

## 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.

However, all of that can be changed. With the support of some 20 merchants in Acton, the local Hi Neighbour Welcome Service hosts 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 information 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 offers," Mrs. Steckley says. "If I felt it wasn't a worthwhile service, I wouldn't participate in the

service. Hi Neighbour is an all-Canadian firm with head offices in Calgary. I have made a lot of friends through the organization and feel it is rewarding that such a venture can be instrumental in introducing newcomers to the town."

Mrs. Steckley herself is responsible 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 to steer them into clubs or groups with the same interests.

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 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.



MARLENE STECKLEY is Hi Neighbour Welcome Service hostess for Acton. She has been on the job for less than two years and has already visited more than 200 homes.



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 enjoyed talking to the author.

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## Honor Jack McGeachie

# Friends, fellow workers stage fond farewell

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 Mr. McGeachie's straightforward 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 workers.

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 presented a set of cuff links

on behalf of council recognizing the work Jack had done in assisting councillors in their responsibilities.

It was left for Bruce McKerr to complete the 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

### Hillsburgh man drowns

An 80-year-old Hillsburgh man drowned in a fish pond in the village early this week. Arthur Middleton, 5 Orangeville St. was reported missing by his wife Phyllis.

for the trip which will include accommodation at Edinburgh and a rental car for four weeks travel in Jack's homeland. The trip is set for August.

Flowers were presented to Helen McGeachie by Pauline Gordon.

Jack found it difficult to reply to all the presentations but acknowledged the assistance of his wife Helen over the 30 years of his municipal work in Acton and Milton. He admitted life was made up of hills and valleys and his was no different, but he found it a high point to look back over those 30 years and the many friendships he had made. He particularly thanked his secretary Marie Deumer for all her assistance in municipal work. Summing up he acknowledged that "you've put a song in my heart."

Councillor Art Melanson presided for the event, attended by 175 and the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary catered for the roast beef dinner. Music for dancing was provided by the Big Five.

### Photos delayed

Any Free Press photos ordered in the next few weeks will be delayed. The person who makes the prints has

gone on holidays, causing the delay. Any orders placed at the end of last week will also be delayed.



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.

### \$120 bump

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 firearms, 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.



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  - ★ MILL STREET from Main to Fellow
  - ★ WILLOW STREET from Mill to Bower
- **PARKING AVAILABLE IN AREAS MARKED 'P'**
- **1/2 HOUR ANGLE PARKING BETWEEN WILLOW and MAIN STREETS ON SOUTH SIDE OF MILL**

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