

2,000 brave cold, snow for grand opening



SIX TEACHERS from Bathurst High School in New Brunswick were at Acton last week studying the semester system. The group was looking at different types of programs and facilities that should be installed if they decide their school should go semester. Acton was one of two stops the group was to make before returning home. Guidance councillor Fred Cormier was optimistic about the semester. At present no New Brunswick schools use the system. Here, Lyn McLaren shows the Guidance area to Jack Brown, Tom Hunter, and Jack MacKay.

Wet snow and slippery roads did not deter shoppers as almost 2,000 were on hand for the grand opening of Stedman's store, Thursday. Owned and operated by Larry and Coral Greaves of Burlington, the store is in the former Hinton's Five and Ten Cent store, Mill St.

Mayor-elect Peter Pomeroy, Gordon Reekie and Doug Edgar, both of Stedman's head office, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Greaves and daughter Shelley participated in the official ribbon cutting ceremony.

The store was well to wall people Thursday, with over 1,800 purchases being made before day's end, according to Mr. Greaves.

The store is the culmination of months of hard work by the Greaves, Stedman's and Bert Hinton. Mr. Greaves explained that a year ago, he spotted an ad in a Toronto paper saying the business was for sale. He approached Mr. Hinton who admitted to the couple they would not be able to handle the store on their own when neither had worked in a store before. He suggested they approach Stedman's for a franchise. The business is a family

affair with both Mr. and Mrs. Greaves, and daughter Shelley working there full time. Another daughter Gayle, lives in Toronto where she is taking modelling.

The family is happy to be dealing with the people of Acton. Although both Mr. and Mrs. Greaves were brought up in Toronto, the small town life is what they have been looking for.

"The town is close enough to major centres yet far enough away to make life private-homey," Mrs. Greaves said. "Where else but a small town do you get the friendly atmosphere. In a large area, everyone is out looking after their own."

Mrs. Greaves will be doing the buying for all clothing in the store. "I am extremely conscious of the dollar, and keep up with fashions," she continued to say "Although it

(Acton) is a small town, people are not small town. They know their values."

In addition to the support from the townspeople, Mr. and Mrs. Greaves are very grateful for the kindness and understanding for the other merchants in the town. A window full of flower arrangements, plus numerous visits from other business people are all very encouraging to the family. They look forward to moving here within a year.

Before their new life, Mrs. Greaves was a teacher, and Mr. Greaves worked for a company in the wholesaling and retail stores.

"For years I have been telling people how to run their stores, and how to make money. Now, I will have a chance to find out if I was right," he mused.

Y luncheon draw names

G. Rosenquist won first prize in the Murray Memorial YMCA draw on November 9. First prize was two nights' accommodation at the Inn on the Park hotel in Don Mills. Second prize, a 20-pound Christmas turkey, was won

by Dona Lindley of 26 Madoc Dr. in Brampton.

The Y luncheon was a success, according to organizers.

The next luncheon is at the Y on December 14.



THURSDAY WAS Grand Opening day at the new Stedman's store in the old Hinton's five and ten cent store. On hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony was, left to right, Doug Edgar, vice president of merchandising for Stedman's, Shelley Greaves, Gordon Reekie, general sales and operations manager, mayor elect Peter Pomeroy, and Larry and Coral Greaves, owners.

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