

## Consumer credit counsel at community centre

by Judy McLin  
If you could use help in resolving your financial problems, managing your income, or learning to use credit wisely, the Halton Consumer Credit Counselling Service can help you, free of charge. In keeping with the goal to bring all available services to Acton and area, your Community Services Centre is pleased to announce this new service available to the community.

Easily available credit has become a part of our way of life. Unfortunately, more and more people are finding themselves overwhelmed by their financial situations. Associated with debt and money problems there are life problems; such as marital and family conflicts, mental illness, and personal and family dependency.

Recently established The Halton Consumer Credit Counselling Service has recently been established in the Region. Its purpose is to enable over-committed, seriously indebted persons to find the most satisfactory solution possible for their financial dilemma. It offers counselling and practical assistance and will act as an intermediary between debtors and creditors in working out satisfactory arrangements for the orderly payment of debt. It provides a prorating service while the major goal is the welfare of the individual and his family, it provides the secondary gain to the community and the credit institutions of a re-

habilitated debtor, surely a better credit risk.  
Through agencies The service is provided through agencies in local communities in Halton Region; in Oakville, through the Oakville Family Service Bureau; in Burlington,

through COHR Institute; and in Acton through the Community Services Centre. Area worker is Michael Mates, an experienced finance industry person. Mike will be coming into the Centre, Wednesdays by appointment. Appointments

can be made through the Community Services Centre (853-3310). Any questions regarding this service can be answered by the Centre or Oakville Family Service Bureau (845-3811). This service is free of charge to the public.



JACKIE AND YVON Gionet opened their store The Gift Cupboard to the public on September 30. The store carries a wide variety of items, ranging from pottery table settings to bamboo furniture.

## The Gift Cupboard is full of "nice things"

Yvon and Jackie Gionet like "nice things". They also felt there was a need for a store selling "nice things" in Acton. It was for this reason they opened The Gift Cupboard.

The idea first came to the couple last spring. In six months time, the Gionets placed orders for goods from Scandinavia, rented a store on Mill St., did the necessary renovations and opened their doors to the public on September 30.

The "nice things" range from handcrafted jewellery, fine glassware from Finland

and Denmark, stuffed animals and wooden toys, cast iron cookware from Denmark, gift cards, soaps, towels, gourmet accessories, dishes, in both pottery and china, bamboo furniture consisting of a table and two chairs, a room divider, trunk, and towel shelf and other items.

From importers Most of the stock has been purchased from the importers themselves, and from various companies. They have not limited their merchandise to one brand.

The new store owners emphasize that browsers are

welcome in the shop. Because of the Scandinavian stock, a lot of people from that part of the world now living in Acton come in and just look at articles from home. Mrs. Gionet says the browsers compliment both the store and the merchandise.

Good response The response so far, the Gionets say, has been good. In less than a week of business, two thirds of the wooden toys were sold, with more on order.

Mrs. Gionet is an Acton native, being the former Jackie Lemon. She is presently attending the university at Waterloo working on her masters degree in psychology. Her husband, from Montreal, is a former public school teacher in Acton. He also worked with mentally retarded adults in Brampton. The young couple is looking forward to servicing the people of Acton in their store, and providing them with goods which are not sold any place else in town.

**OPEN WINDOWS**  
The Ontario Safety League reminds drivers to keep a window open just a bit during winter driving. Fresh air will help keep you alert and guard against carbon monoxide poisoning, too. If stuck in snow, the snow around the car may pocket the gas and cause it to seep into the body of the car. If you must keep the engine running while standing in snow, shovel the snow away from around the exhaust for an area of 3 to 4 feet.

## Sykes runs for same regional spot

Councillor Ernie Sykes will seek re-election as Ward Three representative on regional council, the same position he has held since the inception of regional government, he announced Tuesday.

Sykes served as Georgetown's deputy reeve on Halton County Council for one year before regional government was established. Before that, he was a Georgetown councillor for two years.

A Past President of Georgetown Lions Club,

Sykes served on the works committee at regional council for the past three years, and on works committee for a year at Halton County Council. He has also been a member of the finance and personnel committee since Halton Hills was established.

Sykes operates three bakery stores in town, one on Main Street, one on Guelph Street, and the third in Georgetown Market Centre. He opened his first store on Mill Street in 1962.

## Hyde in race seeks same seat

Councillor Ern Hyde announced Tuesday night he will run for re-election as councillor in Ward Three. This is the same post he has held since the inception of Regional Government.

A veteran of 17 years on Georgetown and Halton Hills

councils, Hyde was mayor of Georgetown in 1960, '61 and '63.

He has been a member of Halton Hills works committee for the past three years.

Last month Hyde said he would be in the race but at that time would not say which office he would seek.

## Fruit salad is project

by Julie Pieree

The second meeting of the Dublin North 4-H Home-making club was held on Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Hunter.

The meeting was opened with the 4-H pledge. We now have two new members which are Mona Tonelli and Jackie Burns. Susie Bahr started the meeting by taking the collection.

We then began by discussing the roll call. The roll call was to find two reasons why we should eat fruit. Mrs. Dodds discussed wild fruits and cultivated fruits with us. Also we talked about fruits and where they came from, fruits which grow on vines and fruits that grow on trees, imported fruits and inspection and grading of fruits. Later in the meeting we discussed the common varieties of Ontario apples and also what fruits we would cook and what fruits we wouldn't cook.

Near the end of the meeting Mrs. Hunter demonstrated how to make fruit salad, how to cut fruits and what tools to use. We had many different kinds of fruits in the salad and many of the members tasted fruits that were very new to them. In the salad was a variety of fruit which included oranges, grapes, apples, grapefruit, pear, papaya, mango and a few others. Everyone thought it was delicious. We had this for our snack.

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