



THE CORNER OF MAIN AND MILL Streets was transformed into the busy intersection of Albert Lake, somewhere between Owen Sound and Fergus, last Friday as TV crews from the CBC invaded Acton to televise scenes from a forthcoming television drama entitled "STRIKE". Scenes shot in Acton were to depict a small town on strike but somewhere along the line producers were misled. Traffic swirled along the busy intersection and pedestrians clogged sidewalks in what was supposedly to be an almost deserted community. One CBC man told the Free Press they had made a survey at a quiet time and expected Acton would be ideal. Scenes were shot anyway with Acton Pharmacy transformed into Hennings General Store, Watson's Music Store became headquarters

for the Albert Lake Beacon and Acton Billiards a hall for rent. Signs on businesses and Highways 25 and 7 were changed, to places such as Halton Falls and Brest. Top photo shows the crew setting up a scene. Middle left is a producer and spectator rival TV man Jack Carpenter inspecting news from the Albert Lake Beacon window, which turned out to be disguised Acton Free Presses. Middle right, the camera readies for action. Bottom left, a street scene from the show. Middle the sign at Acton Pharmacy is changed while right a principal in the show acts "small townish". The show is part of the Sunday evening Anthology series, but the crew did not know when the show would be shown.—(Staff Photo)

Arena fire alarm system hot topic at parks meet

Parks and recreation committee members unanimously agree with Councillor Peter Marks that a manual fire alarm system should be installed in the arena, but most disagree with him on how persons using the building should be educated on what to do in an emergency.

Marks asked at the last committee meeting if the arena's fire alarm can be activated from any part of the building.

When arena manager Harold Townsley informed him the

alarm is activated, when sprinkler heads go off, Marks said he'd like to see an independent system that could be activated manually.

"I'd like to see people out of the building before the sprinkler heads go off," he said.

Dry run

organizations, who use the building regularly.

"Maybe dry runs could be held during minor hockey practice hours," he suggested. "Adult preparation is something else again".

Marks maintained bedlam should not occur, if the arena has the proper number of fire exits.

"And if it hasn't, we bloody well better see that it has," he added.

Although they failed to agree on the dry run, members agreed to have arena manager Harold Townsley investigate fire alarm systems used in neighboring arenas and report back with recommendations.

\$250,000 capital program

The public works committee of Acton council reviewed the five year capital works program at a meeting November 22 and then set up the 1972 program as follows:

1. New water supply, well and trunk main, \$80,000, which the town must pay in full.
2. Hydro underground from Alice to Willow Sts. \$30,000.
3. Storm sewer extension \$20,000, which would amount to \$40,000 if the subsidy is granted.
4. Roads \$60,000, which will double to \$120,000 if subsidies are granted.
5. Sewer main extension to relieve the burden on the main line, \$60,000.

Total cost would be \$250,000 if the Ontario Municipal Board approves the projects.

Councillor Jack Greer noted these were all the items the committee saw should be done next year. Some items would have to be debudgeted.

Expenditures of \$30,000 for underground hydro were questioned by Councillor Marks who asked why it was not Hydro's responsibility to update facilities.

Mayor Duby, council's representative on the hydro commission, said the original installation is paid by the town but hydro is responsible for upkeep. The hydro operation is to sell power and leave enough margin to operate the system, on a break-even basis.

Councillor Marks observed that this ran counter to what the town engineer told them about other

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Committee sets five year schedule for reconstruction

The public works and utilities committee of Acton council has set out a five year connecting link construction program to be submitted to the Department of Transportation and Communication. Ninety per cent of the work which is approved would be paid by the Department and 10 per cent by the town.

Connecting links are the roads in Acton which are part of the provincial highway system. The committee recommended the following improvements:

- 1972—CNR grade separation study.
- 1973—Reconstruction of High-

way 25 from Mill St. to the southwestern town limits.

- 1974—Highway 25—School Lane to the northeast limits of town; Highway 7 from Highway 25 to the western town limits.
- 1975—Highway 7 reconstruction from Wilbur St. to Main St.; Highway 7 reconstruction from Mill St. to School Lane.

Engineering work on these projects would be done the previous year so construction would be able to start as soon as possible on the scheduled year.

Clerk Joe Hurst told council that if the schedule is approved and adhered to, the town would have all highways in town reconstructed in 1975. Recommendations must be submitted to the Department prior to December 3, 1971, for their approval.

He's for it . . .

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instead of class, he developed something he called compulsory attendance!

Answering questions, he favored flexibility. Some life experiences are structured, some are not.

Supply teacher Crystal Hines admitted she teaches sometimes in flexible class situations, sometimes in structured classrooms; having experienced both she can't tell what she likes best. She has sympathy for the poor parents.

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Snowmobile complaints begin

Noisy, late-driven snowmobiles have produced complaints to Acton police. The machines were out after the first snowfall Monday night, in some locations running till as late as 2 a.m. disturbing neighbors.

Both town bylaw and the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act set down regulations for use of snowmobiles which local police will be enforcing.

The police will also be laying charges when cars are left parked and interfering with snow removal.

Police suggest those not familiar with snowmobile regulations could get in touch with them. One charge has already been laid, of driving a snowmobile without a license.

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