

Merchants split . . .

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 turbed that this matter had not been taken to the Acton counterpart. "Have they received this petition?"
 Mrs. Shoemaker replied, "The president of the B.I.A. said they have nothing to do with it."
 Marks said the B.I.A. have no authority to buy land. He said there are two groups who have both documented their presentations. "We have to get them together." He said council is trying to get the exact cost for each business, and suggested a public meeting.
 "I don't understand why the municipality should make this decision, is it not up to the majority of businessmen?" asked Councillor Peter Morris.
 Councillor Russ Miller said the property owners have to agree since the town simply does the funding, and it's charged back to the property owners.
 Mrs. Shoemaker repeated her contention that the majority don't want to buy property. "Overall 85.2 per cent don't want to buy land for parking."
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 She pointed out the turning area would be cramped.
 The parking spots behind the Y must avoid the rear exit and an exit, she said. There are six spaces there and six tenants already, the Y, Masonic Lodge, town offices, Campbell and Patterson Insurance Adjusters, the Community Services Centre and the apartment.
 In the two main business blocks between John to Main on Mill she found 52 employees and employers driving cars to work who do not have private parking.



JOHN SMITH, Churchill Rd., (center right) is one of the cadets employed as a supervisor at the National Cadet Summer Training School at Canadian Forces Base Borden, Ontario. Smith holds the rank of corporal for the duration of the school. This photo was taken during the first aid portion of a course all junior non-commissioned officers received prior to the start of the supervisory duties at CSTS. Flight - Sgt. Smith is an active cadet in 756 Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Cadets, Georgetown, who will resume their training program in September. There are several Acton young people involved in Air Cadets there.

Poor turnout problem

Only once this year has there been a full turnout of councillors at planning board meeting, and the average attendance is eight out of 13 members, Councillor Roy Booth stated last week.
 The habitual poor attendance sparked a motion by Councillors George Maltby and Les Doby to form a planning committee of five to

seven members, "who have a good record of attendance." The motion stressed all councillors would continue to receive the agendas and retain their voting rights.
 The motion to set up the committee was withdrawn.
 Maltby claimed it is embarrassing to have to explain to delegations there is no

quorum and the meeting is not really properly constituted. "It tells the people a majority of the members don't feel their concerns are important enough to be here."
 Councillor Pat McKenzie pointed out many are away on holidays, and contended the system of keeping open for business all summer is better than some municipalities who shut down meetings for two months.
 Councillor Russ Miller said the planning board only recommends to council anyway - so the members know about everything when it gets to council.
 This motion was lost and planning board will continue as it has in the past.

No exemptions

All tourist oriented type businesses will not be able to stay open on Sundays and holidays as was recommended last week by Halton Hills administration committee.
 Council refused to accept the recommendation. Originally the only business to be exempted was the old Glen Mill, operated by Leonard Menary in part of the Beaumont Knitting Mill, but administration committee felt it should apply all over town.
 Councillor Pat McKenzie said almost any merchant could be doing something for tourists.
 Councillor Peter Marks

said the intent was to apply only to businesses whose major orientation was toward tourists.
 Councillor Pete Pomeroy said he could see nothing but trouble the way the recommendation reads at present. "How are you going to prove a business is tourist oriented?"
 Councillor Roy Booth said it could open the door to many types of businesses, including all gift shops, antique places or just about any type business.
 The report originated with the regional solicitor who recommended the Old Glen Mill be exempted from the Retail Business Holidays Act.

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Garbage site near here?

Scarborough controller Kenneth Morrish has asked the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to consider several old quarry sites west of Georgetown as places to dump Metro Toronto garbage.
 This newspaper called the Ministry of the Environment but up to pressure time a spokesman for the Ministry was not able to identify the old quarry sites. He hoped more information would be available this week.
 Morrish and Metro Toronto chairman Paul Godfrey met with Environment Minister George Kerr recently to discuss disposal of Toronto's garbage which amounts to over 1,000 truckloads daily.
 Morrish said the last disposal site in Metro will close within two years, leaving only two sites in Pickering township to put their garbage.
 Metro as a result has asked the Ministry of the Environment to consider establishing a Crown corporation to locate and purchase garbage sites to

be used by Metro and the regional municipalities of York, Durham and Peel. The quarry sites near Georgetown were recommended as sites to be considered.
 Metro is studying the use of garbage to fuel boilers generating electricity and recovery of glass and metal from garbage but according to Morrish this would not eliminate the need for disposal sites. Metro wants the Crown agency to operate the sites and regulate charges.
 Metro officials say provincial authority will be required to obtain future disposal sites. In 1975, the Province vetoes Metro plans to haul 400,000 tons of garbage by rail to a site near Port Hope. The Open pit at

Indusmin quarry near Acton was also considered as a repository for some of the nearly two million tons of garbage Toronto produces annually.
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August 13 collision

Meadvale Rd. was the scene of an accident between vehicles driven by Johannus Jansen, 55 Meadvale Rd., and Maria Pataky, 54 Roseford Terrace, on August 13, at 8:59 p.m.
 Police report \$15 in estimated damages to the Jansen pick up truck and \$200 damages to the Pataky vehicle.

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 All photos to be judged must be submitted to our offices by September 10. One person may enter as many times as he or she wishes, there will be two separate categories for color and black and white.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners, and some photographs will be reprinted in the Free Press with a photo credit.
 Photos must be taken locally, so all you shutter bugs and photo freaks out there better get shooting. Time is awasting.
 Send entries to "Photo Contest", The Acton Free Press, Box 120, Acton, Ontario.

BRAD HARKINS got dressed up as a clown for a muscular dystrophy carnival he and his brothers were giving on Wednesday at their home at 3 Rosemary Rd.

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Building permits are issued

Building permits in Acton for the month of July totalled \$76,600.
 There were five permits issued for residential additions, repairs and alterations worth \$26,200. Four swimming pools were installed around town with permits totalling \$12,900, and one industrial inside addition of crane rails and beams worth \$23,500. There was one commercial alteration worth \$14,000.

Identity loss

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 "The idea that you need the region to co-ordinate is just a bogey man too. All we had before was good neighbors co-operating. We had to help each other. Now it is dog eat dog and the citizens have the feeling it is being shoved down their throats."

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