

# Changes in business in Mill - Main district

A couple of businesses are leapfrogging locations this month.

One Mill St. change will entail Acton Fried Chicken's move next door into the two premises occupied by Family Barber Shop and the Pizza Palace.

Owner Corey van Merkestein will be knocking down the wall between these two businesses to enlarge his takeout restaurant business. He intends to keep all his present lines, specializing in

fried chicken and salads, and add to it the pizza line. This move gives him the chairs and tables from the Pizza Palace so customers may sit down.

Moving date is officially January 31 and he will close down for a couple of days while changes are being made.

More room  
Extra room will give him leeway for those times he's swamped with customers. One recent experience lately

was the sudden arrival of many scouts from Blue Springs, all eager for chicken. Orders backed up badly that day.

Mr. van Merkestein explains he doesn't prepare all his chicken at once and keep it warm all day; he prefers to prepare it fresh in smaller batches. This can cause a problem when there's a sudden unexpected rash of orders.

Barber shop  
Family barber shop is moving into renovated quarters in the former Custom Cleaners building. Owner Pete Humeniuk will have more room there but will still have three chairs, as he has now.



REGISTRATION FOR Y courses was held Saturday with good response. Ruth Wilson signs up for macrame and crochet with volunteer Helen Robertson behind the counter. Son Andrew Wilson, six, watches.

## Regional councillor G.W. McKenzie reports

From time to time the editor of the Acton Free Press has invited local councillors to comment on issues that concern us locally. Recently I agreed that I would, provided I could add additional facts that would help the readers arrive at a more responsible conclusion. Therefore, if anyone wants additional information on a matter of major concern in municipal government and I can provide it or find the answer for them, I will be most happy to do so.

It was disturbing to read recently in the Free Press that WATER and SEWER rates might double and that the population in the foreseeable future.

Study  
In 1973 the Acton Council had a complete study of our underground services made by K. V. Anderson Associates. Mr. Ken Hyde, the engineer in charge, also recommended to council a five-year program to update these services. Some of the recommendations have already been implemented and the others can be completed in keeping with our ability to pay. We must also recognize that we are presently using water rates established over five years ago.

When all the facts are known the Regional Councillors from Halton Hills will decide on the most economical way for our town to proceed and in the meantime may I suggest that scathing and irresponsible remarks from other councillors should be ignored.

He expects to be open in his new location about Feb. 10. Carpet Corner is moving from the Mill-Willow corner into the former creamery building on Main N. which is being renovated. Owner Bill Lamberink is pleased to have more room to display his samples, and he plans to add draperies to his current lines.

A new roof is being put on the old creamery and the partition which divided the building into two sections is being removed.

In the store with Bill are his wife Sonya and Nellie Harbers.

Gordon Dawe, who received his broker's license four months ago, will be moving his office into the former Carpet Corner location at the corner of Mill and Willow. Dawe Real Estate is presently operating out of a small office in the Halton Hills rest home but he is looking forward to moving as soon as possible.

Renovations are underway in the former Acton Woodcrafts building on Main S. New owners Mr. and Mrs. Terrance Guire of Oakville are planning to open an antique shop there.

Fashion Trend West beauty shop has been vacant since after Christmas, when owner Marilyn Andrews took another job.

## Fire chief repeats appeal for help

Acton fire chief Mick Holmes has repeated his appeal to the general public to clear the snow from the fire hydrants nearest their home.

In last week's paper, Mr. Holmes had asked people to help out the firefighters and keep the snow from piling up around the hydrants. He explained that in the time it could take the men to locate and clear off the hydrants, a house could be burned down.

The rain and thaw of the past few days has helped to do the job substantially, but, Mr. Holmes continued, winter is not over yet.



Drains

Town men were busy clearing drains following Monday's thaw. Pools of water were left standing in the streets until drains were opened.

## Back in rest home

All the patients from Meadowcroft Place who were brought to Halton Hills rest home after a fire in their own premises have now been moved back to Guelph. Mrs. Kelly opened her new home to the fire victims temporarily.

## Improvement area suggested for Acton

Copy of Guelph's bylaw designating a downtown improvement area was circulated to Halton Hills works committee members Monday night by representatives of Acton Chamber of Commerce.

President Louis Charlebois and director Paul Nielson suggested a 15-block area in downtown Acton could benefit from similar treatment.

Their map included blocks on both sides of Mill St. from Park to the railroad tracks in the east.

The Guelph bylaw's intention was the improvement, beautification and maintenance of these blocks. For some projects business tax would be levied against the businesses in the area - for

instance, Christmas lights. In Guelph the Downtown Businessmen's Association sought the bylaw. Improvements included benches, a small park, play area, trees, flower pots, signs, decorations, children's car centre, washrooms and malls.

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SLIPPERY CELSIUS  
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## Pedestrian spots smoke from car

Where there's smoke, there's fire. Mike McCracken, Regan Cres., Georgetown found out Monday evening as the car in which he was driving burst into flames. The incident occurred on Mill St., Acton.

A pedestrian spotted smoke coming from under the hood of Mr. McCracken's 1969 Oldsmobile Outlass near Gal's Pals clothing store at 5:45 p.m. and brought it to the attention of the driver. Once the car was pulled over to the

side of the road, the engine burst into flames. Mr. McCracken put in the alarm for the Acton Volunteer Fire Department from a nearby resident's telephone.

Fire chief Mick Holmes said the momentum of the car probably kept the engine from burning while it was moving, but he did not know what had caused the fire in the first place. He said the front portion of the car was "pretty well ruined."

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