

Coffee house foundation for Acton Youth Council

By Denis Gibbons
 Confiding she would have liked to have seen more older youths (i.e. over 20) take advantage of it, supervisor Adele Hurley feels the "Comin About" coffee house proved to be a real benefit to youths who frequented it during the summer.
 What's more she's confident the relationships formed there will provide the spark for the formation of an Acton Youth Council which in her opinion is one of the town's greatest social needs.
 "The real test of the project will be their willingness to see themselves go a little further. What they've accomplished at the coffee house is just a taste of what they can do," she suggested during an interview with the Free Press following the coffee house closing.
 "Hard Summers Night", a rock group played for a closing dance in the community centre auditorium bringing to an end coffee house activities which began in early July and included a softball game with town council, folk singing entertainment on weekends, two dances, religious presentations, a pottery demonstration and discussion groups.
 The coffee house was open every night except Monday for anyone who wished to drop by for a game of checkers, chess, listen to records or "rap" for awhile.
Had advantage
 It wasn't exactly the ideal setting, but the community centre basement did offer some advantage as the home of the town's first coffee house.

"Because it was near the hub of summer activity in the town, we had a good cross-section of citizens drop in for a look," said Adele. "We had mothers come down for coffee between periods of lacrosse games and another retired gentleman who came down for a game of checkers with the kids more than once."
 Disadvantage of the facility was that because it must also serve as a meeting place for sports groups and community organizations it could not be renovated or decorated.
 "Anytime youths are able to decorate and work on a building themselves it helps produce cohesion and we probably missed this," she says.
 Adele estimates about 70 people were passing through the coffee house throughout the evening in the final weeks. She reports no incidents of rowdiness or trouble.
Need activities
 In her opinion Acton provides adequately for those whose recreational interests lie in sports fields, but she points out there are a lot of youths now out of school who have nothing to do at nights.
 "At the coffee house we tried to touch on some of these other interests, books, art, pottery for instance," she explained.
 As a counsellor, Adele found youths coming to her more to talk about problems of homelife and family situations than drug and alcohol problems.
 "My role was not so much giving advice as it was just being a listener. Depending on the seriousness of the situation I was



FOLK SINGERS who performed on weekend nights were a popular attraction at the "Comin About" coffee house. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

able to make referrals to our social workers," she says.
No crisis
 She recognizes alcohol and drug problems in town, but feels they are no greater than in any other community of the same size

and certainly nothing that would be considered to be at a crisis level.
 The softball game between town council and coffee house youths was an important event since it showed both sides they

can get together and have fun, she feels.
 What was accomplished at the coffee house could never have happened without the co-operation of persons and organizations who provided help

both manually and financially, Adele is quick to point out. She appreciates the tremendous support she received.
 Rotary Club, Canadian Legion Branch 197 and Lions Club were financial backers.

Moral support and encouragement came from Councillor Peter Marks, Miss Laura Wiles with whom Adele stayed during the summer and Acton High guidance counsellor Brian Skerrett.
 Harold Townsley and the arena staff, Acton High principal Dave Katz and his secretaries, the Acton Country Market group, Gloria Browne of the Y.M.C.A., John and Sharon Secord of White Oaks Ceramics and the Acton Free Press made valuable contributions.
 Special helpers around the coffee house itself were Yvonne Leroy, Glynis Johnson, Dorothy Pargeater, Barry Breen who painted the wall mural and Hank Wissenz who provided stage and sound equipment.
 As she returns to her studies at York University's Glendon College, Adele expresses the wish that Acton will have a successful Centennial year in 1974.
 "I hope the town will view itself as a real community, one that encompasses all ages," she says.

Will operate penny line

By Yvonne Leroy
 Acton's Youth Council has started!
 Watch for us Saturday in the Fall Fair parade. You'll find us on the sidewalks operating a penny line. If you don't know what a penny line is, watch for us and find out.
 The money received from the penny line will be held by our council treasurer Colin Price and may help to pay rent on perhaps a coffee house, or pay for bills such as electricity, heat and coffee. All the money goes back into Acton and all of Acton's youth profits.
 Acton's Youth Council is not just show. We want to do something for everyone else and we're starting now.

The two councils met each other Tuesday

Seven young people, representing the newly-formed youth council, explained their group to council Tuesday night, asked for their moral support and permission to hold a penny tape line this Saturday to raise their first funds.
 Hank Wissenz, the youth council chairman, was spokesman.
 Others in the delegation were information chairman Barry Breen, treasurer Colin Price, secretary Yvonne LeRoy, Laurie

Mellor, John Oudeslays and Gerard van Opstal.
 They hoped to set up a penny line along Mill St. Saturday morning, and permission was granted later in the council meeting with one dissenting vote.
From coffee house
 Hank Wissenz explained the group was an extension of the coffee house, which no longer could be held in the downstairs room at the arena. In their search for possible new quarters, they

asked council to consider allowing them to repair the upstairs of the town hall.
 It has been deemed unfit for use for several years and councillor Earl Masales pointed out to the young people there might be serious engineering problems. It had already been decided the cost of repairs was too high to be undertaken, but council agreed to take another look.
 The group pointed out the large size of the town hall room was

ideal as the coffee house was often overcrowded. The stage also appealed to them, for productions of their own.
Five objectives
 Councillor Marks read for his colleagues a list of five objectives of the group, providing liaison between young people and adults, undertaking beneficial tasks, providing an alternative for unsuitable behavior, and lending strength to the community. It pointed out the organization would be very flexible as members, at the ages of 16 to 18, would be constantly changing.
 To councillor Greer's question

on adult guidance, Hank Wissenz explained the group would be run by themselves, with the leaders the youths' peers, although some contact with the Addiction Research Foundation would be likely (as with the coffee house). It was possible they would come back to council for a decision on a problem.
Second request
 After the group left and council discussed approval for the penny line, councillor Greer said he didn't think permission should be granted since council had already approved a tag day for the Duke of Devonshire chapter of the I.O.D.E. He voted against

the motion.
 Other councillors didn't think the penny line would lower contributions to the taggers who are located at the park as well as downtown. "It might even make it more likely the I.O.D.E. gets the shiny stuff," quipped the mayor. All others voted in favor of the youth council being allowed to set up the penny tape.
PESTY season - flies on humans, fleas on pets.
BIG crows and big plans...fair weekend.

Youth council must help whole community

"Youth groups that do things only for their own age group are doomed because they're not involving enough of the community," says "Comin About" coffee house supervisor Adele Hurley.
 This is one of the reminders she has left for Acton's first youth council which was elected at a special meeting in the community centre last night (Tuesday).
 Formation of a youth council was a direct result of the successful coffee house which operated in the community centre during July and August.

The committee structure of the youth council should be flexible enough to always leave room for new members. Youth groups tend to operate in a successful fashion only if there is allowance made for almost constant entrance and existing of new personalities.
 Suggestions which Adele is offering the council for activities during 1972 and '73 include undertaking one phase of planning for Acton's Centennial

in 1974, provision of a year round coffee house or youth centre, establishment of an underground newspaper and setting up of a booth at the Acton Fall Fair.
 She feels an underground newspaper could serve two important purposes.
 "Not only would it be a good sounding board for a lot of kids, it would also provide an outlet for a lot of talent. There are kids who have potential as artists, writers, poets etc.," she says.

The youth council is to have a three person executive, chairman, treasurer and publicity director, but it will also need a body of members in order to be effective.
Advisory body
 It is hoped town council and other interested members of the community will serve on an advisory board and that organizations like the Acton High students council, local service clubs, Y.M.C.A., churches and parks and recreation committee will work in conjunction with it as well.
 General purpose of a youth council is to provide a liaison body between adults and youths in town, Adele says.
 Youths must understand that as an age group they comprise a segment of the total population and that they should be able to collectively undertake certain tasks not only beneficial to themselves but also to the community as a whole.
 They should become aware of the needs of the community and help lend strength for example in providing information concerning medical facilities and resources or information on cultural activities in Acton and the surrounding district.
 They should be prepared to provide in a realistic manner alternatives to displays of vandalism, excessive drinking and abuse of other substances through the provision of planned activities that will absorb both the time and interest of this age group.
Realistic manner
 "What we mean by 'realistic manner' Adele explains, 'is setting up concrete activities such as a youth centre or a once a week movie house. We don't mean passing out fact sheets. That's not a practical way.'"

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ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the Town of Acton, in the County of Halton and Province of Ontario; being composed of part of Mill Street, according to the Composite Plan of Acton, registered as 1098, and which said parcel or tract of land and premises is more particularly described as follows:

PREMISING the line of Victoria Street has a bearing of North 52 degrees 14 minutes West, and that all other bearings herein are related thereto;

COMMENCING at the intersection of the Southwesterly limit of Park Avenue with the Northwesterly limit of Mill Street;

THENCE South 37 degrees 44 minutes West, along the Northwesterly limit of Mill Street 121.11 feet to an iron bar;

THENCE North 70 degrees 49 minutes 30 seconds East, 22.57 feet to the Northwesterly face of a concrete retaining wall;

THENCE North 32 degrees 33 minutes 50 seconds East along the said Northwesterly face of a concrete retaining wall, 79.33 feet to an angle therein;

THENCE North 25 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East, continuing along the said Northwesterly face of the concrete retaining wall, 23.77 feet to the point of commencement.

And to convey same to the owner of the lot immediately adjoining same in consideration of the transfer of Part of Lot 224, Plan 1098 to the Corporation of the Town of Acton for the purpose of widening Mill Street West.

This notice is given pursuant to Section 446 of The Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1970, Chapter 284.

Dated at Acton, Ontario this 9th day of August 1972.

J. T. Hurst
Clerk Administrator