Regional councillor G. W. "Pat" McKenzie has begun writing a column about matters of local concern for people of this district.

Today's comments form his second column, by G. W. McKenzle

on Public Works but one metropolitan area where firecomment made to me by a concerned resident in Acton when our "warning system" temporarily failed prompted a complete survey of our method of operation. As we discussed the problem on Saturday, December 20, at 9.30 a.m. driving in Acton was difficult but I was amazed to hear the gentleman say, "I'll bet the streets are already plowed in Georgetown." The survey showed that the Publie Works Department has a program mapped out to ser-vice the entire town of Halton Hills. Presently we have 14 pieces of equipment capable of plowing snow and they are assigned as follows: Ward 1 (Acton) 3, Ward II (Esquesing) 6, and Wards III and IV (Georgetown) 5. Besides the above equipment one sander is assigned to Ward 1 and one grader stationed in Acton covers the 'surrounding rural area.

We must also remember that the highways in Ward I require four eight-hour shifts are not plowed by Halton to cover holidays and week-Hills. We do remove the snow on a charge-back basis.

Since that severe storm on December 20, a midnight shift has been added to survey the streets and roads and alert the staff when

When the men are called out during a storm they know their equipment and in which area they will work. When that work is completed they move on to assist another area. Everyone realizes that the service is necessary and costly and that to improve it requires more men and equipment.

May I suggest that you check with a foreman or superintendent to learn our method of operation rather than harbour the thought that one ward receives preferential treatment.

Anyone who has lived in the Acton Area for some time realizes the excellent service

Six of the seven courses

Only Ladies' Keep Fit is

cancelled due to lack of in-

terest, but the women who

registered have joined the

Ladies' Take-A-Break group

Of particular interest is the

Theatre Y course, which is

into its second week already.

Leader of the group is Harry

Haylock of the Georgetown

to increase their numbers

There was an excellent

response to the crochet and

being offered by the Y.M.C.A.

are off and running.

Seeking more

for Theatre Y

that is rendered by our Vol-Our old-fashioned winter unteer firemen but with the has certainly tested our staff influx of families from the men are on staff 24 hours a day some may feel that our system is inefficient and that our town lacks adequate fire protection.

We have 30 dedicated volunteer firemen, very knowledgeable in the art of fire-fighting and trained to use modern equipment. Their response time and success in fighting fires is excellent. Instead of six permanent firemen responding to a call you may see 12 to 15 or more volunteers. Recently they received a new fire truck valued at \$40,000 and 30 pagers valued at \$375 each so everyone can hear the call at night without the siren wailing.

full-time firemen. Consider what that item alone would do to the Fire budget. To replace our volunteers we would ends. Since the minimum number of men per shift is six we would need 24 men. At a salary of at least \$12,000 plus' benefits, this would cost the town \$300,000. If you have moved to Acton recently the next time you hear the fire Smallest town with Y siren it may be your neighbor or the man down the street who rushes off to protect you. It is very dangerous but it is one way 30 volunteers take pride in serving their com-

Fire Chief Holmes does about a good crowd of work full time for the town interested people at the and the Fire Department and is available for any information you may require. It at St. Alban's It's not just

Did you read his request a meeting for board members last week for help in locating themselves but for all people fire hydrants buried in the who are concerned about the snow? If not, will you kindly Y in town. check and see if the fire hydrant nearest you is dog out in case of an emergency.

Garnet W. "Pat" McKenzie



TWENTY MONTHS from now the new Acton high school will stand on this site off Churchill Road north. Construction equipment has already started sewer work on the site. The new school is slated to open in the fall of 1977.

Yet there are some people who feel that we should have Form committee to bridge the gap

The very successful Y that a Y has to offer.

people taking part.

Fink first thought of the idea regard the learning institu- very good reason. We want

Y board president Helen

Van Sickler is optimistic

annual meeting, scheduled

for Wednesday evening, Feb.

Moss hardware

store is sold

Wayne Moss has sold Moss

Pro Hardware to D. H.

Howden Stores Central Lim-

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even better representation

than ever on the Association

of Counties and Regions of

Ontario if Regional Council.

sanctions a move to have

Social and Family Services

Administrator Rennie Vivian

appointed to the association.

man Allan Masson is pre-

sident of ACRO and has been

active on the board of dir-

Mr. Vivian is proposed as a

member of the Community

tee of ACRO, ACRO provides

and Social Services Commi-

a forum for regional and

county officials to discuss and

formulate positions on com-

mon problems facing Ontario

Meanwhile, the young

hurns and cuts and bruises.

the 12-year-old was "banged

A hospital spokesman said

municipalities.

ectors for several years.

Currently Regional Chair-

January 22 with several local wards the school should be he wants to open up the lines the changes. High school principal Dean plained that many people have changed, we think for a of develop communications tion "as a remote scary people to know why these

courses have produced quite

a few new Y members this

year and there are about 18

members of the board. As

well as these paid-up

members Mrs. Van Sickler

and her board hope to

welcome to the meeting any

people who might be

interested in the services

ited, London, the large whole-

Pro Hardware outlet.

Hardware store.

as clerk full-time.

ever!" he promises.

not finalized.

saler with whom he did bus-

iness. The store will remain a

manager George Wallace is

now manager of the store

here. He has previously been

manager of another Pro-

Diane Charette will remain

Mr. Wallace says that since

negotiations are over, there

will be an immediate in-

crease in stock, "Better than

Mr. and Mrs. Moss and

their son are still living above

the store. His future plans are

Moss' assistant

An advisory committee for with the community. He felt place." It is for this reason, changes took place, and to the high school was formed on the traditional attitude to the principal explained, that advise us so we can adapt to abolished. Mr. Fink ex- of communications, "Schools

Tradition

traditionally, the smallest

town in the world to have its

own Y.M.C.A. building. This

fosters pride in the board that

they hope will rub off on some

new people as each new

Milton and Georgetown

have Y organizations, but no

Only those with Y member-

ships may vote at the

meeting. This includes Y's

Men and Y's Menettes, Mrs.

Van Sickler points out. But

the others can eat their fill of

the turkey dinner, hear the

annual reports and enjoy

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Acton has long been.

there is a lot of one way com-

munication taking place, with the school sending out newsletters and having open houses and 'parents' night. But the community is not responding the way it should. highest hopes for future

As a start, the principal invited 30 people from the town who, he thought, would be interested in forming an advisory committee to a meeting. Of these, Mr. Fink said, 12 or 13 showed up.

Three ad hoc committees were formed, each group given a different job and a different direction in which to

It is hoped in this way the lines of communication can be strengthened. One group will be focussing on the programs offered in the school and devising a selection policy for the library Another group will meet with Mr. Fink about job development aspects. Others will be given the task of finding people who will help with events within the school, and of making contact with the community.

The three groups are named program council. operations council and community contact council.

Still fastened by his seatbelt, driver Neil Benton found himself upside down in his car in a 10-foot deep ditch on 22 sideroad. His car had struck a snowbank and a small tree during a white; out. He was able to get out of his car with minor cuts. Damage to the vehicle was estimated

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was parked at the corner of Willow and Mill Sts. at 8.15 a.m. February 1. A parked car owned by Barry Thompson, was hit in an early morning collision by

a vehicle driven by Gordon McMillan. The incident occurred on

Jeffrey Ave. at Elizabeth Dr. on January 29 at 7.50 a.m.

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for Vivian The Pre-School gym class has so many total enrolled Thelma Cooper has to get herself an assistant. The class was almost big enough to split completely in two.

Two yoga classes have begun already on Tuesday morning and Wednesday evenings. The evening class in particular could accept four more participants. Marcia Wilkinson is instruc-

Little Theatre group. It's expected that the children Ladies' Take-a-break who signed up for the recreaagains offers a good range of tion department's theatre subjects as well as exercises. group will join the Y group. Bonnie Bottomley is leader of Meetings are Tuesday the Wednesday morning nights and the participants class. Coffee breaks are an are out searching for friends important part of this social and neighbors to bring along

The Kiddies' drop in program, with Pat Garton in charge, has begun but would macrame class which meets like a few more children enrolled.

Tuesday afternoons. real estate brokers. "Fluke defect" victim, Sheri Allan, is in satisfactory condition in Milton District Hospital in accident where she was rushed by ambulance and treated for a fractured right forearm, Investigators from the some fluke defect in the scalp lacerations, severe rope

Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations believe a "fluke defect" was the cause of a ski tow aceident at Glen Eden Ski Area Saturday morning, in which a 12-year-old Oakville girl was

seriously injured. Spokesman Janet Ecker said in a telephone interview from Toronto Monday that

safety gate's current. "But until the investigation is complete the hill has been shut down." Only one practice hill is affected, and all other hills

wide variety of individuals "right now it seems to be ranging from salesmen to

remain open. The ministry is responsible for licencing objects such as ski tows and elevators, and a

up pretty badly."

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