BARBEQUEING IS a common event for Ross Campbell who has been a seasonal camper at the Breezes for five years. He enjoys the park and the friends he has made.

# Campers' paradise lies in three Acton parks

The hot weather of the past two months may be playing havoc with farmers and their crops, but three areas near town are enjoying it while it is

More and more people are turning towards camping as a means of accommodation while travelling. Others leave their trailer in one park all year round making a "summer cottage" out of the vehicle.

Acton has three parks had originally been a farm, within two miles of the middle but Mr. Barber decided 25 of town. Nor Halton Park on 25 years ago when he bought the Sideroad just east of the property that he wanted it to Nassagaweya-Esquesing to someday be a camp ground. wnline, Smallwood Acres and He gave up farming in 1969 The Breezes, both located side and cleared some sites. In by side on the townline on the 1973, he added hydro and west side of Fairy Lake, offer water to the sites. both seasonal sites and The Barbers themselves transient sites. All are filled to camped for 12 years before capacity on the weekends, developing a full fledged park. Seasonal sites are filled all Now, they are too busy looking year round, even though the after the needs of other parks are only open mid-May campers to enjoy the sport

Nor Halton Park, owned and Almost half of the sites in operated by Mervin and Doris the park are occupied with Barber, started out in 1969. It seasonal campers, says Mrs.

until Thanksgiving weekend, themselves.

Barber. The park is limited to Smallwood Acres, also on family camping only, which the First Line, offers 130 eliminates the worry of young seasonal sites. Some 40 others teenagers coming in drinking are set aside for transient and causing trouble.

There is an area which has Owned by Charles been used by three groups of Smallwood since 1964, the Guides. Just recently, the camp offers a sand beach on Brownies stayed for one week. Fairy Lake, all utilities and and presented Mrs. Barber firewood, T-Shirts bearing the with an owl mug to show their name of the park are also appreciation.

A swimming pool is offered three camps to be advertised, as a quick way to cool off on a Smallwood Acres, is listed in hot summer's day. The park various tour guide books, and also offers hydro, a pumping offers mainly family camping. station, water, a playground, Canteen operator Linda store, recreation hall, flush Mairs explains that most of toilets and showers.

Mrs. Barber says she has this area to farther north noticed a swing back to tents because it beats the weekend from the large trailers for the traffic, and the husbands can transient campers. She at- commute to work. Many wives tributes this to the high cost of and children stay the entire gas and the towing of the summer. One camper exheavy vehicle behind cars.

Hannah Wood of the Breezes Labor Day, going home to Park has a different ex- Mississauga only long enough perience, however. She says to move from one apartment tents are on their way out with to another. trailers becoming more and more popular.

She and her husband John They do not want tennis courts have owned the park 16 years. or golf courses, but merely to area has had the same name for many years.

just young people.

Breezes also offer hydro, septic tanks, and water.

It was called the Breezes when relax on the shores of Fairy they purchased it, and they Lake knowing they are only a decided to keep the name. The short distance from home. In all three parks, most of the seasonal campers have This park has 65 seasonal developed their sites into a campers, some of whom have landscapers' paradise. stayed two or three years. Whether the trailer is 13 feet

available. The only one of the

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plained she will be here until

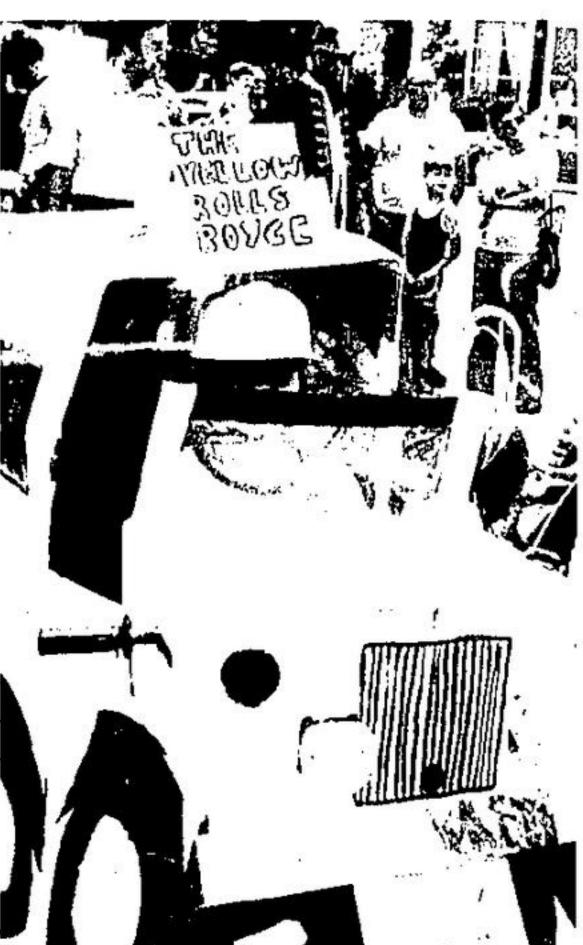
Campers go to the park to be lazy, Mrs. Mairs claimed.

Even though a lot of tents or 27 feet, most have rooms come in on the weekends, Mrs. added, stone fireplaces built, Wood says, their owners are grass and flowers planted, picket fences, etc. In a few Swimming is offered in cases, there are tent trailers Fairy Lake, as well as with rooms added on, whether boating. Campers may enjoy a canvas add-a-room, or an horseshoe pitching. The actual wooden room built on.

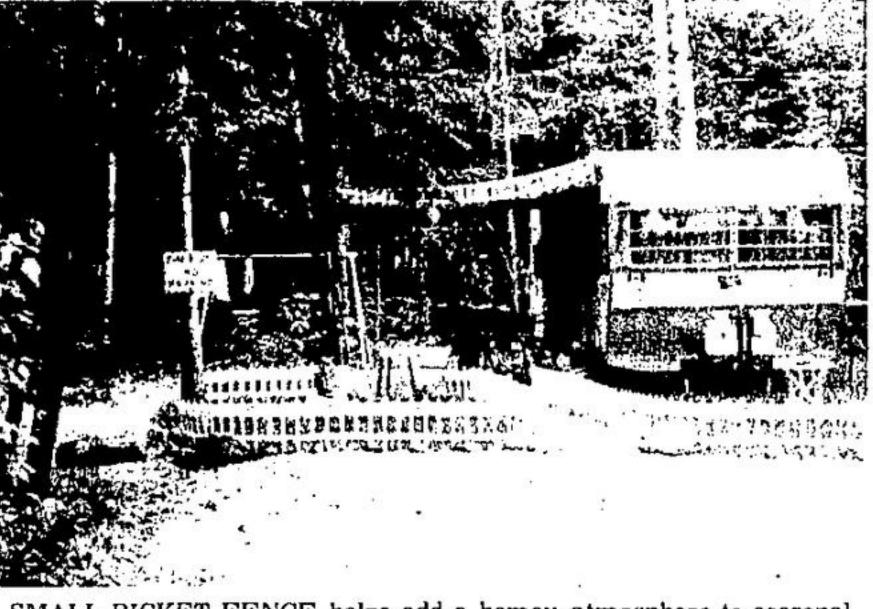
Campers have a different outlook on recreation from Purchasing the camp was non-campers. The weekend not planned 16 years ago, Mrs. away from the city is a Wood said. She explained that weekend of laziness, but also a her husband wanted to move weekend when they know out to the country, and the everyone else is being lazy, property was for sale. They too. They can forget their thought it over and decided worries over a camp fire, and they would give the camp- day dream the hours away in the hot sun



MARK AND GLEN MOFFATT, seasonal campers at Smallwood Acres, build a fire to prepare lunch. They want to make sure the heat



should be returned the penalty was 5c per day. That



SMALL PICKET FENCE helps add a homey atmosphere to seasonal campsites in Nor-Halton Park. Local camps are popular places to leave a trailer all year round and commute to work in Toronto or Mississauga during the summer.



kept neat, but still maintain the out-of-doors atmosphere. Nor-Halton Park sites are no different.

MOST SEASONAL trailers are fixed up better than a lot of homes. All are

# Town Hall Tales

#### Town hall as library

by George Elliott

Not too long after the Town Hall opened its doors a decision was made that a town such as Acton should have a library for the education and entertainment of its citizens. There was only one central, proper, place to locate it and that was in the back, right hand room at the Town Hall, across from the lock-up (cells). This wasn't a large room but then in 1898 when started the fire so it would be Acton library began it only comfortable. had forty books so the space

was ample chough. The first librarian at sixteen years of age was Ettie Laird who later became Mrs Murray MacDonald and be was a long time secretarytreasurer of the School Board. The library grew rapidly; there were shelves around the walls and an old wooden ladder was used to reach books on the very top

A typical Town Hall potbellied stove kept the chill off in the winter and patrons were allowed to withdraw books on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings. There was a special rack for children's books and these young readers in later years became so numerous that they were restricted to Mon-

The librarian sat at a table in the center of the room and signed out the books. This table was really considered a desk because it fortunately had a drawer in which could be secreted money paid in for library eards and overdue book fines.

The next librarian was Ethel Coleman, followed in turn by Lettie Scott, a local girl who lived just a block away from the Town Hall on Bower.

In 1913 Mrs. Isobel Watson, then a girl of 14, began her long career as a librarian in Acton. She remembers there were a good many books on the shelves in the library by then and the library borrowing cards were five cents. For that you could get about thirty books, the loan period being two weeks. It doesn't seem like much now but wages at the tannery then were \$1.25 per day which is what many today get for 12 hour's work.

For those with bad memories about when a book must have been a real

deterrent. The most popular · the curtain. There were also books then, as now, were fic- attempts to ban books and tion but westerns were far out in front on the list in popular-

Mrs. Watson remembers well lighting the old stove. Fortunately she didn't have to do this too often because Bob McPherson, the Chief of Police and general handyman about town, often came in before she arrived and

The cells across the hall

were sometimes occupied by overnight guests although the outer door to the cell room was locked in this case. Sometimes library patrons would be entertained by the singing of a slightly drunk soul locked in a cell. Once during the depression Mrs. Watson recalls being called to the telephone, which was in the room beyond the cells, and on walking in discovered twelve or fifteen transients washing up after a day on the road. She heat a hasty retreat and never answered the phone there again. The Town Hall often supplied a night's lodging for the out-of-work men who passed through

In 1934 the Library left the Town Hall for its new larger quarters in the YMCA and another chapter in Town Hall history closed forever.

One Actonian who has some vivid memories of the Town Hall library is Esther Taylor. She joined at the tender age of nine and thus began a lifetime of reading books. She was so proud of her first eard and well remembers her first book was entitled "Bully Bulffrog". Children's books at any rate haven't changed

At a slightly older age Esther recalls somehow managing to take out the book "Ten Nights in a Bar Room". This purple temperance tract was considered much too ripe for a young girl so it was read furtively and sneaked back the same way. She says it was a real tear-jerker of a book but its temperance message tidn't take.

There were a couple of lady authors in those days who wrote romantle fiction. Their books were considered much too racy for children's eyes. Ethel M. Dell was one who wrote about magnetic, charming heroes who got the door before propriety drew his.

one lady library board member requested that the books of Florence Barelay be withdrawn from the library shelves because the authoress was reputedly living in sin. Some things have changed in the literary world

but not all.

Undoubtedly the Town Hall Library gave great pleasure to many in Acton and introduced children to the wider world of literature. It was particularly fitting that this, aspect of culture should have its beginning in the Town Hall, also the door to the worlds of music and drama for many Actonians.



PEANUTS and Lillian Graham earned second place for smallest dog at the Back to Acton Days pet show.

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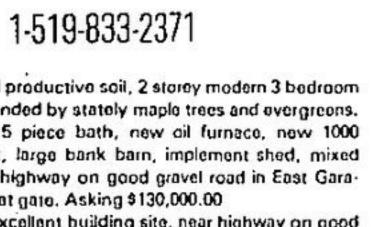


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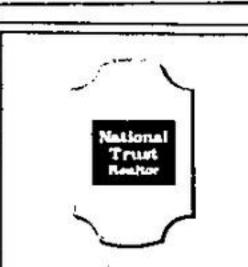
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day night borrowing only.

petition.