

Frank Oakes honored Fri.

Plans are being finalized for the Citizen of the Year dinner and dance in the Music Centre this Friday evening. The honored person of the year is retired veterinarian Dr. Frank Oakes. Members of his family are coming from Milwaukee, Hamilton, Grimsby and Etobicoke for the happy evening. Also expected are Dr. Frank Philbrook M.P. and his wife and Julian Reed M.P.P. and his wife.

Ten Acton students graduate from college

Ten Acton residents graduated from Sheridan College recently, one being a silver medal winner.

Raymond Michael Cote won a silver medal for having top marks in the Electronic Engineering Technology program.

Other graduates were: Connie Albano, Executive Secretarial program; Dennis

Edward Blake, Art Fundamentals; Erika Martha Heptner, Executive Secretarial; Neil Andrew Isaacs, Electronic w/technician; Gerald Teo Kamminga, Advertising; Harry David Lawson, Business Administration; Derek Louis Oshowy, Electronic Engineering Technology; and Jayne Telford, Early Childhood Education.

Fewer donors at blood donor clinic

Attendance was down at the June 8 blood donor clinic, and organizer Henry Kroes is not sure why.

The drop was about 20 per cent with 174 pints of blood donated, including 19 rejects.

Mr. Kroes speculated that the problem might have been with the location of the clinic. It was held in the high school instead of the legion, where it normally is. He also pointed out the ads in the Free Press gave the date as Monday,

June 8, instead of Wednesday, June 8.

He added that "mostly ladies" showed up to donate blood. "Men are chicken" he said. Mr. Kroes claimed to have noticed this trend over the last few years.

Baby sitting and transportation services were provided as usual at the clinic.

Mr. Kroes is planning to run two more clinics this year, one in September and one in December.

Garbage pickup differs in Acton, Georgetown

An advertisement and subsequently a story which appeared in the Free Press last week stating new garbage pick-up days were for Georgetown collection only.

Anyone in Acton whose regular pickup day is Monday

will for the summer months have their refuse gathered on Monday and Thursday. Regular Tuesday collection will have pickup on Tuesdays and Fridays.

These days are effective from June 6 to October 1.

Water sports program could offer alternative

Introduction of water sports to the Halton Hills recreation program has been recommended by the Georgetown recreation advisory board.

Mary McEwen, a member of the board, explained at last week's monthly meeting that some children up to eight years of age aren't strong enough to advance and pass the intermediate swimming tests. She complained that the only options left to them are to take up synchronized swimming, which many are not interested in, or join the Halton Hills swim team, which is competitive.

Mrs. McEwen suggested water sports would provide an alternative for youngsters in this category. The program could include some synchro, some water polo, water volleyball, inner tube water polo etc.

Recreation coordinator Karen King replied that introduction of any program is possible, provided there are enough people interested in participating. She said that the recreation department has offered water polo in the past, but had to cancel it more than once on account of lack of registration.

Miss King went on to say that the recreation department already has a water program for children 3-15. "There should be something for every child to do each year," she said.

In her experience, Miss King said she has discovered

that children like to have some kind of award waiting for them at the end of whatever program they enter. In the survival course, the recreation department decided to include presentation of badges, just to get people to participate, she said.

Stuart Robbins said he'd like to discuss the recreation department's policy for offering programs, at a future meeting.

"The recreation department should believe a program to be good and go out and sell it, rather than offering a course, getting no registration and saying "We've done our job," said Robbins.

Barry Gambles said there are likely a lot of youngsters in town interested in continuing tap dancing lessons. He explained that a private program, once offered here, has been discontinued.



CAROLE MANSLE (RIGHT) donated her 17th pint of blood during the clinic held in the high school last Wednesday. Clinic assistant Janny Leong was one of several Red Cross workers who came from Toronto for the day and evening sessions.

Sheehan predicts better appearance of town parks

Seven attendants have been hired to patrol Halton Hills parks this summer and recreation facilities superintendent Pat Sheehan has vowed there will be a marked improvement in the appearance of the parks.

Sheehan told the Georgetown Recreation Advisory Board last Wednesday night, "If you can't tell me there's a marked improvement when you take your tour in September, I won't be here next year and before I leave, I'll have a lot of recommendations for council."

The board criticized the recreation department last summer for stationing two attendants on an evening shift at the Fairgrounds and neglecting the rest of the parks in town. When they went on a parks tour this year

and weren't able to find the attendant supposed to be working at the Fairgrounds, the board invited Sheehan to attend their monthly meeting.

Of the seven attendants hired for the summer, two each working a 40 hour week, will move from park to park to clean up litter and broken glass and watch for needed repairs. A working supervisor will also work a 40 hour week.

Two more attendants, each working 24 hours a week, will look after Prospect Park in Acton. There will be at least one attendant at the park every day in the week.

A sixth attendant will work 38 hours a week at the Georgetown Fairgrounds. A seventh has been assigned to Cedarvale, 24 hours a week. Sheehan explained attend-

ants are needed at Prospect Park in Acton on the weekends because so many people come out from the Metro Toronto area for picnics there. He said it cost \$2,000 to put the blockhouse in the park back in shape as a result of vandalism that took place when there were no attendants there.

Five more employees, hired for the summer under the Canada Works program, will spend their time painting bleachers, repairing equipment, staining picnic tables etc. They will be under the jurisdiction of the town works department.

Board member Barry Gambles was surprised that Acton, which he said has only 10 per cent of the park area in Halton Hills is getting 20 per cent of the staff in man-hours.

Claudette Smith expressed the opinion the Acton Park is getting a constant attendant because it's a nice park and people want to be there. On a recent tour of the Fairgrounds, on the other hand, she said she found garbage overflowing and soiled toilets in the change rooms. She said she discovered the same empty whisky bottle, which had been lying there three weeks before.

"The point is," said Mrs. Smith "All these people from Toronto will go to Acton for picnics, because there is no place in Georgetown."

Colin Wilde claimed the jobs of attendants shouldn't exist as they do now. "I suggested last year that two

Themes set for summer camp

There are still many openings for the summer day camp to be held in Prospect Park this summer, according to supervisor Rick Rocher.

The camp will be held in four two week sessions, beginning July 4. Cost is \$20 per child per session. If two children of the same family attend, the cost will be \$35 and \$45 for three or more children.

Leaders of the camp have already set the themes on which the children will be working. The Indian theme will be enjoyed by those attending the July 4 to 15 session. Children registered from July 18 to 29 will learn about pirates and gypsies, and King Arthur and Robin Hood will dominate the August 2 to 12 group. The final group from August 15 to 26 will concentrate on the pioneer theme.

Special events for each theme the

youngsters will be dressing up in costumes to fit the mood, making their own props and having special events such as games, hikes, fairs, etc.

The day camp leaders will be attending a six day training camp of their own commencing June 24, in Bolton, sponsored by the senior staff of the Oakville Parks and Recreation Department day camps.

The teenagers will learn the purpose and philosophy of day camping, rainy day programs, camp games, quiet, active sports and nature games, orienteering, tracking, pioneer projects, nature crafts and camp craft projects. The leaders will also be having a child development seminar, and will be required to prepare a research project.

The leaders' participation in this week-long seminar is a

prerequisite to heading the camp camps. None of them will be spending at the seminar, and all are at-

tending in order that they may be more valuable to the caring for and leading of the day camp attenders, according to Mr. Rocher.

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Sports banquet could raise rec. funds

Last week's first recreation Recognition and Awards night could be developed into a fund-raising sportsmen's banquet, in the opinion of recreation advisory board member Stu Robbins. Robbins, a professor of physical education at York University, was guest speaker at the special night.

Robbins suggested at last week's board meeting that a \$20-\$30 a plate banquet could raise money to aid recreation programs in Halton Hills.

Board members said they are very pleased with recreation department efforts in organizing the Recognition

and Awards night. Board member Mary McEwen said recreation co-ordinator Karen King deserves credit for thinking of the idea. Miss King, however, conceded that Councillor Roy Booth originally suggested the idea.

Individuals and teams from Halton Hills, who have placed first in provincial or national competitions, were honored at the special night.

PROCLAMATION

By resolution of the Council of the Town of Halton Hills, I hereby proclaim the week of June 19th to 25th 1977 as "SENIOR CITIZENS' WEEK".

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