



ARENA MANAGER HAROLD TOWNSLEY (right) presents leftover clothing to Bill Barrett (left) of Guelph, President of the Guelph and District Pioneers. Looking on are Jim Devereil, vice-president, also of Guelph and John Kranendonk of Acton. The hockey equipment and clothing will go to help needy Indians up north.

Donate left-overs to Pioneer Club

Harold Townsley, manager of the Acton arena, has donated all used clothing, skates and hockey equipment left at the arena to the Pioneer Club, for use among natives of the Canadian north.

This alumni group of the Communications Services (Bell Telephone, Northern Electric and the Railroads) is a continent-wide organization with over 24,000 members in Canada. Bill Barrett, President of the Guelph and District Club, a division of the Tecumseh Council, received an appeal from the Manitou Pioneer Council in the North West Territories for clothing. Television and radio appeals prompted Harold Townsley to offer the arena's left over clothing and equipment in a gesture of good will.

The clothing and equipment will be sent to Thunder Bay where it will be distributed by the Manitou Council.

The Pioneers of America have been responsible for the introduction of many aids to the handicapped. Included are a sophisticated talking doll to help children with learning difficulties; a horseshoes (the throwing beeping ball and beeping kind) for the blind.

Appoints chairmen

Halton Board of Education approved the appointments of four chairmen at Acton District High School.

Dr. Paul Tamblin was appointed Chairman of Pure Sciences, Brian Skerrett was named Chairman of Student Services, Keith Black Chairman of Social Sciences and Bruce Andrews Chairman of Business Education.

Gail Maltby re-elected

PCs hold annual election of officers

Issues of current interest were fielded last Tuesday night when the Progressive Conservatives of Acton held their annual meeting at the Scout hall with special guests attending.

The Honorable George Kerr and Bob Jones, the federal area president from

Oakville, shared the floor with Mr. Jones pinch-hitting for Terry O'Connor, M.P. for Halton.

The men were quizzed mainly on questions of education with particular interest shown on teacher development days. Those attending asked why teachers required so many days off in comparison to pre-education days. The problems of teacher strikes in Toronto was a main issue.

Mr. Kerr explained the position of teachers was presently being considered by the department of education. Prior to answering questions from the floor, Mr. Kerr gave a short talk, cluing in those present on his new duties as solicitor general. He explained his role as one of being in charge of criminal and law enforcement in Ontario as opposed to his former one as secretary of justice.

As well as the area of education, the politician was also tossed queries about regional government. Paul Nielsen took the opportunity to present a brief on behalf of the local business men, expressing their views on Sunday closing. Mr. Kerr listened to Mr. Nielsen's remarks and said he'd take the brief back for consideration.

Mr. Jones, the former campaign manager for Terry O'Connor in the last election, explained that Mr. O'Connor had been delayed in Ottawa and expressed his regrets. He talked on the federal organization of the Con-

servative party and also answered questions from the floor.

Prior to the speakers, elections of officers was held establishing the 1974 slate. Gail Maltby was brought in as president for the second term, John Shadbolt re-elected to 1st-vice for a repeat term, Donna Aitkens was elected 2nd-vice, Ross Ballentine to 3rd-vice representing Esquesing for the fourth year, Bob Maddeaux was brought in as secretary-treasurer.

Approximately 40 people were on hand.

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System needs time to work

Editor, Acton Free Press. Gentlemen:

While strolling through your lovely antiquated town last week, I happened to pick up a copy of your paper. The article on the front page concerning the former mayor's apparent dissatisfaction with the 65-day-old regional government was, in my opinion, the epitome of investigative journalism. The rest of the paper reminded me a lot of the type of newspapers I grew up with—folksy.

Naturally, after the mayor has held office for nine years, seeing what he has done for Acton every day, it is perhaps difficult for him to see the area as an economically viable region. It would perhaps also be interesting to see what could have happened if the region had been declared as such nine years ago. After all, 65 days can not be long enough to say that the system won't work (after the people have bought the system, things get easier) just because he can't get what he wants right now.

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