

**OUR READERS WRITE:**

**Crossing guard comments**

Dear Editor:  
I am Fed Up with Regional Government!

I'm sure if people in Acton were asked if they wanted Regional Government in the beginning the answer would have been a definite NO! Why weren't the people who call Acton home asked what we wanted? Democracy — What is its meaning? Let us put our X on matters that concern our life. A matter which has been brought to light in Acton, shouldn't we have our say on whether or not we keep our O.P.P.? They are a great comfort to have around. Granted, a few more men might lighten their load, so we could have even better protection but Regional Police, who needs them! Or the expense which logically would occur. We know we have a diligent and hard working police force in our town. Why lose them? This is not progress but stupidity. Milton spoke up for their police.

Come on, Acton let's do our bit, before we find it's too late.  
Eunice Gibb, a grade 9 student (letter in Feb. 12 edition) put one situation very clear. It would be great to hear more from our young people, whom we have many to be proud of in our town.

Parents should come see our nice new sidewalk on Acton Blvd. where your children have to manoeuvre their way to school each day. Then you would find out why they come home soaked, hurt from nasty falls, etc. Sure the street is paved, but all that nasty muck and slush is on the sidewalk on top of layers of ice. Why did the

town bother putting a sidewalk for the children if it's to remain an injury trap all winter long. (Pardon me, thanks, men, for the one sanding.)

Before I leaving Acton Blvd., please Mr. Engineer, put your stop signs entering Acton Blvd. A kindergarten girl almost got hit today by a car sailing through and she didn't think to stop, as a friend was playing chase with her. Close calls like this are not infrequent, in spite of two older children losing ten minutes twice a day from class, because of a badly placed stop sign. From my observation Acton Blvd. is the busy street, not Peel etc. Even more so now our town of Acton has a beautiful pool, so I'm sure the few cars coming to Acton Blvd. would not mind stopping to let our wee ones get safely to the highway.

All that I can say for our children's safety crossing No. 7 highway is Remember it is a Cross Walk, 30 mph speed limit, and I am a ferocious crossing guard.

Yes! the children are good. Wish I could say the same for some of the blind and careless drivers.

On closing the Free Press gives us in our home town a great opportunity to express our feelings. Let us all come out from hibernation and let our neighbours know how each other feels especially on Regional Government, before we are all sorry. Once our O.P.P. are gone we may wish them back, but you can bet they won't return. Another loss, in the name of progress?

Pat Robinson



**Pet of the week**

**STRAIGHT FROM the horse's mouth!** Yvonne Schwabe of Persley Den Farms and six-year-old Heldeheim talk over the \$70,000 the horse has won, including the Canadian Stakes in 1974 and the Natalma Stakes in 1971. The horse is retired for breeding.

**Limehouse**

**Many Scouts receive badges**

Contributed by Mrs. Hannah

The February meeting of Limehouse Group Committee was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo De Winter with five fathers and three mothers present.

It was reported that the duct work has been installed in the Scout Hut. The Scouts are making bird feeders for a money making project and the Cubs are making "things" for the spring sale.

Mike Smith has just earned his readers badge; Ian Brown, the carpenters badge; Darren Edmundson, the house orderly badge; and Ken Thompson, the green star. Service bars were presented to Akela Steve Thompson for 5 years and Elaine Hannah for two years. Kevin Forster has earned his house orderly badge too.

Last Saturday 2 cubs went to the Science Center in Toronto, accompanied by their three leaders as well as Frank Hannah and George Brown. Everyone had a good time and hope to do it again soon.

by Mrs. A. Benton

While on a coast to coast business trip, Eef Hoedemaker, of Vancouver, stopped off with his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Booth, for the weekend.

We extend sympathy to Mrs. Ralph Turner and family and to Mrs. Kirkpatrick in the passing of Mr. Turner in hospital in Toronto on the weekend.

Rev. P. Barrow dedicated copies of the new Books of Praise at Sunday's service. Clerk of Session A. C. Patterson on behalf of the congregation presented them.

**Snow cleared by town men**

On Monday, the town men were kept busy cleaning the streets after the weekend's snow fall.

**Silverwood**

**\$300 donation for hospital**

by Mrs. F. Scott  
Silverwood W.I. held their Feb. meeting on Thurs. 13 at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Beoney with 14 members and one visitor answering roll call. "A neighborly act I will remember." Then down to business. It was decided not to attend the officers' conference this spring at Waterloo. Members voted to

send the usual donation to the Children's Aid; also music festival will receive a donation.

Mrs. Anne Carmichael, secretary, read a letter from our provincial president, Mrs. Maluski of Chesley, stating her aims for W.I. branches. It was decided to hold our

annual card birthday party at Stewarttown on March 25. Silverwood members are to be hostesses for an evening gathering of W.I. members at the Maple Leaf Research Centre on March 20.

Back home Mr. and Mrs. George Ironside are home again after a trip to Florida. They enjoyed two weeks at Marathon Key, where the night temperature was never under 70 degrees and the day time was never over 80 degrees. They spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duffield at Panama City.

Community get well wishes are extended to Bill Wilson who is in Etobicoke General Hospital recuperating from injury in an accident three weeks ago on 401.

Meeting Four Silverwood W.I. members attended a meeting at the Stewarttown Community hall.

Interested citizen

belonging to several groups met to discuss the future of the landmark. It was left for further discussion.

Sympathy goes to Mr. Robert and Stewart Miller of our community on the death of their sister, Mrs. Laura Brownridge, this past week. Mrs. Marchington gave an interesting reading on this special year as it concerns women as current events.

Mr. Morris, administrator for Georgetown Memorial Hospital, was an invited guest to receive a cheque for \$300 to help pay for the Microtome Knife Machine which is used to detect malignant cells after or during surgery.

We gave us an outline of work being done at the present and hopes for further expansion at the hospital.

Mrs. Jamieson, Ballinfad, county president of W.I., was our guest speaker and told of the work in underdeveloped countries helped by our "pennies for friendship."

**Osprige**

**Ladies' Aid discuss rights**

by Doris Fines

In spite of snowy weather and poor road conditions, 10 ladies were present to answer the roll call at the Osprige Ladies' Aid meeting.

Valentines were exchanged and Bible verses read. Mrs. Elmer Fisher was the Mrs. Mike Dudnik was in charge of the Devotional, the title of her topic being "Men have been cursed to reign supreme over their counterparts". With so many women helping to earn a living, she stressed the importance of equality between men and women in doing various household jobs. She also read a prize-winning article written by her daughter Natalie, "Why don't boys stop competing with girls", referring to style and appearance.

Scripture was taken by Mrs. Byron Bruce, on a question and answer period. Some new hymn books are on order for the church, and it was decided that the ladies contribute towards these. Plans were made to have a booth at Fuller's sale in March.

Mrs. Henry Pankratz, in charge of the program, conducted a name and mate contest, bringing forth thought and humour. The meeting closed with a prayer.

Members of the Women's Institute packed a valentine box of sweets and delivered it to the Hillsburgh Nursing Home, to bring cheer to the residents.

The First Pack Osprige Brownies had a valentine party at their meeting on Thursday evening in the school gymnasium. The exchange of valentines was followed by a luncheon.

Mrs. Thomas Fines quietly celebrated her 89th birthday on February 14. Friends and

**House builder's problems**

Dear Sir:

I am writing to let the people of Halton Hills know the difficulties to the house-builder and the cost since Regional Govt. has come into effect. We applied for a lot separation over a year ago. At the time we were told "Acton has all the houses they can accommodate for the sewage available."

Soon after this several subdivision and houses appear. In the spring we applied again. We spent all summer running all over the countryside to meetings trying to get a severance from a one acre lot (with one house).

My family has lived in Acton for generations but it seems outsiders get more consideration. Finally in the fall we were granted a separation at a cost of \$1,100.

Next everything had to be cleared and deeded. We had the lot surveyed three times before paper work could be finished at a cost of \$327.00. It cost \$25. Just to try for a mortgage.

Your permits are all obtained outside of Acton and you pay for these of course (over

\$100). As your house progresses it has to be inspected at a cost of \$25. as you need your many three inspections.

In December I went to see about getting hooked up to sewers. Cost then was \$350. Of course Acton wouldn't take the check. You get the form and pay in Georgetown. So when we go down they tell us we have to pay in Acton because they have the forms.

In Jan. I went to the Acton office again. This time they tell me Burlington handles this — phone to Georgetown for more information — the prices have gone up. After waiting over three weeks and phoning several times were received the forms — the price \$1,400., water connection \$750, sewer connection \$700.

I was shocked and enraged. I phoned Georgetown to see if there was a mistake — that was it. I have phoned and tried to make contacts with people who could maybe look into it but we are still hoping.

The lone housebuilder has enough financial problems without being taken in by a government run, like a syndicate or dictator. It's time Acton came into its own.

Disgusted

**Urges group discussions**

The Acton Free Press, Acton, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Some of your readers may have been somewhat confused by the article in last week's Free Press under the heading "Fight for your rights, OFA president warned farmers."

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture has done a great deal to improve the lot of Ontario farmers, members of the OFA and non-members. At a Halton meeting on February 7th Gordon Hill, president of the OFA, told Halton farmers to "raise hell" if they did not like OFA and regional policies concerning agricultural land use. Some members of the OFA disagree with the OFA on the proposal for land use freezing and the promise of a form of compensation for the loss of development rights.

Due to a communications problem many farmers and owners of land in Halton do not understand the policies and planning that is taking place and which may offer an advantage or disadvantage to their short term and long term aspirations. Some may be pleased — others may be in for a shock.

Small group discussions are now taking place. If you have not already participated in one of these informal group discussions, call your neighbours and get as group together.

Informal speakers and information is readily available. Don't let planning pass you by — get with it.

G. P. Branch, R. R. 1, Norval, Ont.

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**A satisfied customer**

Feb. 13, 1975 R. R. 1, Acton

To the editor:

You hear so much today about people not getting satisfaction when they return an article they have purchased to the dealer for return or refund.

Well, I would like to say that I am not one of these people. I had purchased a pair of boots for my daughter about a month ago at Sweetman's Shoe Store in Acton. This week she came home from school with a big

hole in the toe of one boot. Immediately I returned the boots to Mr. Sweetman who took one look at the boot and said they should not wear like that. He gave me a brand new pair of boots without a second thought.

I just wanted to let everyone know that there is at least one honest businessman alive and well and living in Acton. Thank you again Mr. Sweetman. From a satisfied customer.

Mrs. Susan Townsend R. R. 1, Acton

**Most active in province?**

Mary Papillon of the Activity Group of the Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society wants to share the letters of thanks with all those who helped.

Dear Miss Papillon:

The members of the Activity Group from Acton must be the most active group in the province. Certainly, after the magnificent array of many attractive and useful articles received in October, little did I dream that it would be enlarged for the Christmas season. Each and every one of you kind people is a Santa Claus and the comfort and pleasure that it brings to the patients cannot be surpassed.

The cookies, cakes, loaves, brownies, jam and chocolates are a wonderful treat. The sugar cubes and fruit cubes were a novel idea and how useful.

The three quilts are just beautiful and will bring comfort and warmth to the recipients. To those ladies who made this donation possible, may I say thank you very much. Many hours of work have gone into this project and it is indeed appreciated.

Congratulations to the knitters for their contribution. The colours and the excellent work that went into the bed jackets, hats, slippers, socks, mitts, rip-ons, toques and mitt sets, skirt, ponchos, vests and sweaters must be commended. A magnificent job of work.

The draw string bag and the pillows, too, are much appreciated.

We thank all of you for your continued assistance and interest and it makes us feel privileged to be able to share your kindness and generosity with our patients.

Best wishes to all of the Activity Group

and friends for 1975.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Helen E. Howes  
Director of Volunteers  
Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto

Our sincere thanks to all of you for the beautiful knitting you sent to us recently. Everyone was lovely and was much admired by the staff here before being given out.

Much thought went into choosing just the right person for each article and we in Social Service enjoyed making the decision. Shortly before Christmas a young baby was admitted to the hospital. We felt that the beautiful white crib cover was just the gift for this dear little patient, and we were happy to have something so nice to give the parents.

Again our thanks to all of you. Your gifts brought pleasure to many patients and we are grateful.

Sincerely yours,

Doris Brown,  
Social Service Dept.,  
Princess Margaret Hospital,  
Toronto.

**Author unknown**

Another letter to the editor on the subject of regional government cannot be published until the name of its author is known. Please call or drop in and identify yourself. "Afraid of our Future." The writer shares opinions on taxes, snowplowing, homes without water meters, hydrants, fire chief and changing the system.

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