

# Five new businesses — upward trend

by Dave Pink  
Five new businesses on Acton's main thoroughfare have left only two Mill St. stores vacant.

Buildings formerly housing Mark's Groceries, Bradley's Meat Market, Watson's Music and the Motor Vehicle Licence Bureau, Dollar Daddy and the Family Store have been renovated and reopened for a different market.

Newest of the new, Gal's Pal, a ladies' wear shop, opened Monday in the former Marks Groceries. Proprietress Vinette Howell lives in Erindale and operates a similar store in Streetsville.

Mias Howell felt there was a need for a store in Acton and chose her location to allow customers more accessible parking space.

Business was brisk the first day.

Fruit Pantry owner Aldo Frank, is a native of Georgetown who established his business in Acton because he felt the town could support a specialty store. His location, in what was once Bradley's Meat Market, was the only one available at the time.

13th Palace

Ray Wolf, manager of the new Palace for Pizza, established his company's thirteenth location in Acton because the community was without a specialty pizzeria. He feels the town has growth potential and has reported good business since opening.

He and his partners Jim Rittinger and Dave Boxwell purchased the former Family Store and have converted the shop to two separate units.

A former Kitchener Waterloo resident Mr. Wolf and his family live in the apartment above the store. He would like to see the adjoining store rented and a business established.

Palace for pizza locations are also located in Elmira, Cambridge, Fergus, Listowel, Walkerton, Kincardine and six in Kitchener-Waterloo.

Bramalea Realty recently established an Acton location in what was previously Watson's Music and the Motor Vehicle Licence Bureau. The Watsons have since moved their business to 3 Elgin St.

Broker/manager Norm Wright explained Bramalea Realty feels the town is "ready to roll". Though the store is little more than a stopping off point for

Mr. Wright or salesman Mel Mark feels a central downtown location is an aid to business.

The Acton office is the centre of Bramalea Realty's North Halton transactions.

First Line Television's new location in what was once the Dollar Daddy store has improved business, says proprietor Henry Stuchyn.

Previously located in the Queen St. area, hecker's Milk, Mr. Stuchyn says he enjoys a larger store for less rent as well as an increase in trade in the downtown area.

South Halton Furniture has temporarily filled the vacancy left by First Line on Queen St.

Still vacant is the building once housing Lamb's Realty at 1 Mill St. The building has been sold.



ACTON O.P.P. DETACHMENT had this photo taken this summer prior to duties involved in guarding the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh. Constable Roy Wood is missing because of holidays. In front Corporal Arbour is flanked on either side by custodian Al Kirkness and secretary Marion Patterson. Back, left to right, are Constables Nick Farion, Dave Boyes, Bruce McArthur, Murray McCrea and Paul Brown.

—H. Coles Photo

## Regional police spell end Acton O.P.P.

When the regional police take over in Halton on January 1, it could also mean that Acton will be without a detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police for the first time in almost 25 years.

The O.P.P. took over duties in Acton in 1949, replacing a town force of two policemen who enforced the law without the use of a cruiser. Three constables and a cruiser first came to man the Acton detachment which has since grown to seven, including a corporal, a part-time secretary also assists.

A steering committee has been formed in Halton to guide the transition from local four forces to regional force but since this is the first time the O.P.P. have been involved in a regional shuffle there are other wrinkles to iron out.

The O.P.P. could be moving out of town at the end of the year and then again they could stay still another year under contract to the new region. These problems the steering committee is looking into before a regional police commission is named sometime in October.

Acton police chairman, Councillor Orv. Chapman, has been named to the steering committee which includes Halton warden, Mrs. MacArthur, Jim Watson of Nassagaweya, Milton mayor Brian Best, Burlington mayor George Harrington and Esquesing reeve Tom Hill as well as three members of existing police commissions, Judge William K. Warrander and Percy Cowan of Oakville and Glenn

Magnuson of the Georgetown commission.

A working committee of nine police officers has been established to come up necessary facts and figures for the steering committee. Included are the four chiefs of existing Halton police forces. There is no representation from Acton.

Nothing definite

Councillor Chapman told the Free Press that nothing definite has been decided about the future of the Acton detachment yet. He will be attending a meeting of the committee this Wednesday (today) and expects more information will be available then.

Acton councillors have made no secret about their satisfaction with the O.P.P. policing the town. There have been minor disagreements and some dissatisfaction but in the main it has been a harmonious relationship which the town has done its best to preserve. Former reeve Frank Oakes once told reporters that Acton gets excellent police service at a cost lower than the town could act with its own force. "We'll hang onto the O.P.P. as long as the law allows us," he said.

The present detachment is composed of Corporal Bob Arbour and Constables Bruce McArthur, Nick Farion, Roy Wood, Paul Brown, Dave Boyes and Murray McCrea. Secretary is Mrs. Hugh Patterson and custodian Al Kirkness.

Corporal Arbour took over the Acton detachment in August, 1972, following the death of Corporal Ray Mason who headed the force for 20 years.

Not all municipalities in Halton were as fortunate as Acton in having the up-to-date resources of the O.P.P. to assist in the work of the force. In Milton and Georgetown forces were too small to have many of the benefits available to the O.P.P. detachments and the larger Oakville and Burlington forces.

A regional force, it is hoped, will establish better facilities for police across the new region. Initial costs could be higher but it is expected they will level out.

Will there be a detachment stationed in Acton?

That is a decision the police commission must make in advisement with the new regional council.

## First meeting of centennial committee

The first meeting of the newly formed centennial committee

Ballinafad columnist retires

A faithful and talented correspondent for the Free Press, Mrs. Richard Shortill has retired. She has written the Ballinafad news for the past seven or eight years, following Mrs. Robert McEnery who now lives in Acton.

Mrs. Shortill says it's time for someone else to take a turn. She knows the district and its residents well and to her capable writing talents added humor and wisdom in personal comments.

She wrote the Ballinafad news for the Erin Advocate as well, but changed her columns somewhat for each paper.

Her column will be much missed and her district readers as well as the main office staff will join in expressing their regret, and wishes for relaxed retirement.

was held Monday evening, Mayor Les Duby told Council Tuesday and the group has broken up into two — a program and a projects committee.

The program committee elected Harold Andrews as chairman and the project committee is expected to follow suit by electing a head this week.

The mayor apologized to the press for the closed nature of the meeting, explaining it was called to get committees organized and

functioning and he wanted no comments misconstrued. He urged councillors to bless the newest centennial organization, promising that they would have something concrete to put forward in the next six weeks.

He stressed that centennial was not necessarily unique since several towns would celebrate in 1974 and hoped the new committees would come up with something within the scope of a town of 5,000.

## Apology!

An article in last week's Free Press referred to the new Hillsburgh Medical Centre doctor as Dr. Walker.

It should have read Dr. Ken Wilson

Our apologies

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Fairview and Kilbride Schools  
will take place on  
**Monday, August 27 and Tuesday, August 28**  
9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon & 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.  
Children who will be five years of age or before the last day of February, 1974 are eligible for Kindergarten.  
Georgetown, Acton and Milton District High Schools will accept registrations from students who did not attend Halton County Schools, Monday, August 27 to Friday, August 31, 1973.  
N.B. The first day of school will be on Wednesday, September 5, 1973.  
J. W. Singleton, Director of Education  
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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Stan Bowen of the Real Estate Firm of Bowen & Zuccala Ltd., Guelph, who recently sold Watson's Restaurant wishes Tom Watson a happy retirement after 28 years in business.

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Congratulations and much success to the new owner Paul Kotsopoulos for a prosperous future.

**Stan Bowen**

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