Halton Region's Finance Committee is looking for places to cut \$1,000,000 from the region's \$22,972,330 budget Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid has already lopped off \$1,000,000 from various tmental had three choices; it could budgets.

In a report to the finance committee Mr. Reid explained the current budget would represent a 10.9 per cent increase in levy to the area municipalities.

That increase will be dropped substantially due to additional provincial grants. Finance Committee Chairman David Coons points out. an additional million dollar cut would see the region requisition the same number of dollars from the municipalities as last year. Increased assessment will also help to keep the mill rate down.

Nothing major During the Wednesday morning session the conmittee chopped away-\$500 here and \$1,000 there. No

major cuts were made. Public Works departmental budget will be one of the tougheat to deal with.

History invisible

Another remnant of Acton history will soon disappear. But no one will miss it. because it's invisible.

Council has given two rending to a bylaw to close Adams St. The closing will be advertised and then third reading will be given and the bylaw passed.

The road allowance was never used, although the street was laid out and named for the founders of the community, the Adams family. It ran near the cemetery, and close to the lovely old house recently torn down by the developers who own the land. The house was thought to belong to the village ploneers, too.

Slides to music

at band concert

. The sight-and-sound band concert given a couple of weeks ago by Acton Citizens' Band is being completely repeated this Sunday night at the high school. "By popular demand!" explains bandmaster George Elliott.

Members of the audience were full of praise for the unusual concert last time. The musicians wanted to repeat it, too, after putting so many practice hours into it. Peter Saxon, a specialist in

audio-visual productions, spent about 60 hours preparing the slide presentation that is prefectly coordinated with the band the same, but Elaine Merkesmusic. He taped the band tein says she hopes to intropractices and then set the duce more salads in the warm slides to music.

The band choir sings as well, using their voices as highly specialized instruments.

Acting Director of Public Works Jack Corbett is asking for 18 additional staffers to bring the department up to a

proper operational level. Mr. Corbett told the public works committee the region hire the men and build the department to what he termed an operational complement, or rely heavily on outside contractors and consultants, or simply not get the work done.

Can't keep up

He indicated employees at the supervisory level and above were incurring a lot of overtime and were still unable to keep up with the workload. He noted there was work not being done because of a shortage of manpower. Several committee members bucked the proposal to increase the department by that size but the committee wasn't prepared to support a motion by Councillor Vern Connell to hire only four of the

18 people requested. Several committee members argued that staffs at both the local and regional

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of new salads.

Cory Van Merkestein and

wife Elaine are the new

owners of the Canadian Fried

Chicken take-out restaurant

on Mill St. They bought the

business from Robert Holmes

So far things are very much

and started in on April 15.

levels increasing by leaps and bounds-to do the same amount of work as was done by a smaller group prior to regional government.

'City hall is buiging at the seams and we've got another 200 or 300 people here. We're not doing the same work, we are doing less because of inflation," Connell said. At local level

Councillor Bill Mason, Chairman Allan Masson and Chief Administrative Officer Ernle Reid indicated the duplication was at the local level. not the regional leve. "I hope you exercise the same scrutiny at the local level," Mr. Reld told councillors.

Mr. Corbett refuted statements indicating his department had a swollen staff. Looking back a year, Mr. Corbett reminded councillors that the area muncipalities and the public utilities commissions has retained some people carmarked for regional employment. It is his contention that the department had worked shorthanded since its inception.

The matter of transferring staff and deciding how many

NEW OWNERS of Acton Canadian Fried Chicken on Mill St. are Cory

and Elaine Van Merkestein. Shawn Van Merkestein and Bill Ellis will be

business but the menu will remain basically the same, with the addition

The Merkesteins are con-

They regret having no par-

king lot with the restaurant

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New owners take over

Mill St. business

CHEESENGER (

people should be employed at the regional level was the subject of a long and controversial debates at the regional level during the early days of operation.

Deaf care Former works director Bob Bailie had Issued repeated pleas for additional staffers in order to get on with the job but, for the better part, those

pleas fell on deaf ears. While no councillor was prepared to endorse the bid for 18 Individuals, Mr. Corbett won some support from Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur who could see definite merit in having a chief ins-

Councillor Bill Mason expressed some sympathy with the staff position. He said the staff wasn't an established unit and he felt the council and committee were "putting the shackles on by denying additional staff." He Indicated he would like more justificution and more information on some positions though. The committee will investigate the matter

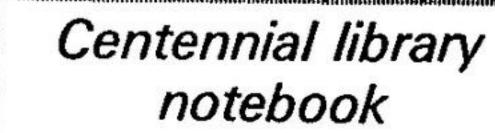
but they are near the corner

of Mill and Willow with par-

Shawn Van Merkestein and

Bill Ellis are on their stall.

of the main street.



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interest in yoga there is Yoga for the Mind by Yogi William

Just to mention a few more fiction which are going out and readers are pleased with. The Year of the Stranger by Allan Campbell McLean, the theme being placed on the For those who have an Isle of Skye in the 1870's.

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The Spell of Time, a story of love in Jerusalem by Mover Levin, is worthy of mention. Virginia Coffman's Mistress Devon is a historical gothic romance. James Aldridge's A Sporting Proposition is a remarkable story.

We have several reprints of the much-liked author Dorothy Eden and for Dorothy Heyer followers we have several reprints which are new to us, never having our shelves previously.

In the juvenile section are new hockey and sports books for the boys as well as some new stories for the girls. And for the smaller children there are beautiful books with lovely illustrations.

Barn destroyed

A spectacular fire razed the barn at the Valentina Farm. 15 Sideroad, early Thursday morning, destroying feed and farm machinery.

Just after the fire erupted, Vern Picket, manager of the farm, and Bruno Rossetti, one of the owners, evacuated 30 head of pure-bred Hotstein helfers which were destined for shipment to Europe. The two men opened the burning barn's doors and chased the cattle out to pasture. The

farm is near Stewarttown. Destroyed in the blaze were 5,000 bales of hay, 1,200 bushels of grain and 200 bales of straw. In addition farm equipment were ruined.

Picket said he spotted the smoke and flames coming out of the gable-end near the silo and added he owned the farm from 1946 to 1972 before milking herd had been selling it to Rossetti and his shipped away. The farm partners. After selling it he specializes in exporting prize stayed on to manage the farm cattle.

as Rossetti splits his time between Canada and Italy, Rossetti owns three farms in Italy. He had been eating breakfast in the farmhouse machinery and milking when he saw the flames near the barn door.

> The only cattle on the farm when the fire occurred were the heifers since the entire



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TWO HUGE RAINBOW trout were the eatch of Steve McLeod, 112 Poplar Avenue, last week during a fishing excursion to Thornbury. Steve landed the larger of the two, a 12 pounder measuring 33 inches in just over 25 minutes while he struggled about 20 minutes with the lighter 9 pound, 29 inch trout. He was fishing with roe or

Churchill

Graduation, wedding for Erica Strokov

By Mrs. Fred MacArthur Sunday morning worship service at Churchill communworking with the new management. They are planning extended hours of ity church on May 4 was very well attended. The rainy day and the anniversary service at Ballinafad church gave a reason for some of the usual members being absent. Our pastor Rev. A. W. Fosbury's sermon subject was "Among the thrones". Choir anthem was "Father walk with thee". Organist was Mrs. Donald Anderson.

Churchill community anniversary service is to be held on June 15 with guest speaker king on both streets and many Dr. Porter of Annen, with live within walking distance special music.

Mrs. Ken Vincent and wee Christopher of Peterborough

spent a couple of days with her mother Mrs. Mary McEachern and Mr. Angus Mc-Eachern. On returning home she persuaded her mother to go down with her for a short holiday. She reports it was a nice change. Mr. and Mrs. E. Storey and Ray of Orillia visited over

Saturday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Storey, Crewsons Corners. Wedding Congratulations to another

one of our Churchill Church senior girls, Mr. Ray Cornell (nee Erica Strokov) wno completed her three year course at the University of Guelph. On Saturday, May 3, she was joined in holy wedlock to Mr. Ray Cornell. The wedding ceremony and reception were held in Churchill Community Church. Her

there in April.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Storey and Ray of Orillia and Mrs. Gordon McDonald and Craig of Caledon were Sunday visitors with Mrs. W. J. McDonald.

Some of the Vanatters from Fenelon Falls visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr.

Following the rehearsal for the Cornell-Strokov wedding, the wedding party returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Anderson on Friday night. They were entertained to a buffet luncheon by hostesses Mrs. Vernon Cornell and Mrs. Don Anderson. Special guests were from Brantford, Troy, Prescott and

of Fergus were Sunday guests White's remarks. sister Elizabeth (Mrs. Mich- with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr ael Cooper) was also married and children.

R.R. Parker receives praise

"Mr. Parker has made many noticeable contributions to the Authority in the 20 years he served as a member and vice-chairman" Eric M. White, Mono Township, said as he presented Bob Parker with a painting on behalf of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. "He worked very hard to

initiate the Orangeville Reservoir project in the 60's, was a charter member of the Foundation and his expertise will be missed on hudget preparation and explanation", Mr. White con-

Charter members Mr. Parker retired at the end of 1974 as a representative of the town of Acton and the province of Ontario for 20 years. Both he and Mr. White are charter members of the Authority.

Credit Valley Conservation Authority Chairman Grant Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eveleigh Clarkson concurred with Mr.

The Parkers have moved from Acton to Toronto.

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Police urge car checks

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You might decide to turn not having been fixed. left, but the car could decide to turn right or continue in a O.P.P. suggests you have straight line, with disastrous your car checked over closely results, should something as a preventative measure. happen to the radius rods or control arms. Or you might decide you want to stop in a hurry because a big tractortrailer has just stopped in front of you for a traffic signal, but your car decides to go straight on because you haven't had your brakes checked over lately.

Late one evening, you could be going along the highway with only one headlight. leaving it to oncoming drivers to decide which side of the light you might be on.

During a spring thunder-shower, windshield wipers on which all maintenance has been neglected might decide to retire from active duty, leaving you to guess where

Arena break-in

The arena was apparently left unlocked one night, and entry was made by a person who proceeded to break into the office and booth. Police were informed of the break-in May 5. About \$25 was taken from the till in the booth, with about \$8 or \$9 left behind. A few packages of cigarettes were also missing.

are no tables.

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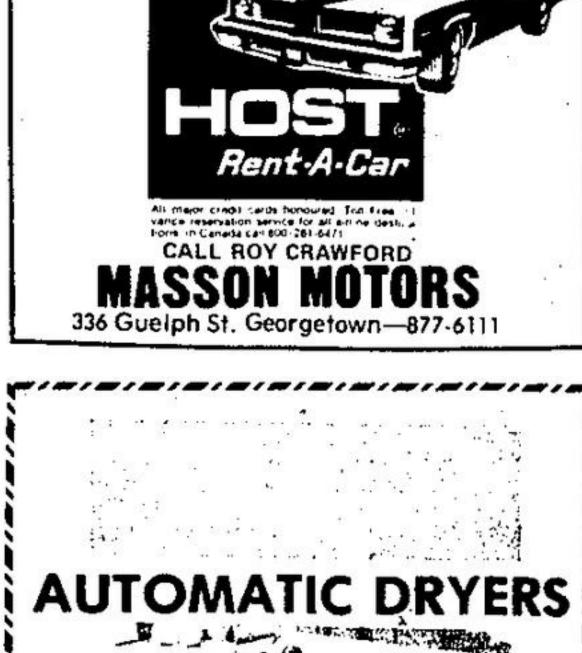
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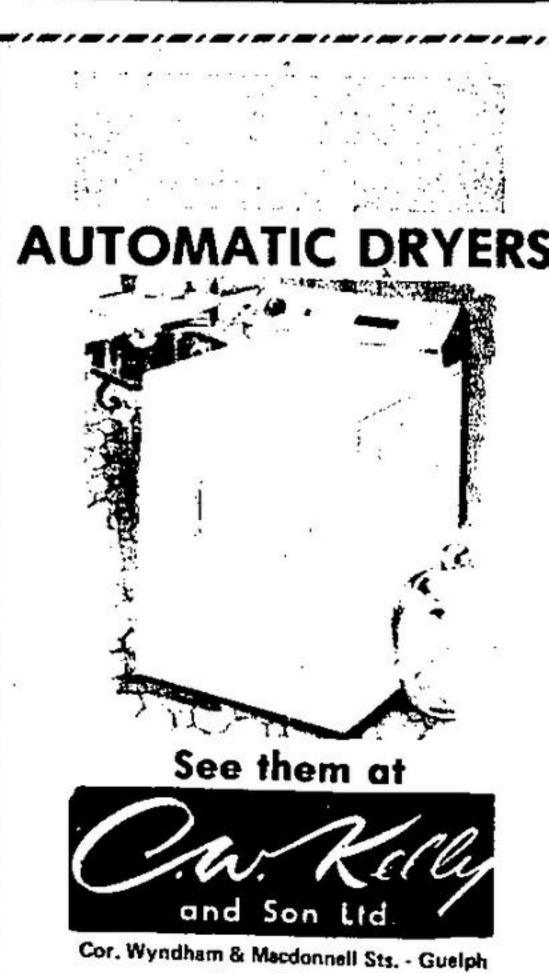
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