

## Uniform store hours looked into for town

Store owners, rest assured. You can still sell coal on Sunday, at least until Finance and Personnel committee changes the by-law.

At the present time, Georgetown has a by-law restricting certain kinds of stores from staying open past nine p.m. and on Sundays. Acton and Esqueping have no such law, and store owners make their own hours. Committee members would like to see one uniform by-law governing at least the urban areas.

Milk and drug stores, automotive centres, coal and lumber stores, restaurants, etc. are allowed the extra open hours. The question of discrimination was brought up, however, when members pointed out to each other that milk and drug stores no longer sell just the one item. These type of stores sell everything including toys. Large department stores, have drug stores and automotive centres within the store yet must close because of the law.

It was suggested that the new by-law be drawn up, specify exactly what a milk store is, and what a drug store is. The possibility of the rural stores being excluded

from this by-law is being looked into by Doug Pritchard, clerk administrator, as some people must drive several miles to the nearest town. The Speyside store is a prime example of this. If that store is closed, people would have to go to Acton for milk, which in some cases, is ten miles away.

When the suggestion came to throw the thing wide open and let merchants set their own hours of business, Ernie Sykes, a merchant himself, said store owners want a by-law. "They do not want a pre-war situation of staying open until midnight trying to compete with each other."

To alleviate the problem of long distance driving for out-of-town people, it was suggested that the restrictive store hours be made applicable only to urban areas. "If we did that," Harry Levy said jokingly, "all the stores would move out in the rural area, and then we would have a problem with planning."

Legal advice is going to be sought as to whether the by-law can in fact, apply to only part of the town. "Maybe we would be wise to wait until we have a full committee, before we make a definite decision on the by-

law," Russ Miller suggested. "It is nice to know you can get a pall of coal on a cold night," Mr. Miller said, referring to the coal stores.

Another question brought forth was the idea of serving customers in the store after closing time. Mr. Pritchard told the committee that no one may enter the store after nine p.m., but as long as they are in the building, they must be served.

Mr. Levy pointed out that this was a way you would be able to shop on Sunday. "If you go in the store on Saturday and stay until Sunday you can be served," he laughingly remarked.

### Seek room

A former Acton couple have written to the Chamber of Commerce asking for help in locating a room for them when they come to visit Acton for a week this summer. Trimmer and Pto Coleman of 29 West Lodge Ave., Apt. 306, Toronto, would appreciate hearing from anyone, Chamber of Commerce president Mike Worthington thinks.

They would like to come for a while in either July or August, they wrote to Mr. Worthington.



JOHN DUNN OF ACTON FIREFIGHTERS Association presented a cheque for \$500 to Rotarian treasurer Don McDonald and president Grant Schultz Tuesday evening. The money is to be used in the Scout and Guide building fund being used to erect a new scouting facility extension on school lane.

## Works dept. handles all park maintenance

Halton Hills works committee decided Monday to advise recreation advisory committees the works department is responsible for all park maintenance and they are to send their recommendations to either the town engineer or the works committee.

The administration committee had recommended that someone from the works committee be in attendance at recreation advisory committee meetings at which maintenance of parks is a topic.

"Everything in parks maintenance and construction should come to us. Recreation only deals with programming in the parks. Why should someone from works attend their meetings. They should send their requests to us," Councillor Ern Hyde said in leading the drive to have the administration committee recommendation rejected. Committee chairman Joe Hurst said the advisory committees are satisfied with general maintenance but don't know where to go to get changes made, such as new construction in the parks.

Mayor Tom Hill said part of the problem was the advisory committee's made suggestions to recreation department officials and the ideas got lost in the shuffle between recreation and works.

Councillor Len Cox noted it was unfair to expect someone from the works department to attend the advisory committee meetings and suggested they send their minutes to the works department.

Mayor Hill said someone in attendance from the recreation department should be able to decide what items pertain to park maintenance and then take the information and requests to the engineer.

Hurst reminded the councillors that many of the requests don't deal with day-

### Outdoor pool

Acton, in summertime, is now a two-pool town. The wading pool in the park is the location for lessons and public swimming for just the youngest group of would-be swimmers.

All the rest go up to the new high school pool. However, with organized lessons and free swimming hours, the outdoor wading pool at the park sees its full share of summer activity.

Every afternoon, including Saturday and Sunday, the small pool is available for any young people who would like to swim and play there in the sunshine. Only exception is Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 3 p.m. when it's reserved for the use of the children who attend the playground program for handicapped children at Speyside school.

Pool guards are Debbie Rippon and Kim Break.

Lessons Each weekday from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. there are a series of lessons, taught to three and four year olds plus a few warty fives. The smaller pool is very useful for teaching the tots who can't touch bottom in the big indoor pool at the high school. There are four classes, half an hour each, with a registration of 33. The swimming instructors for these young children are Lisa Woods and Susan Ancker.

There is no charge for swimming in the wading pool during public swimming hours. This pool is also under the supervision of Anne Pickering, who has her office at the high school pool.

## Kerr is back in cabinet

Halton West MPP George Kerr returned to the Ontario cabinet last Wednesday, again as Ontario Solicitor General. He had resigned four and a half months ago until his name was clear of allegations involving the Hamilton harbor case.

He was sworn in by Lieutenant-Governor Pauline McGibbon, followed by applause from other cabinet ministers, MPPs and friends.

"I'm happy that it's over and I'm back on the job again," Mr. Kerr told this newspaper. "People in my riding generally have been tremendous." He especially mentioned the personal support that had been expressed when he attended a political meeting in Acton just two or three days after his resignation.

"Everybody was just great and it made it a lot easier for me. Those were dark days...and now that it's all over people seem to be genuinely and sincerely happy for me."

Mr. Kerr sometimes refers to himself as "The Chief Fuzz of Ontario" since as solicitor-general he heads the police forces. He resigned February 21, denying an allegation he had asked for and received a \$10,000 election contribution in 1971 as part of the Hamilton harbor dredging scandal. He was cleared of any misconduct in court five days before he was officially returned to the provincial

cabinet. Premier William Davis spoke in favor of the government process, which had seen his resignation and return. One of his first decisions after returning to the cabinet was to seek meetings on gun control, saying he is in favor of licensing.

### Laser beam in use

Ravine Construction Ltd. of Mississauga suffered a setback on their Legion lots construction earlier this month as three machines sustained mechanical failures.

The work is being concentrated on 200 feet of services being installed along Mill St. E. and is being aligned with a laser beam. The beam is often thrown off-line as the weight of heavy trucks cross onto the Legion lot from the street.

A spokesman for the construction firm said the underground work is scheduled for a mid-August completion. This work will include storm drains and sewers and sanitary sewers. The lots are being equipped with lighting, roads and essential services. These will be sold to a developer and then homes will be erected.

## BINGO

Lic. No. 137563

Every Monday Night at 8 p.m.

AT THE

### CREDIT VALLEY CLUB

(FORMERLY RIVIERA)

20 - \$40 GAMES  
\$1,000 JACKPOT

(58 No.'s)

NO ADMISSION CHARGE

Cards 3 for \$1

• BUS SERVICE

Sponsored By

Georgetown Elks Lodge No. 540  
PROCEEDS FOR DEAF DETECTION  
AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

### SIDEWALK SALE

at

### HINTON'S

DOWNTOWN ACTON



DEATH CAME TO THE DRIVER of this go-kart after he left 22 sideroad and hit a tree while racing on 22 sideroad. Robert John Gilmore, 20, Georgetown, was killed on this kart, from North Halton Go-Kart Club near Limehouse.

## Prank ends in tragedy

A prank ended in tragedy late Tuesday night, July 8, when Robert John Gilmore, 20, of 49 Main St. North, Georgetown, was seriously injured in a go-kart accident, and died the next morning in Toronto Western Hospital. Police say the go-karts were taken from North Halton Go-Kart Club on the Fifth Line and were being raced on 22 Sideroad, west of Highway 25.

The wheels on the two go-karts, driven by Gilmore and Gary Sparling 17, of 83 Mountainview Rd. North, locked, causing Gilmore's kart to smash into a tree. He suffered internal injuries. He was taken to Georgetown hospital at 12:30

a.m. and rushed by ambulance to Toronto Western Hospital, where he died.



Robert Gilmore

George Kennedy of North Halton Go-Kart Club said the frame and axle were bent, the wheels chipped and the

steering wheel damaged in the crash. He said they were rental carts, capable of 30 to 35 miles an hour.

Robert Gilmore played with an Acton Legion hockey team, and was the second member of that team to die tragically in the past month. June 9, Kenneth Steele, R. R. 2, Acton died after an auto crash.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gilmore, and sister Gail (Mrs. Donald Shaw). The funeral was held Saturday with interment at Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

### Dirty contacts

Police contacts proved to be dirty ones Tuesday. Spy story? Not really. The red light at the Mill-Main corner was out of action for a couple of days; and the Bell workman who fixed it up laid the blame on dirty contacts. The light flashes on when a phone call is made to the police office, so an officer out on duty, seeing it, returns to the office to check the recording device.

### NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

# The Acton Free Press

59 Willow St., Acton

It's been a long time since we adjusted the subscription rate of The Acton Free Press, but effective August 1, 1975, the new rate for a one year subscription... 52 issues... \$7.50.

It was in 1969 when the rate was last changed.

Since then there have been significant increases in all the costs associated with publishing.

You can renew your Free Press subscription at the old rate... one year maximum... until August 1, but after that date the new rate will apply.

Home delivery of The Free Press will continue at 15¢ weekly as will in-store copies. Subscriptions to the U.S. and other countries will be \$10 annually.

We hope we may keep coming your way each week with one of Canada's best weekly newspapers.

**Acton Home Hardware**  
853-1730  
VALUE · SERVICE · DEPENDABILITY

**4 DAYS ONLY BEAUTI-TONE PAINT SALE**

**Primer**  
Our finest Beauti-Tone Quality  
Gallons Reg. \$12.95 Sale **8.99**  
Quarts Reg. \$3.88 Sale **2.88**

**Stain**  
Choice of redwood, walnut and cedar.  
Gallons Reg. \$8.95 Sale **6.99**  
Quarts Reg. \$2.29 Sale **2.44**

**Pure Bristle 3" Brush**  
Our finest Beauti-Tone Super Painters Pure Bristle. You would expect to pay much more for the quality.  
**6.44**

**BEAUTI-TONE EXTERIOR GLOSS HOUSE PAINT**  
600 NON-CHALKING WHITE

**24" Aluminum Extension Ladder 34.99**  
Canadian made. Spring loaded safety locks. Serviced steps for easy footing. Rubber tipped feet on adjustable safety shoes. Exceeds all safety standards.

**6" Aluminum Step Ladder 15.95**  
Canadian made. Paint holder holds full 50 lbs. Rubber tipped safety feet.

**Our Finest Quality Fully Guaranteed Exterior Oil Gloss**

Gallons **12.95** Quarts **3.88**  
Regular Sale **8.99** Regular Sale **2.88**

Beauti-Tone covers beautifully. This fine quality paint is made especially for Canadian climates. Every can is absolutely guaranteed by your Home Hardware Store. Prices quoted are for white only. May be tinted your choice at a slight extra charge.

**Toyota Community Calendar**  
What's doing in the North Halton Area!  
"SUMMER FUN"

Enjoy Prospect Park, Acton this summer. Make use of the wonderful facilities available... swimming, boating, fishing, tennis, baseball, soccer, etc.

See how much car your money will buy at

**HALTON TOYOTA**  
Division of Halton Truck Sales (1967) Ltd.  
878-4385 828-2931  
Hwy. 25 Just North of 401