

# Travel, relaxation, fun, in minds of most people



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**Stan Petric**  
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**Mrs. P. Sawden**  
Goes to park



**Rick Belliveau**  
Likes camping



**Brian Skerrett**  
Likes courses



**Reg Ginger**  
Ontario-bound



**Dave Katz**  
Mountain walking



**Elsie Syme**  
Scotland, ahhh!

The Acton Free Press mystery reporters have been at it again with their hidden cameras and ultra sensitive microphones. They have learned what a great number of people in the area are doing for the summer, but more important, they have discovered what these people would rather be doing.

Their first victim was Craig Weldon who is employed by

the town. He does odd jobs like cutting grass and little bits of everything. For the summer he likes doing what he's doing now. "I like the job."

Stan Petric, grade nine student, is not doing anything this summer, or so he says. He did admit that he does odd jobs, though, like cutting lawns. If Stan had his way he'd be going to some far-off

spot in Europe.

Marti Bulkema, from Georgetown is working for Halton Hills recreation department. She is a playground leader for the full seven week course. What would she like to do for the summer? "Absolutely nothing!"

Mrs. P. Sawden brings her children down to the park every day because they participate in the recreation pro-

gram. She says she enjoys what she does because this way it lets her get out.

Rick Belliveau, from Brampton was just visiting in Acton for the day. He is camping in Rockwood for a few days, but is working for Goshen Tubber for the summer. There was no doubt in his mind of what he could rather be doing for the summer—"Just camping and

travelling."

Brian Skerrett who works in student services at Acton High, will be taking a two day course at Queens University on value and humanistic education. The rest of his summer includes babysitting and a trip to Halifax before school begins in September. Mr. Skerrett says he "likes courses". He would, if he could, take a longer course.

For the rest of the vacation he would like to go camping with his family, probably in British Columbia.

Reg Ginger, Acton resident for 12 years, will be working at Beardmore's for the summer. Although he has travelled from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Arctic to Texas, he would like to spend his summer camping travelling all over Ontario.

Dave Katz has visions of a little town in Switzerland called Zurmatt where he and his wife could go skiing and "mountain walking" to their heart's content. There are no cars there, only horse drawn carriages. What Mr. Katz is actually doing for the summer is teaching secondary school principals how to be principals. He is doing this as part of a teaching team at

Trent University.

Elsie Syme will be working her florist shop all summer, "looking after all the kids getting married." She does plan to travel for the first two weeks in September, though. Instead of working Mrs. Syme would like to spend the whole summer travelling in and around Scotland and the British Isles.

Two bikers, visitors in town from Kitchener, plan to travel to the east coast, hopefully to Newfoundland. The two girls would only identify themselves as Bernice and Donna. At one time both of them worked in Kitchener, but gave that up to be "free spirits" for the summer, just exactly what they want to do!



**Donna**  
Free spirit

## OUR READERS WRITE:

### Need of wise stewardship

Dear Sir:

Your July 3 editorial page included an article entitled "Food Shortage?—hokum." It may be wishful thinking on my part but I am assuming that its publication was to arouse reader response rather than to give tacit approval to such a parochial "I'm all right, Jack!" philosophy.

This year has been named by the United Nations as World Population Year. The Economic and Social Council of the UN (ECOSOC) has made available a wealth of researched factual information to alert all global inhabitants to the many-faceted dilemma arising from rising population statistics in a world of finite resources. Without being an alarmist, a thinking person must see the rationale for the wise stewardship of our resources and for the humanitarian distribution of food.

To get back to the offensive editorial referred to above, the writer's correct when he says, "90 per cent of us are over-stuffed one way or another." I would add that the stuffing too often includes complacency selfishness and arrogance.

Canada is indeed a land of plenty by global standards and together with a more

equitable distribution among Canadians we should assume our proper role in sharing our blessings with the have-not countries. None of us can take credit for our Canadian inheritance, nor should we permit our favored position to create the myth that we are a more deserving people. Nor should we look askance at religions and philosophies that are part of the inheritance in other lands. In true humility, we should say, "There but for the Grace of God, go I."

The St. Marys writer says we should look around us to see the true situation. Right! But lets look beyond our own well-stocked cupboards.

A man's stature determines the extent of his horizon.

Sincerely,  
Eldon Comfort,  
R.R. 4, Acton.

Editor's note—The St. Marys writer, we believe, referred mainly to efforts to make the public believe there was a food shortage in Canada but for Mr. Comfort's remarks we add an unqualified "Amen".

## Acton history back to 1821

Acton's historical background was assembled by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities before the centennial plaque was prepared. A copy of this resume of town history has been supplied to the Free Press by the department to add to our historical files. The information follows.

In 1829 Acton was simply a parcel of 400 acres of land in the second and third concessions of Esqueping Township. The first settlers on the site were Zenas, Rufus and Ezra Adams, the last named receiving a land patent in 1829.

A grist-mill was of primary importance to the establishment of an agricultural settlement. The first grist-mill to serve the Acton area was established near the site of Limehouse and was known as "MacCallum's Mill". It was certainly in operation by 1821, though MacCallum did not then own the site. The grant of Lot 24, Concession VII had been made to Abraham Seccord as the son of a Loyalist. This grist-mill on the West Branch of the Credit River served settlers in the Acton area until the construction of Nicklin's saw and grist-mill on the present site of the town about 1840. The first tannery at Acton was the Nelles tannery, opened in 1842. Tanning became a leading industry in Acton and though the Nelles tannery was burned in 1852, it was rebuilt on a fairly large scale. After another disastrous fire in 1872, the tannery was again rebuilt and was able to produce between 18,000 and 20,000 sides of sole leather a year. A related in-

dustry, glove-making, was a well established business in Acton by the mid-1870's. In addition to the original enterprises already mentioned, about the middle of the century Acton boasted carding and fulling mills, a carriage factory, a shingle mill, and a stove and barrel works. It was also well supplied with stores, hotels and livery stables.

The settlement that grew up about this industrial development was first called Danville, then Adamsville, and finally, by 1844, Acton. A post office was established at the

hamlet by 1850.

The Grand Trunk Railway, which reached Acton in 1856, spurred the community's growth. That year, following the arrival of the railway, the first village plot was laid out. The population of Acton by 1869 was estimated at about 700; by 1881 this had grown to 848.

Acton was incorporated as a Village by Halton County Council in 1874. The Village became a Town in 1950. In 1974 the Towns of Acton and Georgetown were combined to form the Town of Halton Hills.

### Need wider base A. Masson says

Municipalities will have to get more unconditional grants to relieve pressures on property owners, Halton Regional Chairman Allan Masson told a press conference Monday.

Masson claimed old age pensioners and persons on fixed incomes were being heavily hit with tax hikes. "It's sickening to see people work all their lives to pay off a bungalow and then have to pinch pennies and make ends meet on a pension allowance," he said.

Masson claimed Ontario gave its municipalities a better break than any of the other provinces did. He indicated the federal government should be funnelling money

through the provinces to municipalities. He claimed the federal treasury was the only level of government with a tax base wide enough to make the necessary funds available.

He noted the provinces and the federal government had been engaged in that quarrel for several years.

Halton Hills council plans to make an all-out effort to regain ownership of Norval and Chapel Street schools. Both schools closed their doors at the end of June.

Wednesday night council passed a motion asking the Halton Board of Education to deed back the schools

### School buses are concern

July 2, '74.

Dear Sir:

Recently I noticed that the Ontario Minister of Transportation, John Rhodes, intended to suggest to the bus manufacturers that the structure of School Buses be improved.

What annoyed me was the slack attitude toward the General Motors, for Mr. Rhodes "didn't want to make a fuss" and said he was "asking them in an easy way" to improve the structure of school buses.

He also said "he isn't sure the province can pass legislation to force the improvements", and "is satisfied to leave it to the manufacturers".

This sort of "gentle" persuasion will not convince any company of the real intent of

the many briefs sent to the province by the Consumers Association and the Home and School groups.

I should like to voice my protest against this weak attempt at improving the safety of school children's transportation.

Trusting that more parents who may have missed this bit of news in the election fever, will also show their own concern by letting the Hon. John Rhodes hear from them!

I am,

Yours truly,  
Mrs. S. Drijber  
P.O. Box 43, Mary St.  
Rockwood, Ontario  
NOB 2K0

### Barking dogs disturbance

The Editor:

A great number of barking dogs, day and night, are breaking the rest of homeowners in the otherwise quiet and lovely spot at the Library park and vicinity, Main North, and crosswalk.

Resident

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