

OUR READERS WRITE:

Says Acton Blvd. now a drag strip

Dear Sir:
When Acton Blvd. was changed from a boulevard to a standard two-way street, not only was one of the town's prettier streets ruined, it was transformed into another dragstrip.
Now that the paving has been finished, the job complete, the street is a long, wide expanse of smooth black track, perfect for racing. And that's exactly what is happening.
Cars zoom down the street, oblivious to the fact that it still is a stop street. It should have been realized by someone in the planning that a street that looks like this

one does is conducive to faster driving. The stop signs are not noticed in many cases. This may be due to the positioning of the signs (I'm referring to the stops for Peel Street) but I'm more inclined to think that drivers don't expect a stop street.
It's frightening to see the cars zoom through across Peel St. Often we hear screeches at this corner. Soon there may be a terrible accident if something isn't done.
Whether it be a new stop sign, flashing red light or making Peel Street the stop street, something should be done immediately, before the inevitable tragedy.
A Concerned Acton Blvd. Resident

Opposes Christmas lighting contest

Dear Sir:
When even Ontario Hydro seems to have finally changed the tune of its advertising to one of conservation of electrical power, I find it appalling Acton Hydro is again encouraging Christmas lighting displays.
May I suggest that Acton citizens use their imaginations rather than strings of electric lights to create worthwhile Christmas decorations.

Remember, electricity comes from an inefficient conversion of coal or thermonuclear power, both of which are polluters of the environment.
Acton Hydro Commission's prize will thus go to Christmas time's biggest environmental polluter. Congratulations!
Yours truly
(Mrs.) Linda Craig

Says regional pay disgusting

Dear Sir:
The action of the newly-formed Halton Regional Council, in voting themselves a salary of \$8,500 per annum, has left me with a feeling of anger and disgust—anger at the duplicity of some of its members and disgust at their greed. We were led to believe, before their election, that their remuneration would be something like \$3,000 or \$4,000 per year. That seemed plenty, since it was stressed that it would be a part-time job.
The following figures are very revealing. Halton Hills representatives voted 4-1 for

the increase, Milton 2-1, Burlington 7-2, Oakville 1-6.
After all the ballyhoo about "service," I would suggest that our councillors use the \$ sign in place of the "S" when they spell "service" in the future. Two regular meetings in the month from 2 p.m. each day, with two committee meetings each month for the same time, looks to me like a 16 to 24 hour month of work. I agree with Mr. Donaghey when he says, "It's criminal."
Such a council should be called the Senate of Municipal Politics. The whole scheme is monstrous!
Yours very truly,
A. Walter Fosbury.

Revise zoning by-laws, save energy

Dear Sir:
This seems like the opportune time to revise the ridiculous restrictive zoning by-laws imposed on parts of rural Ontario, particularly those by-laws that make it impossible for anyone to build a house under 2,000 sq. feet.
Today, we are faced with the prospect of serious fuel shortages, high costs of building materials, land, and high mortgage rates. Such zoning by-laws make it

virtually impossible for a young couple to build an economical house of their choice, design and location.
A house over 2,000 sq. feet, insulated or not, is a drain on our ever-depleting fuel supplies. Financing is astronomical.
It seems to me we should be considering building smaller, low cost family type homes, which are both practical and economical.
W. A. Johnson.

Access to park is concern

Eden Mills Ontario N0B 1P0 November 5, 1973
To The Editor, The Acton Free Press.
Dear Sir,
Having enjoyed exploring the area around Devil's Foothole and finding fossils in the old quarry for many years with my own family and friends, my Brownie Pack,

and several classes from Rockwood Centennial School, I am concerned that free access will no longer be possible after Donmar donate the property to the University of Waterloo.
I urge Rockwood trustees to ensure the interests of the local inhabitants before any more of Rockwood land is allowed to go.
Yours sincerely,
Ann Veronica Chesworth

Standing out in the cold

Uncle Bob has made for me. On instructions from Pierre. So I won't freeze in this price squeeze. Some brand new underwear.
The sleeves are kinda baggy. But it's lined to stand this weather. To give more strength, to the ankle length. He lined the seat with leather.
It's a nifty set of underwear. To match other thermal wraps, I'll close the cracks to save on tax. And button up my flaps.
But, Uncle Sam won't need it, 'cause he's got lots of "Dough" To buy our heat, to warm his feet. While we tramp through the snow.
We're leaving quite a heritage,
Victor Smith, R.R. 2, Rockwood.



Count them . . . one, two, three

One month old on November 6, triplet boys born to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Tulloch of Barrie are all well and growing rapidly.
Mrs. Tulloch is the former Catherine Smethurst, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smethurst and granddaughter of Mrs. Joe L. McGowan all of Barrie, but formerly of Limehouse. Both families are well known in the Georgetown and Acton areas.
The babies are the first grandchildren for Harry and Helen Smethurst, and the first great grandchildren for Mrs. McGowan.
Joshua Thomas weighed five pounds at birth, his identical twin Dylan Mark weighed four pounds six ounces, and Aiden Garth, who is a fraternal twin weighed five pounds, four ounces. Needless to say, activities at the Tulloch household have changed considerably in the last month, where prior to the triple birth, Gretchin, a six month old St. Bernard was the baby of the family.
Mrs. Tulloch, a graduate of McMaster University, is a social work supervisor with the Ontario Hospital School's Community services branch in Barrie.

Open Contact Centre for this area Nov. 15

In England, shortly after the war, the first Suicide Centre was opened. It soon broadened its scope to handle all kinds of distress situations.
Now, Distress or Contact Centres are world-wide, dealing with marital, parental, alcohol, and drug problems, emotional distress, and plain loneliness.
On November 15, Georgetown will open the first distress centre for all of North Halton, including Acton, Georgetown, Milton, and surrounding districts. The Red Cross's emergency phone had been handling many calls up till now, but it became more than one person could cope with. Since no other group in the area qualified to handle the need, it became obvious that a new organization was necessary.
North Halton Telephone Contact Centre will be manned by trained volunteers, 24 hours a day, to serve either as a friendly listening ear or as a referral station, depending on the needs of the caller.
At present, 43 volunteers under the direction of Rev. Peter Barrow, are attending lectures covering such areas

Cold shoulder to gravel pit

About 100 people attended a meeting in Erin to hear an explanation of a gravel pit operation proposal stretching from 1975 to the end of the century. The 415-acre site is east of the village of Erin and plans are to extract gravel from 30 acres at a time with the final result a 40-acre lake with two-acre building lots on it, a community centre and a wildlife sanctuary. The presentation was made by Crawford Reid, executive vice-president of Telephone City Gravel Ltd.
There will be more public meetings and he will approach Erin township council. A zone change is needed.
Erin residents during the question and answer period expressed fear of gravel, truck traffic, lower land values, appearance, and the possibility one gravel pit might draw others.

Contact Centre job to listen

Thursday evening at Harrison public school, Bill, or Number 6 as he prefers to be known, from the Toronto Distress Centre spoke of his experiences as a telephone volunteer. He spoke to a newly formed group of volunteers taking a training course with North Halton Contact Centre.
He stressed the importance of the volunteer's purpose, saying it was not to offer help,

but to merely listen and share with the caller an understanding of the problem.
A suggestion of referral to a particular agency can be made to the caller. The speaker described the Sensitivity Training course provided for their volunteers, and the Centre's process of screening the volunteers.
Most of the evening was taken up by questions fired at the representative

He added, "This kind of organization forms itself on the principle that it will be very happy when it's no longer needed. You could say that it works to put itself out of business."
Anyone with any kind of a problem can write to the Contact Centre at P.O. Box 85, Georgetown now, or phone 877-1211 AFTER November 15.

Magnuson named to police body

Glenn Magnuson, a Georgetown insurance agent is one of three persons appointed to serve on the Board of Police Commissioners for Halton Region.
Magnuson was appointed by Ontario Solicitor General John Yaremko.
Glenn Magnuson has been in the general insurance business here for 11 years. Before being appointed to Georgetown Police Commission two years ago, he served as treasurer of Georgetown Library Board for three years.
Prior to that he was vice-chairman of the Board of Stewards of St. John's United Church.
He and his wife June, and son Bill 15 and daughter Mariann 11 live on Rexway Drive.



GLENN MAGNUSON

Judge William K. Warrander of Hamilton and lawyer William Hourigan of Burlington were also appointed by the province to the five-man board. Halton Regional Council appointed Burlington Mayor George Harrington and Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett as the council's representatives on the commission.
Policing services for the Halton Region become the responsibility of the Board of Commissioners of Police Jan. 1, 1974.

"Larger regional police forces provide increased flexibility; better utilization of available police resources; centralized record storage; better communication between forces; and greater standardization in the application of the law," Yaremko said.

Halton girl queen

A Halton County girl was crowned Miss Canada 1974 on the nationally televised Miss Canada pageant Monday night. Pretty 19-year-old Blair Lancaster of Burlington won the contest. Four finalists included her, two girls from western Canada and one from Quebec.
Joanne Schooley of Oakville was one of the eight semi-finalists. Miss Lancaster was awarded a \$1,200 scholarship, a new car and a host of other prizes.



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