

Year end review



ARMSFUL OF honors are held by Betty and Frank Oakes at the Citizen of the Year dinner in the Music Centre. Dr. Oakes was the man of the hour; the retired vet was active on council, school board, P.U.C., and in his church. It was a highlight of 1977.

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 chosen this year's Citizen of the Year. The traditional evening is staged annually by the Chamber of Commerce with a feast, speeches, presentations and dancing on the program.
 For the second time in less than a week, Ontario Hydro failed in a bid to get a zoning by-law and Esqueting Official Plan amendment to allow hydro corridors through town.
 Actonians should control their own destiny and perhaps local government here, declares the brief on regional government prepared by the Actonians for Action committee which is being presented today.
 The new enforced marriage of Acton and Georgetown in the new system of regional government was poor political judgement and proved to be disruptive and detrimental to the future of Acton, the presentation states, citing widening disparity between Acton and Georgetown, loss of identity and increased costs under regional government.

June 29
 The joint use of the YMCA building in Acton by the town and Acton Community Services Centre ran into a bit of difficulty Monday night at Halton Hills finance-administration committee. The problem hinged on accommodation for fire chief Mick Holmes and the recreation department who in the words of councillor Peter Marks want the same front of the building.
 Everything but the red carpet is being rolled out for this weekend's Back to Acton Canada Day celebrations.
 Main St. intersection with Mill St. may be the target of reconstruction work on the north-south road next Monday according to town engineer Bob Austin.

July 6
 The wind was high and the sky had a black rain cloud in it the entire weekend, but the weatherman held out this weekend for the Back to Acton Days.
 Acton high school has six Ontario scholars at the end of this semester, two of whom completed their grade 12 semester, two of whom completed their grade 12 and 13 in one school year.
 The town will not pay half the cost of buying the Hotchens Bakery property in Acton for off-street parking Halton Hills council decided Monday night.
 Residents of the Golden Gate apartment building on Ransom St. fled into the night in their nightclothes on Wednesday evening after smoke filled their apartment halls.
 Charges of repeated bias by a hearing officer in favor of Ontario Hydro and sharp denials marked the re-opening of expropriation hearings into a major corridor project in the Legion hall Monday.
 Pugilism was the order of the day in Thursday's Lacrosse game between the Rams and the Dundas Bengals as scuffles broke out in both the second and third periods resulting in 75 minutes worth of penalties.
 Jack Hamilton, manager of Georgetown's Standard Products plant used a driver to make a rare hole in one on the par 4280 yard, 9th hole at Acton Meadows last week.
 July 13
 A consultant hired by the Business Improvement Area

told his employers he did not need the job if they were going to continue to bicker over moving some parking spaces.
 An immobilizing fear of society kept Arthur Meunier in jail for 42 years of his life. Prisons were his only home and convicts his only friends until March 1977, when he was released for the final time. He has made his home in Acton.
 Ontario Hydro is considering a 500kV power corridor from Bruce to Essa that would be longer than the one often proposed by the Interested Citizens Group, an inquiry learned last week.
 Halton Hills works committee has recommended council pass a by-law to repeal the existing traffic by-law in Acton to bring in a two hour parking limit between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. in downtown Acton.
 July 20
 A Poplar Avenue man, George Van der Eyken, is listed in fair condition at Toronto Western Hospital a hospital spokesman said, following a spectacular fire and head-on collision between a pick-up truck and a car on Main St. S., near Cobblehill Rd., Sunday evening.
 Trustee Bert Hinton's plan to cut off all trustees' pay went down the drain Thursday without even a single verbal shot being fired. His motion that board members serve without pay wasn't even debated since none of the other 17 trustees at the Halton Board of Education meeting would second his motion. Trustees receive \$6600 a year.
 Power was off in the district for about half an hour

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Obituary

Jack Creighton was Beardmore president

A former president of Beardmore and Co., John Hugh Creighton died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Guelph on December 9. He was 72 years of age.
 Jack Creighton was with Beardmore's for 50 years, starting in 1922 as an accountant and rising through the ranks to retire as president in 1972. He became secretary-treasurer in 1951, vice president in 1968 and president in 1971.
 As well as his wife Peg, he is survived by daughter Mary-Lou (Mrs. Laurence G. Doby), Waterdown and son

John H. Creighton, Guelph, and sister Mrs. Charles Wood (Ella) Willowdale and two grandchildren.
 He is predeceased by his parents, John and Mary (Hughes) Creighton and brothers Sherwood E. Creighton, Stewart A. Creighton and J. Carder Creighton, all of Toronto.
 The funeral service was Dec. 12 at the McIntyre and Wilkie funeral home, Guelph, conducted by the Rev. Doug Plunkett of Trinity United Church, Guelph, and the Rev. L.G. Doby, Grace Anglican church, Waterdown, his son-

in-law. Interment was in Woodlawn cemetery, Guelph. Pallbearers were four nephews, C. Richard Wood, Toronto, Donald H. Creighton, Toronto; Ian D. Anderson, Toronto and Gary Meredith; Orillia and two from Beardmore's Claude L. Cook and Lorne E. Youngblut, Acton.
 Jack Creighton was born in Drayton in 1905. He moved from Toronto to Acton in November 1936, when Beardmore's transferred their office headquarters. He and Margaret Hamilton were

married a year later in Toronto.
 Shortly after, Mr. Creighton was first elected and served on town council five years. He was on the cemetery board at the same time.
 He served on the public school board four years and at one time was chairman of the board.
 He was appointed to the North Halton Area School board and served for five years. He was on the Halton County School Consultative Committee on Education three years.

More recently he was a member of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority for three years.
 He was treasurer of Trinity United church, Acton, for two years. He was a member of Walker Lodge; he was a charter member of the Acton Y's Men's club and held various offices as well as that of president.
 He was an avid golfer at Guelph Country Club until Acton Meadows opened when he played here.
 His main hobbies were woodworking and gardening. When their home, Hill Hall,

was bought in August 1957 he took great pleasure in the challenge of repairing and restoring the old home, and did most of the work himself. After retirement in 1972 and heart problems setting in, he couldn't keep the home up as he would have wished, so they sold it in 1973 and moved to a bungalow in Guelph.
 Jack Creighton was a quiet, fair-minded and morally upright man with a good sense of humor. His sudden passing leaves a great gap and deep sorrow in his close-knit family.

Free Press Curling Club news

by Karen Knickle
 Hope you all had a good Christmas and will have the best of New Year's. Now that holiday merry making is over, for most of us, all teams and their rinks will be back to work in earnest since there are only two games left in this season's first draw.

During the seasonal break from curling there were a couple of opportunities to keep oneself in practise. One such was the Acadian Ridley and his club spent a week and teams played on alternate evenings. The final wind-up was Saturday, December 17 with each team playing one game. Prizes and a nice pot luck dinner and dance concluded the event.

On the Acadian side of the event, (people who lost their first game, Fred) Del Hickling's rink of Sandy Keir, Bob Loutlet and Isabel McKenzie, came first. Richard Bruce skipped on the last day for Del, as he was representing Acton in the Seniors spell in Georgetown. A job well done Rick. You looked good out there in command. The rink in second place was none other than Fred Archibald's team of Donna Cripps, Kevin Lumbers and Yvonne Rosenquist. You shouldn't have lost that first game Fred. Who was it you played now???

Third place in this event went to Peter Vidler's rink of Kris Bruce, Ray St. Orange, and Sandra Henderson. Those Bruces seems to be on a lot of winning teams this year!

On the Ridley side of the event (teams that won their first game, Fred) the team that took first place and was the overall winner for the spell was Brian Robertson's rink of Joyce Iglesias and Mac Sprol. Yes, Brian triumphs again and with only three! Good work folks. Second place went to John Mintern's rink of Lee Goslin, Ken Cripps and Dorothy Few. What was it like being the

only women on the team, Dorothy? Third place was taken by Sherry Few's team of Richard Hignett, Colin Ager and Cathy Cripps. There seems to be a lot of Cripps on winning rinks this year also!

People not winning on the ice had an opportunity to win at something else. The ceramic Christmas tree made and donated by Wendy Porter was won by Colin Baker. The ceramic basin and pitcher set made and donated by Kris Bruce was won by Bonnie Porter of Mississauga. Three chances for Christmas cheer were offered and Marg McKenzie took two of them. Are you Irish, Marg? The third was won by Trev Loutlet.

The whole week was a great success thanks to the overall organization of Brian Robertson. Wait a minute, wasn't he the overall winner also?

The second event held during the holiday season was the Boxing Day spiel. This

annual event affords families an opportunity to play together during holidays and also an opportunity to work off some of that excess Christmas turkey. Bill Toth from Toth's Shell station sponsored the day. The day finished with a nice roast beef dinner and a bit of card playing for those interested. Everyone came away with something; if not a prize then it was a little something donated by Bill. Don't forget Bill, we're all waiting for our key chains and calendars.

For the first draw these skips had winning rinks: Dave McCutcheon, (good work Dave for your first try at skipping.) He took 18 1/2 pts.; Colin Baker (and family) with 18 1/2 pts.; Fred Archibald and his good team with 18 pts. and Brian Robertson; (still hanging in there as a winner Brian) with 17 1/2 pts.

The second draw had as winners, the rinks of Ron

Loutlet with 19 1/2 points, Howard Campbell with 19 points, Chester Anderson with 18 1/2 points and Bruce McArthur with 17 points. By the way Bruce, how many times did Gordie or Jo-Anne have to decide your shot for you?

There were also two prizes awarded to the rinks of Dave Robertson and Kae Hansen for making courageous efforts.

The overall winner for the day was Ron Loutlet's family team of three, but Trev got a prize anyway for being a family cheerleader.

Next week we'll have a final look at how all the teams stand during these last two weeks of regular curling for this draw. Keep Curling!

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 Elementary badge: Brad McPherson, Kevin Christensen, and Lesley Mathieson.

Basic: Karen McKnight, John Gardener and Stacey Perry.
 Novice level one: Philip Dodson, Tina Krzyzik and Ula Duess.
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