

Warm weather has given area campgrounds boost

It offers the same services as Smallwood Acres but is only 17 acres. "There are about 50 trailers on the site now," said Mrs. Mair about her parents' operation. "There is still space available and especially weekend space but The Breezes is having a good year too."

The largest difference between Smallwood Acres and The Breezes is Mr. Wood encourages campers to winter camp and snowmobile on his campground whereas Smallwood Acres is closed for the winter.

Nor-Halton Campground, located on Halton Road 12 west of Highway 25, is also having an excellent year. . . their best since they opened in 1973.

"We've got over 80 per cent occupancy," said Doris Barber, wife of proprietor Mervin Barber. "We've done really great this year. And we've had and still have some really great campers here."

The Barber's 10 acres is open from May 15 until Thanksgiving this season. They have permanent campers on the grounds and supply their customers with all the conveniences supplied by Smallwood Acres except for the lake.

They built a swimming pool to keep the campers cool on the many hot days Southern Ontario residents have enjoyed this season.

Nor-Halton Campground is closed during the winter for camping.

The unusually warm weather in late spring and early summer this year has provided three Acton area campgrounds with a "bumper-crop" of campers, thus an excellent year financially.

"It's been a good year for us," said Linda Mairs, niece of Charles Smallwood, the proprietor of Smallwood Acres on Fairy Lake. "The campground has been almost 100 per cent occupied since we opened in May."

Smallwood Acres is a 30 acre campground located on Fairy Lake in Acton and is open from the Victoria Day Weekend until the Thanksgiving Day Weekend every year.

"We have about 100 trailers on the site now," Mrs. Mairs said. "We leave space open however, for weekenders."

Most of the trailers are on the site permanently and belong to annual campers from the Burlington, Guelph and Toronto area.

Smallwood Acres boasts a sandy beach, electric receptacles, water on tap, picnic tables, showers, fishing and boating, booth service, flush toilets, firewood and fireplaces, a dumping station and sewers.

Just down the shore is The Breezes, a campground owned by Mr. Smallwood's brother-in-law John Wood.

The Breezes has been operating since 1962 and is two years older than Smallwood Acres.



A COMFORTABLE SCENIC spot for camping can be found at Smallwood Acres, located on Fairy Lake in Acton. The campground curves

around the lake and has full camping facilities as well as a sandy beach. It is open from May 24 until Thanksgiving every year.



ENJOYING THE SANDY BEACH and the warm water of Fairy Lake in Acton are two Canada geese. The geese wander quite close to the children playing in the water along the beach and don't seem to mind the noise and the splashing.

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New store

Handcarved furniture enhances any room

Betty Haugen wanted to bring a little bit of her homeland to her Halton Hills home, and as a result, has set herself up in business selling handcarved furniture.

Halton Hills Imports opened in Acton on Mill St. a week ago. Mrs. Haugen decided to open the store when friends admired her living room furniture which was handcarved. She had bought it in a shop in Toronto.

On her next visit home to El Salvador, Central America, Mrs. Haugen approached some friends and asked them to make her various items. The work would all be done at one friend's home, and shipped to her in Acton when completed.

This was in May. The first order arrived last week, and the new shopkeeper was able to set up business.

Because everything is hand made, no two pieces of furniture are the same. Everything is made out of cedar, which is easiest for carving. Mrs. Haugen says, and it takes one man five ten hour days to complete one coffee table. Other articles include occasional tables, rocking chairs, (with hand weaving in the seat and back), large chests, wall plaques and salad bowls with mock fruits, also handmade. Everything is made of cedar. Children's toys are also available, also handmade. Necklaces and key chains are made out of actual coffee beans, both roasted and natural.

Mrs. Haugen came to Canada in 1963 and eventually married a Canadian. She herself is now a citizen of this country, but goes home to El Salvador once a year to visit with family. She and her family have lived in Acton for over one year now and hope there is a real need for their product in the area.

The merchant feels the items she offers far exceed the quality of furniture made in factories. She explains the personal touch in the making of the items gives them a better quality.

Mrs. Haugen is also surprised at how well the furniture blends in with other styles. She explained that most of her furniture is French Provincial, but her Central American coffee table fits right in as if it was part of the set. She said everyone she knows with this type of item finds this is so.

The articles are also easy to keep clean, she says. Rubbing shoe polish on them and then brushing it off keeps the natural look. The items in her store have provided for a layer of glass to be placed over the carving to offer further preventative maintenance.

As Mrs. Haugen sells her stock she will notify her

Readying

Acton Citizen's Band members are practising to play in competition at the Canadian National Exhibition August 20.

The group will have a chance to play one selection of their own choice, and another which all hands will be playing.

workers in Central American, and they will make more articles. She says they work for no one else but her, and are all artists in their job.

With many living rooms in

Acton probably abounding in French Provincial, Colonial, Mediterranean, Early Canadian, etc., why not try Central American, for an added international flair?



BETTY HAUGEN and son Eric enjoy their new store Halton Hills Imports on Mill St. in Acton. They sell hand-carved furniture from El Salvador in Central America.

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Planners survey

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According to Planner Dave McLeary, "One of the major requirements for this type of planning is a greater understanding of the travel habits and attitudes of people in Halton today. One question is directed at the effects of the current rise in gas prices on people's travel habits, and another is directed at obtaining information as to why people do not use transit today and why they may in the future."

"The survey will be undertaken during the week of August 14, 1977 with questionnaires mailed to about 10,000 households in the Region. Selected postal walks will be used to provide a reasonable sampling of people and lifestyles in the Region. The rate of questionnaire return is expected to be similar to that of surveys carried out in adjoining Regions."

The planning department



PLANNING TO MAKE this trailer their permanent summer home are owners Mr. and Mrs. Art Skinner of Weston. The Skinners came to Nor-Halton Park Campgrounds this spring and are pleased with the facilities and the landscaping.

expects to have the survey completed and data compiled by the fall in time to inform the public during presentation of Halton's Draft Official Plan.

Residents wishing more information concerning the plan or the survey should contact the regional planning department.

Panelling

The panelling in the Isabel Watson room of the library is now completed.

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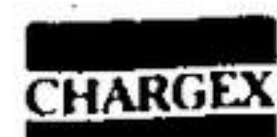
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