



THE YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTRE wound up in the scout hall last week. Since June 28 youths frequented the hall twice a week under supervision of co-ordinator Johanna Vlietstra and Sally Griffiths. Here Danny Waites, Paul Marchmont, Colleen Hubbard, Brad Jenkinson, Mike and Sandy Waites, Greg Spurrell and Brenda Thibert enjoy

a game of monopoly. In back stand Miss Griffiths on the left and Miss Vlietstra. Youths' ages in the Recreation Department program ranged from 13 to 17 years. Co-ordinator Vlietstra said she hoped the program would continue next year.

### Want parity

## Nurses feel pinch with no contract

Ontario Public Health Nurses have been without a contract for over two years and some nurses are feeling the pinch.

"We're living on 1975 salaries," complained Sharon Campbell, the president of the Halton local of the Ontario Nurses Association. "It's difficult to live on a salary two years behind the times."

At times Mrs. Campbell has felt the negotiations have been slow because many of the public health nurses are married.

"Sure some members have husbands to supplement their incomes, but others are single, widowed, separated or divorced," she said.

Mrs. Campbell added that salaries should be based on the merit of the job and job qualifications, not on whether the workers are married women.

It is because of the public health nurses' job qualifications that the nurses are demanding wage parity with hospital nurses. This demand

has been one of the major stumbling blocks in negotiations.

The other major stumbling block had been the public health nurses' demands for compulsory arbitration, but this has been dropped Mrs. Campbell said.

Despite requiring more education and experience than their hospital counterparts Mrs. Campbell points out the public health nurses receive a lower wage than the hospital nurses.

A public health nurse with a four-year university degree begins at \$12,075 a year while a hospital nurse with a two-year community college diploma can earn in excess of \$14,000 annually depending on the hospital said Mrs. Campbell. She added that the maximum scale for a public health nurse is just over \$13,000.

Public health nurses conduct and operate a wide variety of community health projects ranging from exercise classes for senior citizens to

pre-natal health care. In June 1976 the public health nurses staged a week-long strike and were subsequently locked out for one week over their demands for compulsory arbitration.

Mrs. Campbell later stated that the nurses are not interested in striking but hoped through compulsory arbitration they could catch up to the wages of hospital nurses.

At a recent meeting with the public health nurses and able to attend the meeting but said its purpose was to discuss the demands of the nurses and find the best possible solution to the problem.

"We're anxious to get it settled," said Mrs. Campbell. "I'm optimistic. I feel we've waited a long time."

"At this point the money must come from the province," she said. "The local boards don't have the money realistically available."

About 76 per cent of the funding for public health nurses' salaries comes from the province.

Even if the public health nurses do reach a settlement it would probably only be for two years which would put them right back at the negotiating table said Mrs. Campbell.



**Pretty good, eh?** DERRICK NEELY won the Acton Meadows Junior Championship last weekend with a total of 165 over 36 holes. Derrick of Longfield Road, finished three shots ahead of Bob McClure and Dave Johnson. For more sports see page 12.

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## Sewage plant can't take another addition

Acton's growth will be limited by the capacity of the water pollution control plant even more than had been expected.

The Ministry of the Environment, asked the feasibility of further expanding the Acton plant, replied "at this time we cannot foresee that a future expansion will be practicable unless a radically new, economical and proven form of advanced

sewage treatment becomes generally available.

An addition is presently being constructed at the Acton plant, but it had been assumed a further extension would be possible.

Apparently the present expansion has been designed to fully utilize the total assimilative capacity of Black Creek.

Until the expanded plant has been in operation for

several years, says the Ministry, it will be impossible to monitor and evaluate the effect of the plant on the stream quality.

Future subdivisions and industry are dependant on the capacity of the sewage treatment plant.

Halton Hills planning board had asked the Ministry to comment on the plant capacity.

## Neighbor seeks info on golf course plan

Any rezoning of the Baron farm, at the Fifth Line and Highway Seven, could eventually result in another form of recreation such as go-kart tracks, trail bike riding, or some other noisy pastime, on that land Dennison Denny, owner of adjacent property, told Halton Hills council in a letter.

He said he was not emphatically opposed to a golf course but said he would prefer the land remain rural.

Mr. Denny asked if the land is zoned recreational, and the golf course ceases to operate, would the zoning remain recreational or would it revert to its present rural zoning?

He claimed it would be difficult for a golf course to become a profitable operation since there are three

golf courses within a radius of ten miles.

He claimed there are 60 acres of good arable land on the farm, not 40, as stated by Mrs. K. Maxwell, agent for the land, when she appeared at planning board.

Mr. Denny wondered if wells in the area would be affected by the large amount of water needed to keep a golf course in good condition.

## Five honored with Queen's Jubilee medal



Edith Hilfman



Dr. Frank Oakes



George Leslie



Garfield McGilvray



Connie Nieuwhof

Five Halton Hills residents will be honored with the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal.

Chosen Monday night by Halton Hills Council, were Mrs. Connie Nieuwhof, Mrs. Edith Hilfman, Dr. Frank Oakes, Garfield McGilvray, and George Leslie.

Mrs. Connie Nieuwhof, 25 McGilvray Cres., Georgetown, current Georgetown Citizen of the Year was recognized for outstanding service to the Red Cross in

this area. Mrs. Edith Hilfman, R.R. 4, Acton, for her extensive volunteer work with the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded, Dr. Frank Oakes, 159 Jeffrey Ave., Acton, a veterinarian, for his years on Acton council, as mayor and reeve of Acton and as Warden of Halton County. He was chosen Acton Citizen of the Year, this year.

Garfield McGilvray, 8 Guelph St., Georgetown, served on Georgetown

council for many years, and was secretary and president of Georgetown Fair Board for an equally long time. He worked for 48 years at the Georgetown Herald.

George Leslie, 56 Queen Street, Georgetown was a member of Esquimaux council as councillor, deputy reeve, and reeve. He was reeve in 1952 and 53, and again from 1962 until 1967. He was also Warden of Halton County. Mr. Leslie came to the

reeve's chair in 1962 in the middle of the term, when the late Wilfrid Bird died.

According to the letter from the Premier's office, the award of the medal is intended as an expression of appreciation of exemplary service in various walks of life, and as reflection of the esteem in which they are held by the community.

Medals will be mailed to recipients.

## Law breaking is average

The amount of law-breaking in Acton is about average, says Inspector Walter Southward, who is in charge of statistics for the Halton Regional Police.

He was asked by the Free Press to comment on a statement which appeared in the newspaper August 10 saying "Acton per capita is one of the worst communities in Canada."

The statement was made at a meeting of the Niagara Escarpment commission. Chief Skerrett of the Halton regional police said he knew of no foundation for the remark.

The meeting was discussing erecting a tower at Speyside to improve police communications in the north of the county. Inspector Southward says policemen

are cautious about going to a domestic complaint or fight alone, because of the unreliability of the communications system.

Transmission is often faulty, particularly in the spring, he said. A new system will cure the problems.

### Better lighting

Acton Tennis Club will have the lighting upped to 25 foot candle power, if council approves a Halton Hills administration committee recommendation.

The project was included in the 1977 budget, and four tenders were received. The committee recommended the acceptance of Nadalin Electric's tender, the lowest of four.



CONCENTRATING hard on pasting up her work at the Christian Reformed Church Vacation Bible school last week is Barbara Kerhof.

## Main program "coming along"

Main St. reconstruction project is coming along well, according to the town's engineer Bob Austin.

As the contractors proceed, they adjust their work to the situation, and this has resulted in changes and delays. For instance, a gas main at the south end of the construction area was found to be too close to the curb, so it is being removed and relocated this week.

The centre section of the bridge near the library is being renewed. This had not originally been planned.

Detours and bypasses at the north end of the street are not yet decided.

Storm sewer work began this week.

The single lane traffic which causes traffic delays is

working as well as possible and Mr. Austin pointed out the flagmen have a difficult job.

### Fireplace starts afire

Acton volunteer firefighters had to tear apart a new fireplace early Sunday morning to extinguish flames in behind the stone work.

Fire chief Mick Holmes reports the department was

### Band plays

Acton Citizens' Band will be competing at the CNE fairgrounds Toronto Sunday morning at 9.30. They will be competing against several other bands from across Ontario.

The band will be gathering here at the Music Centre and travelling to the Ex by bus.

## Information meeting due

A "public information" meeting will be called by the Chamber of Commerce, likely for the week after the fall fair. Louis Charlebois said the organization hopes to have Mario Venditti of the planning department, Bob Austin of the engineering department and the three town councillors present at the special meeting to answer questions of current concern.

He would also hope to have representatives of the town hall restoration committee, Business Improvement Area board of directors and the Business Association there to take part in the discussions.

Mr. Charlebois said Chamber members feel there is a need for such a meeting, and he hopes there will be a good response.

## Fair days coming Sept. 16-17-18

Acton Fall Fair days are only one month away and organizers are busy preparing for the show.

As usual, the three day weekend will begin Friday, September 16 as the arena will be opened to the public to view the various displays.

One change from last year, points out secretary-treasurer John Rowe, is that the domestic classes displays etc., normally placed upstairs in the arena will be moved to the ice surface area. Everything normally displayed here, will be upstairs.

On September 16, the Friday evening, an Octoberfest band will be featured at a Spot in the Park. Beverages and a sit-down meal will be served.

In the arena, the same evening, Miss Acton Fall Fair 1976, Charmaine Bigelow will relinquish her crown to one lucky girl who is this year's winner of the honor. The contest takes place as usual during a variety show.

Saturday starts out bright and early with a sheep show. A cat show for youngsters will take place until noon. This will be in the Spot in the Park.

At nine a.m. the English Pony show is held and the Harness ponies and light horse shows take place at 11 a.m. At one p.m. that same day is the heavy horse show. All day Saturday and Sunday is the cattle show.

A parade will begin at noon, featuring many floats and bands including the Acton Citizens' Band and the Garrison Dance Band.

Every young parent's favorite show, the baby show, takes place at two p.m. The day's events come to a close at nine when a dance begins featuring the Garrisons

dance band. Sunday sees noon action at the English and western horse shows and the heavy horse pull. At 1.30 p.m. the Old Tyme Fiddlers contest begins. This year, over \$600 in prizes are given, plus a trophy. The tractor pull commences at three p.m.

Throughout the exciting weekend in the Happy Land Midway the young and the young at heart can go on death-defying rides, or the calmer merry-go-round, eat cotton candy and caramel popcorn or gamble away their quarters in an attempt

to win their girl a stuffed animal.

For the quieter type, the booths in the arena will be open all weekend for those who just like to browse.

A poultry show will also be taking place the entire weekend in the poultry building.

Hundreds of people of all ages from all over the county are expected to attend the three day event. Organizers are still making plans for the weekend, which they have been planning since the day after last year's parade.



OLD-FASHIONED threshing bee was staged at Indian Garden Farm, the home of Ken and Doll Murray and family on Saturday. Don Ross brought his 1943 tractor to drive the threshing

machine. Neighbors and friends happily pitched bales of wheat, and enjoyed an outdoor barbecue and bonfire later. It's become an annual event at the Murrays.