

## On the Leavell

With Helen

Bye Bye Birdie, Acton style, is coming to town April 25, 26 and 27, when the Acton high school presents the well known play.

Some 90 per cent of the school staff is involved in some way or another, according to organizer Dave Taylor. Students, in the meantime are practicing every day after school.

In my high school days, countless years ago, we put on the same play. It packed the house three nights running. Let's hope budding Acton actors and actresses have the same success.

Women Against Rising Prices (WARP) this week are boycotting meat over \$1.75 a pound, imported cheese, cookies, salad dressing, mayonnaise, bananas, canned ravioli, tea and grapefruit.

Gail Tobin, 139 Kingham Rd. is heading for the Barbados thanks to CJOY Radio. Gail won the Sun Fun promotion

lucky draw and had a choice of one week for two at either the Barbados or Orlando, Florida. The win comes at a good time—she is getting married in July.

Wednesday evening's heavy snowfall forced the cancellation of the Back to Acton Days meeting, planned for the Y. This meeting has been changed to April 19. Organizers originally rescheduled it for April 18.

The Optimist Club's Oratorical Contest, zone finals was cancelled due to poor weather Friday. No word has been received on a new date.

A book and record sale will be held April 26 at the M.Z. Bennett school open house, in order to raise funds for a color television for the school. Any hardcover or paperback books, records, tapes, etc. would be appreciated.



Acton Figure Skating Club held a Pop Concert Saturday in lieu of an annual carnival. Cindy and David McGilloway, centre, were guest skaters. They are flanked by Acton members Diane Baginski and Kathy Toth.

## Employment centre to open

The Canadian Employment Centre for Students is gearing up for the busy spring and summer seasons.

The centre tries matching employers with summer students seeking work. It is to open later this month and run until the end of August. However, according to employment centre spokesman Erica Harper the location of the centre's office at Georgetown is yet to be settled.

"We're hoping Acton students will be able to come to Georgetown to register," Mrs. Harper said.

The centre does notify registered students of job opportunities, but the student coming to check the office's board for jobs is helping himself.

Part of the centre's offering this summer is a summary of creative job searching techniques. One problem facing the centre is a lack of post-secondary school students.

These students are often asked for by employers. However, the centre has fewer contacts than needed, because students seldom register.

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## Board sparks ministry's review

Ontario's Ministry of Education is once again examining rules governing class sizes for special education after its latest edition drew flak reviews from Halton and other school boards.

Education Minister Bette Stephenson, in a letter tabled Thursday during Halton Board of Education's Burlington meeting advises that a review of the particular regulation on such class sizes is underway. Also Bill 100, governing negotiations between teachers and school boards, is in the works.

Six months ago the ministry finished a nearly seven-year re-writing of rules including one on class sizes, which is under review again. The minister was responding to Halton's appeal for more education dollars, or less provincial demands for education services from local boards.

The rule on class sizes combined with a new ministry definition of learning disabilities could cost \$900,000, according to a nine-page Halton report to the minister entitled, Implications of Ministry of Education Policies 1970-1980.

According to the figures in the Halton report, cost of implementing the provincial

ministry's expectations would hit the \$1,850,000 mark.

In the minister's reply to Halton Director of Education Em Lavender states she (Mrs. Stephenson) cannot agree with the points he made concerning the financial end of the new ministry initiatives.

"I expect that there will always be differences of opinion about what constitutes an appropriate level of response to a new initiative, about the real costs of such responses and about the division of these costs between the province and the boards," states Stephenson.

"We do not intend to implement mandatory class sizes until there is a long range plan by the ministry to pay for it," Lavender said in a telephone interview Monday. He also said he thought the ministry is scratching to find the tens of millions of dollars needed if it goes through with its expectations on special education.

The education minister writes there were consultations with many groups before the decision concerning class sizes for special education was made. However, the ministry found itself the target of "important reactions, such as that from the Halton Board"

## CVCA acquires 115 acres of land

The Credit Valley Conservancy Authority recently finalized the acquisition of 115.671 acres of land on the Credit River, north of Highway 24, for \$192,441.40.

This land, known as the CAHO property on the unopened road allowance on the Second Line West, Caledon, was purchased with the assistance of the Richard Ivey Foundation

through the Nature Conservancy of Canada. This group contributed \$47,700, toward the purchase price.

The area contains marsh and forested uplands along the river. These headwater recharge areas and forests assist in keeping water quality high and erosion to a minimum in the upper reaches of the Credit River.

to the crown and to Canada—not to the Kremlin.

While the Reds keep millions enslaved in Siberia, living in sub-human status, while they trample over Africa and countless distant lands, while they promote class warfare and subversion in Canada—in short, attack everything for which the Legion stands—the Soo branch wants to welcome them in. What about the Nazis? Does the Soo want them in too? Or would the Soo be prepared to "discriminate" against them and just welcome the Red brand of totalitarians?

And as for "discrimination"—what rubbish. The Legion's purpose is to discern and discriminate—against disloyalty and subversion, and in favour of loyalty and defence of our democratic heritage. Come off these silly clichés and lib-left political swear-words, and wake up, you Soo Legionnaires.

At least, Legionnaires across Canada have been warned precisely of the procedure by which the Reds hope to gain entrance and then destroy from within.

Yours truly,  
Bruce Dingman  
R.R. 1,  
Lansdowne, Ont.

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There, a kindly farmer found him, Musing upon a stone, With a friendly clasp, his luggage grasped He took the stranger home.

He became part of the family, Like the farmer's little son, He never shirked his share at work, Till the evening chores were done.

Then he'd trek down to the neighbors, To see Alf's hired hand, Then sing away while Alf would play The old piano grand.

They'd sing about Old Clementine, "Sweet Adeline and such, If they should be right off key, It did not matter much.

When the sing-song then was over, And the wood fire burned down low, With the "Kelly Lamp" to bed they'd tramp, The only place to go.

There was no energy crisis, With their crosscut and the axe, The fuel law was their bucksaw, There was no Fuel Tax.

Victor Smith  
R.R. 2 Rockwood

## Reds destroy from within

Editor The Acton Free Press, Dear Sir:

The Sault Ste. Marie branch of the Royal Canadian Legion wants the organization to remove its ban against membership by Communists.

A spokesman for the Legion said a resolution to that effect was approved at a Legion zone meeting here, and will be taken to a district meeting in Parry Sound next

month. If approved there, it will be taken to a provincial meeting, then to the Dominion convention in mid-1980.

"Members take an oath that their organization will be non-political, the spokesman said, and the Soo group feels the ban on Communists is discriminatory." Globe and Mail, March 13, 1979

Legion members also take an oath of "loyalty

## Staffing group tables report

Halton Board of Education's Human Resources Committee (HRC) recommends adoption of uniform criteria for staffing the region's schools.

The HRC, in its final report, called for a blending of the criteria in use by the region's north, east and west district.

The committee presented its report, for information, at the board's Thursday meeting at Burlington.

Each district is responsible for staffing its schools. The HRC reviewed staffing procedures and found not all staff is allocated on common needs.

However, many of the staffing principles, were found to be sound by the committee.

The HRC's 35-page report will be incorporated in staff allocation and hiring at some time, superintendent of Instruction John Boich told trustees.

## Police swap

A three-to-one swap was approved at Halton Council Wednesday, Apr. 4.

In exchange for the depots at Maria St., Appleby Line and Aldershot in Burlington, the Halton Police Commission will receive the Elgin St. Court House.

Council's endorsement is the region's approval. The exchange is awaiting approval from Burlington.

## No buses in storm

Friday and Monday's school bus cancellations due to bad weather were only the second and third time it has happened this year, according to M.Z. Bennett school principal Doug Magwood.

Mr. Magwood pointed out last year buses failed to make it to school six or seven times. Friday was the only day this year schools were entirely closed.

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