

Appeal for more C. of C. replies

Questionnaires in last week's Free Press are being returned to Chamber of Commerce members in modest numbers. The members are preparing a presentation to Halton Hills council on their recommendations for Mill St. reconstruction, and they are seeking opinions of townspeople.

The questionnaire is reprinted today with another request from the Chamber - please fill it in!



MPP JULIAN Reed tells Mrs. Doris Browne he likes getting a free pop in her store when he comes to Acton. They were chatting at the Chamber of Commerce annual meeting.

Chamber of Commerce Questionnaire

1. Would you like to see a revitalized downtown section of Acton?

- YES
NO

2. If yes, are you a merchant?

- YES
NO

3. If yes to Question 2 Business Name:

Address:
Owner of Business:
Owner of property:
Would you be willing to pay higher business taxes to help pay for off-street parking?

4. If NO to Question 2 Are you a resident?
Do you shop in Acton?

COMMENTS:

Minority government working well, says Reed

Guest speaker M.P.P. Julian Reed told Chamber of Commerce members minority government can be good government and it's working well in his opinion.

To him it has been a challenge to find out how the government operates and points out particular facts to the government itself and the public in general.

It is this challenge he particularly enjoys, he said with his usual beaming smile.

He called on people in his constituency to contact him either at home or at Queen's Park when they have questions or problems. "It's the constituency work that makes the job satisfying," he explained.

He has just two problems - the frustration of being in opposition, and his increasing girth, he laughed as he patted his vest.

He supports the government's austerity program, going on to say it is the government's way of "agreeing with us".

Government can get away with staying in a deficit situation for a long time when under pressure from groups which want more and more.

But you can't take out more than we put in.

Austerity we must embark on a program of austerity, he said.

He criticized the government debating budget after the money is spent, the hydro select committee hearing debating rates when the money was already committed, the hydro corridor hearings held after the routes had already had considerable time and money spent on them.

"Then debate is nothing more than a sham".

Garbage

He declared a proposed recycling system for garbage disposal is the direction we'll have to go. The sewage disposal system is limiting growth. "We're being controlled by our toilets!"

He recounted treasurer Darcy McKeough's statement there will be a review of regional government and recommendations will be made. Mr. Reed pointed out last year the province spent \$0.8 million in Halton to outdistance the 47 million received in taxation in the county. We should be prepared to take over more of our financing again, he said.

Mr. Reed was introduced by Roy Goodwin, who recalled when the guest speaker's mother, Mrs. Marion Reed, was a teacher at Acton high school. Deanna Reed attended with her husband.

Proposed linkbelt would connect town

A "linkbelt", joining parts of Acton for cyclists and walkers, has been placed on the 1976-80 budget by the Halton Hills Parks and Recreation Department.

This item, explained recreation program co-ordinator John Cooper, is very low in the priorities and would be one of the first things cut off. However most of the committee was pleased that the item got as far as the budget and realized the possibility of it being cut.

The three-mile proposed link would cost, at a minimum, \$12,000 a mile, not including acquiring the land. Last winter the committee had brought up the idea for future years. As a result Mr. Cooper had a study done, complete with a suggested route.

At the January 13 meeting of the committee, the co-ordinator told the committee the planning board was "very interested" in it and the recreation department was "very keen".

Jump at chance
Pam Sheldon thought "the committee is a park-oriented committee, so much so that we lost members and had numerous hassles, and when it is suggested to set aside money for a path, we should

jump at the chance. We do not know how long it will be before we get the chance to talk about it again," she said.

Plane lands on highway

A small Cessna airplane, losing engine power, made an emergency landing on Highway 25 near Hillsburg Monday morning. Instructor Kim Gordin of the Brampton Flying Club and her passenger Jack Pouw were unharmed. The plane was guided off into the driveway at the home of Wilfred Moore.

Permits were obtained to dismantle the plane and transport it to Guelph airport. Guelph OPP were prepared to form an escort for the road-bound plane when it was due to be moved.

"The Mayday alert was heard by the Kitchener Waterloo airport tower and relayed to police.

Each member was given a chance to air his or her opinion of the proposed project. Mary Ann Barrow felt the path should be asphalt, as older people would be walking on it and could stumble on loose gravel.

It was pointed out that the linkbelt would not be built overnight, but could take years to finally finish. Mr. Cooper stressed the fact that one mile could be started one year and each year another

mile added. He said it does not all have to be done at once.

Mrs. Sheldon said she would like to see, in future years, a linkbelt joining Acton and Georgetown. She said it would help unite the town as Halton Hills and help to eliminate the two-town feeling. She emphasized, however, that she realized it would take time, possibly 20 years, to complete the project but it would be worth it.

A proposed route was discussed, but many of the aspects of the plan were shot down by members of the committee. Elmer Dunn did not like the idea of the path being near water, for the safety of children. Other, closer looks at the route, according to Peter Papillon, revealed that the summer student who did a study, inadvertently made mistakes. It was suggested a closer study be made.

Last 3 Days of Our
MID-WINTER SALE
(Thurs., Fri., Sat. - Jan. 22, 23, 24)

Savings of up to
50%

We must make room for our Spring stock
Arriving Daily!
CHOOSE FROM OUR SELECTION OF...

- ★ PANT SUITS ★ SHIRTS ★ SKIRTS
- ★ BLOUSES ★ DRESSES ★ SWEATERS
- ★ GOWNS ★ SCARVES

MARILYN'S
Village Boutique

"Personalized service our specialty"

124 Mill St. East, Acton * 853-3910

Fewer phone books delivered this year

Distribution of some 200,956 copies of the 1976 telephone directory for the Regional Municipality of Waterloo-Guelph and surrounding territory will begin on January 26. Acton is included in this book.

Delivery of the books by Directory Distributing Associates will be on a staggered basis throughout the area, and, barring bad weather should be completed by February 10, says L. G. Denby Bell Canada Community Relations manager.

This manual delivery project will employ about 350 local people who work on a contract basis.

Acton customers will receive about 3,635 books compared to 3,907 delivered last year. There are 4,240 phones in Acton.

Reduction
The reduction in the number of books is due to an effort to meet three main objectives, said Mr. Denby, first to reduce the pollution factor because of the need to dispose of old books, secondly the conservation of natural wood resources and thirdly real need to reduce the cost of telephone directories. "We started this program in our company mid last year and it has proven quite successful," he said.

Initially, one book will be delivered to each residence customer. A special notice

will be included explaining that any residence customer who wishes additional copies, up to the number of telephone sets in the home, may either request them at the time of

delivery or call a special telephone number later. There will not be a charge for the extra books. This program is not extended to business customers.

Bay door windows were smashed by thieves when a Silvercreek gas station was broken into Sunday night and \$65 taken from the till, as well as candy bars.

THE MURRAY MEMORIAL "YMCA" - ACTON
Winter Programs Registration
SATURDAY, JAN. 24 - 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.
AT THE "Y" BUILDING, 42 MILL STREET EAST, ACTON

THEATRE Y All ages needed to launch this pioneer theatre group. No talent required. And your fee of \$10.00 (\$15.00 non-members) Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

LADIES KEEP FIT Fun, fitness and friendship
Dates: Tues. Jan. 27th-Mar. 16th (8 wks)
Time: 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (Babysitting available at extra charge)
Fee: \$10.00 "Y", \$12.00 Non-"Y"

PRE-SCHOOL GYM Develops a healthy outlook to exercise and physical activity in the child's most formative years.
For: Boys and girls, 3-5 years Time: 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Dates: Thurs. Jan. 29th-Mar. 18th (8wks) Fee: \$10.00

YOGA Dates and Times: Morning-Tues. Jan. 27th-Mar. 30th (10 wks)
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Evening-Wed. Jan. 28th-Mar. 31st (10 wks.)
(Maximum 10 each class)
Fee: \$11.00 "Y"- \$13.00 Non-"Y"

TAKE-A-BREAK
This popular program has given many ladies a lift. Exercise, then a coffee break are followed by a speaker or a demonstration. You'll enjoy it.
Dates: Wed. Jan. 28th-Mar. 17th (8 wks)
Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Fee: \$10.00 "Y"- \$12.00 Non-"Y" (Babysitting available at extra charge)

CROCHET & MACRAME CRAFT COURSE
Dates: Tues. Feb. 3-Mar. 30 (8 wks.) (no class Mar. 23)
Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m. (Babysitting available at extra charge)
Fee: \$8.-Y \$10 Non-Y (exclusive of materials)

KIDDIES DROP-IN
Registration is for 4 week sessions only. Time: 9:00 a.m.-12 noon
Dates: Friday Jan. 30, Feb. 6-13-20 Fee: \$7.00 1 child for 4 wks.
Feb. 27, Mar. 5-12-19 \$9.00 2 children for 4 wks.
Mar. 26, Apr. 2-9-23 \$11.00 3 children or more for 4 weeks.

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
TOWN _____
POSTAL CODE _____
TELEPHONE NO. RES. _____ Office _____

Age group 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.
(18-24) (25-29) (30-34) (35-up)

Please enroll me in _____ Programme.
For babysitting at extra charge (not to include kiddies Drop-in):
I will be bringing _____ children, ages _____

Fee for babysitting .75c per class - 1 child
(paid each day) 1.00 per class - 2 children or more

Programme fee "Y" Member _____ Non-"Y" _____
Membership payment Family \$12.00
Junior under 16 2.00
Student (16 yrs.) 3.00
Adult 5.00

Watch for Programmes again in the spring. Pre-Natal Classes will be offered once more by the Halton Regional Health Unit April 28-June 2.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL "Y"

RENT-A-TRUCK

????????????????

How many reasons will you have to rent a new Ford truck?
WE CAN FILL ALL YOUR NEEDS AT LOW RATES!

Personal hauling? Do it yourself moving? Too big, heavy for your car? etc.

We're just around the corner and as close as your phone!

853-2370

ACTON HARTWY

25% OFF

ALL IN STOCK FURNITURE

- ★ BEDROOM SUITES ★ LAMPS ★ TABLES
- ★ PAINTINGS ★ DINING ROOM SUITES

For
CASH

HALTON HILLS FURNITURE and APPLIANCES
352 Queen St., (Hwy. No. 7 E.) - Becker's Plaza - Acton - 853-0211