

# Confusion over Sunday sport

The confusion of activities allowed under the Lord's Day Act was shown again, Monday night, when Halton Hills finance committee approved a draft bylaw consolidating the three former bylaws of Esqueping, Acton and Georgetown into one.

Under the Lord's Day Canada Act, everything is prohibited on Sunday, but under the Lord's Day (Ontario) Act, a municipality may permit Sunday sport after 1:30 in the afternoon. Nothing is said about Sunday morning public sports or games.

Councillor Pat McKenzie said "According to this tennis, or hockey in the morning is illegal." Clerk-administrator Doug Pritchard pointed out with the exception of now allowing Sunday billiard hall operation in Georgetown, the bylaw is the same as has been in force for years.

Councillor Ernie Sykes. The Act says agricultural fairs may start at noon on Sundays. A discussion on private club sports such as golf as opposed to public sport, resulted in confusion. The question of paid admission changing the status was also debated.

Levy said it should be no different for people in a private club or on a public court, arena or golf course. "We're damned if we do, and damned if we don't," Levy added. The draft bylaw was approved with Sykes opposing it.



Up . . . and up . . . and UP!

UP 72 STOREYS to the top of First Canadian Place in Toronto go cooling towers manufactured here at Ajax Engineers. More dramatic pictures on Page B1.

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Councillors hedge, but . . .

### Approve band grant

After a detailed explanation of the operation of Acton Citizens' Band by Bandmaster George Elliott, Halton Hills finance committee, Monday night recommended the request for \$4,725 for the 1975 band operation be approved.

This amount is \$25 less than last year's grant. The committee also suggested their grant be given at the beginning of the year to coincide with the town's bookkeeping system. Mr. Elliott told the committee the band now has 90

members, with 85 of them residents of Halton Hills. In a statement of comparison he showed Acton Citizens' Band with the largest number of members spending the lowest amount of similar bands in Oakville, Brampton, Burlington and Chingua-

cousy. Mr. Elliott said the Music Centre, was built by the band members in 1965, but not officially opened until 1969. He said the municipal band grant, originally half a mill given to them following a plebiscite, was intended to operate the band's musical programs only. He said in the first few years some of that money had been transferred to the building account to cover principal, interest and some heating expenses, but emphasized that has not been done since 1970.

Councillor Pat McKenzie asked him to explain the players' fund, to the committee. Mr. Elliott said the money from that fund came from out of town engagements, prize money, or special projects such as dances. He said once a year a social evening for the members is paid for from the players' fund, and the rest goes to further musical projects in Acton. "We are bringing money (Continued on Page 3)

### Gary Dawkins seeks PC seat

A life-long resident of Acton, Gary Dawkins will stand for nomination as the Progressive-Conservative member of parliament for Halton-Burlington.

He has been considering getting into politics for quite a while, he said this week, and has now made up his mind. Mr. Dawkins is principal of the M. Z. Bennett school in Acton, and can arrange with the Board of Education to take a short leave of absence at election time and a long-term leave of absence if he is successful in winning the seat.

"It will be a learning experience," says the principal, "but I'm going in it to win!" In family Politics is in the family. His grandfather, Dr. Harry Cox, who was the local veterinarian, walked all the way from Speyside to Milton to cast his first vote as a young man.

Grandson Gary Dawkins has been active in the Acton Progressive-Conservative Association since the early 1960s and has worked actively in all federal and provincial campaigns since. "I had the honor of seconding George Kerr's nomination for the last provincial election," he says.

He is 36, married, with two sons, Mark in Grade 5 at the Robert Little school - and Michael who will be in kindergarten next fall.

He attended the Robert Little school and Acton high school, was active in athletics and the student council, was captain or co-captain of the football team for three years and a member of Acton's only undefeated football team.

B.A. degree He has his B.A. degree from Sir Wilfred Laurier University and attended Lakeshore Teachers' College. He holds a Permanent Standard Four Teaching Certificate and a permanent Principal's Certificate.

He taught for 13 years at Speyside school, 10 of them as principal. For the last two years he has been principal of the M. Z. Bennett public school in Acton.

He has been a member of the North Area Principals' Advisory committee; active in the Halton Principals Association and served on this executive for four years and held the position of president as well as chairman of the Professional Development Committee and the Economic Policy Committee.

He is presently the principals' representative on the staff-board committee and the Halton Elementary Teachers' Association Council.

He's a member of the Rotary club of Acton with 12 years' perfect attendance and has served in almost every office with two terms as pre-



Gary Dawkins

### Change house? "blow it up!"

The change house in the park is in "terrible condition", recreation coordinator John Cooper told the recreation advisory committee last Thursday. He is proposing repairs and changes.

Brendan Ahearne had a good idea for a change. "Blow it up," he advised.

Mr. Cooper said three guards will be hired for the beach and wading pool this summer, and they will be asked to check the change rooms on their time off. The guards are required to have 20 minutes off each hour, and so the change rooms will be checked three times each hour. The building will be locked at night.

### No. 7 to be better soon

The Department of Communications and Transportation intends to proceed in 1975 with the rebuilding of No. 7 highway between Acton and Guelph, according to the Minister, John Rhodes.

The work includes grading, drainage, granular base and paving for 12.1 miles from Victoria Road in Guelph east to the north junction of No. 25 highway at Toth Motors. The contract will exclude .04 miles in Rockwood.

Following George Kerr's announcement here in Acton that No. 7 improvements were expected soon, the Department was contacted and confirmed the '75 plan.

## Acton men planning cross-Canada skate

Two young Acton men plan to catch up to and pass the Great Wagon Train - on roller skates.

Joe Brideau and Ross Marsh plan to set a world precedent, and be the first to roller skate across Canada. They will be leaving Toronto City Hall on June 14, backtracking to hometown Acton, and travelling along highway No. 7 to 27. From here they will continue north, heading towards the west.

The two young men hope to have pledges for each mile they skate, with the proceeds going to UNICEF. MacGregor division of Brunswick International is supplying all the skates, parts and repair kits the couple will need for their trek. They will be passing through many small towns and cities and feel Acton will be receiving quite a bit a publicity.



PLANNING TO Roller skate across Canada for UNICEF, Ross Marsh, left, and Joe Brideau try on their skates for sizing.

through them, across the country.

The two hope to meet the wagon train some place in Manitoba and fully expect to pass it. Joe feels they can do at least 60 miles a day, while the train only does 20 to 30.

Hope for van The men are hoping some car dealership in Toronto will sponsor a van or truck to follow them. In this way, one can be resting, while the other is skating. They plan to have someone skating at all times. They also need someone to come with them to drive the van, and take care of blisters, bruises, etc. Ross, who has only been on roller skates twice in his life, pointed out they will be wearing padding on their elbows, knees and rear-end "for obvious reasons."

A representative of the (Continued on page 2)



Laying on of hands

THE RIGHT Reverend W. E. Bagnall presided over Confirmation ceremonies at St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church Sunday morning. Confirmed were Jeffrey David Carr, Bruce Allen Wilson, Vicki Colleen Bristow, Elaine Mary Dawson, Patricia Anne Foster, Jennette Lynn Foster, Elaine Gayle Foster, Mary

Joanne Gordon, Shirley May Laing, Cheryl Marie Lindsay, Michelle Cavell Phillips, Judith Shadbolt, Lisa Mary Thomas, Debbie Louise Turkosz, Julie Ann Townsley, Dianne Margaret Wilson, and Marjorie Hughes.