



LET THEM EAT CAKE!

Acton Support Services and Information Centre (ASSIC) volunteers Ed Footitt and Ellen Piehl took the honours of cutting the cake at Friday's annual volunteer appreciation party. About 90 people work with ASSIC's meal, transportation and friendly visiting programs, to name a few. (Doug Harrison photo)

Cook wants 'attractive' arena...

BY DOUG HARRISON
The Acton Tanner

"I don't want a building that people won't be proud of."

That's Georgetown Councillor Al Cook's response to a new Acton arena, in light of comments he made at a recent Council meeting, when he suggested Acton Councillor Norm Elliott sit down with his building committee and decide what kind of facility could be constructed for \$1 million, \$2 million or \$3 million.

"I used those numbers as benchmarks," Cook continued. "It's like the practice of buying a house. You look at what you can get for \$100,000, \$200,000 and \$300,000 and then look at what you have in the budget."

"I certainly want the arena to be attractive for the community of Acton."

Elliott dismissed Cook's comments as wanting to see alterna-

tive facilities at other prices if cost-cutting was necessary.

"If you want a reliable, moderately equipped building with energy efficient equipment that will last 20 years, you're looking at a minimum of \$2 million to \$3 million," explained Elliott, who added building a bare-bones economy facility would only cause the Town trouble in the future.

Gord Chapman, chair of the Acton Arena users' group, said Cook's suggestion was an "off-the-cuff comment, not to be taken literally."

"I'm quite confident Mr. Cook will support a reasonable arena for this community," said Chapman, adding he's confident Acton would obtain an arena that is both adequate for residents' needs and fiscally responsible.

In response to Councillor Bob Heaton's reported comment to build the arena without seats and

let the public be responsible for raising between "\$75,000 and \$250,000 to pay for the seats and other "incidentals," Chapman felt that when the arena was a go, the community will contribute.

"I would like to see minor hockey groups be responsible for the scoreboard and the Acton Figure Skating Club may attempt to contribute to the music room," Chapman stated.

As for Acton Councillor Gerald Rennie's notion that Acton arena users might be able to use Georgetown arenas while the new Acton facility is being built, Chapman downplayed it to frustration from a councillor who's opposed to having \$100,000 included in the budget to repair the existing facility.

"It wouldn't be fair to Georgetown or Acton," he said. "It's not in the cards. It's not going to happen."

...but arena budget still uncertain

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
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The "hour of reckoning" is quickly approaching for the proposed \$4.1 million Acton East arena.

"The great unknown is where we will be in the middle of February when we sit down with the overall Town budget," explained arena building committee chair, Acton Councillor Norm Elliott, in an interview on Friday.

"The hour of reckoning will be when we decide how much money is going to be put into the project."

The arena committee is proceeding as if the proposed capital budget of \$4.1 million will be approved, but that figure was penciled into the budget before the Town learned it will not be getting any

grant money for the project, and that the Town will get \$1 million less in provincial funding this year.

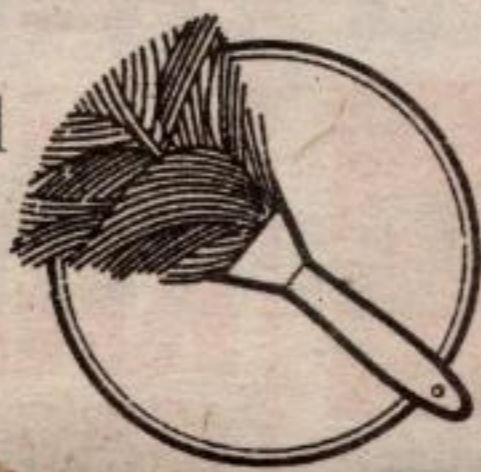
The arena committee has determined that an architect will be hired to design the building and then a contractor hired by using the tender process.

Elliott said future committee work will include a tour of several similar arena facilities to give committee members a chance to see what they can get for their money. The committee will also continue discussions with the Acton Seniors, ambulance service and police to see if they are interested in being "partners" in the new facility.

On a future agenda, issues including meeting with the arena user groups, planning the parkland around the facility, and debate on adding a pool and library.

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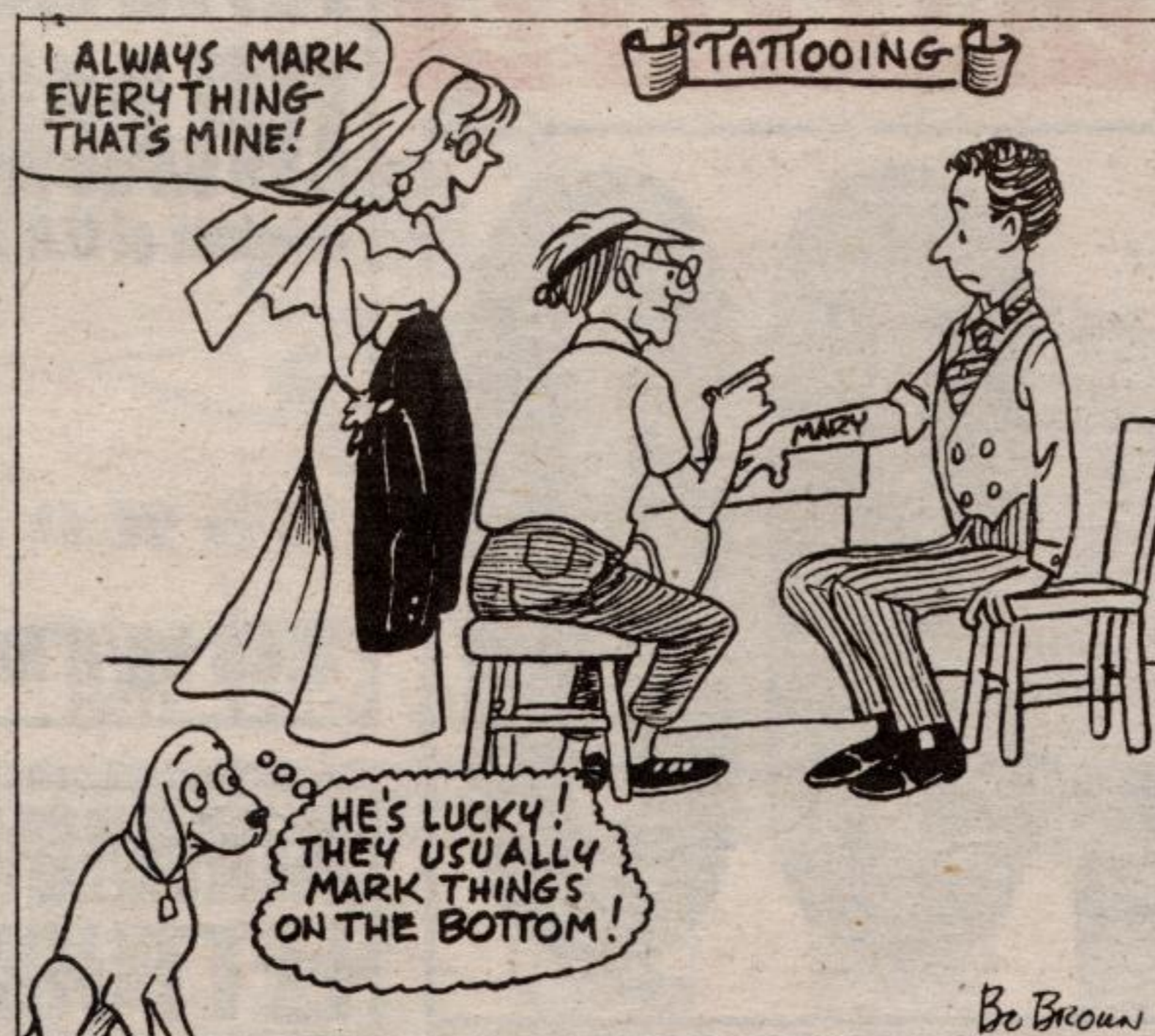
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Flagmen vs. lights at Road 43

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
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Some neighbours of the Acton Quarry are skeptical that traffic safety will improve on Regional Road 43 when a signal light replaces the flagmen, who stop traffic when quarry trucks cross from one side of the pit to the other.

United Aggregates Limited (UAL) recently received Halton Council's approval to install a traffic light. UAL planner Brent Clarkson told council a light would result in less than half of the trucks crossing daily with a flagman.

Quarry neighbour Pat Woode is not convinced.

"The quarry trucks will now be operating from 6 am until 11 pm, but with the flagmen they only were able to cross in daylight hours," Woode explained. "With 128 truck crossings a day, it means Regional Road 43 will be closed for three or four hours a day."

"The proposed signal crossing is also in the worst spot possible for safety because it is at the bottom of two hills and will be very difficult for motorists to see," Woode complained.

Clarkson said the signalized crossing is a "good, reasonable interim measure," until UAL can construct a tunnel under Regional Road 43 to allow trucks to cross the road without bothering traffic.

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