

Hope ping pong will keep young "lovers" occupied

Following the lead of the United States and the People's Republic of China, Acton Parks and Recreation Committee have decided to try ping pong as a friendship-making instrument for some of the town's youth, who have been using the community centre as a meeting place.

In the words of Councillor Peter Marks, purchase of a pair

of ping pong tables and the accompanying equipment "might help to make the time spent by the inactive at the community centre a little more recreational."

The committee's concern was aroused, when Diane Spielvogel, only distaff member, reported a complaint from one parent who was unable to find a bench to lace

a child's skates up, because of the amount of space "young lovers" were occupying in the dressing rooms during public skating hours.

Charge admission
"This person suggested we might have recovered some of the \$1,000 we dropped in public skating revenue by charging admission for spectators," Mrs.

Spielvogel told the committee. Mrs. Spielvogel agreed it might be a good idea if people who walk into the building without their skates were charged a dime.

Arena manager Harold Townsley conceded the community centre is used as a meeting place during public skating hours.

"It goes on more in the

auditorium, than in the dressing rooms," he explained. "But you can just see them scatter, when I walk through."

Dislikes idea
Councillor Peter Marks said he disliked the idea of charging spectators.

"Why do you have to make a buck on everything you do?" he asked. "Your parks have been

used for that for years, I understand."

He thought young people should be encouraged, not discouraged to meet at the community centre.

The committee had not budgeted for ping pong tables, but felt it worthwhile to take the \$150 out of the summer program administration budget.



"GET YOUR shoe tied up, Greg," admonishes Stacey Perry. "It's almost our turn to go out on the stage!" They were models in the Y's Menettes Home Sewers show last Wednesday. More pictures and story inside. (Photo by K. Dilla)

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Fall election ?

While the pundits predict Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau will call a federal election in June, Halton M.P. Rud Whiting just shakes his head.

"In my opinion," he told the Free Press from Ottawa, "the election will not be held until the fall."

Of course, admitted Rud, P.E.T. could call it in June and it would be all wet.

Mr. Whiting will be in town Saturday night attending the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year dinner and dance at which Free Press publisher David R. Dills will be honored. Also expected to attend is the Hon. George Kerr, M.P.P. for Halton West.



NOT A VISITOR from space, just a boy scout planting trees as part of the Trees for Canada project at three nearby conservation areas in Saturday's pouring rain and biting winds. More inside.

Break-in at L and L

Tools, a car radio and speaker and five sets of keys for new cars were all reported missing, following a break-in at L and L Motors. The break-in was reported to police by owner Lorne Doherty Thursday morning.

Loss was estimated at about \$350. The offices had been ransacked. Entry was apparently gained through a window on the east side which had been broken.

Triple fine

An Acton man fined for being intoxicated in a public place last week was back in court this week on the same charge. This time the fine was tripled — up from \$25 to \$75.

Spring forward!

You can't go wrong if you can remember the old slogan — spring forward, fall back. In the spring the clocks go forward, and it happens Sunday. Daylight Saving Time is due to arrive officially at 2 a.m. and it sets a sunny stage for summer.

Education levy appeal decision left until June

Nassagaweya Township's appeal of their 1972 education levy won't be settled until June. The arbitration board composed of the seven municipal clerks in Halton will have to decide if Nassagaweya's complaint is valid and if it is, the remaining

six municipalities will be liable for the balance.

Don McMillan, Nassagaweya Deputy Reeve, claims the burden in relation to assessment is heavier than in other Halton municipalities. Nassagaweya's share is \$7,000 less than last year

but the township feels it is still an unfair burden.

Nassagaweya is levied for \$385,682 of the \$16.5 million collected from the seven Halton municipalities. The arbitration board acts independently of the Board of Education.

Acton Council has authorized planning board to proceed with a property plan and engineering report for the proposed annexation of an area east of town, containing between 200 and 300 acres. A meeting is also to be arranged with Esqueping township officials to discuss the proposed annexation.

Explaining the proposal, Councillor Bill Coats, who also sits on planning board, said the board had first looked at the possibility of annexing up to 1,000 acres of land between the Third and Fourth Lines. At a subsequent meeting, Coats said the town's professional planner

recommended the board set their sights on a smaller area, somewhere in the neighborhood of 200 to 300 acres.

The planner pointed out that with an R-1 zoning, the area could support about 20 people per acre, which could represent a population increase of 4,000 people.

According to the planner, the town would have a difficult time justifying a proposal to annex a large area and could incur considerable expense trying to defend its position at a hearing.

Replying to a question from Councillor Orval Chapman as to whether the area included land

for which council had previously been approached with annexation requests, Coats said the planner recommended annexation should start south of Highway 7 because of the proximity of the town's pollution control plant. Services could be installed there first for any development and later extended north of the highway if necessary.

Councillor Norm Elliott, another planning board member, said he doesn't necessarily agree with the 200 to 300 acre idea and pointed out it did not meet with overwhelming approval at planning board.

Elliott claimed all the land

south of the highway is not necessarily suitable for residential development.

Mayor Les Doby told the Free Press he favors a situation where the town's population would double from the present 5,000 mark, but the acreage would increase in the same proportion. The town's present area includes 999 acres.

The mayor pointed out Acton could gain an additional 1,200 people this year with the completion of the apartment development at the corner of Church and Maria Streets as well as development on the Seynuck property.

Fairy Lake Bass population to soar

Department of Lands and Forests supervisor Dale Gartley told the Free Press Fairy Lake will be stocked with 200 pairs of large-mouth bass next month.

Gartley squelched rumors the lake has a serious pollution problem, but did say it is not capable of supporting trout. He said the lake contains a very heavy growth of coontail, an aquatic plant, which is using up most of the oxygen trout need to survive.

Water temperature in the summer months is also too high to allow trout to survive, he said. According to Gartley, dredging of the lake two years ago eliminated the weed, but also generated an area where it grew

back twice as thick. He said the only way to completely wipe out coontail would be to have the lake drained, remove all growths of the weed, then put a layer of gravel on the lake bed. Gravel is one of the essential ingredients for spawning small mouth bass.

The department chose to stock the lake with large mouth bass, because in its present condition it is suitable for their spawning habits.

A second survey of the lake will be conducted this year and depending on how well the large mouth bass' adapt, the department may consider stocking it with pickerel sometime in the future.

Asked what danger pike

presently in lake pose for the bass, Gartley said pike do have a sort of cannibalistic nature, sometimes devouring their own

young, but they don't normally bother bass. He pointed out the lake has a good supply of minnows.



MOUSTACHE FANCIERS Randy Weldon and Ray Evans were two big reasons Acton Sabres provided hockey fans with an exciting season. Weldon was named the team's top defenceman, while Evans walked off with the MVP award. For story and more pictures see the Free Press sports pages. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

Expect 1500 at festival

The music festival is alive and well.

There are even more entries this year than last, and over 1,500 public school songsters will be converging on the M. Z. Bennett school in Acton Wednesday, May 10, for the event.

A couple of years ago there were grave doubts about the future of the festival. At several meetings, supporters of the festival faced off with a few who felt the days of competitive singing were over.

The North Halton festival continued however, and this year has one school entered for the first time.

Dozen schools
Entries are in from Percy Merry, Brookville, Pineview, Speyside, Fairview, Limehouse, Glen Williams and Sniders schools; from the M. Z. Bennett school in Acton and Martin St., W. I. Dick and J. M. Denyes schools in Milton.

Adjudicator will be Roy Holton of Mississauga.

Cups, shields and plaques will be awarded again, but this year there will not be an evening performance for festival winners.

Spring clean-ups

Spring clean-ups will have the encouraging co-operation of a couple of youth groups this year.

For a starter there are two collections in town this weekend. Knox Young People are collecting paper in a one-day drive Saturday.

Students working for the centennial have collections arranged for the next two Saturdays. The centennial boosters are looking for papers, bottles and glass and also offer their services in home spring cleaning. They'll wash windows, rake, sweep, etc. for a fee. They're raising money for bricks for centennial building.

Add Abbott Conway to Beardmore board

At the recent annual meeting of Beardmore and Co. Ltd., the following elections and appointments were made:

Chairman of the Board, G. M. Dickson; president, J. H. Creighton; vice-president and general manager, P. F. Dunham; vice-president, C. R. Heard; secretary-treasurer, L. E. Youngblut.

Directors are G. H. Dickson, S. G. Bennett, J. H. Creighton, P. F. Dunham, C. R. Heard, R. L. Evelan, J. G. Greifeneder, J. E. Lareau and C. A. Conway.

There are just two changes on the board. Mr. Youngblut, now secretary-treasurer, was previously secretary. C. Abbot Conway has been added as a director.

Foundation asks office in Acton

The Addiction Research Foundation plans to devote more time to servicing the North Halton area.

A letter from the Foundation's Halton County headquarters, read at a regular meeting of Acton Council last night (Tuesday), asked about the possibility of using a small building or office in town. The letter said there has been a lack of development of the Foundation's services in North Halton.

Councillor Peter Marks, who told council he has been working with the Foundation on other matters, said he heartily endorses the service and recommended council assist them in every way possible. He suggested a room located behind the council chamber in the town hall building, might serve the organization's purpose.

The request will be referred to administration committee, who will then forward a recommendation to council.

Nix town houses at Main, Vimy

The regular meeting of planning board last Thursday was short since its current main concern - annexation - had been dealt with at two previous meetings this month.

A letter was received from council which ended Ross Cescon's proposal for town houses on Main St. at Vimy St. Planning board had recommended rezoning of the property from industrial to residential (R4) to council.

Council subsequently heard from neighboring industries, Beardmore and Superior Glove Works, and learned more details of filter beds and land situation. Subsequently they decided it would not be in the best interest of the town to proceed with this rezoning since the property is close to heavy industry and future industrial works would result in closer proximity.

There had been discussion and disagreement when the matter was first discussed at council and it was referred to the administration committee, which had recommended the zoning change not be made.

No members of the planning board Thursday voiced objection to council's decision.

Membership was renewed in the Community Planning Association of Canada, although

some members came to the verge of making a motion to cancel it. The fee is \$39. Value of the association of the local board was questioned.

Mayor Doby reminded members it might be more important now than ever before to be affiliated with a planning board with annexation going and regional government imminent. "Things are going to happen in Acton," he said.

Few meetings have been attended by planning board members although Dave Muckle said he would be willing to go at his own expense if the subject was of importance to Acton.

Norm Elliott pointed out the amount was budgeted for.

Raps cut in budget

Acton Parks and Recreation Committee have decided to make the best of what they've got and ask an engineer's advice on what repairs can be made to the arena for \$5,000.

The committee budgeted \$15,000 for arena repairs, but that figure was chopped to \$5,000 by town council.

Committee member Barry Incoe said Thursday night he didn't like the idea of council trimming \$10,000 right off the top of the building repair budget.

"I know council had a very tough job, but I would have liked to have seen more discussion on this," Incoe said. "There are certain things that have to be done to that arena to keep it up to safety standards."

Councillor Peter Marks challenged a statement by chairman Hugh Patterson that the north wall foundation is in good shape. Marks said the statement conflicts with an engineer's report, done on the building three years ago.

"The report said the footings are to be replaced," Incoe interjected in support of Marks' charge.

Acton man slashed

Police comb area for knife wielder

The combined forces of Acton and Milton O.P.P. detachments combed the area south of Acton Tuesday morning looking for a weapon used to slash 30-year-old Raymond Hands of 46 Cobblehill Road, Acton, Sunday evening.

Mr. Hands surprised an intruder in the recreation room of his home about 11.30 when he investigated a suspicious noise.

The man started for the sliding door leading to a patio with Hands in pursuit. Just as he reached the door, police said the intruder turned and slashed Mr. Hands twice in the stomach with a knife. Hands slumped to the floor. The assailant made his escape.

Calls police
Mr. Hands called his wife Lynda, who notified Const. Roy Wood of the Acton O.P.P. He in turn put out a general alert and a search started involving 10 policemen from the Acton and Milton detachments. Police believed the intruder escaped through the fields adjoining the nearby Fairview Cemetery. He has not yet been found.

Meanwhile, Mr. Hands was taken to the Acton Medical Centre where Dr. Brian Moore used nine sutures to close his wounds. He was allowed to return home after treatment.



RAYMOND HANDS

About 1.15 a.m. Corporal Ab Bowley arrived in Acton with the famed police dog Kanaka II and the six-year-old German Shepherd was put to work in the search for the assailant. He picked up the scent at the rear of Hands residence and followed it through the fields to Highway 25, where it was lost.

It was the first time the dog, which was prominent in solving the Nellis kidnapping, has been used by the Acton detachment.

Fingerprints
The Burlington based identification branch of the O.P.P. was also called in to the case and fingerprinted the Hands home Monday for possible clues.

Mr. Hands told police he was in bed when he heard a noise in his recreation room and went to investigate. It is believed the intruder got in through the patio doors.

Mr. Hands works in Milton at John Tann Ltd., on Steeles Ave., and is assistant trainer of the Junior Hockey team. His wife is a teacher at Martin St. School in Milton.

Acton O.P.P. have cautioned residents not to investigate incidents when they believe someone suspicious is lurking in the area. Call the police, they urge. They believe the incident in which Mr. Hands was involved was an isolated case but at the same time ask residents to keep their premises secure.

Seek information
The police are asking any citizen with information on the case to contact them. They would like to hear from anyone who might have seen a car parked on Main St. S., facing south, on the west side shoulder of the road about 11.30 that night. They also would like to talk to anyone who might have seen anyone suspicious or unusual walking in the vicinity anytime after dark.

Charge Londoner
A London man was charged by Acton police with driving while his license was under suspension this week. He's slated for court May 29.