



We Wish You a Rainbow: over 200 young figure skaters presented a multi-hued show at the arena on Saturday

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Ask \$1,500 cut for Acton Band

Acton Citizens' Band will be asked to cut \$1,500 from its budget, to reduce the town's grant from the previous \$4,860 to \$3,360, if Halton Hills council agrees with a finance committee recommendation.

Councillor Pat Patterson contended both the Acton Citizens Band and Georgetown Girls Pipe band should have the same grant. The amount recommended for the Girls' Pipe Band is \$1,000.

Councillor Peter Marks said in addition to having the band, and playing for nothing at functions, the band offers a musical training to children at no charge who want to play the instruments.

Treasurer Ray King said their budget states the town grant is the only source of revenue.

"Does this mean the town is funding this organization 100 per cent?"

The treasurer agreed it did. Councillor Roy Booth claimed it was difficult to see how the Acton band could spend \$1,762 on instruments last year, and another \$1,400 scheduled for this year. He pointed out there is also money set aside for repairs. He said the same applies to uniforms, and wondered why they had to be bought each year.

Marks observed that a 56 person band would have to buy uniforms frequently, and

suggested replacing four or five instruments a year would cost that much.

Morris admitted most recreational activities are subsidized, but argued nothing else is completely paid for by the town. He suggested approving the total amount this year, but writing a letter saying the grant would have to be cut next year.

Marks countered that on a per capita basis it was not that much since arenas to serve only a certain segment of the population cost much more and were paid by

everyone. "The band covers all ages and both sexes, as opposed to most sports we subsidize that seem to aim primarily at males between six and 16."

Booth urged the \$1,500 cut and said the band could charge for playing at functions or raise money themselves some other way.

Marks pointed out the money was voted to the Acton band by plebiscite.

Booth replied the plebiscite would bind only the citizens of Acton, but since the town of Halton Hills was formed would not bind the town now.

Discuss grant

Councillor Peter Marks told the Free Press on Tuesday that he hopes to have the matter of the Acton Citizens' band grant postponed at the next council meeting.

He will ask the members of the band executive to attend

the next meeting of the finance and administration committee meeting, to discuss the question. He hopes they will make a full presentation, detailing their financial situation, Mr. Marks said.

Fire victims return home

Life is slowly returning to normal for the Harris family, 10 Rosemary Rd., whose home was partially destroyed by fire last Tuesday.

Mr. Harris told the Free Press the family stayed with the Dick Lee family until Friday of last week, when their home was cleaned up enough for them to move back in.

The \$10,000 fire was contained to one bedroom with smoke and water damage throughout the house. A hole was cut through the roof in firefighting operations.

Most of the clean up work is done now, Mr. Harris said, and the house is back to normal except the one bedroom.

His wife Pat said she was extremely pleased with the work of the Acton Volunteer firefighters. She explained that the "men did a tremendous job" in putting out the fire, and helped clean up afterwards. She said the family was very grateful for their help.

The Harris' have five children, Corrie 20, Chris 14, Bruce 13, Cathy 9 and John 4.



OTTO JELINEK raises a hand to greet supporters as he arrived at the Halton Conservative nomination convention Thursday night. Jelinek

defeated Dr. Art Ross and Tris Lett on the first ballot.

Tory nomination

Otto Jelinek wins race on first ballot

Otto Jelinek emerged from the largest Tory nomination meeting ever to be held in Halton with a mandate to battle with Frank Philbrook and try to unseat the incumbent Liberal member for Halton.

Throngs of Tories squeezed into every nook and cranny of Blakelock High School in Oakville to cheer the final announcement showing Jelinek with 1,074 votes, Dr. Art Ross with 717 and Tris Lett with 317 supporters. Clearly the delegates were impressed with Jelinek's winning ways at the polls and they want him to work the same magic here.

PC Association president Dorothy Chamberlain said the executive had searched high and low for a place that could more adequately meet the needs of the crowd but there wasn't one to be found.

"What this shows is, there is no room in Halton that is big enough to hold all of the Tories."

Hundreds watched the proceedings on closed circuit TV from gyms, a cafeteria and classrooms.

Tory officials claim the turnout and the enthusiasm is unequalled in the party's history in Halton and bodes well for the up and coming race.

Several Tory officials see the turnout at the nomination meeting as a terrific launching pad and a real show of force.

Jelinek told the crowd in his speech that if the turnout was any indication of what the Tories can do, "We've got 'em beat. It's game over."

He recalled his days as a high school student playing basketball with the Blakelock Tabbies. "When the opening whistle went then, we were out to get the OTHS Red Devils. This time when the whistle blows, we'll be out to beat the red Liberals and one red devil in particular."

The thrust of each of the three candidates' speeches reflected pretty much what they had been saying all along, but the speeches were well honed in an effort to attract those who had come to the convention undecided.

Jelinek said the economy is still the number one issue—"for everyone but Trudeau, it seems."

He said a Tory government would rework the Unemployment Insurance Commission, restore free enterprise, cut government spending and replace the permissive society with law and order.

"In spite of recent events the RCMP is still the finest police force in the world and we should demand that the RCMP be given more support."

Jelinek said it is fashionable now during an election to support capital punishment but he noted he was one of only 19 MP's who stood in the house to support it.

"I'm sick and tired of Trudeau trading off our rights to pacify those who would break up Canada."

"Quebec is one province and it receives no special (Continued on Page 14)

Water flowing from Prospect pump house

Since last Friday some residents have been drinking, washing, bathing in water from the Prospect Park pump house, according to a region official.

Don Morrier, Halton Region manager of operations and maintenance, confirmed what the taste buds of some Actonians told them.

The Free Press received reports from a few people who said the water tasted different from what they were used to.

Mr. Morrier, in a telephone interview, suggested the difference is in the quality of water. Just as there is a quality difference between here and Georgetown, or within Georgetown itself, Mr. Morrier said.

For example, in parts of Georgetown an iron filter is needed. But elsewhere such a filter is not needed, he said.

He said there are some "bugs" to be worked out of the Prospect Park pump house, but these minor difficulties won't affect the water's taste.

The pump house, on the western end of the park, was completed early last fall. It can pump one million gallons of water per day, but Mr. Morrier said it is not being used at its maximum capacity.

The operations manager also pointed out that water is supplied to Acton from several wells. The water from the new pump house is used mainly by residents adjacent to the park and area, he said.

Parking allowed on Churchill Rd.

There will not be any parking restrictions on Churchill Rd. between McDonald Ave. and Norman Ave.

That was the recommendation of works committee Monday evening. At another meeting in January, the committee had been asked by Councillor George Maltby to submit a report

with respect to erecting "No Parking" signs.

Works staff in the meantime have monitored the situation at the intersection of Churchill Rd. and Cedar Road leading into the high school. "The problem which was evident at the time was the slight distance problem

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LORELLA DEPIERI of Longfield Rd. was elected president of the Sheridan College Student Senate last week. Lorella is in the Business Administration course. See page 6.

Spotlight on firefighters

Dinner and dance celebrations honoring Mick Holmes and the town's firefighters will begin Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Centre. Final arrangements are being made today and almost all the tickets are sold.

Capacity of the hall is 150. Tickets are still available at Toddlers to Teens, Halton Hills Furniture and Nielsen's clothing store.

Councillor Les Doby will read the citation which will bring this year's Chamber of Commerce spotlight on the fire brigade.

There was an outstanding response to the Chamber's request for suggestions this year, with over 600 names recommending the firefighters.

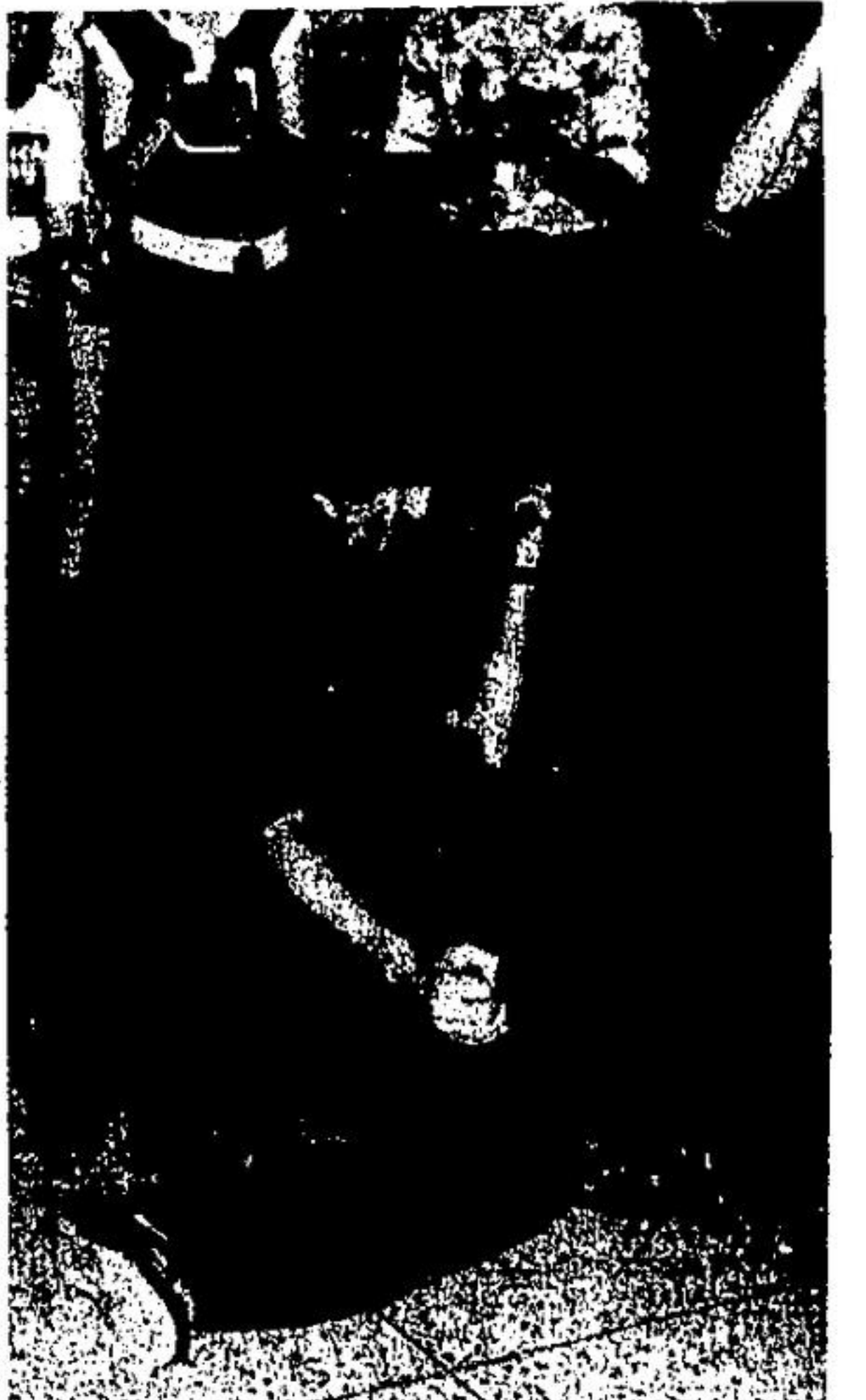
Names of all the present men on the brigade will be engraved on one large plaque which will be presented to the men. Each wife will be given a corsage.

Among the guests will be M.P. Frank Philbrook, M.P.P. Julian Reed and Mayor Tom Hill.

Teresa Hanley will again be in charge of the catering for the buffet and Discus will preside for dancing afterward.



DANCIN' to the music... over 170 high school students raised over \$5,650 for cystic fibrosis research Saturday at the high school Taking



impromptu solos are Jeff Ferguson, left, and Andy Ellerby, right. Georgetown Kinsmen sponsored the Bump for Life. See page B12.