

# Cable television rates might have increase

Even before the cable television juice is turned on in Acton, customers of the Halton Cable Systems Ltd. could be faced with an increase.

Halton Cable Systems have asked the CRTC for permission to raise their rates from \$5 a month to \$6 a month. Their request comes before the CRTC on May 6 in Hamilton.

The new price would be applicable to Georgetown, Milton and Acton subscribers and for Georgetown customers it would be their second price increase in less than a year. Last summer the cost for cable television went from \$4.50 to \$5. In Georgetown, the cable firm begins operations in Acton next month and should be operating in Milton by next fall.

Jamieson explained the rate increase is necessary because the converter service is no longer a monopoly for the company in North Halton. He said when they pegged their rates last year they anticipated being the only suppliers of converters but since then converters have been offered on the open market, at department stores.

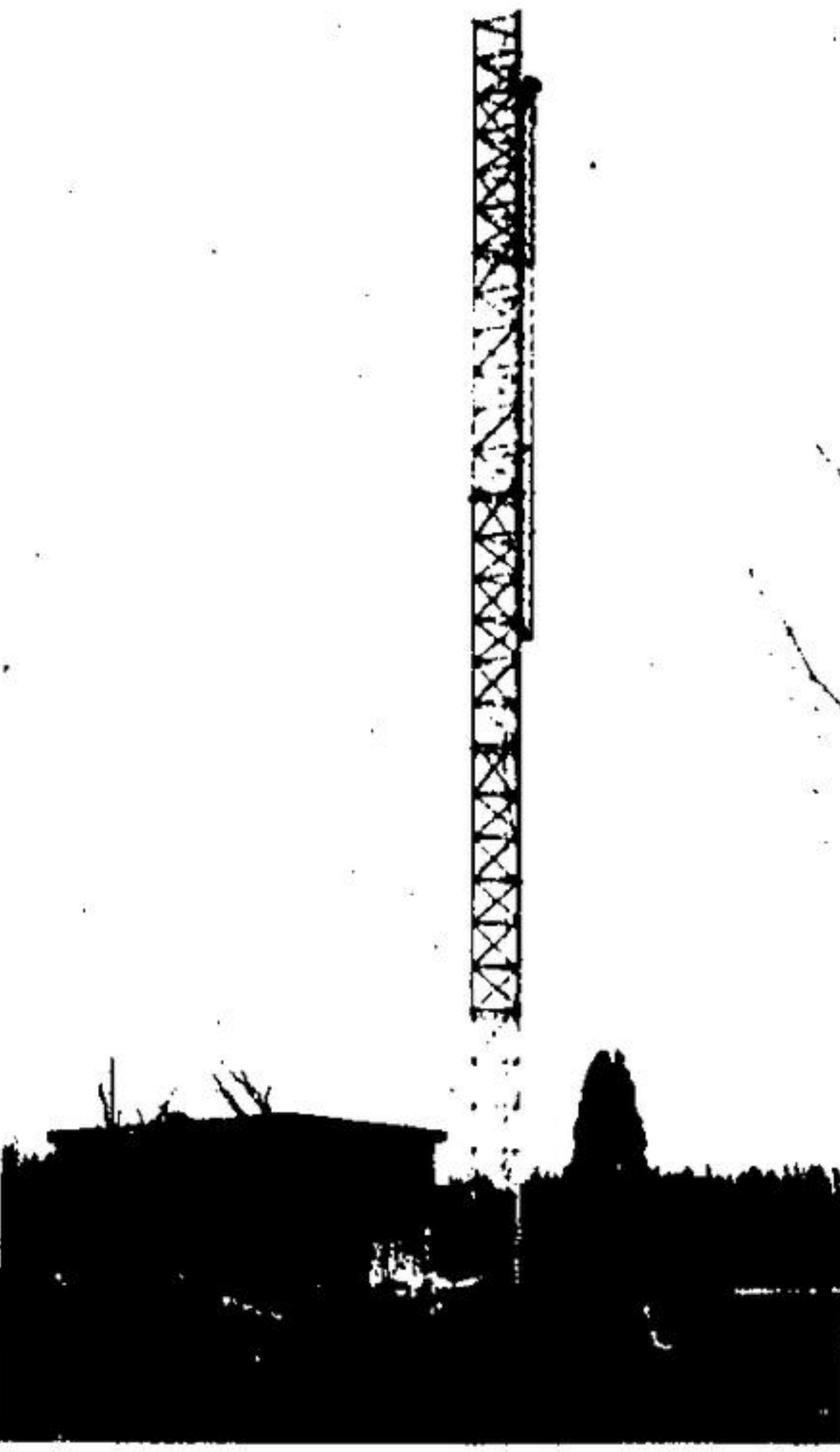
Installation rates will jump \$3 from their present \$10 and the basic and converter service combined will double from \$7.50 to \$15 a month.

"It is a tremendous cost to bring in converter systems. At one stage we would have been the only suppliers but that isn't the case now. We were going to lease the converters to our customers but now they can just go out and

buy them. We will need increased revenue to offset the money lost because people can buy their own converters. We are asking the CRTC to go along with us. We figure let them buy converters but allow us to make up the losses with a basic rate change. The problem then is people who buy converters won't be able to get service for them here in North Halton," he stated.

Jamieson noted his firm will still sell converters to customers at comparable rates as they would pay elsewhere.

He said the installation fee is going up because of increased labor costs and said the price will be the same as those charged by other cable companies in the Toronto area.



HALTON CABLE Systems Ltd. tower near Speyside is nearing completion. Once construction is finished, the service will be turned on to the town.

# Baby Blues for Halton viewers next year

'Baby Blue' movies will return to North Halton television screens about a year from now when CITY-TV, Toronto, starts broadcasting from the CN tower.

About a year ago the 'Baby Blue' and the rest of CITY's programs, were forced off Georgetown Cable TV subscribers sets by the Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC). The CRTC said CITY-TV, channel 70, couldn't be broadcast in Georgetown because the town wasn't in CITY's grade A contour. The grade A contour is the area in which a station's signal is strongest.

The CRTC reasoned that CITY was a station designed to serve Toronto and since Georgetown wasn't in their broadcast area the local cable television firm couldn't bring their signal into town.

Art Jamieson, President and General Manager of Halton Cable Systems, (formerly Georgetown Cable) said recently that when signals start coming off the CN tower a year from now Georgetown, Acton and Milton subscribers will be able to see channel 70's programs.

CITY-TV will be among the many stations whose signal will originate from the CN tower and CITY is the one station which will benefit most. Their signal is weak in the Toronto area and almost non-existent in Halton but with their power boost they will reach into homes as far away as 100 miles from Toronto.

"When they go to the CN tower we will be in their grade A contour and so will have their programs. We want to carry channel 70 and it will be on our basic 12 channel service," Jamieson explained.

In fact all of Toronto's television stations will be beamed from the CN tower. Channels 5, 9, 19 and 25 will all be coming into North Halton stronger because of the CN tower. However only channel 5 will improve for cable customers.

Jamieson said the CRTC signal from Toronto (channel 5) will be better for cable subscribers because their signal will be able to get out from under all the high rises in the vicinity of their Jarvis Street antenna. "Right now their signal isn't very good because of all the high buildings. Even we can't bring it in too well. When they move their signal will be better because it will be so high," he said.

Jamieson added the power boost shouldn't mean too much for the other channels since North Halton already has no trouble grabbing their beams. The signal boost will only help those in communities farther away from Toronto than Halton is.

He predicted when the stations start transmitting from the CN tower the cable firm may have to do some "juggling" to adjust to the stronger signal power and move a few channels around.

Jamieson isn't worried about threats from Buffalo stations who are vowing to cut off their signals to Canada when the CN tower

broadcasting system goes into operation. The Buffalo stations, channels 2, 4 and 7, say they will cut the signal off because the Toronto stations will penetrate too strongly south of the border.

"They have talked about changing the location of their transmitters to cut Ontario out but I don't think they will. It would cost them far too much. Besides they get benefits from being able to broadcast into Canada," he said.

Jamieson noted it would affect cable business if the Buffalo beams were cut off and admitted some people buy cable services because it helps them bring in American television.

In addition he isn't concerned about losing Buffalo signals because of court action.

He said CRTC has been encouraging Ontario cable firms to cut out American signals during commercials and substitute Canadian commercials. Jamieson noted like most cable firms Halton Cable Systems have resisted this plan, but a few have done this and wound up in court fighting legal action brought on by the Buffalo station owners. He said the cable firm's won the first round of legal battles but the case has been taken to a higher court.

Jamieson explained the CRTC has been encouraging the deletion-substitution plan because millions of dollars worth of advertising go south of the border each year because metro area commercial time is all used up.

## Students receive

Continued from page 1

In the band. There will be no beginners accepted, as there are not enough instruments to go around. It is the same as their project last year without the beginners.

Chosen Thirty-five pupils will be accepted free of charge. These students have already been chosen and will commence classes on June 23 until August 22. Classes are to be held five days a week, with a nine to five day. Each

subject will be two hours in length, covering theory, and music history classes, as well as practical playing.

The classes will be held in the band hall, and that will be using instruments belonging to the Acton Citizen's Band. Salaries for the four instructors will be \$110 a week for the two post secondary students, Mary and Janet, who will be graduating in June, and \$80 a week for the other two. They are one of 11 groups in Halton country who received grants.

## Rate increase waits

A rate increase for Halton Hills Animal Controller George Herrington was, once again, discussed at Finance and Personnel Committee meeting.

Mr. Herrington is asking for a 13 cent increase on every resident in Halton Hills. At the present time, Mr. Herrington gets 07 cents per year per person in the town. He has requested an increase to 80 cents per person.

This met with opposition from members of the finance committee and has been

investigated. Members agree an increase is due, but not to the extent Mr. Herrington is asking.

Since last year's figures were set, Mr. Herrington has installed radios in his trucks, hired more men, and acquired two new trucks. He is requesting a rate increase to cover these expenses, as well as the escalating cost of gasoline.

Figures are still being tossed around by the committee to be settled upon soon.

## Charge laid

On Thursday a local man was charged with mischief resulting from his reporting his car was stolen Nov. 23. He will appear in court May 14.

## BEEF for SALE

**"Tender Lean"**  
Grain Fed - Non Roughage  
Sides Average Weight 275 lbs.  
Cut and Freezer Wrapped

**877-6198 Georgetown 877-4207**

## Twenty years later ambition is fulfilled

Kathleen Maxwell has finally fulfilled a long-time ambition. She is now a real estate salesperson.

After 20 years in the egg business with her husband Eric, Mrs. Maxwell decided to take a real estate course at Conestoga College in Kitchener, something she had wanted to do when the egg business was first purchased.

However, all these years she kept silent until the day the Maxwell egg business was sold. When classes began last September, so did Mrs. Maxwell.

Now, after five months of subject such as Mortgage and Agency Laws, Economics of the Country and general real estate business, Mrs. Maxwell is an employee of Bowen-Zaccaria real estate in Guelph, who has 22 years experience in the Acton area.

With the controversy surrounding real estate these days, Mrs. Maxwell does not think this will interfere with her chosen profession. Actually, she feels the business will pick up now with the \$1,500 provincial government grant for first time buyers on new and used homes.

"People feel more secure now about buying a house than they did before," the new career woman said.

Work began two weeks ago, but up until a few days ago, Mrs. Maxwell was waiting for

## UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Acton's **CANADIAN** Fried Chicken

formerly: Rob's Canadian Fried Chicken



**Opening Special!!**  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY APRIL 26-27

**10% off**

- BARRELS
- BUCKETS
- THRIFT BOXES

Try Our Delicious Chicken  
**27 MILL ST. E. - ACTON**  
FOR FAST SERVICE

**PHONE 853-2730**

**H.S. HOLDEN**  
OPTOMETRIST  
36 Corn St. East  
GUELPH  
Phone 822-7150

**It's for the dogs!**

**"MADE IN GEORGETOWN"**

**TOP QUALITY DOG FOOD**

**Tack & Togs**  
128 Guelph St. Hwy. No. 7,  
Georgetown Phone 877-1818  
Formerly Sports & Tack

**LOVELL BROS. MEAT MARKET**

**RED BRAND BEEF**

Choice Prime Rib Roast	Bone in \$1.39 lb.
	Boneless \$1.79 lb.
Choice Sirloin Tip Roast	\$1.79 lb.
Tender Blade & Short Rib Roast	\$1.10 lb.
Lean Shoulder Roast	99¢ lb.
Lean Chuck Roast	95¢ lb.
Lean Stewing Beef	\$1.29 lb.
Fresh Made Lean Beef Steakettes	\$1.29 lb.
Lean Ground Chuck	99¢ lb.
Fresh Small Link Sausage	89¢ lb.
Maple Leaf Sliced Side Bacon	\$1.39 1 lb. pkg.

**FOR YOUR FREEZER**

RED BRAND BEEF		
Sides 99¢ lb.	Hinds \$1.23 lb.	Fronts 79¢ lb.

Lean Ground Chuck 10 lb. Freezer Pac \$9.50

**LOVELL BROS. MODERN MEAT MARKET**  
77 Mill St. E. 853-2240

## SIMMONS BIG SLEEP SPECIAL

Simmons Maxipedic\* made firm with Simcel\*

Queen Size Mattress & Box Spring Set

**\$249. "BIG SLEEP SPECIAL"**



One of the many construction features of the MAXIPEDIC\* is the use of Simcel\* cushioning. Simcel ensures firm sleeping support without giving the mattress a hard boardy feel.

- 312 resilient Adjusto-Rest\* coils (full size)
- Cover quilted with foam to surface sleeping comfort
- Matching Box Spring ensures maximum support and long Mattress life.

3'3" Mattress or Box Spring 94.50  
4'6" Mattress or Box Spring 114.50



**Simmons Sim-Quilt\* Continental Bed**  
Twin Size Mattress, Box Spring and Legs.

**"BIG SLEEP SPECIAL" \$139.**

- Mattress features exclusive Adjusto-Rest coils, white felt, prebuilt border and cord handles.
- Matching Box Spring with metal top construction and anti-sway stabilizers ensures longer Mattress life.



**THE VERY BEST MATTRESS MONEY CAN BUY HAS SOMETHING TO HIDE!**  
**BEAUTYREST... the Mattress** with the hidden difference - individually pocketed coils.

# Planning board rejects Acton industrial lots

A proposed 20 lot industrial subdivision at Lot 30, Con. 2, north of Acton was rejected by Halton Hills Planning Board last week.

The plan presented by John Rapski of Windland Associates Ltd., presented the plan for dry type industry on septic tanks, which the planning board termed "premature."

Mr. Rapski challenged a statement by Planner Mario Venditti that the area was prime agricultural land. He said one-third of the land was class 6, and the remaining on third was half class three and half class five. He told the planning board only classes one, two and three, were con-

sidered good agricultural land.

Venditti replied planners use more than soil types to classify an area, including the present use of the land which is agricultural and the yield.

The Planner claimed a survey, in 1973, showed approximately 200 acres of industrial land reserve in Acton area, which he said was sufficient for some years. He said industrial expansion should be on serviced land, so the building coverage could be more economical.

Councillor Les Duby said he had never seen the proposal, and agreed it was good agricultural land. He said there

was considerable amount of unused industrial land, and doubted if the existing trunk line could accommodate this type of development.

Councillor Roy Booth said he would not favor industrial buildings on septic tanks, except in unusual circumstances.

Mr. Rapski pointed out the lands immediately east and south of this land are being developed as industrial land. They were zoned industrial by a previous council," said Mr. Rapski.

Planning board turned down the proposal saying it was premature at this time.

## Naturalizer

THE SHOE WITH THE BEAUTIFUL FIT

**NATURALIZER SHOES . . . .**

• Quality • Fashion • Fit  
Come in and see our

**NATURALIZER COLLECTION**  
Many Styles and Widths  
to Choose from  
**\$23.95 to \$26.95**

The Villa

## Swetman's Shoes

DOWNTOWN ACTON 853-0360

**FOR YOUR FREEZER**

RED BRAND BEEF		
Sides 99¢ lb.	Hinds \$1.23 lb.	Fronts 79¢ lb.

Lean Ground Chuck 10 lb. Freezer Pac \$9.50

**LOVELL BROS. MODERN MEAT MARKET**  
77 Mill St. E. 853-2240

## HALTON HILLS FURNITURE and APPLIANCES

352 Queen St., (Hwy. No. 7 E.) - Becker's Plaza - Acton 853-0211