

Acton woman

# Maureen Shone receives award

On Saturday, April 16, at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, the Central Ontario Association of Community Theatres held its Theatre Arts Ball and Festival Awards presentation. The function was attended by her honor, the Lt. Governor of Ontario Pauline McGibbon.

The presentations of awards for the biggest community theatre festival in Canada were made immediately after dinner and the Alan and Blanche Lund Plaque for the best choreographer was made to Maureen Shone of 170 Mill St. West, Acton, for her work with the York Minstrels Operatic Society.

College show  
Maureen is choreographer and head of the Dance department at Sheridan College in Oakville where she teaches all forms of dance

and is currently choreographing the college show, Pajama Game. She has also arranged the dances for the York Minstrels' latest production The Bells are Ringing which opened at the Earl Haig auditorium on April 21. This was her 11th consecutive show with this highly-acclaimed group.

During her career, Maureen has danced with the Royal Ballet and has appeared in many leading theatres in Britain and the U.S.A., both as performer and choreographer. She has been involved in radio, television and films. In 1976, Maureen devised the dance routines for the fashion show at the boat show in Toronto.

Maureen resides in Acton with her husband Leonard, and sons Graeme, who is attending York University, and Andrew, who is a student at Robert Little school.



FIREMEN SOAK one of the past week's grass fires. Fires have been set deliberately to burn off dry grass.

## Engineer to meet Association

The first general meeting of the newly-formed Business Association will be held in the fire hall Wednesday, May 4 at 7.30 p.m. The meetings are scheduled for the first Wed-

nesday of each month. Halton Hills engineer Bob Austin will attend next week's meeting and the local councillors have been invited. Officers were elected at a

general meeting in April. Executive meetings have been held since and committee chairmen have been named. They are Don Lindsay for parking and traffic; John Bumstead finance, ways and means; John Coniglio social; Wayne Iuse advertising and promotion; Alma Sweetman town cleanup and security; Art Cooper business standards; Grace Robertson membership and constitution with president Marilyn Ottaway to act as liaison between all committees.

## Start charge for playground

There will be a charge for children attending summer playgrounds this year, if council agrees with the finance-administration committee recommendation.

The amount approved for the program, up to six weeks, is \$7 for one child, \$12 for two in the same family, \$15 for three or more in the same family. For anyone wanting to register one week at a time the charge will be two dollars a week.

Recreation director Glen Gray said the program had been operating at a deficit, and forecast a deficit of \$34,695 for 1977 if no charge is made for the playground program.

He estimated the charge would yield a revenue of \$5,000 if the same number registered this year.

He pointed out Acton had in the past charged for playground programs.

# Planners reveal ideas on Halton's future to 30

Regional planners came to town last night to get residents' reactions to some ideas the region has for an official plan.

By September the region planners hope to have a draft of the official plan to bring to the people for further comments.

For most of the two hour meeting in the library, some 30 people listened patiently to reams of data proposed on four plans which include Acton, Georgetown, Esqueving, Oakville, Burlington and Milton. The plans are supposed to envision life here until the year 2001.

Some time was spent on letting the people ask questions about the facts and figures and how they all were shown on five sets of large maps which were mounted in

a display. Roy Booth, a Georgetown councillor who chaired the meeting, said that of the four, the plan entitled Area Planning is the one the planners are using.

Last fall Area Planning is a distillation of some meetings the regional planners held last fall, one of them here. To the information they got then, they added the views of local planners on Halton Hills development commitments.

The Area Planning map projects a population for Halton Hills of 50,000 by the year 2001. The present population is about 32,000. Employment for the region over the next 24 years will see an increase to 154,000 from 65,000. The region's total population at the same time will, according to the planners, go from 228,000 to 312,000.

Area Planning is, however, just one of the four concepts presented by the regional planners, just one of the paths the region may take to the end of the century.

The other concepts were given such titles as: Trends, Local, Provincial and Halton Objectives. Each represents a different planning idea or represents a type of information used by the planners.

Urban lands under agricultural land, the Local Provincial plan has the most impact on rural areas, while the Trends plan

has the least impact on urban lands. However the Halton Objectives plan has the least impact on both rural and urban lands.

From discussions in the meeting it was determined that planners failed to take into account the number of agricultural jobs in the Esqueving area and also had not finished work on the topic of water before the series of meetings began.

Residents were assured by senior policy planner Rash Mohammed and others that

such information will be forthcoming. Citizens were also assured by Councillor Booth and the planners that there will be public meetings before and after the draft official plan is made.

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SPECIAL SPRING cleanup was made by town workmen, sweeping streets and sidewalks by hand. A couple of hand sweepings are planned, as well as the regular cleaning by machine.

## No parking fair day at Pioneer cemetery

Visitors to this year's Acton Fall Fair won't be able to park at Pioneer Cemetery.

Monday Halton Hills works committee turned down the request to allow parking there after looking at the area over during the recent spring

tour. Councillor Pat McKenzie said he has learned not all fall fair board members want to see parking at Pioneer Cemetery and most would prefer the town help them secure parking space on Elizabeth Drive.

## Part-time workers get 9.1% pay hike

Halton Board of Education has settled its first contract of the year.

Thursday, the board announced it has reached an agreement with its part time employees, C.U.P.E. Local 1011-part-time, giving the workers a 9.1 per cent pay boost.

The part-time janitors pay goes up from \$3.52 an hour to \$3.85 an hour, effective February 23, 1977.

"This is an increase of 33 cents and, according to our understanding, is within A.I.B. guidelines," a report to the board said.

The one year contract will expire on February 22, 1978. This year's raise is retro-active back to February 23.

## Neighbors in collision

Two neighbors met Friday in unfortunate circumstances. Sharon Ford, 60 Young St. and James Atkinson, 37 Young St., were driving on Young St. when their cars were in collision. Neither person was hurt in the accident, but \$200 damage was done to the Ford vehicle.

## Plans underway for Citizen of Year dinner

Citizen of the Year banquet will be held on May 27, according to Chamber of Commerce secretary Betty Eastwood. Forms will appear soon in the Free Press for the general public to submit names of persons they feel qualified to receive this coveted award.

Last year's winner was former chief librarian Isabel Watson.

## Hit and run

Sterline Saunders was the victim of a hit and run accident which caused \$80 damage to his car.

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