

# Tennis, anyone?—Yes!

About 70 people crammed into a high school classroom Monday night—all eager to organize a tennis club.

A temporary group of people who had been meeting to promote the building of courts in Acton called the general meeting of anyone interested, and were surprised and encouraged by the large turnout.

An steering committee chairman George Elliott pointed out, if all these people came together to play tennis at the three new courts, many of us would just give up and go home again.

So the group voted unanimously to organize a club rather than just have open tennis in town.

Mr. Elliott outlined the methods possible and everyone opted for organization.

A proposed constitution was presented by the group and several changes were approved.

Since many people attending didn't know each other, the original tennis committee will prepare a slate of nominations for a future meeting. The date is not yet set.

All decisions must be approved by Halton Hills council.

On the temporary tennis group are George Elliott, Ron Lewis, Betty Blain, Doris Graham, Eldon Comfort and Christine Steen.

Area recreation co-ordinator John Cooper was also present and explained the procedure for the constitution now.

Higher fees in expectation of some supervision. It was generally agreed a paid person could best control club schedules. This has apparently proved true in other clubs.

Although the club will have use of the three courts at certain times, there will also be free times for the use of the general public, committee members explained.

They felt council would likely insist on this since tax dollars paid for the new courts. "Our department would press for open time," Mr. Cooper said.

Mr. Cooper said money is in the budget for complete screening and lighting at the courts.

Supervision Most present agreed to

Fees were set at \$10 for senior, \$4 for elementary students, \$6 for high school students and \$18 for a family.

It is hoped a practice wall will be available by paving the land alongside the arena wall, Mr. Elliott reported to the interested group. "It's the fastest way to learn."

Will join Almost all present signed up to join the future tennis club.

The last tennis club in Acton folded about ten years ago. The courts, owned by Beardmore, were on the lot where Canadian Tire is now.

George Elliott is a former president of the old group.



UNEXPECTED CROWD of about 70 attended a meeting Monday at the high school to discuss the possible formation of a tennis club here. All present agreed that organization would be the

best method of play for the three new courts. Seen at the front of the room are steering committee president George Elliott and area recreation co-ordinator John Cooper.

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## Board to survey school needs

A study of high school needs in North Halton will be conducted. The study is being engaged at the request of Acton area Trustee Tom Watson.

Mr. Watson told the Halton Board Thursday he felt attention should be paid to the need for high schools in the north. He said he had been advised that some students from the north would have to

be bussed to schools in the south.

He pointed out the board was building a new school in Burlington in an area not yet built up, yet students from the north had to be bussed down.

"It rubs me the wrong way when I'm told that students will have to be bussed. It would rub you the wrong way too, if you had to bus students from Burlington to the north," he told Burlington Trustee Fred Armitage in reply to a question.

The largest accommodation problem is in the north but we're building a school in the south. I fear we'll bus all of our kids down there. I'm responsible to a lot of people. Acton High School is a good academic school but students have to travel 12 miles for non-academic courses," he told the board.



LIMEHOUSE was filled with treasure hunters seeking a good buy from the auction sale held Saturday, April 8. Auctioneer Ward Brownridge

kept the proceedings moving through baskets of trivial items.

## New parking laws unveiled

If council goes along with works committee then Halton Hills has a new parking by-law. Council will get the by-law next week.

On Monday night works committee passed a new parking by-law, which they have been working on for some time. At the same meeting it was decided that if the by-law gets held up at council the committee will ask for temporary parking restrictions in areas which are particularly dangerous. In addition the by-law has a clause in it which will prevent further use of boulevards for parking. People parking on and tearing up boulevards was one of the problems the committee wanted straightened out in this new by-law.

Some of the streets which will now have either restricted parking, and no parking, have never been covered in a parking by-law before. The following is a list of streets affected by the new by-law. They are either wholly or partially controlled by the by-law.

In Georgetown: Academy Road, Albert Street, Alley

Street, Back Street, Campbell Street, Chapel Street, Charles Street, Church Street, Cross Street, Delrex Boulevard, Duncan Drive, George Street, Glen Road, Guelph Street, Hyde Park Drive, James Street, King Street, Main Street North, Main Street South, Market Street, Mill Street, Park Avenue, Princess Anne Drive, Queen Street, Rexway Drive, Sinclair Avenue and Wesleyan Street.

In Acton: Acton Boulevard, Agnes Street, Bower Street, Church Street, Elgin Street, Elizabeth Drive, John Street, Kingham Road, Knox Street, Longfield Road, Main Street, Mill Street, Park Street, Queen Street, School Lane, and Young Street.

Parking meters will be in operation on Wesleyan Street, Mill Street, Church Street, James Street and Market Street.

**BURNING GARBAGE**  
Burning garbage in a shed behind A-B supermarket brought Acton fire-fighters out Tuesday night about 9:30 p.m. The blaze was soon extinguished.

## Down to socks

Three Georgetown teenagers picked Acton as the place for a "streakers" prank Friday night—but got caught in the act.

The three youths stripped down to their socks and were nipping along the main street when they were seen by one of the policemen who was in a restaurant having a coffee. Another officer joined him and they charged the three with an indecent act and causing a disturbance.

The incident happened about 12:40 a.m. As soon as they were caught the boys hastened back into their clothes.

They're due in court June 4.

## Roofing due soon

Work on the new roof at the arena is expected to begin very soon maybe this week some time, according to arena manager Harold Townsley.

The arena won't be able to be used until the new roof is on, probably about the middle of June.

## Inflation hits home

# 18.7% hydro hike

The cost of hydro will increase by 18.7 per cent for the residential consumer and 13.4 for commercial electricity on July 1.

The increase came after many weeks of discussion and planning on the part of the Acton Hydro Electric Commission. There was some concern over their lack of funds to run the commission and according to Ted Tyler Sr., "the only answer is a rate increase."

All members were against the rate increase, in spite of

their empty bank account. However, a delegation from the head office in Hamilton, headed by Elton Phillips, visited the Thursday evening meeting and gave the commission the increase figures which would help them out of the red.

"We have tried our darndest to keep the rates down, now has come the time to raise them," Les DUBY, a member of the commission, sadly remarked.

Mr. Phillips pointed out, however, "You have done

very well in keeping rates down. You have the cheapest rates around of all municipalities."

The commission felt guilty about raising the prices but all realized Mr. DUBY spoke for them all when he said, "Every commission reaches its plateau, and we have obviously reached ours."

Bob MacArthur raised the question "Is this increase enough?" which was answered by Mr. Phillips telling of another increase due in December.

"The days of cheap energy are gone," the delegation told the reluctant commission.

The increase will give hydro an extra \$105,480 a year to work with, which, when all credits are paid, will give them a little more than \$1,000 profit at the end of the year.

The residential and commercial increases average out to a 15.4 per cent overall increase, which may be up to three per cent less when changes in the breakdowns are looked into.

## Hire watchman to halt vandals

Vandalism in the men's change room and sauna at Acton swimming pool, prompted administration committee, Monday night to back an Acton advisory committee recommendation to hire a male high school student to supervise the area.

Recreation Director Doug Collison pointed out there seems to be a scarcity of male lifeguards so there is no male available to keep an eye on the men's change room as the female lifeguards and instructors do in the women's change rooms.

Chairman Dick Howitt asked if the damage was being done during the public swimming hours.

The recreation director said he was satisfied it was, since the high school staff are usually on hand during school time. He said the ceiling tiles were being ripped out.

Councillor Les DUBY said he was upset about the damage particularly because the people of Acton had worked so hard to get the pool, and put so much into it.

The Facility Superintendent said the student would be paid minimum wage for supervising the men's change room.

## Deny developer permit extension

Halton Hills works committee decided Monday night the Northdown Group, a developing firm, which owns land in Acton, will have to re-apply for building permits.

The company had allowed its building permits to expire and hasn't started construction. The firm explained by letter that they hadn't applied for an extension of the permit after six months as is required by the town's by-law. However, since the year of the permit being issued

wasn't quite over they hoped they might be granted an extension now.

The committee decided since they had turned down similar requests in the past they would have to deny this one, too. The councillors thought the best thing for the Northdown group to do was re-apply for permits like others have in the past. In addition they figured the company had been given enough time to apply for an extension and had simply missed their chance.

## Playgrounds free—at least this week

At the moment Halton Hills' summer playgrounds are free to all children in the six to 13 age group.

That was the recommendation of Council's administration committee, Monday night, which was a repeat of an earlier recommendation, shot down by council, last week and sent back for further consideration.

The situation could switch again if council fails to endorse this committee recommendation.

The original staff recommendation suggested a charge of five dollars a week, and a registration program, but this was rejected by the committee the first time around.

Councillor Roy Booth, said he still felt the same way, saying there should be no charge.

Councillor Les DUBY pointed out some families have more than one child who would want to use the playground, which would be costly if there is a charge.

He said it should be available to all, with citizens recognizing recreation is a cost, not a self-supporting endeavour.

The committee again recommended there be no cost for the summer playground except for the out-of-town trips. This is the same method as was used in previous years.

# School principals teenage buddies

Coincidence? Fate? Or just plain luck?

There is something to the fact that two high school buddies separated after the preliminaries of university, 5 years later are sitting in the same office as one replaces the other in his job.

Dave Katz and Dean Fink, the outgoing, and incoming high school principals went through high school together, worked at the A & P store for five years, and both continued on to McMaster University.

Three weeks ago, Dave Katz was transferred to be the principal of Lester B. Pearson high school in Burlington. At the same time, Mr. Fink was transferred to Acton high school from Lord Elgin, also in Burlington. He is, at present, vice principal of that high school.

**Sees challenges**  
Mr. Katz is looking forward to the challenge of a new school. However, he is going to miss Acton and its people very much. He feels the students have been very good. "I feel good about this town."

When notified about this transfer on March 21, he had "mixed emotions". Lester B. Pearson high school is brand new, students will not be in it for another year, and he likes the idea of teaching in a brand new school. However,

after five years here in Acton, leaving will be hard.

From September 1975 to September 1976, Mr. Katz will be busy with the construction of the new school, the buying of furniture and equipment, and the hiring of staff. Setting up programs and curriculum will take up a major part of his time also.

Last summer, Mr. Katz and his wife bought a farm house just south of Milton. It has been rented out, with the couple never really thinking they would be living in it. Now, with the transfer south, moving day into the farmhouse will be July 1.

Appreciate Mr. Pearson  
Mr. Katz would like the pupils in his new school to be aware of the significance of the school's name. He realizes by the time the school is completed, the students who will be going there would have been too young during Mr. Pearson's time in office to fully comprehend who he was. It is for this reason, the new principal hopes to instill in the minds of the pupils that Lester B. Pearson was a great man.

He plans on having pictures of the former prime minister in the halls, and a handwritten letter from Mrs. Pearson giving permission to name the school after her late husband, with the pictures.

Mr. Fink takes over  
Dean Fink has no drastic changes for the Acton high school. "I have a hard act to follow," he commented as he looked over at his food-bagging buddy.

Mr. Fink is living with his wife and two children in Hamilton and is planning on moving to Halton sometime this summer. He feels sad about leaving Lord Elgin high school as "you develop many friendships and feel strongly about the concepts and innovations of Lord Elgin."

He does, however, feel confident of his job here in Acton. The school has already undergone the changeover to the semester system, and other major changes other

schools are just now doing. Because of this advantage, Mr. Fink feels he can concentrate on the field he is best in—program planning and curriculum design.

Mr. Fink plans to know all the students by the end of next year. He refuses to wear a suit coat, as he feels it represents alienation from students. "They feel more relaxed with someone they can relate to," he explained.

The young people of today have a lot more social pressures than when he was in high school, according to Mr. Fink. He thinks television plays an important part in this. The students see things on television, and even though they may not fully

understand something, they are aware of it.

He pointed out that 80 per cent of students finish grade 12 today, as compared to only 30 per cent a few years ago. Mr. Fink explained that the students realize they need education more today, and everything requires a high school education.

**Community school**  
In the event of a new high school being built, Mr. Fink explained that he would like to see the school become a community centre. He would like to see noted people from the province come for speeches, and have parents and older people back at school, taking part in ordinary classes. The new principal would also like to see the school being open for recreational facilities during the school breaks.

The Halton Board of Education has, according to Mr. Katz approved the new school, but they are waiting on the okay from the Ministry of Education.

Mr. Fink is an avid sports enthusiast. He coached soccer while teaching at Caledonia in his early career days. He knew nothing about the sport and used basketball strategy. His team never lost a game.

When teaching in Ancaster in 1961, his football team won

over Nelson high school. It was the first time the Ancaster school had ever won a sports championship of any kind.

Both principals are looking forward to the years ahead with anticipation, and looking back with fond memories and a sadness at leaving Mr. Katz feels there have been numerous changes in the school in his five years as principal, and is looking forward to see what other changes will occur in the next five years.

## Girl hit at corner

Six-year-old Denise Crooks was struck by a car while crossing the Mill-Mill intersection Tuesday morning. The Robert Little student was crossing with the green light, and the car driven by Richard Boychuk was making a left turn.

She was taken to her home, 24 Holmesway Place, frightened and bruised. Mr. Boychuk lives at R.R. 2, Erin.

## ICE IS OUT

Ice is out now at Acton arena and the staff is painting.



DAVE KATZ goes over some statistics with the new high school principal Dean Fink. Mr. Fink will be at the high school every Thursday getting to know the school, and the people in it. He is, at present, vice-principal at Lord Elgin high school, Burlington. Mr. Katz is going to Lester B. Pearson, in the same town.