

License stickers new regulations

Purchase of Ontario licence plate renewal stickers reveals that Acton motorists are down only slightly, according to Edwin Watson of the Acton motor vehicle permit bureau.

Mr. Watson pointed out that validation stickers started at number 1916751. A late Tuesday check revealed the next number to be sold was number 1917085, showing sales had reached the 334 mark since first issuance on Dec. 1.

Acton's figures indicate that at the same time last year 475 car plates had been sold. The information jibes with a recent announcement from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications who show a decrease in the usual number of sales. The Ministry officials are concerned that, if the number of motorists applying for renewal does not soon increase, it will be impossible to avoid lineups at the end of

February.

Will disintegrate Present multi-year plates must be validated by applying the sticker to the lower right-hand corner of the rear plate prior to midnight, Feb. 28. Motorists purchasing the stickers have voiced concern that they could be easily removed.

"No way," said the affable Edwin Watson who explained that they cannot be lifted, even peeled slightly, without disintegrating. "There's just no way anyone will be able to remove them," he said, and thought that maybe one reason people are not making the rush to get them on their cars could have something to do with the numbers.

"People like to go for good numbers," he said and told about many drivers trying to get in first for a preferred number choice on licence plates.

"One important item that

should be pointed out," said Edwin Watson, "is that drivers should know that they will be required to fill out an insurance form and hand it in, along with the ownership permit and fee."

Insurance According to the local agent, most people think they need only to sign their names but they should be prepared to complete the insurance information forms. The validation sticker will then be issued along with complete instructions as to the method of applying to the plate.

As in 1973, fees are \$23 for a four cylinder vehicle, \$32 for a six, \$40 for an eight cylinder car, and \$5 for trailers.

Mr. Watson also thought that information on the new regulations for uninsured motorists should be publicized. "The uninsured motorist fee is up to \$40 from \$24," he said, "beginning last Dec. 1."



APPLYING HIS OWN LICENCE PLATE renewal sticker to his '70 Hornet, Edwin Watson of the Acton Motor Vehicle permit bureau says that sales are down from the same date last year. He reminds drivers to be prepared to complete insurance information forms and, after they have handed in the form along with the ownership and fee, the validation sticker will then be issued along with complete instructions as to the method of application.

Selling homes

The way to Northdown Alteo Homes is pointed by a large new sign erected this week on Main St. S.

This area is phase three of Kingham Hills Estates, and circles the back of the cemetery. Although the roofs are just going on the four model homes in the area, about 20 houses are sold already. Construction will begin soon on about 30 houses there. There's a sales office in a trailer.

Occupants are all settled in the condominiums in the first phase of the subdivision. The second phase is all sold, although the condominiums there are not yet completed.

Police, firefighters hydro at accident

A car proceeding eastbound in the centre line of No. 7 highway last Saturday night necessitated swerving to avoid collision by a young Acton driver with his passenger, a former Acton girl.

The accident occurred at approximately 9:40 p.m. when Allan Bridgen, 18, of 118 Longfield Rd. was driving his '69 Plymouth westbound in the vicinity of the Blue Springs Rd.

To avoid collision with an approaching car the driver reportedly swerved, losing control of his vehicle as it skidded into the opposite ditch, hitting a hydro pole.

As well as the Guelph O.P.P. the Halton Hills No. one (Acton) fire department was summoned in case of fire. On their arrival the lines were found clear of the car and the driver out of his automobile.

The Guelph city ambulance was called, and, after release from the vehicle under which she was pinned, Debra Lee Schonnop, of 31 Greengate Rd., Guelph, was transported, together with the driver, to Guelph General hospital. Allan Bridgen was treated for minor lacerations and his passenger given overnight hospitalization.

Estimated damage to the Plymouth was set at \$2,000 with other costs including the damaged hydro pole at \$150 and \$40 for a broken fence.

New numbers for fire areas

Acton fire area is now known as Fire Area Number One and Georgetown Area is Fire Area Number Two. This is the opposite of the designations in previous years.

The decision to reverse the numbers was made to coincide to some degree with the ward numbers. Acton is Ward One of Halton Hills.

General Administration chairman Roy Booth explained this may cause less confusion.

Halton Hills council agreed and went along with the suggestion.

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Halton Hills Council Briefs

Banner, banner who's got the banner? Mayor Tom Hill raised the question of "who's got the Legion banner advertising the Legion bonspiel" at Halton Hills council Monday night.

He said they need it for the upcoming bonspiel and asked any members of Georgetown council if they knew where it was. "Try Works superintendent Frank Morette," suggested Councillor Ric Morrow.

"Try the hydro they put them up," said councillor Harry Levy.

"The Legion owned them and they're probably in shreds by now," added Councillor Ern Hyde.

Nobody knew where the banner was.

The administration committee of Halton Hills were asked to consider hosting a dinner for the curlers in the Legion bonspiel next month.

With the added council chamber at Halton Hills municipal building on the Seventh Line, and the added staff, council upped the caretakers salary from \$2,200 to \$4,000 a year.

Halton Hills council held up the final payment to Graham Brothers Construction for work in preparing the new sanitary landfill site, when Councillor Roy Booth said he was not satisfied with it, and asked for a report from the engineer.

\$100 deposit on business tax

A business tax deposit of \$100 will be mandatory for any new business, or a business changing location, if a recommendation made by the general administration committee of Halton Hills is adopted.

Councillor Russell Miller stated this could work a hardship on the small business man, and proposed the deposit be reduced to the \$100 figure, rather than \$200 originally suggested.

The deposit would be refundable only if the owner went out of business.

Treasurer Lloyd Peterson explained the deposit would compensate for loss of taxes if the business moves owing business tax, or goes bankrupt.

"The greatest delinquency is in business tax," said the treasurer. "We have to write it off and somebody has to make it up."

The treasurer said the municipality spends a lot of money trying to collect business taxes.

At council meeting Monday night, Councillor Ern Hyde opposed the \$100 deposit for business tax, saying it was a stumbling block to small business. "It may be only \$100 but I am against it," he stated.

Hill on board

To choose auditor

Regional Councillors Ric Morrow, Paul Preston and Anne MacArthur were appointed to a committee to help choose an auditor for the Halton Region. Several firms have expressed interest in the business.

Halton Region administration committee has recommended Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill be the regional appointment to the Georgetown and District Hospital.

Halton Hills Councillor R. Booth has been named as the Halton Hills representative on the board.

Centennial restoration for old town hall piano

A historic old piano will be restored by Acton Citizens Band as a centennial project. The instrument, visibly showing signs of its 80 year life span, was moved Monday evening from the basement of the Y to the music centre.

The task of restoring the piano to its original beauty and capabilities has begun already. The action has been removed for new hammerheads and new ivories will be placed on the keys. And ivories, these days, are made of plastic. Cost of real ivory would be absolutely prohibitive.

The band is looking forward to having the lovely instrument in the music centre.

There were many special events held in Acton 80 years ago to raise money for the town project—a piano for the impressive concert and ball room of the stately town hall which had been built in 1881. The Free Press happily reported the raising of the total sum required and the purchase of the piano from Kelly's of Guelph.

It gave many years of service in the town hall and then in 1965 the senior citizens moved it from the unused room upstairs there to the Y basement where they were meeting.

When they left the Y for more suitable quarters in St. Alban's parish hall they left the old piano, in need of repairs, behind.

The band had their eye on it, and felt it should be restored. They decided on this as one of their centennial projects, and received permission to move it to the music centre where it will be treasured.

"Basically it's as fine an instrument as it was in its heyday," says bandmaster George Elliott, "but a great deal of work will have to be done on it." The band will supply the funds for the work and perhaps do some of the refinishing themselves.

Provincial Treasurer and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs John White has said there are not sufficient grounds to warrant a provincial enquiry.

Town permits

There were 119 residential building permits issued during 1973 by the town of Acton with a total value of \$2,775,866. There were 57 single family units and 63 town houses included, one duplex and two stores with four apartments above.

Council dinner modest affair

Halton Hills council inaugural dinner was a modest affair, compared to the warden's dinner at the end of 1973.

The inaugural dinner held in St. Alban's Church hall Glen Williams cost a total of \$675. The warden's dinner last year cost \$3,924. The budgeted amount was \$1,500.

Councillor Ric Morrow congratulated mayor Tom Hill, saying it was an excellent dinner and enjoyable evening.

No inquiry

There will be no provincial enquiry into overspending the budgets for dinners held annually to honor retiring wardens in Halton County.

Ex-mayor in crash

A collision on the Seventh Line, at the railroad tracks, below the junction with Highway Seven, Saturday night sent Les Duby councillor for Halton Hills, and John Swan R.R. 1 Georgetown, to hospital. The Duby car was northbound. The Swan car was travelling south.

Mr. Duby suffered a slight concussion and was dazed and shaken up. Mr. Swan escaped with a cut to his leg. Both were later released from hospital.

Both cars were badly damaged in the collision on the hill over the tracks, and may be considered total wrecks.

Mrs. Duby said he was knocked out and remembered little about the accident. He hit his head on the steering wheel, cutting his mouth and lips.

Police from Georgetown assisted Milton O.P.P. at the scene of the accident.

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