

We salute our senior citizens

This is Senior Citizens' Week. It is the third consecutive year that Ontario has set a special week apart in recognition of its older residents. The week is organized through the Homes for the Aged Branch of the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

As in previous years, the major objective is to focus attention on the three-quarters of a million senior citizens who have contributed to the development of Ontario. The week is designed to promote greater public awareness of the vast resource of skills and experience the elderly have to offer, and to encourage senior citizens them-

selves to remain actively involved in their communities.

This year Senior Citizens' Week has a second objective. A province-wide pre-retirement campaign is being introduced to encourage men and women 40 years and over to plan for their own retirement years.

Senior citizens themselves are proving to be the strongest spokesmen for retirement planning. As the "professionals" on aging and "retirement" they are preparing a wide variety of activities to celebrate the week in their local communities.

To date, conversations with

homes for the aged, elderly persons' centres, senior citizens clubs, municipalities, parks and recreation boards and a wide variety of clubs and organizations, indicated that plans for the third annual Senior Citizens' Week are even more ambitious and adventurous than in the past.

In this area especially Acton and Rockwood, the Golden Agers have always been active and taken an interest in community and social events that added a new dimension to lives.

We salute the senior citizens of the area.



RELAXING during the Y's Men's auction sale at the arena Saturday afternoon were Rockwood residents Leona Woolley and Christine Robertson, as Mr. and Mrs. Cranston Griese of the 1st Line Esquering take a

more active appraisal of the donated wares. All furniture, including the table, were sold. (Photo by D. Pink)

Hire 15 for playground from 37 applications

Councillor Barry Inscoc told the Parks and Recreation Committee he and member Ed Wood interviewed 37 candidates for the 15 jobs in the summer playground program to be operated by the committee this summer.

Twelve playground leaders were hired for six weeks at \$35 a week while three co-ordinators were selected at \$45 a week for the period, from July 3 to August 10.

He and member Ed Wood picked the leaders, noting the decision of former co-ordinator and swimming instructor Wendy Bell to quit had complicated matters. Miss Bell earlier indicated she would return but had a change of plans. She and Mary Ann Freuler co-ordinated the 1972 program.

Program planned Mr. Inscoc indicated he and Mr. Wood felt confident this year's program would be outstanding. Meetings had already been held to plan the program which will include seven or eight field trips to places such as the Lion Safari at Rockton, Riverdale Zoo and various farms. Theme for this year's program will be "Animals."

Main problem now is the absence of a swimming instructor with the required Red Cross credentials, which the committee was trying to fill.

"They've got a lot of good ideas and given a little guidance Mr. Wood and I feel they'll do a fantastic job," Mr. Inscoc said of this year's program. He said the committee would have liked to hire more boys but were unable to do so.

Darlene Beerman, Susan Mills and Rick Rocher were hired as co-ordinators to head up the program while Colleen DeBruyn, Maureen Gerth, Jill Pardy, Ron Moore, Gary Campbell, Pat Jordan, Kathy Frizzell, Kathy

Turkosz, Vni McGinn, Wayne Kroes, Tineke Vryenhoek and Karen Hillman will fill the 12 playground leader posts.

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AUCTIONEER and Y's Man Harvey Tuffin did the bulk of the trading along with fellow Y's Man Tom Browning at the Y's Men's Auction sale at the arena Saturday afternoon. Seen here with a prospective customer Y's Man Ross Ribey backs him up. (Photo by D. Pink)

500 attend sale \$2,000 in receipts

A crowd of about 500 and items for auction filled Acton community centre Saturday for the Y's Men's Auction Sale. The club brought in almost \$2,000 in receipts with services yet to be paid.

All furniture donated to the Y's Men was sold during the auction including a color television which went for \$218. Clothing not sold was transferred to the Scott Mission in Toronto.

Y's Men began collection of donations from Acton and area residents beginning May 23 and stored the rummage in garages. Ted Newman's Rockwood barn and the Lakeview Centre garage.

Thanking those people who helped out, Y's Man Lloyd Broadhead said it was a "very successful sale for a good cause." Auctioneers were Y members Harvey Tuffin and Tom

Browning. A refreshment booth was operated by the Y's Menettes.

New store
Aldo Frank of Georgetown opened his fruit store on Mill St. last week, in the spot where Bradley's Meat Market used to be. Dahlia Quinn is clerk and has had brisk business so far.

Last days
It's the last week at school, after over 40 years each, for G. W. McKenzie and Elmer Smith.

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Objects to hidden costs suggested by Task Force

Members of Acton Hydro Commission agree in principle with a warning from Andrew Frame, well known Burlington public utilities commissioner and member of Task Force Hydro, that Ontario Hydro could lose its accountability to the public.

Commissioners here could not comment in detail, however, as they have not seen the text of the Task Force's new report on the system's financial policy and rates.

Under the system proposed by Task Force Hydro, Mr. Frame said the total cost of electric power would not identify all the charges made to the consumer. He stated Hydro should continue to account for all charges.

The present system ensures this by charging local commissions for the estimated cost of electricity each month. At the year's end the difference between the estimated and actual cost of

the power is reconciled. "This is much more than a statement of balance," Frame said. "It is an item-by-item account of the year's cost of serving the municipality."

Mr. Frame said he also objected to a proposal that surplus funds be used at Ontario Hydro's discretion.

"Hydro will need money," he said, "but it should charge what it needs a year-by-year basis and not create a separate fund."

"The overcharging that could result from this new system could create a surplus that included money from unidentified charges."

Local chairman Will McEachern and Commissioner Bob MacArthur said they would be able to comment more when they read the report.

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Planning Warden's dinner

Halton County's Administration Committee endorsed reservations for Nov. 9 at the Holiday Inn in Burlington for the 1973 warden's dinner.

Last year the traditional dinner honoring the warden became a controversial issue when Warden Jim Swanborough arranged a dinner that cost more than twice the budgeted amount.

Cut budget As a result it was agreed the dinner in future would be planned by the warden and clerk in co-operation with the administration committee.

After Nassagaweya resident Gus Goutowski complained about the budget of \$3,500 for the dinner last year, council cut the 1973 budget to \$1,500.

SINCERE THANKS!

To the people of Acton and district for their donations and support which made this year's Auction Sale such a success.

Your support is much appreciated.

Acton Y's Men's Club