

# Survey to determine need more senior citizen housing

The Ontario Housing Corporation will conduct a survey to determine the need and demand for additional senior citizen housing in the town of Acton.

A research team from OHC, the Ontario Government's housing agency, will estimate the number of senior citizens living in Acton whose housing is inadequate or

beyond their financial capabilities.

The demand in the area for housing on a rent-geared-to-income basis will be determined from information gathered through advertising, direct mail questionnaires and personal interviews.

The study, which begins July 24, 1972, was requested by Acton

Council.

It will include an assessment of economic trends, growth factors and current and future housing needs in the municipality. In this regard, interviews will be conducted with such community representatives as municipal officials, businessmen, social and welfare workers and the clergy.

Senior citizens in Acton will

receive letters outlining the Government's housing program and asking them if they wish to participate.

Some interested persons may not be reached by direct mail. OHC urges them to obtain a questionnaire from the municipal offices.

If the survey shows a need for senior citizens' housing, it will

likely be an apartment building, although consideration is given to one-storey units which do not require stairways. Apartments for couples have a living room, bedroom, bathroom and kitchen. Apartments for single tenants have a bed-sitting room, bathroom and kitchen.

All apartments are equipped with stove and refrigerator. Rent

is geared to income and the minimum is \$32 a month, including services.

After considering the survey report, Council can initiate the program it outlines by adopting a resolution requesting OHC to go ahead. Capital costs are shared by the Provincial and Federal Governments.

## Mayor asks co-operation

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Attention: All Senior Citizens of Acton

While there is a continuing shortage of housing accommodations for people of varying income levels across the country, it is an accepted fact that Canadians - on an average - are the best housed people in the world.

It is with this in mind, that I seek your support in the use of this press release, to inform our Senior Citizens of the survey now under way, and the importance of completing the questionnaires by all qualified citizens over sixty years of age.

It is my hope that Acton's Senior Citizens will be among those Canadians who are well housed, regardless of low incomes, or other reasons, which might make adequate accommodations appear to be out of reach.

In the interest of all Acton people over age sixty, your co-operation is appreciated.

Yours truly,  
I.A. Duby,  
Mayor.

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BRAD CARLSON of New York state signs an autograph on a maple leaf camporee for Mark Rowe of the 1st Acton scout troop as last Wednesday's dinner given for the U.S. visitors. Reeve Dr. Frank Oakes spoke to two groups of scouts at the dinner.

## All truck route Esquering answer?

An "all truck" road may be the only way to save Esquering roads from being ripped apart by trucks travelling to and from quarries and gravel pits, Reeve Tom Hill told a delegation of about 10 people who appeared before Council on Monday night.

Most of the members of the delegation live on the 17 Sideroad and are upset by the number of gravel trucks using the road after coming from and going to a quarry on the Fourth Line. The quarry is operated by Indusmin Ltd.

Complaints were also voiced about the size and speed of the vehicles. The truckers were knocked for weaving across the road to avoid potholes.

A spokeswoman for the group, Mrs. Edna Mary Markham said that "something must be done" about the truck volume, "and not in 1973 or 1975," she quipped. Mrs. Markham told council that one family had taken a count of the number of trucks using the road in one day; "they counted over 270 vehicles."

**Use Fourth Line**

The lady asked council members to think about sending gravel trucks up the Fourth Line to Highway 7 and to give some thought to banning trucks from 17 Sideroad. "Why should we have it," she queried.

Reeve Tom Hill and Councillor Richard Howitt pointed out that there were no easy solutions to the problem.

"It's no good to shift truck routes. This is a long range 20 year problem," explained Howitt.

Reeve Hill suggested that perhaps the only answer to the problem was to create a route strictly for trucks. He knocked the province for not giving the township the money for the creation of such a route.

**Has proposal**

a specific truck route at a meeting of the County Roads Committee on Wednesday (today). The Reeve was a little vague about the exact location of this route, but he did mention that perhaps land from the 22 Sideroad to Highway 7 might be purchased.

However Hill expressed concern about the county's ability to build the road. "They're in the same position we are—their money's been cut."

Several members of the delegation asked that a tighter police check be enforced along 17 Sideroad, "Especially from six a.m. to noon hour—that's when

the trouble is," noted one woman. Owners of the Fourth Line quarry—Indusmin Ltd.—were not blamed for the driving habits of the truckers.

"I understand Indusmin will fire any trucker who is caught breaking traffic laws," stated Councillor Len Cox. "So maybe we should push the police," he added.

**Write off**

Council decided to write the OPP asking them to step up patrols in the area and to send a copy of the letter to Indusmin officials.

Reeve Hill promised the delegation he would secure copies of the County's Roads

Committee report on truck routes for them.

Earlier in the meeting the weaving of gravel trucks along the 17 Sideroad to avoid holes had come up. Township Clerk Delmar French informed councillors he and Roads Superintendent Bud Snow had followed and stopped a truck driver who was constantly moving to the other side of the road to avoid hitting potholes.

"We told him that what he was doing wasn't right, but he wasn't very co-operative. We reported him to Indusmin and to the operators of the truck—Armstrong Brothers. I believe they have done something about the trucker," stated French.

## Rain lowers market crowd

Rainy weather lowered attendance at the country market Saturday, when the number of booths open had reached a high of 14.

Although 44 Nova Scotia lobsters had been sold the week before and the same number was on hand Saturday, not all of them were sold. The supplier sent fewer than the number ordered of fresh trout, and they were all snapped up before reaching the general public.

Fresh vegetables, baking, eggs, honey, jam, potted flowers, cut flowers and bouquets of roses,

crafts and pottery all were on sale again.

**New booth**

A newcomer was a booth taken by the lacrosse club to promote their Civic Holiday weekend program. There will be a lacrosse tournament and dance. Tickets were sold at the booth.

New farm fence entries to the market had been built by the organizers, young people with an Opportunities for Youth grant. They keep office hours in the town hall and report they're expecting another booth with farm vegetables this Saturday morning.



SHAKE A CLAW! Marie LaMarsh makes the acquaintance of a lobster at the farmers' market Saturday. Marie, 9, thinks she'd like to try one some time, but settled for a bag of cookies. Clerk is Susan Brooks. (Photo by K. Dills)

## American scouts visit Acton counterparts

**By Dave Pink**

While some politicians attempt to widen the gap between the United States and Canada, some Acton area boy scouts are doing their best to bring the two countries closer together.

Last week 19 scouts and five leaders from Jamestown, N.Y., U.S.A., joined the Georgetown District Camporee at the Oakville District Campground at Woodland trails on the 6th Line, Nassagawaya.

Plans for the American visit started to take shape last September when Acton scoutmaster, Murray Harrison, talked to scoutmaster Jack Sharp, of Jamestown, about the possibility of exchange visits.

Last April 29 a group of Acton scouts visited New York and arranged a return visit. The Americans arrived in this area on July 7, first day of the three day Camporee.

After the Camporee there has been a full slate of activities for both Jamestown and Acton scouts.

Wednesday, the boys visited the Ontario Science Centre. Afterwards they were treated to a roast beef supper put on by the Acton Scout and Guide Mothers at the Scout Hall in Acton.

Thursday was spent touring the Blue Springs Scout Reserve.

Friday, the troops walked the Bruce Trail from their campsite to the Kelso Conservation Area.

The Campfire planned for Friday night was rained out so the group took refuge in the hall where the program continued. Gifts were exchanged between Americans and Canadians.

The Jamestown troop broke camp Saturday and returned home. The 19 scouts and five leaders who visited Canada expressed thanks and a wish to return soon.

Ten Acton area Scouts under Mark Rowe, Al Thompson and Murray Harrison will be returning the visit from August 19-25, camping at Frewsburg N.Y., near Jamestown.

Maybe not a huge venture in cementing international relationships, but a significant one.

## Ospringe area parents worried about outbreak of hepatitis

Worried parents in the Ospringe area were strongly critical of the Wellington-Dufferin Health Unit this week over an outbreak of infectious hepatitis which has affected at least five families with children who attended Ospringe school.

Although the school nurse is alleged to have assured them there was nothing to worry about, some children are in hospital, two fathers are known to be quarantined and others may have had the disease without knowing it.

The Health Unit was criticized because some parents felt they should have let every parent in the school know of the presence of the disease in the community and the means of preventing it from spreading.

"We would have been alert and aware if we had been informed,"

said Mrs. Stuart McKinnon, a teacher at the school as well as a parent with two youngsters who have contracted the disease. Her daughter, Karen, 9, is in Guelph hospital and the baby is at home with a less severe case.

**Unit not informed**

However, the Free Press contacted Health Unit medical officer of health, Dr. B. T. Dales, on Monday and he said the Unit was not informed about the outbreak, and promised prompt action to find out the extent of the disease.

Tuesday, nurse Mrs. Barnby of the health unit, was working on the case. She stressed the importance of good personal bathroom hygiene in combating infectious hepatitis, which spreads easily among children.

The disease stems from a virus which cannot be detected under a

microscope, which makes it difficult to diagnose. There are no known antibiotics to fight the disease. Persons who develop infectious hepatitis must get lots of rest and let the disease take its course.

Sometimes the first identifiable symptom is jaundice, which yellows the skin. Symptoms are very much like the flu. People often think they have flu, when it turns into jaundice.

A blood test is the only method of determining whether the sufferer has infectious hepatitis.

Some doctors feel that a serum being used provides some immunity but others feel it is useless.

Nurse Barnby said the virus can incubate in a person as long as three months before breaking out which makes it very difficult to trace.

**Assumed was flu**

Ospringe area families afflicted with the disease assumed it was the flu although Mrs. McKinnon said one family which continued to attend classes had a member sick with the disease during the last two weeks of school. She traces the troubles back to then.

Principal Lorne Brown was not satisfied when he was told there was nothing to worry about and phoned the Erin doctor to report the disease.

"The school couldn't do any more," Mrs. McKinnon said.

Now her husband is quarantined, as well as another father in the district. Both are off work. Her daughter Karen is in hospital and the baby has a less severe case at home.

"It has ruined our entire summer," she says.

The disease was identified by doctors at the Acton Medical Centre who impressed Mrs. McKinnon with the service they received and the desire to help. She noted that Erin's only doctor is on vacation and the village and area must come to Acton or Guelph or some other urban centre for medical attention.

Mrs. McKinnon feels people in the area should be aware of the presence of the disease and know how to prevent it with close attention to personal hygiene.

The disease is not confined to the Ospringe area. There are other cases in the Acton area as well, the Free Press was told.

HOUSES in the new Seynuk subdivision are rapidly taking shape.

## Why an Acton ARF office?

In an effort to fulfil its responsibility of servicing Halton County entirely, the county branch of the Addiction Research Foundation (ARF) has opened part time offices in Acton, Georgetown and Milton this summer.

Peggy Palmer, ARF Halton County community consultant and her assistant Don Morgan will be at the office alternately along with Adele Hurley, who is supervising the "Coming About" office house here this summer, in

about questions of abortion, birth control or VD.

The Acton office, located in an anteroom at the council chambers in the town hall, will be open each Thursday from 9 in the morning until 4 in the afternoon, chiefly as a referral service for persons desiring information on drug abuse or wishing to talk

co-operation with the foundation.

**Information available**

Facts sheets containing information on various types of drugs are available at the office, as well as special handbooks for parents. If the particular person on duty is unable to answer a

question, it can be referred to a more qualified worker.

The service will not be limited to individuals. Members of church groups, members of the clergy, or anyone interested in social problems are invited to seek advice or ask about resources available to them.

Staff workers in each of the North Halton towns will be asked to make an assessment of the general climate of the town, including attitudes between youth and adults and an investigation of what has happened in the past to lead to undesirable social situations.

**Make plans**

"We're planning right now for our 1973 and '74 budgets," Mrs. Palmer explains. "We have to be aware of what's happening. It involves a lot of talking to people."

The foundation hopes to be able to maintain the Acton office year round and a ZENITH number may be set up. Right now the number at the office is 853-1200.



FREE PRESS columnist Wendy Thomson is out in the Canadian Rockies over the next few weeks enjoying her favorite recreation—trail riding. Her first epistle and accompanying picture arrives this week. Turn inside and you'll see how the three rugged looking gentlemen above fit into the trail rider picture. Left to right they are guides Mike Crawley, Del Brassard and Don Heather. (W. Thomson Photo)

## Collision during week

Mary Steinberg, Toronto had estimated \$600 damage to her car Saturday after a collision with a car driven by Terry Simmons, Acton. His car's damage was estimated by Acton O.P.P. at \$100.

On Friday a driver with a beginner's license struck Knox church steps, causing estimated \$100 to the vehicle. No charge was laid.

Last Tuesday at Mill-Main collision involved cars driven by Hans Heist, Campbellville and Aubrey Jones, Brampton. Damage was minor and no charge was laid.