

# Dream comes true, car dealership opens

Les Pelitis had a dream—just like almost everyone else in the world. However, thanks to the people of Acton, Les was able to fulfill this dream and open the doors to his future.

Saturday, October 1, marked the official opening of Achilles' Motors, a Mazda car dealership. And for Les, Saturday also marked a big victory. He had made a name for himself.

Cars have always been in

his blood, he says. When he finished high school in Greece, he went to technical school and got his license, and for seven years worked for another dealer. Not satisfied with working for someone else, Les opened his own business.

He was quite popular in his home town. He was elected councillor, and eventually to the post of second mayor. Les explained this meant when the mayor was out of town,

Les was in charge. Business was good until the price of gas started to rise and the people of Greece could not afford cars. Because of this, Les pulled up stakes, left behind a rising political career and his own business, and gambled on Canada as a future home.

That decision was one Les has never regretted. It was just six short years ago he made the move, and right away he knew Canada was one of the best countries in

the world, he says. He says the country has given him a chance to make a go of it, and he feels he has not let anyone down.

Four years ago he and his wife Litsa moved to Acton, where Les purchased what is now Les' B.P. In the short time he has been here, he has built the business up and has a small restaurant adjoining it. The two bay garage some days sees 20 different cars being worked on. Travellers and local residents purchase their gas at his pumps. A 24-hour towing service assures a very busy day.

However, even with all this, Les did not feel he had made it in a strange town. He explained it is easy to be "a somebody" in the town a person is born in, but it is harder to "be a somebody" in an adopted home.

The people of Acton accepted the Pelitis', and offered them warmth and friendship they did not think possible. His customers are mainly regulars, Les says, because he does a good job fixing their car the first time they come in, and they return. Les depends on his own honesty for his business.

Because of his steady customers and friends, Les was able to realize his dream—to expand and open a car dealership. The opportunity came this summer when the garage next to him was put up for sale. He purchased the building and acquired a Mazda dealership.

Why Mazda? Les said he believes them to be the best small car around. He explained that 30 percent of all the cars in Europe are Mazdas and he knows them inside out. He pointed out that he had sold two of the ten he ordered, even before the cars



LES PELITIS, owner of Les' B.P. and Achilles Motors, sits in one of his new Mazda GLC's which arrived last week. Business is booming even though he just opened his new business on Saturday.

## Computer switches wait

Converting a water billing machine in Georgetown to metrics will have to wait a while, until the Region's Public Works Committee gets an indication of what the overall metric conversion will cost Halton residents.

Milton Councillor Jim Kerr said that the conversion to metrics in the water billing is only the beginning.

Regional Treasurer Don Farmer said the region would move gradually to metric conversion beginning early in 1978.

He said other machines would have to be reprogrammed, but the one in Georgetown is the only one that would have to be replaced.

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ALL SET TO GO, three local youngsters compete in Sunday's Ride-a-Thon in aid of the Central Ontario Development Riding Program for the disabled. From left to right they are Ross Turner on Apollo, Cathy Turner riding Cloud Nine, and Don Johnson with Shilo. Fifty participants brought in an estimated \$3,700 in pledges.

## Riders for disabled raise \$3,700 Sunday

Fifty riders rode for the disabled Sunday in a 20 mile ride-a-thon, raising an estimated \$3,700.

The ride, organized by the Central Ontario Developmental Riding Program for physically, mentally, and emotionally disabled, started from the Halton Presbytery Grounds. The trail wound from the Sixth Line Nassagaweya eastward, through woods, hills and wild rocky country to the First Line.

Riders commented that, despite mud and bogs caused by the weekend's heavy downpours, the ride was very enjoyable and easy. All 50 contestants completed the ride.

Local riders involved included Pat Dales, Shelly Brasselot, Jean Pettit, Cathy and Ross Turner, all of Rockwood, and Don Johnson of Acton.

Rider from Nova Scotia far away as Nova Scotia (visiting in Hespeler), Dunville, Ancaster, Milbank and Burlington.

Organizer, Dorrie Murdock Gregg of Guelph, who is also the program's vice-president and publicity chairman, was vocal in her praise of Rockwood residents Marg and Gord Cox for their invaluable assistance. Mr. and Mrs. Cox have had many years' experience organizing the Rockwood Trail Riders' annual competitive trail rides. Mrs. Murdock Gregg also complimented Pat Dales and Kaz Lewandowski for trail setup and general help. Both are Rockwood members and Trail Riders.

Veterinary checks The 20-mile ride was well posted with check points and a team of veterinary students headed by Dr. Denna Benn made sure every horse was fit to make the ride.

The trail was manned by the Volunteer Emergency Communications Organization from Kitchener. Grounds were donated for the day although Mrs. Murdock Gregg says she insisted on paying for hydro used.

The Central Ontario

Developmental Riding Program has branches in Guelph, at Fairfields Farm on Watson Road; Newton, Cambridge; and Shakespear.

"Being normal" Designed to give the "experience of being normal" to disabled people, the program survives on donations from sponsors of ride-a-thons, Mrs. Murdock Gregg explained. Government grants originally supporting the program have dried up, she commented.

Future plans for the organization include a booth at the Royal Winter Fair in conjunction with C.A.R.D. (Community Assistance for Riding for the Disabled) and an exhibit at the Kitchener Market Bazaar Oct. 29. A booth at the Willow West shopping mall is planned for October 22.



WAITING FOR THE VET is Don Johnson of Acton and his mount for Sunday's Ride-a-Thon, Shilo. Horses were vetted before making the 20-mile ride in aid of the Central Ontario Development riding program for the disabled.

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