

Montreal convention for Acton residents

A number of local families from the Acton area will attend the largest religious convention in the history of Canada. An international assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses is scheduled July 5 to 9. More than 75,000 delegates are expected to support the gathering, which is to be held at Montreal's famous Olympic site.

Gordon Brooks, spokesman for the local Witnesses, said that this convention will be quite unusual. The program will be carried on simultaneously in seven languages: French, English, Italian, Greek, Portuguese, Spanish and Arabic. Sessions will also be held in Korean and Ukrainian.

The convention program will give practical in-

formation on human relations. Marriage will be studied in depth and appropriate counsel given to every family member. Young people will receive special attention in several discussions and talks.

According to Mr. Brooks, one of the main features of this assembly will be the baptismal ceremony. The Witnesses practice baptism in its earliest Christian form, by complete water immersion. Several hundred new members will be baptized in the Olympic Pool.

Around 15,000 volunteers will run the 22 convention departments. Local residents are welcome to attend all sessions of this convention. The general theme of the gathering is: "Victorious Faith."

Knox service held outdoors

About 250 attended the outdoor church service of Knox Presbyterian church last Sunday morning in Prospect Park. After the service, the members of the congregation enjoyed lunch together and then games.

During the service the Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie baptized three babies: Jennifer Ellen Goy, second child of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Goy, R.R. 3; Andrea Kelly Macdonald, second child of Mr. and Mrs. Philip G.

Macdonald, 18 Rosemary Road; and Wilfred Angus McEachern, first child of Mr. and Mrs. Gary W. McEachern, 11 Church St. W.

Shattering the smoking image

Cigarette companies have spent billions to bombard us with beautiful images of smoking. But those images, says the Halton Lung Association, are shattering.

Take teenagers, for example. Seventy per cent of them do not smoke and give as their most important reason their desire to control their own future. They are taking control of their own bodies and lives. Even among the 30 per cent who say they smoke at least one cigarette a

week, their attitudes are revealing. Smoking is no longer viewed as a rite of passage into adulthood: 72 per cent of teenage smokers do not think smoking makes a teenager "feel grown-up". And not many see smoking as smart, hip, cool; in fact, 30 per cent of the smokers said "smoking is a stupid thing to do". The overwhelming majority of these smokers believe smoking can harm them even while they're still young, and half said they hope their own children will never smoke.



TWENTY PEOPLE WERE confirmed in St. Alban's Sunday. Front row, left to right: Edward Moyses, Lisa Gillies, Leahann Jarett, Chris Stansbury, Ken McKee, Kevin Krull, Steve Dodson, Rev. Ewing. Second row, left to right: Gregory Puncheon, Christine Hoare, Jane Sewell, Tammy Hunter, Sandra Hunter, Steve Mathe-

son. Third row, Mrs. Patricia Mills, Evelyn Winchester, Glenyn Guna, Shannon Lindsay, Stephen Watzeck. Back row: Grant Puncheon (Bishop's chaplain), Rt. Rev. John Bothwell (Bishop of the Diocese of Niagara), Robert Gunn. The banner on the left was made by the class.

Farm work

Agricrew attracts area young people

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food is directing a brand new pilot project—Agricrew—and invites local farmers to participate.

Agricrew is designed to benefit both the youth and farm employers of this area, but most important, it provides local farmers with additional workers for limited periods of time when their requirements for help are at a peak.

mer is reimbursed \$35 for each day the Agricrew worked on his farm. The crews are transported to the work site by the foreman and they supply their own lunch. The only thing the farmer need provide are the necessary work tools.

Starting June 19 this brand new service became available for farmers who need

help with painting, haying, harvesting, general repairs and clean up. We're not professionals but we are a group of eager, capable and mature young people who will tackle just about any job you need done.

Give Agricrew a try! Contact Carolyn Bird, the area co-ordinator at 878-2314 to arrange a booking.

Agricrew consists of two crews of five people each. One of the five people in each crew is a foreman who acts as an on-the-job supervisor as well as a worker. All crew members have had previous agricultural experience.

As an employer, the farmer's paperwork is cut to a bare minimum. He is not required to enlist the crew with Workman's Compensation or be concerned with payroll deductions. He need only call the Milton Agricultural Office and request the services of an Agricrew a few days in advance and then at the end of the work day write a cheque for \$90. At a later date the far-

Vision screening offered

The Halton Regional Health Unit is offering Vision Screening for three and four-year-olds, because early detection of visual problems is important to early treatment.

Amblyopia (lazy eye) is a condition which if not "picked up" before the age of six is frequently untreatable. Because the eye does not look malformed or diseased, without an eye test, Amblyopia can be missed.

Vision is one of our most "Valuable Senses" and the Unit urges you to bring your

child to one of the following clinics:

Acton—June 22, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., St. Alban's Parish Hall, 52 Willow St.

Georgetown—June 27, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Health Unit office, 1A Princess Ann Dr.

Milton—June 29, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Health Unit Office, 155 King St.

Sunday

The fireworks on the Back to Acton Days weekend are on Sunday night, July 2, not Saturday as reported last week.

Training young Canadians for skilled jobs

—Excerpt from Hansard

Mr. F. A. Philbrook (Halton): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. As reported recently by Mr. J. T. Kennedy, the incoming president of the Canadian Manufacturers Association, Canada is faced with a serious shortage of skilled labour, especially in the metalworking trades, whereas fewer European tradesmen are coming to Canada.

Is the minister working with the provinces to provide more opportunities and incentives for young Canadians to train and apprentice as skilled craftsmen and provide more employment in a strong, growing manufacturing sector?

Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, given the fact that the field of education is within provincial jurisdiction, we work in very close co-operation with all of them under the Adult Occupational Training Act and our apprenticeship programs, with our emphasis being on the job-creation aspect. I am happy to say that the provinces are co-operating, particularly under the Adult Occupational Training Act.

We are entering into a new series of three-year agreements with the provinces. We are shifting our emphasis from simply the training aspects, where training seems to be needed, to train individuals for jobs which in fact will be available. The result of a recent study conducted in southern Ontario indicates that 75 per cent of the highly skilled jobs in the manufacturing industry were filled as result of immigration rather than training of Canadians. I think that is an emphasis we have to change.

L'Arche Auxiliary has June meeting

The June meeting of L'Arche Auxiliary was held at the home of Gail Ferguson, Knox Ave.

The meeting was opened with the reading of the new prayer for the handicapped. The secretary's report was read by Lynda Paul.

Jenny Kuiken explained the new "Cash for Life" lottery system and said that although the local association was originally not going to sell tickets over the summer, there are some available now.

A report was given on the Flowers of Hope Campaign.

Donations may still be sent to the Bank of Montreal by anyone still wishing to contribute.

"Pay as you pull" tickets were distributed to auxiliary members for their draw at the Acton fall fair. The first prize is \$50, and the second prize is a macramé hanger.

Plans are also under way for the auxiliary dance to be held on October 21. Tickets are \$5, and available from Auxiliary members.

The next meeting will be held early in September in time to make final plans for the auxiliary's annual display at the Acton fall fair.

Free Press Personals

Dr. Allan J. Buchanan has been back in town recently, during the sale of his house on Church St. and arrangements for an auction sale. Many friends will miss Dr. Buchanan, who now lives in a senior citizens' home in Oakville. He was a dentist here for many years, was active in church, lodge and veterans' events. He and Bertha Buchanan were particularly interested in community events, always attending such special things as high school At Homes and band concerts. They contributed much to the life of the town, over many years, and best wishes go with Dr. Buchanan in his new home.

The auction sale was Monday evening in the agricultural hall in Milton, and quite a few from Acton attended. Dr. Buchanan and his nephews who have been assisting him in the sale were there to chat with friends.

An Open House was held at St. John Ambulance headquarters in Milton Saturday afternoon. Guests toured the emergency trailer and other facilities. Several Acton people belong to the Milton brigade.

A spring dance was held at the Acton Curling Club Saturday evening. There were many compliments about the music provided by Jack Reeves.

About 60 Rotarians and friends enjoyed dinner and the evening's program of racing at the Mohawk raceway on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Shultis spent the weekend with Mrs. Andrew McLeod of Toronto

while attending the wedding of Robert and Susan Kerr. Officiating at the ceremony was Deacon Betty Kilbourne, daughter of Rev. P. Sawyer, former rector of St. Alban's.

Welcome Wagon hostess Linda Franklin visited 11 new families in town recently.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gray, and Mr. and Mrs. Tipple have all made their home here, having come from Georgetown. Mr. and Mrs. K. Merritt and Mr. and Mrs. L. Tinklack left Mississauga to live here, and G. Dubois pulled up stakes in Toronto. From Montreal is Mr. and Mrs. L. Lumb. Mr. and Mrs. L. Lofthouse have moved to town from Orillia, and Mr. and Mrs. B. Fomenko from Oshawa. Mr. and Mrs. P. Wilson are here from Brampton and Mr. and Mrs. M. Giefort from Erin.

Supper concert on Sunday

A good crowd attended the Citizens' Band supper concert Sunday. The event was staged at the back of the music centre, with listeners enjoying picnic supper under the trees.

The weather cleared up just in time to provide perfect temperatures for the audience and players. There had been a short spell of rain earlier.

Special

Acton Indoor Pool is initiating their new starting blocks Saturday, in the Acton "Aqualympics". Anyone of any age who can swim one length (25 m.) of the pool is invited to come out to this special meet.

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