

## Garage sales a business?

How many garage sales is a person allowed to hold before he is running a business? Councillor George Maltby asked Halton Hills works committee that question Monday night and committee decided to have the zoning administrator Doug Sargent look into it.

Some people are holding garage sales almost every weekend of the summer, provided the weather is nice. "Some businesses are going on under the guise of a garage sales" Maltby declared.

He said he didn't even think the town has anything on "the books" controlling garage sales.

## Town hall . . .

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the building should not be used until the recommendations of Mr. Zeegen were carried out. "We are not suggesting the building be done away with," he said. He said they want people to realize they are working in an unsafe building. "We're not prepared to say how soon they should move out."

George Elliott, chairman of the Town Hall restoration committee, commented that he did not see how the Department of Labor report could differ from Alan Zeegen's report. There is no longer any way for inspectors to get up into the roof to inspect it, since the fire hall addition has been completed.

"If people intend to remain the recommendations should be complied with."

Alan Zeegen, questioned by the Free Press, pointed out he did not make any recommendations, as referred to in the Department report. "I just gave my observations."

Yet Mr. Elliott and the other members of the committee have had difficulty with Mr. Zeegen's reports which seems to contradict themselves in places. For instance, Mr. Zeegen says in one report that the roof acts as a pyramid, bearing only on the outside walls. The later report indicates the need of wood post supports.

He explained that if a building has one unsafe part, there can be progressive collapse.

There is no question a building can be refurbished and made safe, he said. It is a matter of what decision is made.

The Town Hall committee is continuing making plans for fund-raising, Mr. Elliott says. They will be contacting their architect, who also had an engineering study done.

Asked about the fire hall, he explained it is built independently of the town hall. The structural stability of the fire hall is not dependent on the town hall, he said.

The feasibility study for the Town Hall Restoration Committee recommended reinforcing the roof, replacing defective roof and providing adequate support, in its cost estimates. The report also recommended stripping and re-roofing the present roof.

## Landlord responsible for tenants' hydro bills

The onus has now been placed on the landlord to see that tenants pay their hydro bills when they move out of the premises.

Acton Hydro Electric Commission decided at their monthly meeting last Thursday that too many people were not paying their hydro bills before they moved out. The commission gets stuck with the bills. In an effort to alleviate this, the commission members have

put the onus on the landlord to make sure all tenants bills are paid up.

The commission have also raised deposit rates. Effective immediately, all homes must pay a deposit of \$35, up from \$15. Homes totally electric, (electric heat) must pay a deposit of \$100, also increased from \$15. The commission ruled that this was the only way to protect themselves from future delinquent customers.

## Weed inspector hired

Keith Leslie will once again serve as the town's weed inspector.

Monday Halton Hills works committee rehired Leslie at a salary of \$3,000, the same as he was paid last year. He is the only weed inspector in the history of Halton Hills.

The town is required by provincial legislation to hire a weed inspector by March 31. The weed inspector works until the end of October.



ROTARY MEMBERS spent last Tuesday evening stuffing Easter Seals into envelopes to be mailed to each home in Acton and district. Over 3,000 envelopes were stuffed. Last year, the club raised \$1500. Half the proceeds went to the Ontario Society for Crippled Children, and half went to the local Rotary club to distribute to Crippled Children in Acton. Dave Swetman, Bill Scott, Ed Bendicks, and Ted Hansen are pictured.

## May move planning dept.

The planning department may move from its present Seventh Line location in Halton Hills Administration building to the lower level of Guelphview Square, formerly occupied by the Niagara Escarpment commission.

Monday night, finance committee recommended the acceptance of the tender, which was the lowest. Final decision will be made at the next council meeting.

## 500 coming for tourney

An estimated 500 people will be in town this weekend for the All-Ontario basketball championships being hosted this year by Acton high school. The games will begin on Thursday and finish with the finals on Saturday. In addition to the games many social events have been organized by the school. For more information see page B1.

## Nominations accepted for Citizen of Year

Nominations are now being accepted for Acton's Citizen of the Year for 1978.

The Acton Chamber of Commerce is once again sponsoring the event with a view to honoring a citizen or group for outstanding service to the community. Deadline for the nominations is March 25, with a Citizen of the Year Banquet being held April 15 at the Acton Music Centre.

Dr. Frank Oakes was the 1977 recipient of the award.

## Take hammering . . .

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gested the word "deceptive" would have been a better choice.

Councillors termed the budget "misleading and confusing" and ordered the budget cut by almost five per cent — from a 10.2 per cent increase to 5.4 per cent.

Planche said he knew all along that the budget was up 10 per cent and criticized councillors for not having done their homework. "The chairman and his staff have dazzled us with their footwork," Planche said.

current revenue, Farmer had to increase the budget by almost \$2,000,000 to comply with the policy or violate the established guidelines.

Several councillors insisted staff had misinterpreted the policy — but after investigation, found that the policy was interpreted correctly but it didn't say what councillors had intended it to.

A motion to have the policy changed was withdrawn after Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid suggested the committee was changing horses in mid-stream.

Mayor Munro said in an interview that the change in policy would have to be pursued for next year because, "This policy does nothing about controlling spending."

Mrs. Munro said that if all the facts were on the table, the committee could reach some conclusions.

"Damn it all, Mr. Chairman, there comes a time of reckoning when we have to admit our mistakes and say we never should have handled the budget in this fashion. We just haven't had a grasp on the budget," charged Councillor David Coons of Burlington.

"I do my homework and you know it. If you ever say that again, you'd better either be prepared to back it up or I'll take you on," Councillor Eriksen shouted.

"The only homework Ron (Planche) does is his travel account. You can see it all here," Councillor Watson said, holding up the accounts for the month.

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Club House

"I say now, Mr. CAO (Chief Administrative Officer) go back and cut this budget by a half million dollars and report back to this committee. I'll be the first to stand and protect you in council," Coons said.

Time and time again councillors charged that treasurer Don Farmer had presented a distorted budget to the council.

Councillor Jim Watson said the elected people have lost control of the budget process under regional government. He said it has become so complicated, none of the elected people can understand it.

Council had earlier passed a policy that was designed to limit the amount of long term borrowing and encourage a pay-as-you-go system.

But instead of taking 15 per cent of the capital projects and taking that money from

## Break

Spring break next week. Youngsters will be out of school.

### ACTON ARENA

**SCHOOL BREAK ACTIVITIES March 18 to March 26**

SHINNY		\$1.00 PER PERSON EACH DAY	
13 YEARS & UNDER		14 YEARS & OVER	
MONDAY	10:25 to 11:20 a.m.	MONDAY	11:30 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	10:25 to 11:20 a.m.	WEDNESDAY	11:30 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.
THURSDAY	10:25 to 11:20 a.m.	THURSDAY	11:30 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.
FRIDAY	10:25 to 11:20 a.m.	FRIDAY	11:30 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.

**PUBLIC SKATING . . . ADMISSION 35¢ \$1.25 PER FAMILY**

SATURDAY, MARCH 18th	8:10 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.
MONDAY, MARCH 20th	1:40 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 21st	1:40 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22nd	1:40 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 24th	1:40 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.
SATURDAY, MARCH 25th	8:10 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.
SUNDAY, MARCH 26th	1:40 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.

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This Thurs. - Fri. - Sat. Only

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Green Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Choice of Potatoes  
Coffee

SEAFOOD

CASSEROLE

- Lobster
- Crabmeat
- Baby Shrimp
- Scallops

This Thurs. - Fri. - Sat. Only

\$5<sup>00</sup>

Green Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Choice of Potatoes  
Coffee

## welcome back

FRIDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS

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