

Limehouse residents seek . . .

(Continued from Page 1) other undesirable results like noise and dust.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hoekstra live on County Road 20 on the western side of the railway bridge and although their children travel by bus to the Christian school in Georgetown, they're concerned about all children in the village area.

"It doesn't affect my children, but I don't want to see anyone's child get hurt," Mrs. Hoekstra said.

Mrs. Hoekstra feels the three hour ban proposal is a good one. "I realize the truckers have to make a living too," she said.

Neighbors of the Hoekstras, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Clow have five girls, four of whom walk to school each day, crossing the railway bridge in the process.

A 10 ton limit sign is posted at the bridge, but some trucks have been caught violating the law.

"It makes me mad to see trucks going over that bridge. Our children always have to stop and watch for them before they go across," Mrs. Clow said.

Mr. Clow claims the proposal to widen the road through the village was not a good one, because it would leave a lot of houses sitting right on the edge of the road.

"We would like the trucks right out of the village altogether," Mrs. Clow explained. "But if we can't have that we would like to get signs stating the hours of restriction."

All the Clow children ride bikes, but they don't ride until after the truck traffic has stopped at 5:30 at night, Mrs. Clow said.

Mrs. W. Van Dam of Springhill Riding Stables said the proposed by-pass would go through her best pasture lands and show arena making it impossible for

her to carry on the business. She opposed the rebuilding of the road and construction of sidewalks in the village saying it would give the truckers another excuse to drive over the speed limit. It would also spoil the atmosphere of the village she said.

She supported the idea that the Fourth Line or Fifth Line should be built up to accommodate the quarry traffic.

Limehouse Public School principal would like to see a crosswalk and safety patrol. David Haley told the Press he had written a letter to Esqueping Council asking that they do something to make it safer for the

Owner of Duff Quarries from students of that school who cannot ride the buses. Being a newcomer to the area he was not completely familiar with the problem.

Should the proposed by-pass go through it would call for the

removal of the Happy Day nursery run by the O. Regent family on the Fifth Line. The township is not prepared to offer a fair price for the rebuilding of the business, Mrs. Regent said. A school bus driver, Mrs. E. Holtman said that children run off the road to the safety of a front yard when two trucks meet in the village. She also fears more truck traffic if the road is widened.

However, she is quick to point out most truck drivers are very careful when they see the flashing lights of the school bus. "Cars are sometimes worse for speeding than the trucks are," she said.

Mrs. Holtman personally favors the proposed northern bypass truck route.

Which most of trucks are hauling, Mac Duff said he would very much like to get the whole situation settled, but calls the three hour ban proposal "no solution at all."

"I'm very concerned about the

children, but I don't see how a thing like that could be policed. Three hours is also one third of our work day. It would mean our trucks wouldn't be able to go anywhere during those hours," he said.

Mr. Duff explains that his firm does not own the trucks.

"I can't presume to tell carriers where to take their loads," he said.

He thinks one solution to the problem would be the installation of sidewalks in the village.

"I can sympathize with the people, but every house that is ever built takes between 20 and 30 truckloads of material to build it," he pointed out.

Mr. Duff thinks the village residents should get together and come up with a proposal as a group.

Ian Downie is vice-principal

A visit to Acton high school two years ago impressed Ian Downie so much that when a vacancy occurred in the teaching staff he applied for the position.

"It is the most interesting school in the county," he told the Free Press this week as he assumed the position of vice-principal at the Acton school. He cited the semester system, the friendly atmosphere as good reasons for his choice. And Ian Downie has been around.

Born and educated in England, he spent five years in India as a Lloyd's agent, part-time Danish consul, exporting tea, as a steamship, airline and insurance agent as well as working for Standard Oil. The place?—Cochin, a seaport in southwestern India.

Emigrates here He returned to England to work with an iron and steel company before deciding to emigrate to Canada. His first job in this country was at the Montreal docks as a checker ("I've had a checked career") and from there he went into accounting with the Shell Oil Co. To update his qualifications he took a night course at Sir George Williams University.

It was while he was at the university that he approached the guidance department to see if he was headed in the right direction.

Uh-uh, the guidance professor said after a series of tests. You would be much better as a

teacher. Since he had a poor opinion of teachers and teaching as a profession this was a blow but he bowed to tests and took teacher training.

His first job was at a six room school in Rainy River. From there he went to Burlington Central High where his career continued to open up. He was appointed vice-principal three years ago.

The Acton opening came up. He applied and got the job and is looking forward to moving into the district. He lives in Burlington now, is married with two children and must commute until he finds the right place to live.

Meanwhile he hopes to shake off the impersonal attitudes of the larger Burlington school and adopt a more personal outlook on the students at Acton high.



IAN DOWNIE

Senior Citizens prepare brief for government

By Mrs. Elsie Reed Favorable weather brought out a good turnout at the Golden Age Club on Tuesday of last week.

Following the usual reports, Mrs. Reed, official delegate to the United Senior Citizens Convention held recently in Windsor, gave a partial report of the proceeding. Much time had been spent there on the resolutions that would be presented in a brief to the federal government. The most

important of these dealt with an increase in the Old Age Pension to keep in line with the rising cost of living; the removal of the education tax from Senior Citizens by provincial and federal governments; the lowering of cost of drugs, inspection of the high cost of dental care, eye-glasses and hearing aids; the exemption of Senior Citizens from the proposed raise in the auto license fees.

Also the Senior Citizens numerical strength in voting power was felt great enough to ask for the federal government to give due consideration to provide a portfolio in the Cabinet, to deal solely with affairs and interests of the Senior Citizen, thus avoiding delayed action of present Cabinet Ministers in meeting with a delegation to deal with the annual brief presented by Senior Citizens. The report was well received and further reports will be given in coming meetings.

Game winners Eight tables of euchre and four tables of crokinole were played. Winners: euchre ladies Mrs. Near, Mrs. Milne; gents Mrs. Dennis, Joe Fuller; crokinole ladies Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Warne; gents Mr. Winton, Mr. Warne. Next meeting will be Wed., Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Mr. and Mrs. David Robertson will be in

CROSSED EYE AID

Here's a tip for parents from The Canadian National Institute for the Blind. If your child has crossed eyes, don't wait until school age to seek medical help. By that time, the child could lose a great deal of vision that can never be replaced. An early eye examination and simple treatment may save the sight of your child.

however, a new vice principal, Mr. Ian Downie from Burlington. We were unable to see him for the first week, however. Being an active athlete has its problems, and Mr. Downie was laid up with a bad back.

Mrs. Caroline McDonnell is back full time, in Home Ec., to take over for Mrs. Skoropad until she returns. Two part time teachers are with us. Mrs. June Campbell is helping Mrs. McDonnell, and Mrs. Betty Tamas is helping with commercial courses.

A new name, but not a new face is back at school. Miss M. L. Quinn is now Mrs. C. Cayer.

The new school year is off to a fast pace. Hopefully it will bring some different ideas to try out and a chance to have again such successful events as our mini-school. To all our new students the best of luck and best wishes for a successful year's stay at Acton High School.

NOTES FROM ACTON HIGH

By Janice Gibson

It's happened again! The doors of Acton High School have opened up to welcome back old students and greet all newcomers.

Many changes took place during the summer months. Our resource centre, completed last June, has been landscaped. Young trees and green grass make a pleasant change. Our parking lot was also extended.

Buses are now able to move off the street when picking up and discharging students. The halls and gymnasium have been painted, and except for the color of the lockers, new life has been brought back into the school.

The school greeted some new members of staff. At first, it looked as if we were destined to have to break in a new principal, but a sigh of relief was gasped when it was realized it was our Mr. Katz, in bearded disguise! We do welcome this year,

Let's talk about HORSES

with Jennifer Barr

Nine years ago on the Labor Day weekend, the Rockwood Trail Riders held their first overnight trail ride. The turnout was overwhelming, three adults, two children and two dogs; the organization took a whole two hours, the trip was a gruelling three miles long.

It was a beautiful Saturday and long about five o'clock in the afternoon Babs Ellis, Di Duncan, Jean Day, 10-year-old Susie Ellis and seven year-old Lynn Duncan decided to take off for parts unknown on horseback — destination, Canada Land, three miles north of Rockwood.

The horses were packed to the hilt with sleeping bags, ground sheets, flying pans, bacon, eggs (broken into a plastic pail), and all necessary equipment for a successful adventure. Lynn's pump pony, Honey, had trouble keeping her load in place on her round barrel.

At one point, while riding through the river, the pack train heard a plaintive wail. "Mom, oh Mom, something's HAPPENING." And there was poor wee Lynn sliding sideways with all her pack sinking into the water.

Mom to the rescue and Honey's entire load was hauled back into place while Mom leaned precariously from her own saddle.

Three-legged horse At last, the tired crew meandered into camp - a lovely open site chosen for its existing

fireplace. Sleeping bags were unpacked, marshmallows toasted and horses tied for the night. All, that is, except Susie's War Bonnet. He wouldn't tie and so was hobbled. Have you ever seen a horse gallop with hobbles?

Bonnet spent the entire night careening up and down the ridge despite the hobbles.

Di tied her dog Trail to the saddle so he wouldn't beat up Babs' dog Pogo. But Trail had other ideas and climbed into bed with Di, saddle and all.

It was a cool clear night with a gorgeous full moon, a perfect night for camping. But around three o'clock, when nobody except Lynn had had much sleep, the girls were muttering, "Why doesn't someone turn out that moon?"

Who could sleep with noisy horses munching, pawing, and leaping around, dogs howling, and the air getting colder and colder?

Babs and Susie zipped their bags together and snuggled the dog between them. Di and Jean did the same, but young Lynn slept like a log the whole night. There was frost on the sleeping bags in the morning.

Breakfast was an anti-climax and was eaten as fast as possible. The group packed up, trekked home and went to bed. But the adventure provided many a laugh for these nine years.

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