

# OUR READERS WRITE

## SHOPPING MALL

Being interested in Public Relations and having worked in and commuted to Acton for the past nine and a half years, when the idea of a shopping mall was put forth by your Chamber of Commerce, I thought to myself, that at last here was a body with the town's welfare at heart and also an eye to the future.

Having, as I said been not only going through, but also visiting the town, I like Acton to a sleepy-old place, where life goes on the same every day and as long as the regular customers drop into local stores regularly, nobody but the one or two people supporting this new idea seem interested in promoting either new business or making their places of business attractive to passers-by.

This idea has been tried out in Kitchener and apart from the inconvenience which any new project such as a mall is bound to cause, has been a tremendous success and more than worth the financial outlay involved in running it.

Although as you will see, I live in the area nearer Guelph, I do not shop there because first of all stores were adapted, made to fit the storekeeper not the customer and the complete lack of personal service, which seems to have all but disappeared these days and which I would always consider to be my most important asset, if I had a business of my own, and always will.

Little thought has been given particularly in Acton, to the shopping public in Acton, as regards store hours which I feel have been tailored to meet their own needs, not the customers. Driving through Acton at any time on a Monday, one would indeed feel that it was a ghost town. I realize too, that everybody needs time for social affairs but how anyone who has a desire to serve the public in business can take off, close his business and bias the customer's goodwill, until Tuesday morning and expect either to succeed or prosper in business is beyond me. It should be remembered that your customer is your most important asset and it is up to the businessman to meet his needs, as regards hours of opening, to a fair degree.

Apart from the fact that the Mall seems to be condemned by a few people such as Mr. Watson, who has no doubt, through his business and sound connections been able to put up quite a formidable opposition to this project, I would ask him, not only to consider himself and his business, but to have an idea to expand in the future.

Parking conditions in Acton are absolutely chaotic at weekends, in spite of the efforts of the local O.P.P. to keep parking at a happy medium, without being over ticket minded, and the day is not far away, I am sure, when the Department of Highways will be re-routing Highway 7 to the north of Acton and all will be lost to the storekeepers of Acton.

There is a tremendous potential for passing motorists' trade providing excellent facilities for parking are available and this mall would have I think, just done that. Let's change from this sleepy-like attitude which prevails everywhere in Acton at the moment and become alive to the fact that as storekeepers we have to improve not only our business, but facilities as well to be a successful business asset to the town.

These are only my own views and I have not been influenced by any previous press coverage on this matter.

Yours truly,  
Andrew W. Welch.

## Hike to Hilton next Saturday

A short family-type hike along a section of the Bruce Trail near Milton, is being planned by the Toronto Bruce Trail Club for Saturday, June 8.

They'll meet at the Fifth Line and Five Sideroad, Nassagaweya intersection (near Kelso Conservation area) at 10:30 a.m., then tour many beauty spots along the trail stretching northward from there. A newly re-routed section of the trail skirts the site of the Hilton Falls Dam which covers the old section of trail just north of the meeting point. The hikers hope to see the historic Hilton Falls along the way.

## FAVORS EXPERIMENT

We are all in favor of a two week experiment for a Mall in our business section of Acton. We are for progress here and this will be a beginning. (name withheld by request)

## WHAT TOWN NEEDS

Let me express my admiration to those people who came up with the Mall idea. Just what our town needs. We have a great location. Let's put out the welcome sign to one and all.

Let me express my feelings of selfishness to the business men opposed. Let them for once think of Acton instead of their two bit stores, which are not appealing to new comers, or I'm sure the many people who pass through our town each day. Let them ask themselves before saying, No. Why is our town sitting still? Why haven't we more industry? Why are people shopping in Georgetown, Guelph etc, and why don't people stop and spend their money in Acton? Why not let the people of Acton vote on it?

In Favour of the Mall.

## WHY WERE OUR CUBS LATE?

It would seem necessary to ask why 300 Cubs were some 5 hours late after their visit to Buffalo last Saturday.

At the same time special thanks should go to our Cub leaders, chaperones and the drivers of Georgetown Transportation Co. for the way they handled a most difficult and trying situation. Particular thanks to Darlene Harringer and Ross Coulter.

Last Saturday night I was one of many parents who waited impatiently at the Glenora Shopping Plaza for the return of one of 300 Cubs. What had started out to be an educational and fun day for these youngsters turned out to be one of anxiety for the waiting parents, one of quick decisive action on the part of the Cub Leaders, one of bewilderment for the children, and one of mock justice on the part of unknown person or persons.

I, for one, feel thankful that we have such competent leaders in our Cub Packs.

"A Parent"

## Slight response swimming lessons

Response was very slight to Harold Townsley's request for names of children who might take advanced swimming classes this summer. Plans would have had to be made to transport the swimmers to an out-of-town pool. He only had three replies so far, he said.

He asked anyone interested to call him at the community centre 853-0020.

In Acton, swimming can only be taught to beginners because of the size of the wading pool. Enrollment in the beginners' class has been good, but no advanced instruction has been available lately.

## MIGHTY FIRST STEP

The statistics speak for themselves - In the past ten years, Canada's population has grown about 30 per cent; the population of Acton, considered within the Golden Horseshoe has grown about 12 per cent. In the past two years, Fort Erie, much further from the centres of industry, had acquired two new large industries. I have not heard that Acton has acquired many, if any. It is undoubtedly true, that we lose most of the fine young people we raise to other centres, a loss that is disturbing and serious.

The proposed Mall, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, is an imaginative step forward. If even a fraction of the items introduced can be achieved, real progress will have been made. The proposed re-routing of traffic is not satisfactory but a by-pass road paralleling the railway but south of it, would achieve good results. Those who use this road would not be shopping in Acton anyway.

Undoubtedly in the near future the Ontario government will build a road to by-pass Acton entirely, as it does with other towns. Before that day eventuates, Acton should be made such an attractive place to live, and to shop that people would come here to purchase their requirements. The time before the town is not long.

Anyone skeptical of this need should but count the Acton licensees in the parking lot at Zeller's Guelph, any Saturday - to be convinced what an attractive shopping area can produce in the way of business.

The proposal is but the first step, but a mighty one.

Yours sincerely,  
G. A. Harrop.



ROBERT LITTLE SCHOOL students from grades 6, 7 and 8, took a close-up look at stacks of leather in Beardmore & Co. The students were among 80 people who toured the plant last Saturday. (Staff Photo)

## SILVERWOOD

### Tulip festival visits in news

by Mrs. H. Scott

Mr. and Mrs. F. Duffield spent the May 26 weekend in Ottawa enjoying the tulip festival.

Mrs. W. M. Norton won the Wynfield trophy at the recent spring flower show for scoring the highest number of points.

Mr. G. Burgess is home after spending several days visiting relatives in the Orono district.

Mr. and Mrs. Duffield and Mrs. Norton spent an enjoyable evening recently at the Erin Horticultural Society meeting.

Silverwood W. L. was host this year to the 67th Annual Halton District Women's Institute on Wednesday, May 29.

The meeting was held in St. George's Church, Georgetown. Mrs. G. Henderson, Silverwood's capable president, welcomed the guests. The church ladies served their usual excellent lunch at 12 p.m.

Mrs. Robert Kerr, past president of the Ontario Junior Farmers, was guest speaker. It was a rewarding afternoon for all the branches.

Silverwood's president is now also first vice-president for the county, so congratulations to Mrs. George Henderson.

The meeting closed with the Queen.

## Brownies picnic at Rockwood park

2nd Acton Brownies went on a hike and barbecue Sunday afternoon at Rockwood Conservation area. 21 Brownies attended while Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Madeline Manos, Mrs. Maria Frost, Mr. and Mrs. Buckman, Carl Weir and Mr. A. Combe assisted Mrs. Joanne Combe, Brown Owl.

The Brownies thoroughly enjoyed the nature hike, the hamburgers and hot dogs.

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## Committee will study adopting builder code

The Hon. Darcy McKeough, Minister of Municipal Affairs, in a statement to the Legislature Wednesday confirmed that the staff of the Department of Municipal Affairs has been giving serious consideration to the adoption of the National Building Code of Canada as the standard building code for the Province of Ontario.

Mr. McKeough stated the resolution brought to the floor of the Legislature by the member for Halton East, Jim Snow has contributed greatly towards the expediting of this matter. It was Mr. Snow's efforts that have helped to bring this matter closer to the surface.

## Horsemanship clinic

Rockwood - The Trail Riders' Club held two special events recently.

A late evening fireworks display rounded out this well-attended event.

The second event was a junior club show attended by members only. Fifteen classes for horses and ponies were divided under and over 14. High boy was Randy Pettitt; high girl Cindy Hohenadel of Guelph.

Judges were Mary Halch and Allan Smollett.

A senior riders' show for the members only will be held at the show grounds on June 9.

## PRICE CHANGE - PROVEN SIRE

Central Ontario and Waterloo Cattle Breeding Associations wish to announce a new basic service fee for bulls of known ability.

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