

# Engage recreational co-ordinator for summer

Acton Parks and Recreation Committee has selected 21 year old Brian Campbell, a community college graduate from Oakville, from a field of 12 applicants, to serve as recreational co-ordinator for its brand new geared-to-all-ages summer program.

Mr. Campbell, who has had four years background in organizing programs and who in the words of program committee chairman Peter Marks "submitted excellent references" will begin his duties next week. He has been hired from June 1 until September 1 at a salary of \$100 per week, plus a \$20 car allowance.

**Open centre**  
A new recreational youth centre, which will be open four nights a week from Wed-

nesday to Saturday, probably in the Y.M.C.A. building, will be the new co-ordinator's chief responsibility. The centre is expected to be open from 7 p.m. until midnight Wednesday and Thursday, and from 7 p.m. until 1 a.m. on weekends.

Plenty of activity such as arts, crafts, pool, ping pong, records and probably karate instruction will be available.

Participants will not be charged to join. A board with youth representatives will be set up to govern activities. Proceeds from a refreshment booth at the centre will go towards program expenses.

Jackie Lee, a Grade 12 student at Acton District High School, has been hired to assist Mr. Campbell at a salary of \$50 per week.

Miss Lee was primarily responsible for organizing a coffee house for local youths.

The Addiction Research Foundation has agreed to provide an experienced person, who has the means for the proper referrals, to work in the youth centre free of charge.

A children's playground, which will be held five half-days per week, will also come under Mr. Campbell's jurisdiction. A maximum of 10 leaders will also be hired to assist him with this facet of the program.

Mr. Marks reports Mr. Campbell is quite eager to work with senior citizens' groups as well and is prepared to work 60 hours a week if need be, to make the program a success.

The new recreational co-ordinator will keep a daily log of times, accomplishments,

incidents and damages and will submit a written evaluation of Acton's recreational needs, at the conclusion of the program in September.

Parks and Recreation Committee adopted the new geared to all ages program on the recommendation of Mr. Marks and program committee member Barry Inscow, both of whom have done the preliminary organizational work. Mr. Marks and Mr. Inscow felt important age groups were being left out in the previous children's playground program, which has operated every summer.

The Committee has authorized spending of \$1500 for purchase of equipment and general administration of the program.



**TWO BICYCLE BELLES!** Tired of travelling by train, plane and bus, Pauline Brinkman, 20 and Coby Van Der Gaast, 18, of Bowmanville decided to make the trip from their school, Calvin College in Grand Rapids Michigan back home by bicycle. The girls passed through Acton yesterday on the last leg of the 450 mile journey which started last Wednesday morning. —(Staff Photo)

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## Wading pool

# Wants prime time for open swimming

"I'm against anyone taking swimming instruction monopolizing that pool," the lone distaff member of Acton Parks and Recreation Committee, Diane Spielvogel, told colleagues Thursday night.

Mrs. Spielvogel was replying to a report from program committee chairman Peter Marks that swimming instructions, in connection with the new parks and recreation summer program, will be held at the wading pool in Prospect Park.

Mrs. Spielvogel also objected to Mr. Marks' suggestion that the wading pool may have to be closed during hours a new lifeguard and swimming instructor is required to be at the swimming beach in Fairy Lake.

**Guard on duty**  
According to Mr. Marks, plans called for the guard to be on duty at the Fairy Lake beach, Saturdays and Sundays from 12 noon until 6 or 7 at night. During those hours it is hoped she can walk back and forth between the

beach and the pool to keep an eye on it. Signs would be posted at each area to let swimmers know whether or not the lifeguard was on duty.

In Mrs. Spielvogel's view, the wading pool should be open definite hours each day for open swimming.

"That pool was put there by the people of this town not the parks board; it should be open," she told the board.

Mrs. Spielvogel went along with a suggestion from chairman Hugh Patterson the pool should never be left unattended, as long as the gate is open. She felt a responsible teenager could be hired to supervise and that the pool could be open from 1 until 4.30 in the afternoon each day.

"There are a lot of little children who wouldn't consider swimming lessons, they should have an area to swim," she pointed out.

**Limit finances**  
Committee member Barry Inscow agreed the pool should be

open, but wondered how the committee would be able to hire additional help with the limited finances they have available for the summer program.

"Do you have to be an instructor to handle a pool?" Councillor Orval Chapman queried.

"You have to have the qualifications," Mr. Marks replied. Mr. Marks said he would be against hiring a student, unable to handle an emergency crisis, to supervise the pool.

On the subject of open hours, Mr. Marks reminded members there were no more than five children at the pool during open hours on any given day last summer. The pool was open from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

"Public swimming is important, but this girl must be given prime hours to teach it," he said.

"You've got to have somebody to help this girl," Mr. Patterson maintained.

"I would suggest you've told us to spend more money," Mr. Marks remarked.

### Stands firm

Mrs. Spielvogel stood firm on her earlier claim there should be a proper swimming time for youngsters, who do not wish to take lessons.

"Diane has a valid point about the pool," Mr. Inscow conceded.

The committee selected 19 year old Wendy Bell of Etobicoke from a field of three applicants to teach swimming and to serve as a lifeguard at the Fairy Lake beach on weekends, at a salary of \$75 per week.

Miss Bell has taught swimming in the past and has five years' experience working at day camps. Swimming instructions will be given five days a week and will be open to adults as well as children.



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RINGMASTER MARTIN Colleton, right, gets some help from one of 24 clowns at the M. Z. Bennett circus. The program had 15 acts.—(Staff Photo)

## Blue Springs

# To open new lodge

The Honorable Bob Welch, Minister of Education, will officially open the new \$55,000 Boy Scout adult training lodge at Blue Springs Scout Reserve, R.R. 1, Acton, this Saturday, May 29.

Construction of the Pan Abode building was done by volunteer help from training colleges and scouts throughout the province. Many donations of cash and furnishings enabled the provincial council of the boy scouts to establish the lodge.

There are conference and sleeping facilities for 48 people in the lodge and they will be used in conjunction with other older facilities on the reserve.

Cost of the building was shared dollar for dollar between the membership and friends of

Scouting. It will be available for the training of the 14,000 boy scout leaders currently involved in the Ontario program.

Saturday's ceremonies will be doubly significant since this year also is the 60th year of Scouting in Ontario.

# Fencing, shrubbery at Pioneer cemetery

Flowering shrubs have been planted this spring at the town's old Pioneer Cemetery behind Knox church. The Decoration Day committee purchased \$50 of shrubbery for the cemetery, which was fenced in last year.

Four Robert Little students have been enthusiastically working in their spare time at the site, John Nessel, Kevin Payne, Stephen McGilloway and Delphin Roach. Mrs. H. R. Force has also been helping with the cleaning up and planting.

**Broken glass**  
First task for the boys was the picking up of many, many pieces of broken glass.

Town workmen have looked after any necessary repairs to grave stones. The arena staff will be looking after cutting the grass outside the boundaries of the new fencing.

**Decoration Day**  
No burials have been made in Pioneer cemetery for many years. However, in the last few years it has always been included in the program on Decoration Day, when a few people made a point of going there to plant shrubs.

The Decoration Day committee discovered there are apparently Actonians who don't know where the town's old cemetery is. It is

reached off Knox Ave., back of the Presbyterian Church. Decoration Day is observed at all three cemeteries—Fairview, St. Joseph's and Pioneer—the first Sunday in June.

# Will stock Fairy Lake with bass

Department of Lands and Forests will stock Fairy Lake with large mouth bass this year.

In a letter to Acton Parks and Recreation Committee, the department reported a 1970 survey of the lake found it contained small mouth bass and pike, but that it was not suitable for cold water fish like trout.

The committee wrote the department last month to ask about the possibility of having the lake restocked.

## Bad cheque

A bad cheque was reported passed at the I.G.A. last week. A similar incident happened in Georgetown, Ont. Farion is still investigating.

# Pile-up near dragway results in \$850 damage

A three car pile-up on Fifth Line Esqueving near Hwy. 7, Monday resulted in \$850 damages and two charges being laid by Milton OPP officers.

The incident occurred just south of the Golden Horseshoe Dragway, where the three cars had just left on route home. Involved in the mishap were cars driven by Douglas Evers of Kitchener, Douglas Lariviere of Maple and Wray Hutton of R.R. 6, Guelph.

The Evers car sustained an estimated \$150 damage, \$400 to the Lariviere vehicle and \$300 to the Hutton auto.

**One car mishap**  
Milton OPP also investigated a single car collision Saturday, where a car driven by Kenta Korzock of 6 Elizabeth St. Georgetown careened off the road and struck two guide posts. The incident occurred on County Road Two.

The car received an estimated \$300 damage but the driver was not injured in the accident.

# Skeleton staff at Mason Knit

Although employees at Mason Knitting Company have been reduced to three from 129 there is still a mood of "cautious optimism" about the fate of the Acton company.

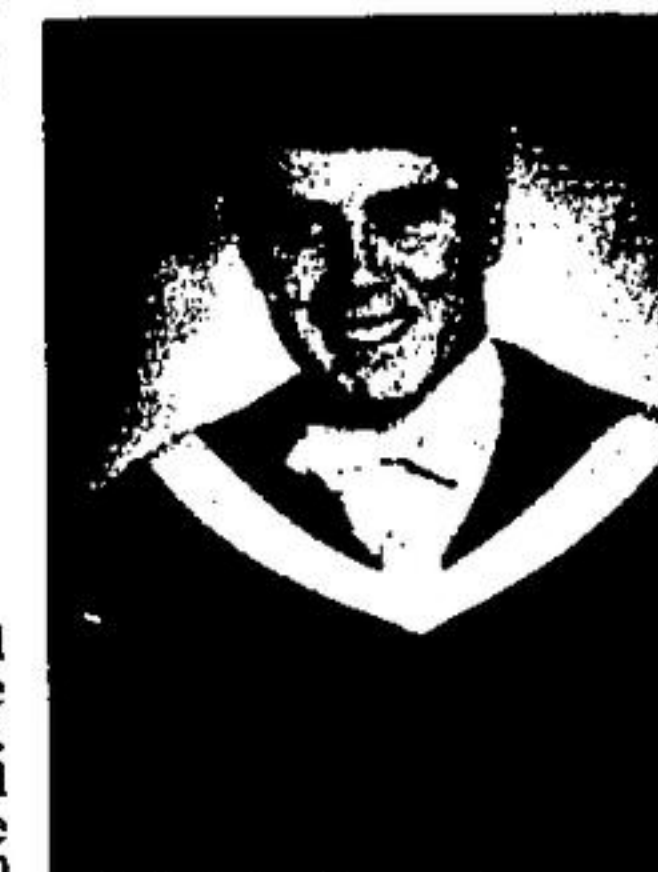
Those in charge of liquidating the company's assets told the Free Press supply and demand for employees will vary as inventory dwindles. But it is evident the plant will be all but closed until some new development occurs.

There are people interested in buying the plant and getting it on its feet again but these negotiations take time, said Neale Trewartha, one of two accountants looking after

disposal of stock. He said, however, there is "cautious optimism" about a buyer.

Meanwhile the latest layoffs have affected employees who have been with the company since it was founded 45 years ago, and many others with lengthy years of service. They join employees who numbered 129 when the company operated at peak production.

The company got into financial difficulties several months ago resulting in a take-over under the Banking Act. Production was shut down, inventory seized and is being sold. Employees have been gradually laid off with the present skeleton staff all that remains.



GLENN HOLMES



SUSAN CLARKE

# B.A. degree Honors

At Waterloo-Lutheran convocation Sunday, May 23 in Kitchener Memorial arena, Glenn Holmes received his B.A. degree in sociology and geography. He received his degree from the chancellor, the Hon. Ross MacDonald, who is distantly related to his mother, Mrs. Jack Holmes.

Attending the spring convocation were Glenn's parents Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holmes, brothers Ruddy and Jackie, his fiancée Miss Barbara McEachern and her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wilf McEachern, his grandmother Mrs. Grant McDonald of Orangeville, Miss Helen Holmes and Wilo Near.

The address was given by the Hon. John Roberts who received an honorary degree.

Glenn attended the Robert Little school and Acton high school.

After graduation, the Holmes entertained relatives and friends at their home in a double celebration—Glenn's graduation coupled with his parents' silver wedding anniversary.

Susan Elizabeth Clarke, daughter of Mrs. Lorna Clarke, 124 Elizabeth Dr., graduates from the University of Guelph with a B. Sc. honors degree in zoology.

Convocation will be May 27 in Guelph. Susan attended the Robert Little school and Acton high school.

# Assault charges

Two local youths have been charged with assault by arena employee Don Price, following a dispute at the arena last Wednesday night.

A district youth had been charged with minor consuming earlier in the evening. He and an Acton friend later went to the arena. During the ensuing fight, Don Price broke the nose of one of them.

Police were called and Const. Devine investigated. Mr. Price laid the charges.



CANADIAN FLAGS were presented by Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E. to classrooms at Speyside, Brookville, Limehouse and Stewarttown schools last week. Here, at Speyside school last Thursday, principal Gary Dawkins and student Debbie Cook, R.R. 3, Georgetown, accept flags from regent

Mrs. Hazel Orr, Mrs. H. H. Hinton, Mrs. J. Jocque and Miss Jessie Coles. The presentations were made as near to Victoria Day as possible. Chapter members had learned few district schoolrooms had Canadian flags. —(Staff Photo)