Newcomers welcomed by Marlene Steckley

Life can be lonely in a strange town. Once the initial business of moving in to a new home, unpacking and settling in is over, the newcomers are all of a sudden faced with the reality that

they know no one. flowever, all of that can be changed. With the support of some 20 merchants in Acton. the local Hi Neighbour Welcome Service hostess Mrs. Marlene Steckley visits these newcomers, welcoming them to the town and presenting them with discount and gift vouchers from local stores. The booklet given to the new arrivals not only contains

coupons, but also valuable in- service. Hi Neighbour is an formation that new residents need to get to know the town and what it can offer, especially families with children.

These offers to new residents from the town merchants are a good will gesture. Since Acton is a small town, the merchants are sincerely interested in meeting newcomers.

"I would like to see more newcomers using the coupons and vouchers. Many people are not taking full advantage of these offer," Mrs. Steckley says. "If I felt it wasn't a worthwhile service, wouldn't participate in the

sponsible for the coupons and gift certificates as she has visited each merchant involved, and got as many coupons as she could. She gives each new family she visits a kit, which consists of these coupons, brochures on various clubs in town, maps of the town etc. She shows each family where they live in relation to the remainder of the town and points out the schools, churches, parks, etc. Mrs. Steckley explained that she also tries to find out what kind of interests the individuals have and attempts

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offices in Calgary. I have

made a lot of friends through

the organization and feel it is

rewarding that such a ven-

ture can be instrumental in

introducing newcomers to the

Mrs. Steckley herself is re-

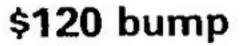
terests. Calls range from half an hour to three hours, Mrs. Steckley says. As a result of her job, she has made numerous friends, and has visited over 200 homes in less

to steer them into clubs or

groups with the same in-

than two years. Mrs. Steckley feels she is very qualified for her job as hostess, as she knows exactly how it feels to be a stranger in town. The Steckleys have moved eight times as Mr. Steckley is a banker, and is subject to frequent transfers. He is currently manager of the Acton Bank of Montreal.

Mrs. Steckley herself has become very involved in town activities since the family moved here two years ago. She is a director of the Chamber of Commerce, is a director on the Ladies Fair Board, initiated a new chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, is on the executive of the local Beta Sigma Phi chapter, is a member of Trinity United Church, a member of the Trinity Activity Group and is a member of the Acton Curling Club. She has also assisted in three fashion shows. When the mother of three finds the time, she enjoys crafts, sewing, gardening and camping.



A collision in an off Mill Street West parking lot resulted in a total of \$120 in damages to two vehicles Monday.

The car driven by Doris Elson, of Oakville, received about \$40, in damages, say police.

Another car, owned by Alexander Spurrell, 2 Mill St. W. received about \$80, in damages. Police say the Spurrell vehicle was parked at the time.

Pellets mar antique cars

Police are on the alert for suspicious people and cars in relation to some B.B. and pellet attacks on parked vehicles on Willow Street and

Main Street. Some antique cars were damaged by pellets from fireirms, as they were parked on Main Street South.

Some of police officers' civilian cars have also been fired upon when they were parked by the precinct.

Friends, fellow workers stage fond far awell

Jack McGeachie, former clerk of Milton, was honored by friends, fellow workers, and municipal officials in a retirement dinner and dance on Friday evening last week, at the Lions Club Hall in

Milton Memorial Arena. Mayor Don Gordon presented a certificate of municipal appreciation and acknowledged

answers and assistance during his years of service. Don Lougheed, treasurer, presented an honorary life membership in the Halton Municipal Association on behalf of fellow municipal

McGeachie's straightforward

. A painting of the former CN station, done by Don Gordon, was presented by Audrey Brush on behalf of the members of the staff.

Councillor Rose Harrison

on behalf of council recogniz- for the trip which will include ing the work Jack had done in accommodation at Edinassisting councillors in their burgh and a rental car for responsibilities.

It was left for Bruce homeland. The trip is set for McKerr to complete the August. presentation started a few weeks earlier when Jack was awarded a flight to Prestwick Scotland as a retirement gift.

This time a ticket was presented to Jack's wife Helen but acknowledged the assist-Hillsburgh man drowns

An 80-year-old Hillsburgh man drowned in a fish pond in the village early this week. Arthur Middleton, Orangeville St. was reported missing by his wife Phyllis.

Jack found it difficult to reply to all the presentations

four weeks travel in Jack's

Middleton was later discovered by searchers in seven feet of water and pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. Walter Scott, police

Photos delayed

Any Free Press photos gone on holidays, causing the ordered in the next few weeks delay. Any orders placed at will be delayed. The person the end of last week will also who makes the prints has be delayed.

hills and valleys and his was no different, but he found it a Flowers were presented to high point to look back over Helen McGrachie by Pauline those 30 years and the many put a song in my heart."

tended by 175 and the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary catered for the roast beef dinner. Music for dancing was provided by the Big Five.

ance of his wife Helen over the 30 years of his municipal work in Acton and Milton. He admitted life was made up of

friendships he had made. He particularly thanked his secretary Marle Deumer for all her assistance in municipal work. Summing up he acknowledged that "you've Councillor Art Melanson presided for the event, at-



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JACK MCGEACHIE was honored at a dinner and dance Friday marking his retirement from municipal work after 30 years service in Acton and more recently in Milton. Here he opens one of his gifts, a painting of the old CN station. Mayor Don Gordon was the artist and he is seen here with Helen McGeachie.

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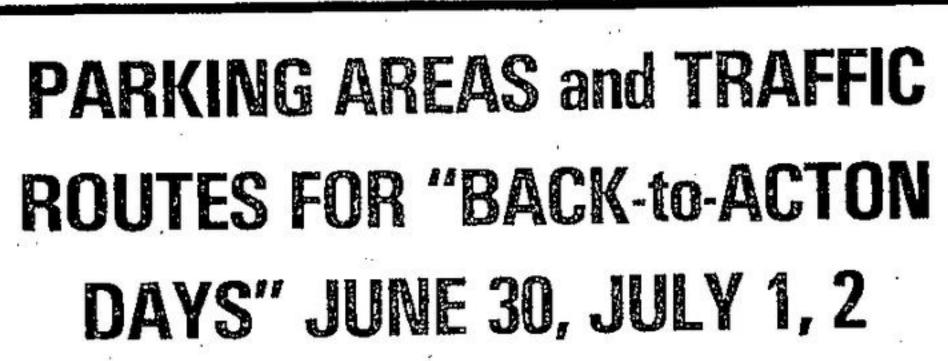
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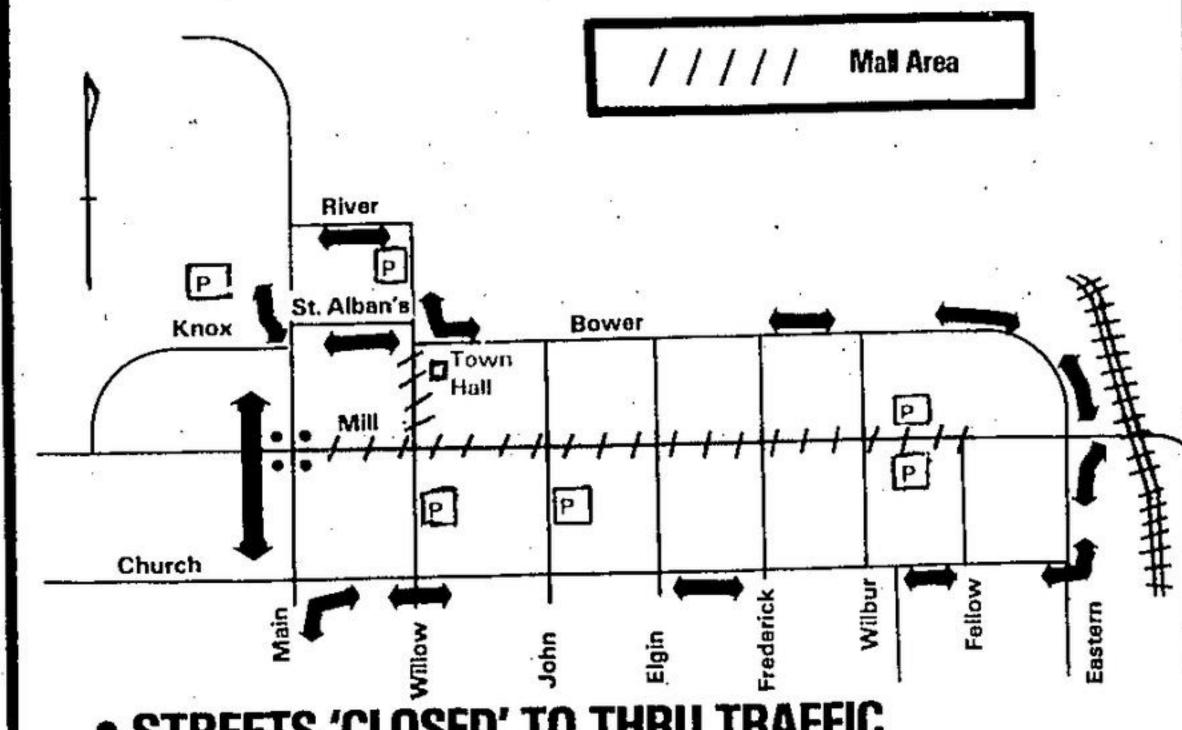
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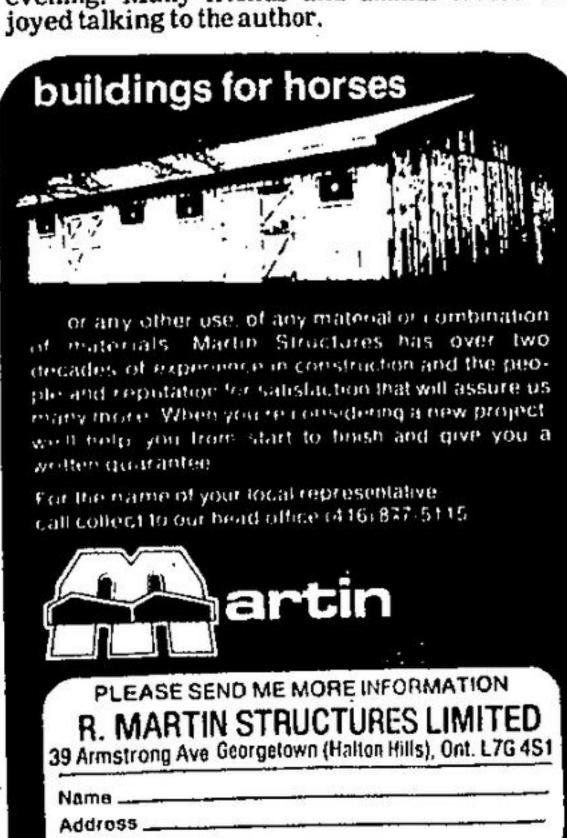


MARLENE STECKLEY is Hi Neighbour

Welcome Service hostess for Acton. She has been

on the job for less than two years and has already

JENNY BARR signed several copies of her new book "And the Lord Rode a Donkey" during an autograph party in the library Thursday-evening. Many friends and animal lovers en-



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