

## New town signs await approval

Three or four large new signs will be erected at the outskirts of Acton, possibly this fall.

A committee headed by Don Lindsay has been working for several months on the project, but government approvals have held up the plans.

Mr. Lindsay has met with several representatives of government and approvals are not here yet. Sites for the signs must be approved. The committee's original plan also had to be changed to comply with government regulations on design.

Highway 25 comes under the Burlington office of the Ministry of Highways and No. Seven comes under the Stratford office, to add to the details.

Cost will be shared by the Business Improvement Area and service clubs. The clubs will be listed on the signboards. Several meetings have been held with club representatives.

The signs, about eight by ten feet in size will be installed in oversize cement planters containing shrubs. A well-designed canopy will contain lighting for the signs.

The committee thinks it can afford four signs, at the four ends of town, but could drop back to three if necessary.

The delapidated old sign south of town was taken down Saturday by Peter Van Dam, at the request of the Chamber

of Commerce. That group felt there was no longer a use for it, since the new signs are coming up soon.

After it had been defaced with paint presumably by annoyed out-of-towners, it had been repainted. But after a section of it was blown off, it was given up.

It was one of only two signs that name "Acton" for travellers. The new signs will also do this.

Other signs simply indicate "Halton Hills", causing confusion to motorists unaware of Georgetown and Acton's existence in regional government.

The committee still hopes to have the new signs up this fall.



**GETTING READY FOR THE FAIR.** The Acton Fall Fair takes a lot of hard work to get off the ground. Last weekend the Fair Board and some volunteers started moving horse jumps, clearing the poultry barn and setting up the arena among other things. See you at the fair!

## Free Press building tenants move soon

The five stores in the newly-reconstructed Old Free Press Building are almost ready for occupancy. This week workmen are rushing to finish the walls, plumbing, wiring and heating.

The Book Nook will be the first store to move in. Proprietors Tom and Ann

Jerrard have already moved out of their former location on Mill St. and started moving shelving into the basement of the new building.

Also expected to open very soon are Acton Travel, operated by Rick Bonnette, and Emily's Natural Foods, operated by Emily Lysholm.

Opening in October will be Acton Distributors, operated by Bill Coats and Boris Shean, which is moving from Glenlea Plaza.

Also coming in October, in the back unit, is a restaurant. The two offices upstairs are still open for rental.

## GO buses halt

The Toronto Transit Strike which began Sunday at midnight has shut down GO bus service in Halton Hills.

Georgetown and Acton GO bus service is operated for GO by Gray Coach Lines, a subsidiary of the TTC, which has been shut down by a strike by its employees, including bus drivers.

Extra cars have been added to Georgetown GO Trains four trains in the morning and four afternoon trains so passengers who usually take buses can still get to and from Toronto without having to brave the many traffic snarls caused by the strike.

**Tenders total \$298,939**

Tenders totalling \$298,939 were accepted by Halton Hills council this week for work in bridges, storm sewers and winter salt.

## Truck driver hurt in Tuesday crash

A rural Acton man was rushed to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital early Tuesday morning after the tractor-trailer he was driving crashed through some cedar trees and a Hydro pole just south of Ballinfad.

Murray Jansen, R.R. 2 Acton, suffered minor injuries in the accident though the vehicle is damaged, according to the Halton

Regional Police, for about \$29,000.

Jansen was southbound on the 7th Line at 1:25 in the morning when the trailer, with a load of chickens, went into the east ditch. Damage to the pole is about \$1,000, say police.

The vehicle is owned by Maple Lodge Farms of Norval.

W. G. Kelly Construction Ltd., Stratford was awarded the tender for the reconstruction of the bridge on Main Street South, Georgetown, by Notre Dame de Beaugard farm, at a cost of \$66,270.

Tacc Construction Co. Ltd. Downsview will construct storm sewers in the Lakeview subdivision, Acton, at a cost to the town of \$153,659. An additional \$73,442 will be paid by the Region of Halton for sanitary sewer work.

The Fourth Line bridge, north of Indusium Ltd., will be reconstructed by W. G. Kelly Construction Ltd., Stratford at a cost of \$55,066.

Domtar Chemical Group, Toronto, was awarded the tender for winter salt at a cost of \$23,944.

## Pair hurt in solo crash

Two passengers in a car driven by a juvenile—16 years of age or younger—were taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital after a solo auto accident on the Limehouse Road east of the 4th Line last Friday.

The car went off the road and struck a tree. The auto kept going until it struck a second tree, according to police.

Halton police estimate damage to the auto to be \$2,600.

All tenders must be approved by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, who subsidize the costs by 80 per cent on bridges and 50 per cent on road work.

Defence: Walk, jog, run, skate, ski, swim, paddle, pedal, don't let life catch you with your head down.

Fitness is fun. Try some.

## Bungalow approved

To create a building lot, Myrtle McGeragle, Ann and Edward McGeragle of R.R. 1, Acton, applied to Milton land division committee.

The building of a small bungalow for Mrs. McGeragle is proposed.

Although the original proposal for severance contravened the official plan, neighbors, the health unit and the local planning depart-

ment had no objection.

The parcel will have a frontage of 250 feet on the Sixth Line of Nassagaweya.

The application was granted after discussion at several meetings, subject to the parcel going into common ownership to create one single family building lot. Mrs. McGeragle's two sons live on adjoining lots.

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## May up fares

Taxi fares in Halton Hills may go up slightly in short runs but jump two dollars in long runs of ten miles or more, if council accepts a recommendation made Monday night, by the finance committee.

Dennis Devine, of Glen Taxi, speaking for all the taxi owners in town, said the increased price of gasoline, and raise in cost of living made the increase necessary.

He explained the 80 cent minimum when the cab is entered would remain the same, but the rate per mile would be one dollar as opposed to the present 80 cents. The waiting time proposed by the taxi owners would go from the present \$8 an hour to \$12 an hour.

Councillor Roy Booth pointed out the only real jump would be for runs ten miles or more, and said it would put Halton Hills rates higher than Milton, Oakville or Burlington for long runs.

Mr. Devine said by far the majority of runs are in the \$1.50 range, and contended the taxi owners don't make money on the long runs, since they have to come back empty. He said most of the calls around town average one and half miles. He said they plan to give senior citizens a reduced rate, when the association decides.

Comparing the rates in other towns for long runs, Devine said Milton is planning to ask for a rate increase also.

**Cable 4 this week**

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13

5:30 The Bible's View

6:00 Ontario's Outdoors

6:30 Photography - Contest

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

5:30 Girls' Softball

Georgetown vs. Sheridan

## May erect fence

The town of Halton Hills may erect a fence at the end of Elizabeth Drive, Acton, next to 92 Elmore Drive, to prevent motorcyclist and mini-bike riders using the 66 foot unopened road allowance as an entrance to a piece of private property.

Finance committee recommended the building of the fence on the one foot reserve. Council has yet to approve the measure.

G. Vander Eyken, 92 Elmore Drive, had previously asked to buy the land, but committee had suggested he lease it. Council then sent the matter back to finance committee for further study. Van der Eyken told finance

committee Monday night, the land is used for a hang-out, and frequently the bikes use the hill as a jumping point. "Now we even have dune buggies." He said his young children cannot sleep for the noise.

Councillor Peter Morris asked if there is another entrance to the land, pointing out the town cannot close off the entrance to private property if there is no other access.

Van der Eyken said there is another access approximately 120 feet away. Councillor Peter Marks suggested some sort of barricade to stop motorized vehicles, but allowing cross-country skiers or bikers.

Morris suggested the fence would simply transfer the problem from one spot to another.

Finance committee at Councillor Roy Booth's suggestion, recommended fencing the unopened road allowance.

## Meals back to normal

Reliable Taxi Monday returned to its unpaid task of picking up the Meals on Wheels at the Manor in Milton. During the summer, the taxi didn't take students to Tinkerbell Nursery, so couldn't add the pick-up of meals.

Extra volunteers, some of them teachers, successfully took up the slack during the summer, says Community Services Centre coordinator Terry Grubbe. She was very pleased with the way the meals were continued during the holiday period.

However, more volunteers are needed now to pad out a thinning roster. She needs drivers especially, but also people to "run" the meals into homes. This job could be done a week, once every two weeks whatever the volunteer can offer.

Mrs. Grubbe would like to hear from volunteers. The Community Services Centre phone number is 853-3310.

"Disturbance" at hotel: police

Halton Regional Police use the words "major disturbance" to describe what interrupted Saturday night or early Sunday morning at the Dominion Hotel.

According to the police report several patrons were cut and bleeding and their clothing torn. Also tables and chairs were overturned.

The large disorderly crowd dispersed, state police.

## Official opening Acton firehall

Acton's spanking new firehall will be shown to council and town officials at special opening ceremonies to be held October 23.

An open house for the general public will follow, and may cover a two day period, according to Fire Chief Mick Holmes.

He asked Halton Hills finance committee for money to help cover the cost of the opening.

Finance committee recommended a \$500 grant to the Acton Fire Department for the event. Council has yet to endorse the recommendation.

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