

Parking study shows no major problem here

Continued from last week
Experts from Acton's parking study, cut off last week due to lack of space, are continued in today's Free Press. The study, made at Acton council's request, is being forwarded to Halton Hills council.

Accumulation of Parked Cars

A total of 1029 vehicles was counted on Thursday, 1146 on Friday.

On Thursday, there are two major peaks, one at 11:20 a.m. and the highest at 4:20 p.m. with 133 vehicles recorded. On Saturday there is one major peak at 5 p.m. with 143 vehicles parked.

On Thursday, the parking peak accumulation occurs during the peak hour of street traffic and can be used in assessing the effects of parking prohibitions on the resolution of operational difficulties.

On Friday, the parking peak accumulation occurs somewhat earlier than the peak hour of street traffic, but this difference is not significant.

Space Utilization

In assessing the adequacy of available space, some allowance must be made for the need of manoeuvring space for short peaks within the peak period analyzed. It is suggested that 80 percent occupancy should be used as a good standard of availability, and that any area occupied to a higher level be considered overloaded.

On Thursday, it can be seen that parking spaces were overloaded only in one area. This overload condition is caused by one vehicle and therefore cannot be considered critical. It should be explained that the figure (125), which is the percent utilization on Mill Street, indicates that five vehicles were parked, while there were only four legal spaces available. One car was therefore parked in an illegal space.

On Friday, one block shows an overload condition of 83 percent. Again this was caused by one vehicle and cannot be considered critical.

Consequently, no action toward the provision of additional parking space could be warranted by existing conditions.

Parking Durations

The parking durations have been summarized. "Short term" and "Long term", short meaning two hours or less and long meaning over two hours. This was intended to separate the shopping parker from the businessman and employee.

The most notable result is that only 81 (7.0 percent) on Thursday and 70 (6.1 percent) on Friday, are long-term parkers. These are low percentages and indicate that many

businessmen and employees walk to work or park off-street.

Of those who drive to work, the majority park either off-street or on the side streets. It is interesting to note that 45 on Thursday and 35 on Friday, of the long-term parkers are parked basically in the commercial core. However, these long-term parkers in the commercial core, comprise only 7.4 percent on Thursday and 5.1 percent on Friday, of the total parked vehicles in that area. Only 11 on Thursday and 12 on Friday parked in spaces with 2-hour restrictions. Even this small misuse of the most valuable customer space would probably not have happened had there been an effective enforcement of the two-hour limits.

Illegal Parking

Illegal parking consists of parking in specifically prohibited areas including clearances, across driveways and at fire hydrants.

It appears that such parking problems as now exist are related to the lack of enforcement. There is sufficient space for every parked car in every block, but approximately 84 drivers on Thursday and 114 drivers on Friday chose to park illegally rather than walk a short distance from a legal parking space to their destination.

Church-Owned Parking Lots

Less detailed observations were made of the use of existing church-owned parking lots.

Lot locations and capacities are:

Knox Presbyterian Church on Knox Street west of Main Street—40 vehicles.

St. Alban's Anglican Church on the northwest corner of St. Alban's Drive and Willow Street—10 vehicles.

Trinity United Church on the southwest corner of Mill Street and Elgin Street—22 vehicles.

Both the lots at Knox Presbyterian Church and St. Alban's Anglican Church are used by long-term parkers, presumably businessmen and employees, who then walk to work. The numbers are 8 and 4 respectively.

The Trinity United Church lot was examined in somewhat greater detail. The total number of cars in the lot was counted every 20 minutes. This lot was used by both long-term and short-term parkers.

Recommendations

The intersections of Queen Street and Acton Boulevard, Meadvale Road, and Queen Street and Churchhill Road were investigated. No operational faults can be found with either intersection.

The parking analysis indicated no deficiencies in the study area. Therefore, no

recommendation is made to acquire additional off-street parking. However, if the Legion property were acquired, it could provide approximately 37 additional off-street spaces.

Main and Mill intersection
It is recommended that a pedestrian signal head be installed to control the south-bound pedestrian flow in the east walk.

Re-painting of the south-bound left turn storage lane on Main Street in accordance with M.T.C. standards is recommended.

Main Street South
A number of accidents has occurred in the area of Cobblehill Road because of limited sight distance due to hilly terrain. It is therefore recommended that hidden intersection signs be erected on the northbound approaches to Kingham Street, Hanson Street and Cobblehill Road.

Traffic By-Law

The Town has been supplied with a separate report entitled "Suggested Form and Content of a Municipal By-Law". It is recommended that a new Traffic By-Law should be prepared, with this document as its model.

Pavement Markings

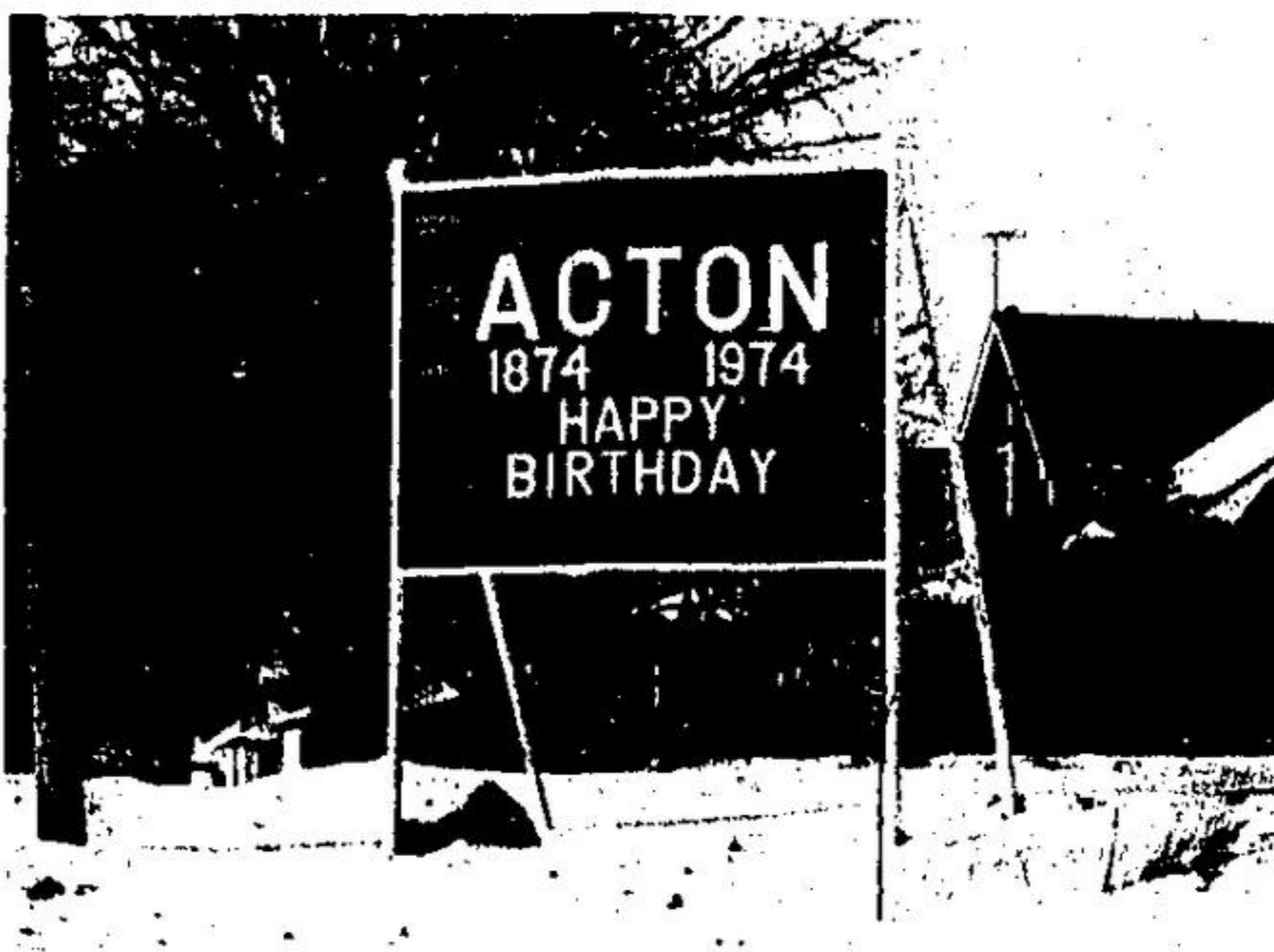
All pavement markings now used should be re-painted at least twice each year, in the spring and fall.

Traffic Signs

A number of existing regulatory signs should be replaced immediately. All traffic signs should be inspected annually, washed, re-coated, or replaced as necessary.

Traffic Enforcement

Enforcement appears adequate in all areas, except parking. It is recommended that twice weekly nonrepetitive enforcement of parking by-laws be conducted. If this proves to be beyond the ability of the present Police detachment, a part-time deputized by-law enforcement officer might be used.



NEW YEAR'S Day sunshine lit up a birthday card for the whole town, as lettering was placed for the first time on the four new signs placed at town entrances by the development commission.



CHANGES ARE coming—but not yet. Town of Acton municipal offices look just the same New Year's morning, but most of the staff will soon be moving out to Halton Hills headquarters in Georgetown. A staff of two will remain to assist



FORMER MAYOR Ted Tyler Sr. tries a piece of centennial cake, laddled out at the curling club New Year's Eve by Brian Robertson.

Wall hanging wins for Limehouse W.I.

A hand hooked wall hanging by Mrs. Neil Anderson, of Limehouse Women's Institute won top spot in Halton and north and south Wellington, and is now in Toronto to be judged in the Canada wide competition.

Winning entrants of the Canada contest will then be sent to Australia, for a world wide contest open to Women's Institutes, and Associated Country Women of the World.

The organization of Country Women covers 68 countries, including India and Africa, and will hold its triannual convention in Australia this year.

Mrs. Neil Anderson, (Jean) has only started rug hooking three years ago, but has taught sewing to 4-11 club members for many years.

The award winning wall hanging is a Chinese scene reminiscent of the Blue Willow pattern, but is done in royal blue and gold, with the Chinese symbol of good luck predominant.

Limehouse Women's Institute was founded over 50 years ago, and at one time had 50 many members, it was split, with Silverwood Women's Institute being formed to take some of the members.

Youth bowling

By Rick Roher

BANTAMS

First Shift: The Cats are on the rampage. They beat the first place Octopus by winning both games. It also moved them into a fourth place tie in the standings. The Whales have been bowling very consistently and doing extremely well in the point department. Today was no exception. They won both games from the Snails and moved into a one point deficit of first place. The Dogs got off to a quick trot winning the first game but the Rabbits managed to outpace them to win the second game and totals. Peter Turkoz, of the Dogs, bowled extremely well for his team with a 336 double.

In our second shift the Penguins got off to a slow start, losing their first game to the Donkeys. But they poured on the pressure to win the second game and totals from the slacking Donkeys. The Teddy Bears have been slowly but surely sneaking up in the standings. Today they won the second game and totals from the Sea Horses and are only four points behind first place. The Crabs, who are in a tie for second place, won the second game and totals from Kangaroos, but in the first game the Kangaroos won the match by one pin. It was a very close battle.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

First Shift
Octopus 28, Whales 25, Dogs 24, Cats 20, Snails 20, Rabbits 19.

TOP TEN

Peter Hurdle 350 (189), Peter Turkoz 336 (188), Eddie Blanchard 332 (173), Pat McClure 304 (159), Melissa Archibald 283 (152), Kevin Boufield 273 (179), Gary Boufield 267 (133), Diana Hickey 266 (132), Mickey Phillips 261 (140), Kevin Archibald 257 (137).

SENIORS

The Blowers bowled exceptionally well. They smothered the first place Primers in all three games. The return of Donna Gordon must have given them a lift. The Orfan Annes got off to a poor start, losing their first game to the Huffers's Raiders. But this made them angry and they came back to win the remaining two games and totals. The first place Sharp Shooters are on the move now. They won two games and totals, from the second place Janey's Sharp Shooters. Ron Moore, bowled an excellent 660 triple to lead his team to victory.

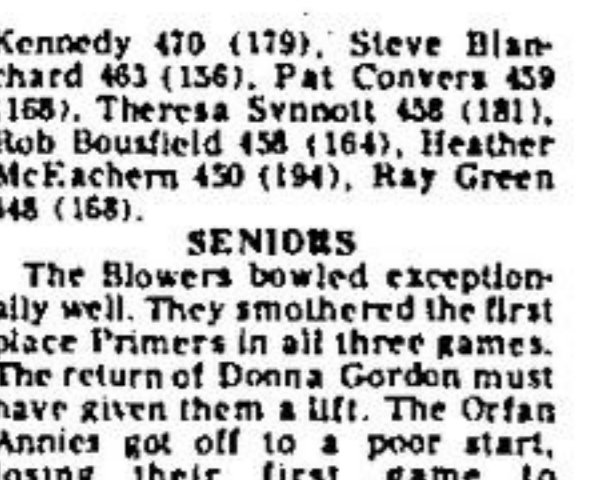
LEAGUE STANDINGS

Primers 41, Janey's 34%, Huffer's Raiders 28, Orfan Annes 27, Blowers 26%, Sharp Shooters 24.

TOP TEN

Ron Moore 660 (296), Deb Storey 516 (217), Gary Copeland 508 (191), Brian Larsen 504 (240), Rick Roher 548 (215), Heather Wilkins 514 (217), Floyd Hillier 502 (213), John Stewart 496 (177), Brent McEachern 495 (178), Eric Vryenhoek 492 (192).

MRS. JEAN ANDERSON



MRS. JEAN ANDERSON of Limehouse shows some of her hand hooked wall hangings. One is patterned after a Blue Willow plate and the other is in monochromatic tones.

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All residents and ratepayers in the area comprising the new municipality of the town of Halton Hills are invited to attend the inaugural meeting of the council of the town of Halton Hills, to be held at the ESQUESING MUNICIPAL BUILDING on THURSDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 1974, commencing at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

G. D. Pritchard
Clerk Administrator

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