

# Main business section has five recent changes

Several business changes have added sparkle and interest to the main streets just in time for the Christmas rush. Chamber of Commerce secretary Betty Eastwood has been delivering poinsettias to newly-established businesses and a couple which have moved from one location in town to another. With the plants she expresses greetings and best wishes from the Chamber.

A newcomer to the downtown business section is the first pool sales store ever to be located here, showing a trend of the times. Jim Mitchell, who has been selling pools from his house, decided to rent at a location easily accessible to the public. And his wife Doreen has added a line of gifts, novelties and records. A special Christmas line is on sale now.

Their store was formerly the fruit store and before that Bradley's meat market.

Jim has been in the pool business for seven years and has built 9 or 10 in the past couple of years here. He sees it as a growing field. At the store he will carry a full line of pool supplies and accessories. He also services pools. "I expect good success in the Acton area," he smiles.

In fact his father Jack, due to retire soon, is moving up from Brampton soon with his wife, to help out. He is a partner with his son.

Jim and Doreen have three children, David 10, Stephen 12 and Gordon five. They all go to Speyside school. The family lives at R.R. 1, Acton.

And have they got a pool at home? Certainly—"but it took two years!"

### Cleaner

A brand new business venture for Tom and Donna Manes is Family Cleaners, which they have taken over from Shamrock Cleaners. Tom was formerly at the I.G.A. store and Donna works part-time at Nassagaweya township offices.

They have moved the business into the Mill St. location where the credit union was formerly. They pick up and deliver, and do laundry as well as regular cleaning.

Again it's a family business. Tom's mother Mrs. Rowena Manes, R.R. 1, helps out sometimes behind the counter.

They have three boys, Bill 13, who helps too, and younger ones, Brad and Barry. They attend Brookville school.

The Manes family has been in the district about 20 years, and Donna (McMillan) is a Nassagaweya native.

### Women's wear

Gals Pals has been opened since mid-August. Owners Mr. and Mrs. Josh Howell also have stores in Streetsville and Ferguson. Rita Goodwin is manager of the store here with clerks Jean McAfee and Gladys Price, and Kay Hansen part-time.

They have a wide range of women's and girls' clothing including coats and accessories. Their racks are filled with constantly-changing items.

Location was formerly Marks grocery store.

### From plaza

First Line Television last April moved for the second time to an address which doesn't agree with its name. Henry and Bertha Stachyra had been located before for three years in the plaza at the east end of town, before moving to Mill St. near the main corner. Before that Henry worked out of his home for seven years.

They came to Acton 11 years ago. He has had a two-year course in electronics giving him backing in his sales, installation and servicing of radios, televisions and stereo sets.

Sons Richard and Jan also help in the family business. Richard specializes in installing towers and antennas. Bertha looks after the bookkeeping and a gradually expanding gift line of very unique and charming items. They also sell records.

### Barber shop

Norm Humeniuk opened up Norm's Barber Shop in a new location on Mill St. last week. His spot was formerly half of Family Outfitters and he's next door to the Pizza Palace.

He was previously in the plaza, and before that had a billiard room and barber shop at the Mill-Main corner. He's been barbering in Acton since 1960.

In his new location he has also added a sideline—a pop mart.

He sells wholesale pop by the case in 10 flavors. He's alone in his shop just now but in the new year he's expecting a stylist from Guelph to join him to specialize in longer hair for the young men.



BUSINESS CHANGES in town brought calls from Betty Eastwood representing the Chamber of Commerce. Left, she and clerk Gladys Price admire a gown at Gals Pals. Top left, Henry Stachyra sits beside a new TV with reproduction Aztec carving. Below, far left, barber Norm Humeniuk in his new location with customer Bob Price. Centre, Donna Manes at Family Cleaners. Below, Jim Mitchell at the Pool Sales store. Mrs. Eastwood presented poinsettias from the Chamber.



## Two lots or one? solicitor to decide

Mrs. Rita Green appeared at the Dec 3 meeting of Erin township council requesting a building permit to erect a second house on their 10 Sideroad lot.

Mr. and Mrs. Green purchased the Cedarvale school, situated between the fourth and fifth lines in 1968, complete with deed. They understood the whole acre was theirs but discovered half the lot was originally given rather than decided to the township for a school yard.

Application was made to a committee of adjustment for conveyance of the deed. Their lawyer advised the second lot be deeded to Mr. Green in order to preserve its separation from the original lot in Mrs. Green's name.

The Greens decided recently to build a house on the second lot, put a deposit on a one-fab house and applied for a building permit, which was refused.

Building Inspector Jim Delaney advised the Greens no official severance had been made; therefore the land was all one lot with only one residence, the schoolhouse, allowed on it.

Mrs. Green appealed to council that she was paying for her lawyer's mistake. So far the transaction had cost more than \$450, she said. Would not council issue a severance and building permit?

The Greens had been paying two separate tax bills, had two deeds, and considered the parcel to be two distinct lots.

Council sympathized with Mrs. Green but agreed the matter would have to be turned over to the township lawyer for decision.

## Crash injures three people

Three people were taken to hospital following a two-car accident at the corner of Highway 25 and 15 Sideroad about 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

William Jenkenson, R.R. 1 Campbellville and a passenger Mrs. Merle Kimball, 124 Heston Rd. Milton, were taken to Milton District Hospital. Jenkenson was released immediately following treatment for cuts.

Mrs. Kimball is presently listed in satisfactory condition with bruises. \$1,000 damage.

A 1973 Dodge truck in which they were riding received \$1,000 damage to the front end.

Gerry Homewood, Willowdale, was taken to Milton Hospital by a passing motorist. He was released Sunday afternoon following treatment for severe lacerations.

His 1972 Pinto received \$2,000 damage.

### Tracks gone

The railroad siding in through the Beardmore plant has been torn up. The tracks have been there as long as anyone can remember, but in recent years had been getting less and less use. Most shipping by the company is by truck now.

CN crews took up the track which extended a considerable distance, from the back of the plant to where it joined the main line.

### Ebenezer

## First advent candle lit

By Mrs. Ron McLean Charlie Gardner and Jay Kitching lit the first Advent candle.

deBlaw and Sheena Clegg, observing her 92nd birthday, at Halton Manor on Florence Diamond, who will Friday.

A congregational pot-luck supper is planned for Dec. 14, which will be followed by a short Christmas program by the Sunday School scholars. Birthday greetings to Mrs.

### CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR OTHERS

1. Applications for Christmas Hampers and Donations should be made direct to The Salvation Army.
2. Applications should be made (in writing) before December 13th, and should fully state name, address, names and ages of children and reason for the need.
3. Anonymous letters or telephone calls cannot be accepted. Address all correspondence to: The Salvation Army, 80 Waterloo Avenue, Box 1146, Guelph Ontario.

### Toyota

## Community Calendar

What's doing in North Halton area!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING HOURS

Most stores in town will be open every evening except Saturday, starting next week. Also, for your convenience, the Christmas bus service will be operating from December 10 to December 24.

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**BLOOD DONOR CLINIC**

The greatest gift of all... LIFE. The Blood Donor Clinic for Acton residents is now in Georgetown, at the Holy Cross Church Auditorium, on Monday, December 10, from 1:30 to 8:45 p.m. Be sure to attend!

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### Can Christmas be Christmas without Presents?

For many it has to be, but for most it means a giving and receiving of tangible material objects, and of course there is the less tangible, the acts of kindness and thoughtfulness to each other which Christmas stimulates in each of us every year.

This year the Chamber of Commerce wish to attempt to stimulate in the Community a spirit of Christmas thoughtfulness which can affect everyone.

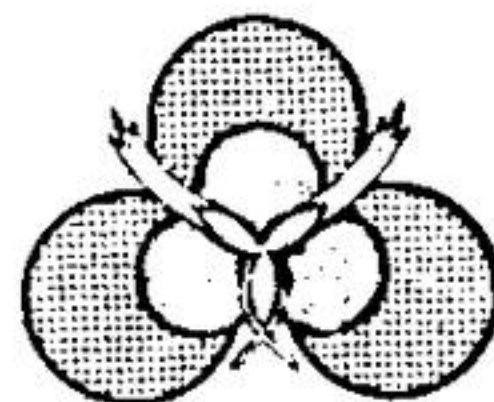
We ask you to look to your Local Shops for Christmas shopping this year. They have tried very hard to bring into their stores as wide a variety of goods as you will see for many a mile around. You can save time, money, and "Gasoline" . . . and also have the assurance that these people are your neighbors and will follow their sales with service and protection.

We are all guilty at times of running to the large centres for a wider variety, but perhaps we should think about what we are doing to ourselves and our Community when we do this.

We are taking Christmas out of our Town.

We are forgetting the people on whom we depend all year for the small necessities.

Please try this year to include your local storekeeper in your Christmas wishes, and make it a "Bumper" Christmas for Acton Merchants. They won't disappear like the mistletoe and Holly, until next year. They will be around all year to return your confidence with their service. Happy Christmas to One and All, and a Prosperous Centennial Year for Acton.



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