

Thanks for enjoyable stay

Dear Sir,
I wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams and son Andy for the way they entertained me while in Canada and the very nice evening they gave me to supper in Toronto and to the Exhibition and show and also for the very nice gifts they gave me, also Katie Turkoz for her presents, and Mr.

and Mrs. Jansen for keeping me for 10 weeks, and to all who made my stay most enjoyable.

Mrs. M. Irvine,
272 Danegall Avenue,
Belfast,
Ireland



WHAT BETTER PLACE to view the opening of a fire truck. They are Mike Myette, Don Cheyne, Keith Switzer and Blair Butcher.



VISITORS were escorted through the new fire hall by firefighters in dress uniform.

Sun shines on opening new fire hall

Perfect weather Saturday marked the opening of the new Hillsburgh and District Fire Hall, with a large crowd turning out to admire the building and view the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The firefighters, in purple blazers with fire department insignia, guided visitors through the hall, pointing out all the modern innovations, while wives with cameras waited the opportunity for a clear shot of husbands.

Many children attended, staying close to the two fire engines, watching for the chance to swing up on the steps.

Year's project

It was only a little over a year and a half ago that Chief Bob Cheyne, Deputy-Chief Wayne Knight, and Past Deputy-Chief Norm Cunningham met with Erin township council to advise building a new fire hall. The old one, in the community centre building was becoming outdated, and *euclre* players complained of truck fumes rising up the cold air vents to plague them.

Mr. Cunningham presented tentative plans for a new hall, cement block, one story, 60 by 44 feet, to cost about \$18,000. It was to include three 14 foot bays with a drain under each, washrooms, and a 20 by 28 foot meeting room. To bring costs down, the men in the fire department offered to do the inside work themselves, once it was enclosed. The advise was taken, the offer accepted.

The building is now a reality, and the interior attractively finished. The wall to wall carpeting of the meeting room, or lounge, brought the most comment from visitors, Saturday.

Some history
After a welcome and history of the Department, by school principal Andy King, brief speeches were made by township Reeve Lloyd Lang, Fire Chief Bob Cheyne, M.P.P. John Root, Ontario Firemen Representative Don Owens, and Arnold Qullman, County Co-ordinator for Fire Services, who had high praise for the firefighters.

Following opening ceremonies, Reeve Lang cut the red ribbon strung across the door of the centre bay, and the crowd returned inside where coffee and doughnuts were served in the left bay and lounge.

First meeting of Boy Scouts

Scouter Murray Harrison informs the Free Press that the first meeting of the 1st Acton Boy Scouts for the new season will be held this Thursday evening at the scout hall on School Lane. The meeting opens at 7 p.m. He said any boys 11 to 14 years of age interested in camping, hiking and just having fun are welcome to attend.

Defends downtown businessmen

Dear Sir:
The council seems to be at a standstill over the downtown shopping area. It is my personal opinion that along with the store owner, the town council must jolly well get off their butts and look seriously (not in a few years) but now at a few very pressing problems.

In town would bring on increased residential population, thus, increased sales to the businessmen and thus needed capital to make the changes that all residents are crying for.

There is another culprit in town, the landlord who is constantly increasing his rents, for the stores which he owns thus either driving the businessmen out or forcing him to seek other arrangements.

A Retailer

Time to think of our Fair

Some folk now are thinking, About our local "Fair" Where young and gay, and old and grey, Will mingle everywhere.

Our proof we "till" the sod, We raise our beef, in our belief, Our faith we put in God.

Just once a year we "strut our stuff", We meet our friends and neighbors, With noise and bang, we happy gang, Take time off from our labors.

I hope we'll never see the day, Big business kills our spree, With inheritance sold, our lust for gold, How can we then be free?

We trot the horses up and down, And put them through the paces, Our gals all dressed, in Sunday best, With happy smiling faces.

So, let's enjoy our little Fair, Don't let the worries mount, From nature's store, we need no more, Than things, that really count.

Our foods we spread, in grand display,

Victor Smith
R.R. 2, Rockwood.

Writer appreciates market

188 Churchill Rd. S.,
Acton, Ont.
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Acton Free Press.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the students who were responsible for the Market held in Acton every Saturday during the school holidays. I think they did a wonderful job, it certainly livened and brightened Acton up.

I should like to have seen more people there to buy the goods displayed so well. I myself was a regular customer, with the exception of the two Saturdays when we

were on our holidays, and I certainly appreciated being able to buy fresh eggs and vegetables from such pleasantly behaved young people.

I do hope they will do this another year, I suppose it would be too much for them to continue it through school term time, but I certainly hope they will do it again next year.

Thank you all for giving us so much pleasure and good service during the summer months and may I wish you all good luck in your future endeavours.

(Mrs.) Margaret E. Wright.

County on computer

Realtime Corp. of Don Mills will install data processing equipment in Burlington town hall this year, county council decided recently.

The firm's bid of \$1,064 was low bid. Eventually all areas in the county which need computer service will have access to it.

Burlington will be the first to plug into the Realtime computer and Oakville is expected to be second.

Transfer funds

Halton County Board of Health has authorized transferral of funds within the Health Unit budget in order to hire an additional public health inspector.

Chief Inspector J. A. Powell explained a student inspector had been employed from May 1 to Sept. 1 and helped ease the load in

the summer months. He indicated however, that the population was increasing and the demand was growing for service from his department. He pointed out inspector Don Jones had been appointed to a VD program some time ago, leaving two inspectors to cover north Halton.

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There are some new chicks, and some of last year's teeny-boppers have turned into real birds. And the greasy obnoxious Grade 10 boy of last year is now a sophisticated Grade eleven, after a summer pumping gas. And he has a motor-bike!

Most of all, at school they are accepted by their peers. At home, they were children, were supposed to love and respect their parents, and had to obey orders, however grudgingly. At school, they don't have to even pretend to love or respect their teachers and disobeying orders becomes a game, as long as you're not tagged.

There's another species. These are the mothers who tearfully, with enough instructions and warnings to confound a Socrates, send off the first-born to the first day at school. Don't worry, ladies. Next fall you'll be so glad to see little Tim or Kathy off you'll think there must be something hard and cruel underneath your love of the brat.

And what is the reaction of that fine, dedicated, altruistic group—the teachers? A few of them dread it. They are the realists who know what it's going to be like in February. They probably should not be teaching.

But, despite the fact that they moan and groan just like the kids, from my observations, 96 per cent of them are happy to get back into harness. And I do mean harness.

They've had a long holiday. Theoretically, they have "recharged their batteries." They, too, have become bored. They have spent too much money, as everyone does on holidays. They will have new students, and there might even be a few bright ones. They are going to teach better this year. They have new ideas they want to try. They've forgotten how willed they were last June. They've forgotten how ghastly it all is in February.

Personally, my battery has run down during the summer, and I'll have to recharge it at school. This will be easy. Just attach your cables to 150 kids, and the sparks will fly.

Spring is supposed to be the time of rebirth, re-awakening and such. But in Canada, we don't have any spring. Just some rain and mud between the misery of March and lushness of June.

In this country, we all seem to come alive in September. And getting back to school is like getting back to reality after the dream-like quality of summer holidays. Let's go, gang!