



(Photo by K. Dills)

Y PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR Gloria Browne (centre) who often becomes sorrowful over the response to her appeals, seems delighted with the 1973 executive - left to right secretary

Ellen Wissensz, treasurer John Last, vice chairman Allan Tremills and chairman Pat McGreener. Elections were at the annual meeting last Thursday in the Dominion Hotel.

Y board executive elected tight '73 budget approved

The perennial problem of financing Acton's Y.M.C.A. was to the fore again last Thursday at the annual meeting of the Y board. The preliminary budget presented hoped for expenses which will require extra donations to cover them.

New officers were elected, reports given and two short talks applauded during the pleasant evening which began with a banquet. The event was held in the dining room of the Dominion Hotel and nearly 30 attended.

New slate
Pat McGreener, who moved up during the year to the position of chairman, was elected chairman for this year. Former program chairman Allan Tremills is vice-chairman. Ellen Wissensz replaces Marie Tremills as secretary and John Last will continue as treasurer.

Directors are Lloyd Broostad, Shirley Broostad, Marie Tremills, Dave Hunter, Ted Newman, Julie Conroy, Beryl Bennett, Barbara Browne and Doreen Gibb with Ross Ribey liaison from the Y's Men's club

and a representative from council yet to be named.

In the red
John Last gave the financial reports and budget which he quipped "are sadder than my last will and testament." Last year's balance sheet shows the Y \$56.07 in the red.

Proposed budget for 1973 shows a projected deficit of \$2,245. This total will alter depending on donations received and the sum spent on repairs to the building. \$1500 is budgeted to repairs. Total preliminary budget calls for \$10,125. Total estimated income is \$7,880.

Fixed income is derived in rents from the town, Walker Lodge, the Conservatory of Music and tenants of the upstairs apartment.

Membership fees are estimated to be \$350 and course fees \$2000. Donations are anticipated from the Y's Men and Y's Menettes.

Raise money
"We must raise money," Mr. McGreener asserted. He said 300 requests have gone out in the

mail for money that must be found over and above the expected donations.

"This is the third year we have been operating at a viable Y," Mr. McGreener said with satisfaction.

"We're doing the best we can with the money we have, reported building committee chairman Lloyd Broostad. Our problem is keeping the building in its present state yet with more activity it gets more "beat up". The water problem, now hopefully repaired, was basic. (Vulcan Waterproofing had just completed their contract for repairs the day before.)

He said his committee hopes to be able to spend the \$1500 budgeted to them to its best use.

Must improve
Program committee chairman Allan Tremills got an unanimously hearty agreement to his remarks. He declared that to get people in the Y its condition must be improved. If parents came in to the building, would they think it was a good place to go? The upstairs should be renovated, he

insisted, since "we know better now where we are headed."

We are just touching the surface, he admitted. He had words of praise for Mrs. Browne, who "puts in much more time than we pay her for."

There are 185 members now, increasing probably to 250.

Although the young people who come to the Y enjoy it, "I wish somebody would tell me how to reach the parents," said program co-ordinator Gloria Browne. Open house the night before was attended by two adults only—and they came up from Georgetown Y.

In region
Don McGregor, director of physical education for Toronto YMCA and a staff officer of the Niagara Region, spoke briefly on the set-up of the region to which Acton belongs. There are now 12 regional councils; Acton is with Oakville and Toronto. The region offers assistance.

He pointed out Ys must adapt or die; some now have after school programs from 4 to 6 due to working parents.

Changing the subject completely for a few minutes Jack Carpenter promised the group "we could be fantastically great!"

Of course his topic was Acton's centennial and he polled the listeners to see how many had contributed so far to the Buy-a-Brick campaign.

(One). Good intentions won't do. We have to raise money ourselves now.

He assured the group they'd be needed to help when the time came and Mr. McGreener promised he'd get it.

"If you have any questions about centennial forget it," quipped Mr. Carpenter. "Just send money."

Dr. Onions said grace and Mayor Dudy spoke a few words.

\$900 cost to Commission for Christmas lighting

Acton Hydro Commission was advised that Ontario Hydro will only supply ranges, washers and dryers for the future home economics programs in the

O.P.P. week Charges laid

Acton detachment officers of the Ontario Provincial Police investigated 24 general occurrences and two motor vehicle collisions, during the reporting week of February 4 to February 11.

It was a busy week for drinkers as far as charges under the Liquor Control Act would indicate. Three persons were charged with having liquor in a motor vehicle, two persons were charged with being drunk in public and there was one charge of drinking under age.

Other occurrences investigated included one complaint of trespassing, one complaint of assault and one report of fraud.

Local merchants are warned about accepting cheques in payment of merchandise or services. A number of local merchants were recently victimized by cheque passers.

It is also wise not to accept large bills in payment for low priced merchandise. It is known that quick change artists have recently been operating in surrounding areas.

If a cashier suspects a customer of attempting to defraud them, he or she should contact the police immediately. A reasonable description of the suspected person should be obtained prior to them leaving the premise.

province's schools. Dropped are refrigerators and dishwashers. The Acton commission has participated in the program in the past and was advised if they paid \$956.02 they would own appliances presently in Acton schools. The commission decided to pay the remainder of the school promotion costs over a three year period.

Mayor Les Dudy said hydro programs such as home economics seemed to burn the rope at both ends. Although there was a highly advertised shortage of power the provincial body was still pushing it.

"They tell us there is a shortage, but is there?" asked a doubtful vice chairman Ted Tyler. He felt the parent body was using the scare to increase prices of electricity.

Christmas costly

A breakdown on the costs of assisting the Chamber of Commerce and the town in the town Christmas lighting program, revealed a total cost of \$901.20 to the commission, consisting of \$431.20 in labor costs to erect the lights, and take them down. Another \$470 was billed to operate the truck for 47 hours.

The commission agreed to an additional premium for increased insurance coverage of \$15,756.

Vice chairman Tyler and Commissioners Orville Brown and Bob MacArthur were appointed to attend the Solandt hearings regarding the proposed 500 kv line. A representative of the Solandt commission was in the town office to discuss the problem and suggested Acton should take an active part since the new North Halton borough included the town and parts of the area would be affected.

The commission discussed the regional government issues with the mayor who kept them up to date on issues.

Accounts of \$47,357.28 were passed for payment, the major part of which, \$38,997.09, will go to Ontario Hydro for power.

Chairman Wilf McEachern presided for the two and a half hour meeting Thursday, with all members of the commission present.

Garbage subject at dinner meet

Indusmin's newest proposal to fill in the huge quarry, a mile east of Acton, with dried bales of Metro Toronto garbage, will be fully discussed at a dinner meeting of the Acton Chamber of Commerce Wednesday, February 21.

A representative of the company has agreed to outline the Indusmin proposal at the dinner, which is being held at the Dominion Hotel at 7:30 p.m.

The proposal will also be explored at a public meeting in Esqueving community hall, Stewarttown on Wednesday February 28, at 8 p.m.

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I wish to thank the two people who wrote to Erin township council supporting my request for snowmobile controls in Erin township. I also wish to thank those who phoned Reeve Lang opposing controls. They may not be on "our side" but at least they reacted.

What happened to all the people who

phoned and pledged their support? Where were their letters?

Erin township will probably not get this legislation now and I'm sorry, but I can't fight the battle alone. When residents continue to complain about snowmobile nuisance, they have only themselves to blame.

Yours truly,
Mrs. D. M. Barr.

Wrong end of ticket

Dear Sir:

The other day I received a parking ticket for overnight parking in front of my home. I don't object but the officer's own vehicle spent the night illegally parked on the same street.

Are they exempt from our laws?
Concerned Citizen.

Interested in users

To the Editor:

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