



OFFICIALS OF Credit Valley Conservation Authority say wildfowl should not be fed, to encourage migration. Controversy reigns in Acton, where some insist ducks who've lived here four years now are too fat to fly, and have likely lost the instinct.

It's migrating time "let them go"-Authority

Migrating time is here, and the Credit Valley Conservation Authority has issued a press release which pleads: "Let them go!"

"It's that time of year again and flocks of migrating birds are gathering in fields and ponds for the long trek south. Better a sunburn in

Florida or Texas than frozen feet here in Ontario!" says the Authority statement.

"Uninformed residents of shoreline areas sympathize with the plight of these birds as wind and rain bring a taste of winter weather to come. Mistakenly they put out food and the birds, like the human

animal, decide they have found an "easy mark" and stick around for more.

"A flock of resident ducks or geese attracts additions to its band, and create a much larger problem than first imagined. They expect to be fed, once they become accustomed to the hand-outs and do not look for natural food.

"Migratory birds including ducks and geese, can survive very well on natural vegetation, water insects and harvested fields. Feeding them bread or household scraps and allowing them to interbreed with domestic fowl weakens the flock and makes them even more dependent on humans.

"The Credit Valley Conservation Authority suggests that residents consider the long-range consequences before encouraging migrating waterfowl or forest birds to winter here."

Vice-principal was Acton ball player

Acton high school's new vice-principal is not new to the Acton area. His face is familiar from the baseball diamond of not too many years ago, and he taught at Georgetown high school.

Lyn McLaren, one of the school's newest additions, was born in Kennewick and went to high school in Winnetka. For six years he worked in gold mines in Timmins before entering university.

Mr. McLaren earned his degree in honors physical education at Western University, and got his teaching qualifications at the same school during two summers.

His first post was in 1959 at Georgetown high school where he taught physical education and math. In 1970 he was made department head.

That same year, Mr. McLaren was transferred to M.M. Robinson in Burlington where he was vice-principal. His next three years were spent at Perdue high school in Oakville in the same position.

His transfer to Acton is, essentially, more convenient for the father of three. He lives in Georgetown and had to commute to the south each day. Mr. McLaren is looking forward to the close proximity of his home and job.

It was while teaching in Georgetown that he played baseball in Acton. At this time, his home town did not have a team of its own, so many of his students played on the same team, or opposing teams, as he did. He found it strange to be teaching the people in the day time and playing with them in the evening.

Bruce Andrews, physical education teacher in Acton high school, was always competing against Mr. McLaren's track team when

Acton and Georgetown got together. "Bruce just killed us," he said of the now fellow staff member.

Mr. McLaren pointed out that he enjoys a small school over a larger one. Perdue had 1200 students, which he regarded as small and he enjoyed his post there very much. He admitted there are disadvantages to a small school, but the advantages outweigh the disadvantages, he says. Mr. McLaren feels with his physical education background, he has got to know students better because he saw them in a natural setting, away from the classroom.

Respect needed
Mutual respect between students and teachers is important to Mr. McLaren. "It makes for excellent teaching," he says. His

philosophy for teaching is that a busy, active student, who is involved in more than one aspect of school life, usually produces better academically. "The exposure aids in his citizenship development."

Mr. McLaren emphasized, however, that that first job of the school is the academic endeavours.

For the past six years, Mr. McLaren has been vice-principal of various schools and has not been as involved in sports personally as in the past. His daughter, however, is very active in track and field in Georgetown and he likes to work out with her to keep himself in shape.

Jan Downie, whose position Mr. McLaren is filling, requested a transfer to a teaching position and begins next week in Burlington.

Thursday is clean-up day

The town street sweeper spends its Thursdays in Acton cleaning all streets that have curbs and gutters. Works superintendent Frank Morette explains using this machine, rather than sweeping by hand, is most economical.

Last week councillor Joe Hurst at council complained of the litter on downtown Acton Streets as "horrible." People dropping garbage were blamed. Mr. Morette explains his department must do their best to keep taxes down. Laborers' wages are not low.

He says he understands a factor in the problem is the fact some merchants put their garbage out Saturday, for collection on Monday. Garbage receptacles are dumped twice a week and there are plenty of them in the main downtown area. Probably they are not used as much as they should be, Mr. Morette comments.

Check
The Acton Free Press
Classifieds for good buys.
Sell it too. Dial 853-2010

BACK TO SCHOOL

SHOES FROM **Swetman's**
* ALL LEATHER SHOES \$6.95 and up *

MADE IN CANADA
FABRIQUE AU CANADA

See our quality lines of shoes from...
North Star, Pcny, Miss Susan, Greb, Kaufman and **savage**

LOOK FOR "MADE IN CANADA"

Swetman's SHOES
DOWNTOWN ACTON
853-0360

Water rate . . .

Continued from page 1
cerned about the deletion of the work if it would affect fire protection.

Hoist deficit
Capital works planned on the water system this year came in well over budget, boosting an anticipated deficit from \$33,600 to over \$47,000.

The planned work involves a combination of replacement

service lines and closing loops in the system.

Rick Robertshaw of the Regional Engineering Department explained that the looped system provided for a continuous flow of water and removes dead-ends in the system. By removing dead-ends stale water and the erosion of the line can be prevented.

Poor condition
Part of the reason for the high cost of the work is the loose sandy soil and the high water table. The soil conditions are described as being similar to quicksand and very difficult to work in.

The capital works projects planned for this year include a six inch watermain on Mill St. from Park Ave. to the existing watermain on Victoria St., a six inch main on Church St. from Victoria St. to a point 400 feet north and a six inch main on Victoria St. from Brock St. to Cobblehill Rd.

Add one trustee

North Halton will have another voice at Halton Board of Education after the next election.

Board chairman Judy Alexander revealed this week Oakville will lose one seat at the board table. It will be taken by a separate school supporter from either Milton or Halton Hills who will represent the two municipalities.

She explained the region has determined the number of separate school supporters has grown in Halton, especially in the north, so an extra representative is needed.

Since only 20 trustees can be elected, Oakville loses the seat.

Right now Trustee Len Auger represents Oakville, Halton Hills and Milton separate school supporters at the board table and Trustee Bill Priestner represents Burlington. They don't sit on the Halton Separate School Board.

Separate school supporters have representation on the Halton Board of Education, since there aren't any separate high schools.

The new separate school trustee elected for North Halton on December 6 will be joined by two public trustees from Milton, one from Georgetown and one from Acton-Esquesing.

Besides Auger, Trustees Bill Lawson, Ernie Bodnar, Doug Wood and Tom Watson are the other voices from the north at the board table.

Late open

High school opens next Wednesday, Sept. 8, but the public schools don't open until Monday, Sept. 13. It's the latest dates possible.

COURTESY
When pulling up at a stop street, always halt a few feet short of the intersection if another car is already there. If you draw up level with another driver waiting to cross or turn into the through highway, you impede his view in one direction. Respect his priority, and keep out of his line of vision until he has made his move in safety, asks the Ontario Safety League. It is an act of courtesy that many drivers overlook.

The Acton Free Press

Read By Over 15,000
People Weekly.
Shouldn't your
message be here?

DOUBLE HAPPINESS RESTAURANT

CHINESE AND CANADIAN CUISINE
352 Queen St. E. Becker's Plaza Acton
Tel. 853-2060

(formerly G & T Fish & Chips)

Give yourself a break
Drop in and see us for the finest Chinese Food and Fish and Chips in Halton Hills

HOURS
Mon. - Thurs. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. Sunday 12 Noon - 8 p.m.
Tel. 853-2060

DON'T MISS THE MOST EXCITING HOCKEY IN HISTORY!

Watch the
"CANADA CUP"
on a new

Panasonic

COLOUR TELEVISION

20" Quintrix II Colour TV
CANADA CUP SPECIAL
\$589.00
Not Quite As Illustrated

WITH "In-Line" Picture Tube, New MSIC MKII 100% Solid State Chassis and Digital Read-Out Indicator

HALTON HILLS FURNITURE and APPLIANCES

352 Queen St. E. • Hwy. No. 7 • Acton • 853-0211

GUARDIAN DRUGS

PRICES EFFECTIVE UNTIL SEPT. 11

SCHOOL-TIME SHOPPER STOPPERS

- RETRACTABLE BALL POINT PENS FOR 215c
- LAURENTIEN COLOURED PENCILS \$2.57
- VINYL CLIPBOARD \$1.19
- POCKET CALCULATOR by UNITREX \$8.88
- HEAD & SHOULDERS SHAMPOO \$1.37
- CHILDREN'S CHEWABLE VITAMINS \$1.59
- VITAMIN C TABLETS 66c
- MULTIPLE VITAMINS AND MINERALS \$3.19
- FACELE ROYALE ACES 2.77c
- CARESS BODY BAR 3.99c

ACTON PHARMACY LTD.

853-1620 DOWNTOWN ACTON 853-1620