

### Pet of the week



PATCHES WAS a Christmas present two years ago to his owner, Tracy Arnold, 11. Patches is part miniature German Shepherd, miniature collie and terrier, and is less patchy than he used to be. He listens to his owner and obeys commands.

### Free Press Youth Page

All welcome

## Canada day set for school Jan. 10

With all the talk of separation and cultural unrest in Canada, Acton is doing something truly Canadian.

Tuesday, January 10, is "Canada Day", at Acton District high school. The purpose of the day is to try to develop a greater awareness of the many different activities that represent the "Canadian way".

The day will begin at 9 with a lecture and discussion by George Vincent, a well-known geographer, and author of "Canada from Sea to Sea".

Beginning at 11.05 seminars will be presented on agriculture past and present, there will be a dog team racing demonstration held outside, lectures by the R.C.M.P., on sports in Canada, on issues affecting the Indian people of Ontario, seals and sealing, quilting, the Canadian Armed Forces and a lecture on building the CN tower.

Folk singers will be there to sing for the students, in both English and French.

Lectures by representatives from the department of Indian and Northern Affairs, Ministry of Energy, Ontario hydro and the Niagara Escarpment Commission are expected.

These are just a few of the



many sessions that will be available on Canada Day.

At 2.15 a variety show will take place for the whole school. The entertainment will be provided by the dancers of native Indians in Ontario and the Scottish sword dance and bagpipes.

The school would like to extend an invitation to all

members of the community to take part in this Canadian event.

### Milton school could begin soon

Milton could see construction get underway for a new high school this fall, if the Halton Board of Education receives approval by the Ontario Ministry of Education, according to Emmerson Lavender, Director of Education for Halton.

The need for the high school is very important, said Mr. Lavender, but approval will depend on the priority position of the Milton school at the Ministry.

"The people of Ontario have to decide if they want the government to provide more service or spend less money," he stated.

"At the moment there are portables at the Milton high school, but that is only a short term solution. I would think the need is pretty apparent," he continued.

Current enrolment at Milton District High School, as of December 1977 is 1,326 according to school officials. The Ontario ministry's rated capacity for the school is 1,220 students. The school also has six portables in use to accommodate the overflow.

The six portables will not be sufficient for the coming fall according to Don Gentleman, assistant superintendent with the school board.

"There is no question, but that Milton High School is jammed," he said, adding enrolment projections for the fall of 1978 indicate about 60 more students than normal will register.

The increase will result in at least three new portables and probably four being

added to the school, said Mr. Gentleman. A new high school was slated for Milton in 1975, but construction was deferred when priority was given to Acton instead.

The board had applied for permission to build the Milton high school with capacity for 800 students as well as a special wing for 400 vocational students. The vocational wing was never approved.

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## Coffee house dream becoming a reality

Members of the Coffee House committee have been busy during the holidays working on the construction of their room in the Y.M.C.A.

Executive member Mark Beaton said they have almost completed the walls and the electricity work has been finished.

The committee is hoping to set up work parties for different weekends so they can meet the projected opening date of March 4, 1978.

The Coffee House is in the basement of the Y.M.C.A. and will provide students with a relaxed atmosphere where they can be with their friends and listen to the entertainment of singers and groups.

### High school news

by Janet Rowe

The beginning of a new year brings only 22 days until the end of semester one. At this time it will be turn-around time and Acton High students will have three days off. Students will return to school for the beginning of semester two, on February 1, 1978.

With school starting just yesterday, after the Christmas holidays, there is very little news at Acton High this week.

One event that is coming up is the glass drive, put on by the Outers club. This will be held on Saturday, January 7. Be sure to put out your glass from the holidays and support the Outers.

### Students say: I resolve . . .

With the coming of a new year students at the high school begin by making New Year's resolutions.

A weight-conscious student decided to start the new year out on a diet with the hope of losing ten pounds.

Improving marks, quitting smoking, and doing homework

before social life were all popular resolutions.

One girl resolved to try a keep her room clean, well at least once a month!

A few students decided to base their resolutions on past experience. This year they resolve not to make any resolutions.

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### Agricultural Hall of Fame in Milton

At a recent meeting of delegates from the major agricultural organizations, support was given to the establishment of an Agricultural Hall of Fame for Ontario.

The objective of the Agricultural Hall of Fame will be to give formal recognition to the many men and women who have by example and deed, paved the way for the extraordinary developments that have been made in organization, in production, in marketing, in education, and in all other phases of agriculture.

The Agricultural Hall of Fame will be located at the Ontario Agricultural Museum, Milton. "People who have made significant contributions to agriculture have, in so doing, made important contributions to society at large. It is fitting that we honor them in this way," said Henry Stanley, Halton Agricultural Representative.

### Personals

Miss Cindy Lott has returned to the University of Ottawa after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lott and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mainprize of Montreal visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mainprize and Mr. Bill Mainprize. Jack is just back from Bahia, Brazil, where he was working on a power installation for his company, Dominion Engineering.

A surprise birthday party was held for Mrs. George Simpson for her 75th birthday on December 28 by her family Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bittorf of Acton and Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Simpson of Burlington. Eight grandchildren and one great grandson were there.

### Public skating

There was a good turnout for public skating over the Christmas holidays at the Acton Community centre, while shabby was not quite as popular, although there was still a fair turnout. Very few people took part in parent and tot skating.

### Monday quiet

Most business places were closed Monday for the New Year's holiday.

A couple of stores were open, but the main streets were very quiet.

There was no mail delivery.

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