with his kennel where he planned to raise only a few dogs, which peculiarly have no bark.

Will there be a profit? "It depends on how good a bookkeeper you are," he told Mr. Dent, with a grin.

Mr. Dent told council he would raise only three or four dogs, not wall-to-wall puppies.

Thrown open After the five minute talks the

### Cobblehill Road gets facelifting

Acton Council authorized work to start on the construction of

sidewalks and a storm sewer ditch on Cobblehill Road, as well as installation of a number of street lights for Cobblehill Road, Victoria St. and Willow Street at a meeting Tuesday.

Council accepted the tender of Milton Paving and Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$9,341.50 for construction of the sidewalk and ditch. Sidewalks are to be five feet wide and constructed of concrete. The ditch is to be covered with a two inch layer of asphalt, after excavations and installations are completed.

Install lights A total of 17 luminaires will be installed on Cobblehill Road, Victoria Street will have eight installed and Willow Street one. Total cost of the lighting is \$2,842.95.

Referring to Cobblehill Road, Deputy-Reeve Garnet McKenzie commented, "This is a case of doing one area properly, instead of hitting three or four piecemeal. It's the time to do it, when the sidewalk's going in."

Still on the topic of sidewalks, Reeve Frank Oakes asked if public works committee had given any consideration to extension to Cameron Street of a small stretch of concrete walk, laid in connection with renovations to the corner of Mill and Park streets.

Upcoming project Public works chairman Councillor Earl Masales assured the reeve sidewalks for Cameron Street is one of council's upcoming projects. "It's the next one on the list. We might be able to get it at next year," Councillor Jack Greer said.

### Collect \$1,200 for campaign

Acton Firefighters collected over \$1200 during their canvass for Muscular Dystrophy in Acton.

Firefighters canvassed two nights in uniform and placed canisters around town for further donations. Canisters are still out and their contents are expected to swell donations when they are collected sometime in October.

Last year Acton firefighters were instrumental in collecting \$1200 for the campaign to fight the disease and it appears this year's donations will be higher. An official of the M.D. Association told Firefighters last year that the Acton campaign reflected big hearts, since donations here were 300 per cent above per capita donation in the rest of the country.

### Marriage in trouble?

Worried about your marriage? And well you might be, if you're the person who lost a 14 karat gold wedding ring last spring and hasn't had it since. It's in the police office and they would like to give it back to its married owner. They also have three homeless watches they'd like to locate owners for.

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WHEN ALICE looked into the looking glass it's a sure bet she didn't encounter the same group the Free Press photographer took at an auction sale near Acton last Friday. Buyers from a wide area gathered to look and buy invaluable antiques. See inside for more pictures and story. —(Staff Photo)

### Invite Ram reps to meet council

A delegation from Acton Rams' Junior "C" lacrosse team will be invited to the next administration committee meeting of Acton Council. The invitation follows a request by Councillor Bill Coats that the committee consider some recognition of the team for winning the O.L.A. Junior "C" championship. Discussion at the meeting is to centre around ways of honoring the team. Scanning the administration committee meeting minutes at last night's regular meeting,

deputy-reeve Garnet McKenzie remarked "I see where you've picked up the Free Press suggestion on the Rams." "Some of the impetus came from the Free Press," admitted administration committee chairman Bill Coats. "But there were some concerned citizens that approached us too," he said. "I don't think we're acting because the Free Press said anything, we're acting from our own common sense," offered Reeve Frank Oakes.

### Accident charges

Two accidents were investigated by Acton police during the week and two charges were laid as a result.

Last Thursday morning at 8.05 a car driven by Irene Latham, Nassagaweya, was proceeding down Church St. and a car driven by Jacques Parent, Mowbray Place, on John St. when a collision occurred. Mrs. Latham had a few minor cuts but a passenger, Robert Weir, was treated for cuts to arms, legs and hands at the Medical Centre.

Damage to the cars was so extensive they were considered a write-off.

On Wednesday, two cars were in collision on Eastern Ave. at 4.15 p.m. Drivers involved were John Asselin, Guelph, and John van Oosten, Esquesing.

### Basket drive to help Scouts

Scouts of the First Acton troop will be canvassing Acton Saturday morning for six quart and bushel baskets.

People in town are being asked to leave baskets outside their homes before 9 a.m. Saturday, where they can be easily picked up by a small truck or trailer.

Funds from the proceeds will be used to aid scouting in Acton.

### Student blitz

High school students will be blitzing Acton this Thursday, September 30, for funds to aid the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society.

It is the first time high school students have endeavored to organize and run the arthritis campaign on their own although they have assisted with it other years. Campaign co-ordinator at the high school is Henry Wisensz. The Arthritis Society fights the disability disease on many fronts, especially by research, professional education, patient care and public information. The national objective is \$2,750,000.

### False alarm

The alarm for the Bank of Montreal sounded by mistake Tuesday morning, bringing Cons. Roy Wood and Cons. J. Terryberry rushing over alerted for bank robbers. None were found, and faulty wiring was blamed for the scare.

District police are also alerted when this alarm is given.



Soft as a baby's skin

Cecile Moss with Moses.

Although he arrived a little late for the Acton Fall Fair, "Moses" a one week old baby donkey belonging to Cecile Moss, R.R. 4 Acton has become the centre of attraction around the Moss home, as well as for passers-by, who have seen him prancing around in the fields.

"We were hoping to have "Moses" in time for the fair, so that all the children could see him, but things didn't quite work out that way," Acton realtor Alec Johnson, a neighbor of the Moss' explained. "Moses" was born one week ago today (Wednesday).

How did "Moses" join the Moss family?

"It all started at a party," Alec explained. "Cecile mentioned she'd like to own a donkey, so I decided to have "Gypsy" bred." "Gypsy", a female donkey, belongs to Mr. Johnson.

"The big problem was finding a father," Alec went on. "Finally we found one, belonging to Dr. Sam Wilkie a veterinary surgeon in Milton."

Since then Alec says he's received several enquiries about where to have donkeys bred.

Plans for an exclusive estate development on the former Olen property on 25 Highway, near Speyside, were unveiled by Messrs. Boyd and Fitzpatrick of Cameron Heights Development Ltd. to Esquesing Council, Monday night. Fifteen \$70,000 homes are planned for the property, on the bend at Speyside.

Smallest acreage of the proposed development would be slightly under two acres with five per cent of the 43.55 acres donated for parks. It would be known as Twillingate Estates.

The area is heavily wooded with maples and beech trees and Reeve Tom Hill noted that the

plans fall in line with Esquesing's Official Plan which proposes estate development with minimum floor space of houses 1,800 square feet and two acres of land.

Councillors were impressed with the presentation and indicated they would recommend planning board when the Official Plan was approved. "It would not be fair to designate it for estate development at this time," said Councillor Dick Howitt.

Homes worth \$70,000 Mr. Boyd, an official of Headway Corporation, told council the developer would control the whole subdivision, building quality homes worth

about \$70,000. He indicated they would like to start building in the spring if possible.

Reeve Hill told the two men the township's Official Plan had been to the Minister and he had asked for some changes but it would be impossible to say when final approval would be received. He promised the developers of council's co-operation when the Official Plan was approved.

Councillor Howitt also advised the delegation that the proposed development could conflict with plans by Consolidated Sand and Gravel to open a quarry on an adjacent 600 acre site.

Surprised Both men expressed surprise at

the information. They agreed it could seriously affect their plans if the quarry was blasting and extracting rock nearby.

Earlier in the meeting council heard a letter from the Department of Mines and Northern Affairs asking if there were any objections to issuing a permit to Consolidated to open their proposed quarry at Speyside. Council felt the letter should be forwarded to the planning board first.

"It is nice to see the Department following our wishes for once instead of issuing the permit and then telling us about it," remarked Councillor Howitt.

## Propose \$70,000 homes in Speyside estates