

# Reconstruction for Mill St.

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dation has been put forward. "Perhaps the Go-Bus Authorities could be approached to determine if they would undertake an investigation of the best route and location of terminal facilities. This will be necessary during reconstruction and will be a good time to try it out.

**Parking**

"There is an obvious need as expressed by the merchants for parking in the shopping core of Acton. This need can be satisfied in many ways, yet the one universally requested is on-street parking. The alternate of off-street, as we are proposing should be viewed as an improvement to the existing conditions.

"At present, there are 15 undersized parking spaces available on the south side of Mill Street, five on Block 9, and 10 on Block 10. These spaces are marked yet the cars seem to ignore the lines and park as best as possible. By removing the spaces, the Town or Parking Authority should replace these spaces with appropriate off-street parking.

(An attached Exhibit showed the potential for available parking within these blocks and also the present under-utilized facilities.)

"For example, the area behind the Municipal Building to Willow Street would be very suitable and has a potential for 2 or 3 times the number of spaces removed. Similarly, there is ample space in the block bounded by

Main, Church, Willow and Mill, which if properly developed could satisfy the parking requirement for many years to come.

**Design suggestions**

"As was previously mentioned, we would suggest two lanes each 12 or at a maximum 13 feet wide, sufficient to accommodate the automobiles and meet the safety standards. With parking on one side — the north — the lane should be 8 feet in width as proposed. The remainder of the space should be used to expand the sidewalk area on both sides of the street. We recommend the north sidewalk be a minimum of 4 feet and the south sidewalk at least 7.5 feet. In order to maximize the sidewalk area and remove any doubt about the individual actual property lines, we would suggest the street centre-lines be established and sidewalks be extended from the curb to the physical building face. In some instances this may increase the sidewalk width, an objective in this proposal.

**Conclusions**

"In reviewing the options and alternatives that are available we see a tremendous opportunity to look at the future, long range goals for Acton's primary shopping district. A project of this magnitude relative to the town size of Acton, is something which will remain as evidence for a lengthy period of time. The present redesign schemes are not something which will be redone in two to five years.

"The opportunity exists now, to include features which in the future might be requested in order to beautify this portion of the Town of Halton Hills. For example, we would encourage the Committee to consider materials which would give the street a different texture, set parts of it off from other areas, and encourage people to use it more frequently.

"As an example we would suggest an idea such as Interlocking Paving Stones for sidewalks, such as are used in Meadowvale and Streetsville at equal cost to traditional concrete.

"In conclusion, to return to the hard facts, we would encourage the speedy reconstruction of Mill Street, and hope to be able to assist in the detail and decisions of alternative solutions to pedestrian and vehicular movement in Acton.

R. G. Burnett,  
Assistant Town Planner.

## Churchill

# New plates dedicated Sun

by Mrs. Fred MacArthur

Morning worship service at Churchill Community church on Sunday, November 23, was well attended. Rev. A. W. Fosbury chose as his sermon subject This Church of Ours. A baptismal service was held when two little boys, Gregory Gordon and Phillip John Scholtz were baptized. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scholtz, Limehouse, and grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. C. Scholtz, Limehouse, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gadd, Georgetown.

Turner were guests.

**Dedication**

A dedication service was also held when two brass collection plates were dedicated in memory of Sgt. William Thompson, a very dear friend of the Caldwell family of years ago. They were given by Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr and presented by Donald and David Anderson. It was a great honor to see the boys use them for the first time, gathering the morning collection.

**Birthday**

Last Friday Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Cross held a party in honor of her father's birthday when all the family were present except Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fosbury and family.

A pot luck dinner was held in the Sunday School room to honor Rev. Fosbury's birthday. Mrs. C. Storey made a beautiful birthday cake and presented him with a potted mum and birthday greetings card on behalf of the congregation. A very happy time was had by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cross, Kerr, Christine and Jeffrey, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McIntyre.

Mrs. Kerr's sister Mrs. Buck of Georgetown was also present and enjoyed the service.

We are pleased to report Mr. Wallace Swackhamer was able to return home from Guelph General Hospital and is coming along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Pollard of Hamilton visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Lightle.

**Sidewalks**

The design of a sidewalk in a small commercial area, such as Acton, can do a great deal to enhance the area and encourage people to shop along the street at the local stores. There are a number of advantages to a wide sidewalk some of which come under the category of safety, pedestrians can stay further from moving vehicles, more room to manoeuvre push-carts or carriages, causing less congestion and hence improve pedestrian circulation.

"From a marketing perspective, the shopkeepers should benefit from wider sidewalks. The potential for more people to move along the street in front of these

## Says fill post

The position of recreation area co-ordinator left vacant when Glenn Gray became recreation director, should be filled, Halton Hills administration committee recommended, Monday night.

The recreation director said the structure should remain the same as it is.

Councillor Roy Booth said the town should not rush right out and hire someone before they see if they could do without one.

Councillor George Maltby said he didn't know what an area co-ordinator does, and asked if there's a job description.

The recreation director said there isn't a job description.

Booth said he would like to have one co-ordinator for the whole town. He suggested it would help unite the town.

Area co-ordinator John Cooper said there are too

many community groups and too many programs. He said he was just starting to get out into Esquimaux.

Chairman Les Duby agreed one man could not cover the number of square miles in Halton Hills. He said he would not like to see the recreation director just take over his duties and be asked to operate with less staff.

Councillor Ric Morrow claimed there was no alternative but to fill the vacant spot.

Booth agreed if a job description was drawn up before the advertisement was placed.

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## Board strike stand

Halton Board of Education made it clear Thursday they aren't going to take a stand on the teacher strike in Toronto.

A bid by Trustee Richard Goodin to have a resolution passed urging teachers in Toronto get back on the job failed.

Goodin said there is an uneasy, unsettled situation in Ontario caused by teachers' refusal to fulfill their educational duties.

"By their repeated unpopular actions has caused a loss of confidence and respect, especially by parents and taxpayers," Goodin charged.

His motion said the board "deplores the situation, with its many detrimental, disgraceful and deteriorating effects and hereby recommends teachers go back to their respective duties without delay."

He noted the Metro Toronto Board of Education's offer to the teachers is very generous.

Trustee Ernie Bodnar said he would support the motion if he thought "it would do any good but he said "a resolution from us won't help. It's just not that simple a problem."

Trustee Bill Priestner said the board shouldn't become involved in making statements about the Toronto strike because nobody is really sure of what the situation is in Metro.

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Anyone who is inclined to middle ear infections can generally swim without fear, but they should protect themselves from getting unclean water in their mouth and nose. Above all they should never jump in the water and certainly not feet first. This drives water forcefully into the nose. Another essential safety rule is to protect ourselves from colds. People with colds are more susceptible to middle ear infections.

These are a few preventive measures and warnings, which, if followed, should not keep anyone from swimming and diving but will prevent a whole series of discomforts.

**Tests due**

We will be printing a list of award winners soon, as our session of lessons is drawing to a close, with tests next week.

Without lessons in our program until after Christmas again, there are more hours available for public swimming. Please check with the pool office if you want to know these hours.

Our aquatic show program is growing! The skin divers from Georgetown and perhaps even a scuba diver or two are going to show up and demonstrate to us what exactly they can do in the water. For all those who attend and want to try some of the fancy dives and figures afterwards, public swimming is free that night.

**Competition**

The synchro swimmers are busy preparing not only for the show, but an area competition and combined test on Wed. night Dec. 10. Georgetown and Orangeville girls will be competing with Acton. The swimmers will be trying their awards and be judged at the same time. Let's wish our best to the Acton girls.

Pemberton places

The class I enjoyed most was the Unicorn hitch of light carriage horses. We had an opportunity to see eight different breeds of horses in every conceivable type of conveyance from a park coach to sporting rigs.

The only three Friesian horses in North America were competing and I was delighted to observe these attractive European horses for the first time. It is against Friesian registry rules to cut any hair of their horses — they are shown in full feather with flowing manes and tails.

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## Let's talk about horses

by Jennifer Barr



The largest agricultural fair in Canada is now over for another year. The Royal gets more and more magnificent, the organization is phenomenal. Only the cream of the country's equestrian competitors are accepted, classes necessarily being limited to less than 20 entrants.

I wasn't going to attend this year, having been for several years running, travelling down from Montreal for my first Royal visit 15 years ago. However, a friend called on Sunday morning as I was nuching rosebushes and told me she had an extra ticket to the horse show and was leaving right away. I went.

**Commercial teams en masse**

We were delighted to see many more draft horses than ever before. Companies using six and eight horse hitched for advertising purposes are really on the increase — everyone's getting on the handwagon (Yuk, pardon the pun) Elaborate, colorful displays of stalls featuring rows of fat Percheron or Belgian bottoms were everywhere. Nothing will bring the heavy horse out of near extinction faster than commercialism.

We saw the Prix de Nations, an hour-and-a-half jumping event for international teams. The U.S. won, France was second, Canada third, and Poland fourth.

Roadsters and Hackneys provided great audience appeal. Hoars of approval accompanied the zesty "road gait" as roadsters thundered around the ring.

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If the region doesn't get a move on and get new "No Parking" signs on Main Street, Georgetown, Councillor Ern Hyde wants Halton Hills to do the job themselves.

Councillor Dick Howitt assured Hyde at Monday's works committee meeting that he will bring it to the region's attention this week.

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