



LENORE STEWART, Hamilton and District Coordinator for the Heart Fund, accepts a cheque from area organizer Vic Bristow for \$2700, donated by Acton residents last month. This is an increase of almost \$1000 from last year's drive. Mrs. Stewart says Acton raises more money per capita than any place in Ontario.

## School break activity at library, pool, arena

Students are enjoying their winter break week of holidays this week.

Special winter break activities for Acton school children centre around the public library this year. Two film shows have been organized, one on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. and a second on Saturday at the same hour.

The Wednesday program will be made up of three films which appeal to a variety of interests. They are "Arctic Regions and Their Polar Bears", "The Lion and the Mouse" and "I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly".

On Friday at 1 p.m. the Mairs, a musical family from Hamilton will provide a program of instrumental numbers and songs.

Nothing special Unlike Milton which has a

comprehensive program organized for young residents this week, no special activities have been arranged for Acton youth according to John Cooper, recreation program coordinator for Wards One and Two, Halton Hills.

Milton children have been able to participate in such fun activities as a Mock Olympics, a Garbage Can Painting Contest, and a Treasure Hunt. Tomorrow they are off on a local heritage bus trip which for a charge of \$3 will take 40 of them for a visit to the maple sugar bush and Mountsberg and on to Bronte Creek Provincial Park for a pioneer home and cooking demonstration and a ravine hike. The cost of the trip even

includes a feed of pancakes and maple syrup.

(The Y pool and library in Milton also have new programs each day of the holidays.)

School open Acton High School is open this week for athletic team practices. Dedicated teachers such as Anne Lepik and Rick McArthur are coaching interested students in gymnastics and basketball.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons there will be public swimming at the Acton pool. Wednesday, the pool will be open from 3 to 5 p.m. and Thursday and Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday it will be open at the regular times. Cost of a

swim is 35 cents.

Arena For the skaters, Acton arena has been open every afternoon from 1:40 to 3:40 p.m. for public skating and will be until the weekend. Saturday the public skating time changes to 8:10-10:10 p.m. Admission is 35 cents per person or \$1.25 per family.

If you fancy a game of shinny hockey turn out at the arena Thursday morning at 11:30 and you can enjoy a game from then until 12:25 for the cost of 50 cents.

There are no special plans for this week at the Curling Club but if you feel like venturing farther afield the Grand River Conservation areas are open for hiking. Why not plan a trip to Rockwood?

## Possibility of seniors beautifying town parks

In an effort to involve senior citizens in some sort of town recreation, Pam Sheldon of the Acton and Esqueving Recreation Advisory Committee has suggested the Golden Age club be allowed to plant flowers in Halton Hills parks, using Prospect Park as a beginning.

Mrs. Sheldon said she felt the recreation programs of the town were too "kid oriented", and felt the senior citizens should have something offered to them. It had been suggested at an earlier meeting that older residents of the town be allowed to plant the flowers.

Attend meeting Bert Davidson, when approached by Mrs. Sheldon, thought it was a good idea and planned to bring the idea up at the club's next meeting. He requested, however, that a member of the advisory committee be present at the meeting to explain exactly what would be involved.

At the March 16 meeting of the committee, Halton Hills services superintendent All Duby supported the idea. He reminded the committee that the works department has to approve the motion before anything can be done. "If the senior citizens want a venture," Mr. Duby said, "I would not hesitate to say you will probably get it."

Expensive He pointed out to the group, however, that flowers would have to be purchased at a great expense. Ed Wood suggested that perhaps if the idea went through and became reality, someone might donate some bulbs.

The committee realized that the senior citizens could not do the initial work, but

once the town men did the rototilling, the Golden Agers could look after it. Mrs. Sheldon asked also about the capital costs of such a project, such as shovels and other equipment.

Mr. Duby held the highest esteem for Mr. Davidson and told the committee the club president helped make the Acton Fall Fair the success it is today through his hard work and dedication of years ago. He also said if Mr. Davidson said the Golden Agers would do the work they will not back out of the deal. Mr. Duby pointed out that the first flower garden planted inside the gate at Prospect Park were planted by a retired man.

The superintendent said vandals destroy the flowers planted downtown and in the parks, causing Mrs. Sheldon

concern over the Golden Agers' hard work. Mr. Duby said the vandals may not bother ruining the senior citizens' work because "someone else did it."

Mrs. Sheldon suggested placing the flowers far away from the baseball diamond to insure the safety of the work.

Mr. Wood was concerned over the matter of unions. He asked Mr. Duby if letting the senior citizens do the gardening in parks, would upset the unions. Mr. Duby said that most of the men do not want to be planting flowers, and no one is going to be put out of a job because of the plan.

The matter must be looked into by the Golden Age Club and the works department before anything becomes final, but Mr. Duby is optimistic about the project.

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## Recipient chosen for sports award

The winner of the Charles Thompson Memorial Award has been chosen by the Acton and Esqueving Recreation Advisory Committee.

During the March 16 meeting of the committee, members discussed names of applicants and decided on one person. However, the name was not disclosed to the press

at that time. The award will be presented at the Legion Day of Champions for minor hockey. Ed Wood, chairman of the committee, will disclose the name then.

Charles Thompson was an Erin township resident who would walk into town several nights a week to coach hockey and ball teams. Upon his death, a few people in the sports world in Acton got together to give an award in his honor to the person or persons in Acton who have contributed to sports and recreation in the town.

This is the second time the award has been presented since its inception.

## Hotel seeks liquor vote

Cocktail bars in the Esqueving area of Halton Hills may be possible, if a request for a liquor vote by the Hollywood House in Norval is included on the ballot at the next municipal election.

Hollywood House made the request in a letter to council this week, asking that Ward Two be brought into line with the rest of the town. The letter suggested two questions should be placed on the ballot, one asking if the voter favors liquor served with meals, and without meals.

Clerk Administrator Doug Pritchard was instructed to prepare a report.

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