

**ACTON**  
POPULATION 5,000



ACTON POPULATION is now 5005, since the arrival of the Saxon family. Geoff, 11, and Jim, 12, give nine-year-old Steve a boost to add the five. Mr. Higgins, the family dog, thinks it should read 5006. To learn the Saxons' impressions of living in Acton, turn to the editorial page.

## Stabbing charge against woman

A former Acton woman has been charged with wounding and assault causing bodily harm, following a stabbing at 43 Kingham Rd. on Dec. 27. The victim, an Acton man, was in intensive care in Guelph General Hospital until Jan. 8. He is presently in jail at Milton charged with driving while his license was under suspension, failing to appear in court, and having liquor in other than his residence. The stabbing is still under investigation. The woman, who has been released, will appear in court April 27.

## Probe three deaths at Acton quarries

Investigation by the Milton detachment OPP is continuing into the deaths of three men found early last Wednesday morning in a mobile home trailer at Indusmin Quarries near Acton. equipment operators. Their service with Dineen amounted to about five years, a company spokesman said. The trailer had been purchased new last August. The men stayed in the trailer, during the week,

returning home on the weekend. Funerals for the dead men were held Friday in their respective home towns. Police and officials of the Indusmin and Dineen companies imposed a news blackout immediately after the incident and cordoned off the area in which the trailer stood.

Provincial government inspectors also visited the quarries to conduct an investigation Wednesday.

## Davis okays \$8,500 salary

Premier William Davis put his personal sanction on the salary now being paid regional councillors in Halton and Hamilton-Wentworth regions when he appeared at a Chamber of Commerce meeting in Niagara Falls last week.

The Premier said Queen's Park did not interfere or make suggestions about salaries to be paid for regional councillors but he

advised reporters that the sum of more than \$200,000 for regional councillors in Halton was worthwhile.

He noted that the work regional councillors would have to do had more than doubled. Regional councillors in Halton receive \$8,500 per year plus an honorarium at the local council level. In Milton that amounts to \$4,500 per year while Halton Hills, councillors receive \$5,400 per year.

## North balks

## Sell county building

In spite of a plea from Halton Hills councillor Ernie Sykes, Regional Council voted Wednesday to sell the regional administration building in Milton to the province for \$1,728,050. Sykes tried to delay the sale until representation from Halton Hills could be made at Queen's Park. With the exception of Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur, all repre-

sentatives from Milton and Halton Hills voted against the sale.

Sykes said his council felt the administration buildings were ideally situated. He said the people in the northern part of the region were not considered when the sale was discussed.

Not just south "The development of the region is for all of the region, not just the south. The building will become more and more central as the northern part of the region develops. You're not just talking about the building or a property, you are talking about the lifestyle of the people," he charged.

Sykes predicted the decision to move headquarters south could cause a split in council that would last many years and he said council was headed for that split.

Councillor Ric Morrow of Halton Hills said the region couldn't begin to build a new building for the price offered by the province. He said he was opposed to the sale because it was unlikely a new building would be established in the central part of the region.

Burlington Mayor George Harrington said the offer was a fair one and the motion to sell was perfectly in order.

Burlington Councillor Tom Sutherland said the door was still open and no decision has been made concerning the site of a permanent building for headquarters.

He said the location of a permanent building concerned him. "Quoting the papers, I wonder if something is being cooked or are the cards being played right? There is no need to railroad this through today."

Cook it right Sykes' comment was a reference to a comment made by Chairman Allan Manson several weeks ago. The public works committee had been discussing the possibility of having the headquarters in the south. The chairman said it could be done if it was "cooked right."

Mrs. MacArthur took exception to the charges. She said the topic had been talked over and rehearsed for a long time and nothing was being cooked. "If it were, it would be burned by now. I'm prepared to sell the building. I can see a savings," she said.

Oakville Councillor Carl Eriksen said the region should keep possession of the present building. He said the costs of relocation and other ramifications weren't known. He told council all of the options should be kept open.

Council finally voted to sell the building. They are expected to authorize the signing of a lease for temporary headquarters at their meeting next Wednesday. Temporary headquarters will be situated in Burlington or Oakville.

## Where's money? asks Pat McKenzie

Councillor G. W. (Pat) McKenzie, chairman of Halton Hills finance committee, seemed to sum up the feelings of many councillors, last week, when he pointed out they were asked to deal with bylaws which would affect the financing, without knowing the financial situation.

"How can we look at spending great sums of money when we don't know how the various councils had planned to finance the

projects?" He referred particularly to the proposed recreation complex in Georgetown which is estimated at close to \$2 million dollars.

He wondered if there were plans for public subscription, as there are in Acton for the swimming pool.

He claimed it was impossible for members to vote intelligently unless they knew the financing structure, and called for a special meeting dealing only with financing.

## Parking authority for Halton Hills

A Parking Authority made up of members from Georgetown and Acton will be set up for the town of Halton Hills, if a recommendation of the finance and personnel

committee is endorsed by council.

Councillor Ernie Sykes, who was a member of the authority some years ago, defended the contribution of the Authority. "If parking was left to a committee of council nothing would be done," he commented.

Amid the laughter he said, councillors did not have the time to handle agreements with owners for use of land for parking. He claimed merchants knew the parking needs of their own area.

Councillor G. W. (Pat) McKenzie said a survey was conducted in Acton last year, which showed there was no need for offstreet parking.

Sykes explained that the members of the parking authority work for nothing, and are performing a service to the town. "All the expenses of the meters and acquiring land and improvements come from the money collected from the meters," he added. The committee recommended the appointment of Sandy Mackenzie, Henry Helfant and Bob Gougeon as Georgetown members on the Authority. Two members will be appointed from Acton after Acton area councillors have a chance to discuss the matter with merchants.

## Money for project held in escrow — DUBY

Commenting on the destiny of money donated towards restoration of the Acton community centre as a centennial project, Les DUBY, councillor of Halton Hills, said today the money is being held in escrow at the request of Jack Carpenter of the first centennial commission.

"The money has not been involved with other funds," said ex-mayor DUBY who added that Jack had made the request when the new centennial committee was formed after the Acton Centennial Commission was dissolved. What will happen to the funds has not, as yet, been

determined, according to the former mayor. "In my personal view, consideration will be given as to how funds will be allocated, either returned to the donor or otherwise," he said.

Les stipulated he feels no one has the right to allocate the funds to be used for any other purpose other than originally designated and believes that each donor should be contacted individually and given the opportunity to make his or her own decision.

Meanwhile, a meeting of the original centennial commission members is being held Thursday evening to decide where the money should go. Some of the money was designated for the original arena centennial project but some was also raised by the commission. Nearly \$4,800 is involved.

## Bike licenses at town office

Police in Acton and Georgetown no longer issue bicycle licenses. Licenses can be obtained at the municipal offices in both towns for a dollar.

When the police force became a regional body, the licensing of bicycles and taxis were dropped, and turned over to the municipalities.

At a meeting of the finance and personnel committee, Monday night, Councillor Russell Miller wondered if it was necessary to have licenses for bicycles. They have never been licensed in Esquesing.

Sykes said it could mean a brother couldn't give the bike to his sister.

Councillor Harry Levy said there was no problem if the bike stayed in the family, but if there was a new address the license should be renewed. The committee recommended a bylaw common to the three areas of Acton, Georgetown and Esquesing.

## Y director Cathy Smith

New part-time program director for the Acton Y is Cathy Smith, a district resident.

Cathy says she took the job because she remembers a few years ago when she was a girl they had trouble filling the position. "Now it's like history repeating itself, and I think I can fill the need," she said.

Cathy is a first-year fashion designing student at Sheridan College. But her main interest is working with animals, especially horses, and she hopes to make a career of it.

Come summer, she would like to introduce a Y program teaching care and riding of horses to interested children.



DIRECTING activities at Acton Y has its rewards and frustrations, and Cathy Smith, new part-time coordinator, is confident she can handle most of the problems that come her way with the help and co-operation of the new executive.

## Erin citizens plan petition

A meeting attended by approximately 100 people Monday night has triggered a petition which will be circulated throughout Erin township within the next few weeks.

The Erin and Erin Township Concerned Citizens Association (E.T.C.C.A.) called the meeting at the dining hall of the Erin agricultural society (Masonic lodge headquarters) to inform citizens on the latest gravel pit developments in the township.

Sparking the meeting was the recent application from Telephone City gravel company to have their land

rezoned, also the knowledge that two gravel companies had by-passed the township council to obtain operation permits directly from Leo Bernier, Minister of Natural Resources of Ontario.

Having talked with reeve Lloyd Lang, Dave Wright, chairman of the E.T.C.C.A., said it was his understanding that Mr. Lang was concerned, but believes that requests will be sent back to Erin township where jurisdiction is held.

In a letter Reeve Lang, warden of Wellington, admitted Erin township council was aware no one wants to live near a gravel pit. "It must also be recognized, he

wrote, that the economy of our country depends upon our natural resources of which sand and gravel are a very important commodity and can only be obtained where they exist."

Official plan The chairman said the E.T.C.C.A. can see the need of wayside pits but have never had reason to believe that large commercial pits are absolutely necessary. They contend Wellington County official plan has discriminated against Erin area by cross-hatching, indicating special gravel deposits.

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## Library board appointments

Halton Hills Library board, which replaces the former Georgetown, Esquesing and Acton boards has three members appointed by council, one from Ward One (Acton), one from Ward Two (Esquesing) and one shared by Wards Three and Four (Georgetown).

Appointed to the board are F. J. New of Acton, Mrs. Ruth Wilson of Esquesing and Mrs. Anne Currie of Georgetown. All were members of the individual library boards previously.

Mayor Tom Hill is an ex-officio member. In addition to the council appointees, the library board has two members appointed by the Separate school board and two from the Public school board.

Ben Boyle and Mrs. Cathy Perigo have been appointed by the Separate school board, while the Public school board appointees have not yet been announced.

## Drop in Centre opens Monday

If you're over sixty and you're downtown shopping drop in to the town hall for a cup of coffee and a game of cards any weekday afternoon between one and five o'clock.

On Monday afternoon, 18 old timers came out to launch the official opening of the Senior Citizens drop in centre in the former council chambers, where they enjoyed coffee and cookies and a game of their choice.

"We couldn't have had a place built that could be more central than this," said Ivan Harris, president of the Golden Age Club. "Before we got this there wasn't a place downtown where shoppers

could rest. They were just out of luck."

Donations The recreation board allotted the money to refurbish and maintain the roomy quarters. A three-piece chesterfield suite was donated, and a number of chairs have been loaned by the Legion. The club bought four card tables and a crokinole board, all of which add a homey atmosphere. An Acton builder has offered to install a double sink and counters free to help out.

The regular meetings of the Golden Age Club will still be held in St. Alban's parish hall on the first Tuesday af-

ternoon and the third Thursday evening of every month. The program often includes musical entertainment or one of the members may show pictures of a trip to different countries.

Won't refuse "You don't have to be a member to attend the drop-in centre," stated Mr. Harris. "But we won't refuse you one dollar a year membership fee, if anyone wishes to join."

He added that coffee will be served every day but there will only be cookies if somebody brings them.



EIGHTEEN DROP-INS enjoy a leisurely afternoon at the opening of the Golden Age drop in centre, playing cribbage, euchre or crokinole. They

were served tea, coffee and cookies, and chatted with old friends.