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Smoke Shop new location

Joe and Helen Jocque have moved their Smoke Shoppe from its previous location down a couple of doors on Mill, into the former Eatons order office. They have more room for their tobacco, candies, papers, cards and gifts. The shop is a family affair with Shirley, Glenn and even young Marie behind the counter with their parents.

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Price, convenience, shoppers like Acton

Last week the Free Press mystery reporters went to Limehouse and Crewson's Corners to ask nearby residents about shopping in Acton. This week the reporters talked to people who were shopping in Acton and asked them what the advantages and disadvantages were, to them, in shopping in town.

We found Mr. and Mrs. John Post shopping in I.G.A. for their week's groceries. They live at 47 Frederick St. and to them it's the "convenience." They also mentioned that since they live here, they would rather spend their money in their town. The couple finds that in grocery shopping the prices are about average, "there's not too much difference." As Mrs. Post said, "It's too much everywhere." They find though, that there is no variety in clothing in the town.

Gerald Draycott thinks that the shopping in Acton has improved in the past couple of years, although there is still not enough variety in clothes. Other than this, "the rest is pretty good." Gerald lives at 85 Mill St. He was shopping in Home Hardware at the time the mystery reporters caught him.

"The only advantage is not having to drive out of town," says Mrs. Jean McPhail. If one had to go to another city each week, without making a special trip, Mrs. McPhail thinks it might be cheaper, but she doesn't know. When she shops in A & B she buys what she needs and no more, but, "all prices are ridiculous." Mrs. McPhail lives at R.R. 3, Acton.

There are "not too many advantages" to buying in Acton, says Shirley Thomson who lives "out Rockwood way". Groceries are too expensive in town, she says. "I can drive to Brampton and save." She is usually a Guelph shopper, but she occasionally buys in town and we found her doing so in Nielsen's.

Mabel Heatley was in Rachlin's Jewellers when she was spotted by the mystery reporters. She thinks Acton is "all right" for shopping and she says that she buys everything that she can, in Acton. She thinks Actonites should spend their money in the town. She finds grocery prices about the same as other places, but, there is not enough variety in clothing.

Jack Vos of R.R. 4, Acton was in First Line Television. He thinks that these kind of stores in town "sometimes have more variety" and "finer things". He thinks the prices are about average. In the clothing stores, though, there is not as much variety. Mrs. Vera Blanch of 19 Agnes St. finds that some stores in town are cheaper than in other places. She was grocery shopping in Foodland and she finds that she can walk here and also she gets delivery. She says "I'm satisfied with everything I buy in town". She finds no real disadvantages.

Shopping in Hinton's was Carolann Sprout of 79 Roseford Terrace. She thinks that the grocery prices are too high and that there is not enough variety in clothes in Acton. "There isn't too much." Mrs. Bing Ramsden likes to shop where she knows the people. She lives at 282 Arthur St. and doesn't have to drive out of town to get what she needs. She mentioned that Acton doesn't have as much choice as in the many stores that there are in a city. She was interviewed in Gal's Pal.

Doug Fishburn was shopping in Canadian Tire. He lives in Hornby, but is working in Acton. From his short shopping experience in Acton he finds that one "can get just about anything you need." He hasn't found any real disadvantages, and thinks that Acton "is a fair town to shop in!"

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Acton's booming!

18 Semi-Detached for Kingham-Main

19 houses proposed at Main S. and Ransom

One of the few remaining sections of undeveloped land in Kingham Hill Estates in Acton, may have 18 semi-detached houses at the Kingham Road and Main Street corner, if all approvals are given.

Monday night, Mike Brodigan of Windland Associates Ltd., proposed the 18 units on nine lots fronting on a crescent with access on Kingham Road. The property was owned by Dan Campbell.

Mr. Brodigan said he was asking for rezoning from R2 to R3 to permit the semi-

detached homes. He said he was also asking for suggestions to include in an agreement.

He said the Ministry of Environment had indicated they would approve the development since the 18 units would not seriously affect the sewage treatment plant.

Councillor Les Duby said the matter had been left in limbo by Acton council when the Ministry of Environment originally turned down the request.

The administration committee approved the plan in principle, and referred it to the planner and planning advisory committee for their recommendations.

A 19 single family home development on Main Street, Acton, fronting on Adams Street, and backing on Ransom Street, cleared the first hurdle, Monday night, when

administration committee approved the plan in principle, before turning it over to the planner and planning advisory committee for their comments.

Councillor Les Duby said most of the land was purchased from the town of Acton, but more land had now been added. He said the

Cooper property had been purchased by the developer to create a road. The property runs in front of Fairview Cemetery.

Duby said he was glad to see there were two streets to serve the area, and called it an improvement over the original plan. He noted the homes were set back some distance from the street.

The town planner asked Mike Brodigan of Windland Associates, and Roger Cunningham for ten copies of the plan to circulate to various departments for their comments.

Motorists: Don't ignore signs, or signs of life along our streets and highways.

Houses proposed on Elizabeth Dr.

Rugby Construction wants to build 12 single family homes and eight semi-detached homes on Elizabeth Drive, Acton, near Main St. N. Mike Brodigan of Windland Associates told ad-

ministration committee, Monday night.

He emphasized the lake area would remain open space to a depth of roughly 250 feet back from the lakefront, and be dedicated

park land.

Councillor Les Duby said a plan had been proposed for the area to the former Acton council and council turned it down, but stated "This is a much more acceptable plan."

The committee agreed to approve it in principle and turn the proposal over to Planner Mario Venditti, and the planning advisory committee.

It's a fish's life

by Cathy Ashley

After two weeks of cold, wet weather and one week of half decent, the participants of second session were evaluated in their classes. I'm happy to congratulate Scott Hibbard, Sandra Bendicks, Leah Stanbridge, Jason Stanbridge, John Cavlovic, Helen Staley, Kristine Hamilton and Carrie Hamilton on receiving their pre-beginner awards.

The beginners, passing with flying colors, are as follows: Jaye Gerth, Michele McIsaac, Harald Schubert, Ingrid Schubert, Margaret Schubert, and Rosemarie Coniglio.

On Saturday we again ventured to Georgetown pool for junior and intermediate testing. Karen Glenn and

Mark Sawden received their intermediate awards. Kris Heaton, one of our adult swimmers, along with Carole Staley, Linda Sawden and Lynn Kearley were awarded their Red Cross Juniors. I am very pleased with the results.

On Saturday registration was also held. At the moment we have approximately 60 enrolled. This session has started off with fantastic weather and everything is running great.

This Thursday the water safety program is having a float in the playground parade and afterwards a water safety demonstration. The demonstration will include self rescue, rescue of others, skills and strokes and a canoe demonstration. I sincerely hope you'll be there!

New legislation allows tax on mobile homes

Queen's Park intends to amend the law which has a provision for licensing mobile homes and allow municipalities to assess and tax them in 1974, the finance committee of Halton Hills was told Monday.

The residential farm mill rate will be applied to resident units, clerk Doug Pritchard explained, noting municipalities must repeat any by-laws which require regular licence fees. If

license fees are collected they must be returned.

"I'm pleased with the legislation," remarked Councillor Russell Miller.

Councillor Harry Levy injected a note of caution, suggesting license fees should not be returned in Halton Hills until such time as tax bills are sent out and collected.

Mobile home owners pay a monthly license fee in Halton Hills of \$10.

A few coins available

Just a very few Legion centennial coins are still available, according to the committee in charge of the project. Some are being saved by the Legion for presentations during the opening of the new Legion hall.

The special gold issue of the coins has been struck and delivered to those who had ordered them.

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OXFAM GROUP

A group of local citizens are considering establishing an OXFAM group in Acton. If you would be interested in forming this organization, a meeting will be held, Friday, August 16, at 3 p.m. at the home of Mrs. King, 274 Arthur Street, Acton.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Does your group or organization have any community oriented events that would be of interest to the public? The Chamber of Commerce is encouraging any community event to be publicized free of charge on the Chamber of Commerce Bulletin Board, located by the Acton YMCA. A representative of your group may drop in to Paul Nielsen's store for more information.

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