



## Sneak thief in arena

A sneak thief is on the loose at the Acton arena. Last week, someone walked into the club room of the arena and took \$35 out of a purse belonging to a Kingham Rd. resident, which had been left in the room. Personal items and \$15, belonging to a Reid Ct. Georgetown resident were also taken and another Georgetown resident noticed her clothes had been disturbed and 25 cents stolen.

Halton Regional Police have no suspects in the case, as the room is unlocked and anyone would have access to it.

An intoxicated man found on Main St., near the Dominion Hotel was locked up overnight for his own safety.

A Guelph man was arrested after he fled the scene, causing a speed chase for 7.1 kilometer, after police stopped him when he was driving in an erratic manner. Police say he showed "the usual signs of impairment." When informed he was under arrest, he fled.



Machinist Warren Coultrup, owner Clare Snow and counterman Bob Barber check out the stock last week, just a few days after Mr. Snow purchased Acton Automotive.

## Limehouse man gets lesson from LDC

A Limehouse area man who studied the Region's Land Division Committee (LDC) in order to gain a severance almost passed the committee's oral examination last Tuesday.

LDC turned down the severance bid by George Moore, R. R. 1, Limehouse, concerning lands in the east half of Lot 30 on the Sixth Line. Committee members decided that to grant the severance for a house would amount to extending the urban influence into the countryside.

Mr. Moore informed committee members he attended previous meetings to determine how they made decisions. He read aloud arguments concerning reports from the health unit and Credit Valley Conservation Authority. However, he was unable to convince the LDC to set aside the local and regional planners' reports.

Both planning departments, which LDC puts more weight on than the health and CVCA reports, recommended denial of Mr. Moore's application. The Region stated the severance "would be an extension of strip development in the rural area."

LDC chairman Brian Fletcher said he is mindful of the strip development in the area. "The road is tending to be that coming in from the top."

Mr. Moore hoped to sever 1.5 acres from his holding of nearly 25 acres. Most of the property is zoned non-farm related rural residential.

LDC member Des Morrow disapproved Mr. Moore's contention the property qualified for a separation on the grounds of infilling. Then he explored the possibility of the property coming under the category of small intensive agriculture operation.

## New business owner

It is business as usual at Acton Automotive on Main St. N. in spite of the change of ownership.

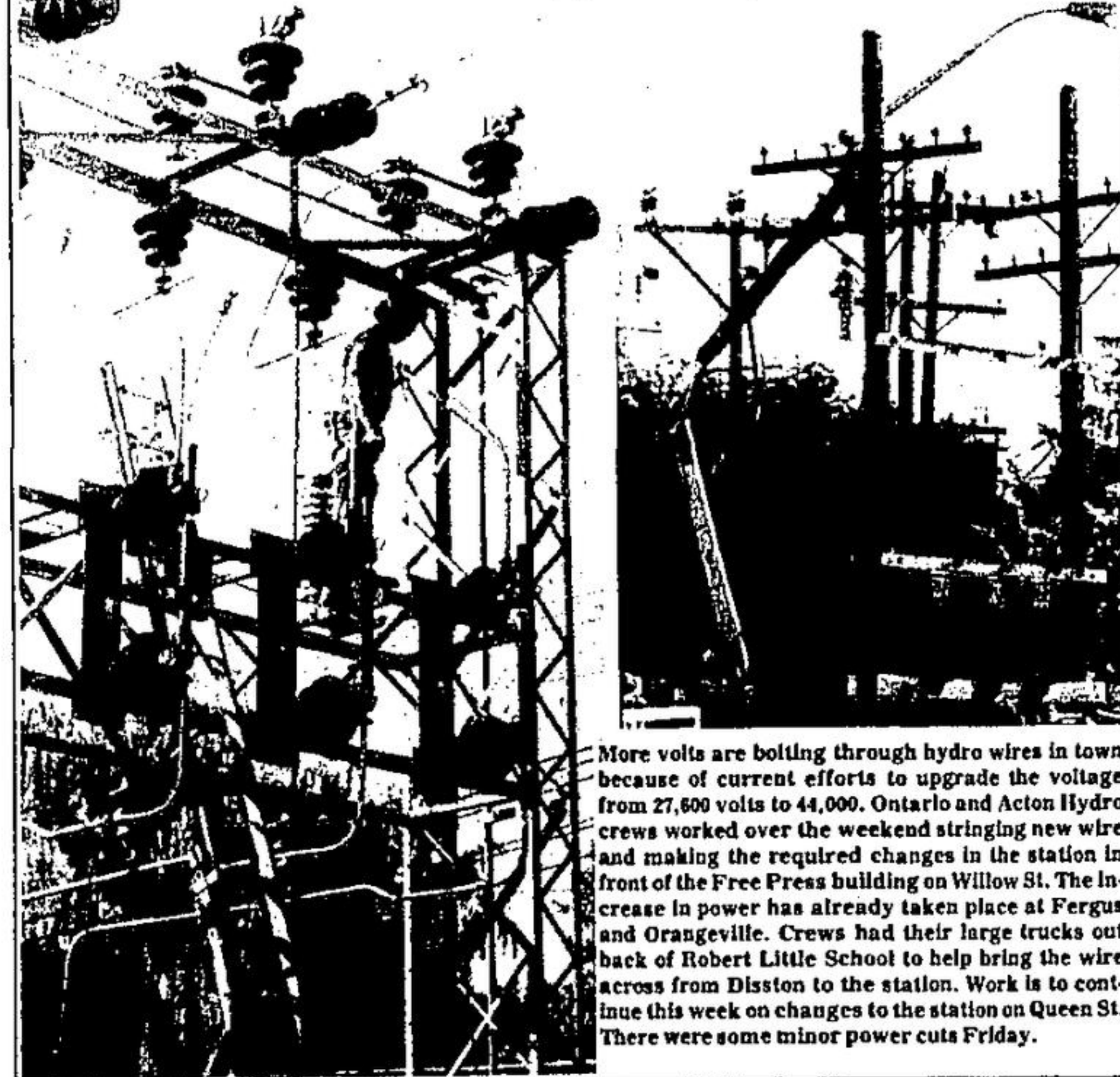
Clare Snow took over the business July 26 from Peter Lotz. The former salesman for Fram Canada filter company has 12 years, experience in the automotive trade, and knows a lot of the people in the Acton area.

Mr. Snow and his staff of Warren Coultrup, a qualified machinist, and Bob Barber, head counterman, handle all the public's automotive needs from supplying car parts, engine and brake parts, paint for body work, and fixing engines and brakes that have been removed from cars.

In addition to the individual customers, Acton Automotive also deals with garages, service stations, farm machinery parts etc. Customers come from as far away as Oakville to do business with the well established firm.

Warren and Bob will be remaining with the shop with Mr. Snow continuing the same work they did for Mr. Lotz. Plans to expand the staff are currently underway.

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More volts are bolting through hydro wires in town because of current efforts to upgrade the voltage from 27,000 volts to 44,000. Ontario and Acton Hydro crews worked over the weekend stringing new wire and making the required changes in the station in front of the Free Press building on Willow St. The increase in power has already taken place at Fergus and Orangeville. Crews had their large trucks out back of Robert Little School to help bring the wire across from Disston to the station. Work is to continue this week on changes to the station on Queen St. There were some minor power cuts Friday.

## Acton group helps Vietnamese people

An Acton church group will see their efforts rewarded next month when the first of the Viet Nam refugees is scheduled to arrive.

The Christian Reformed Churches of Acton, Kitchener, Cambridge, Guelph and Dryden pooled their resources in the past three weeks to sponsor three families, all related to one another. According to Acton church deacon Henry Harmsma, im-

migration has already picked the three families, who should be here in August.

The group specified they wanted a needy family, not to exceed 24 in number. The group is currently looking for a large house to lease in Kitchener to put the families in until they find employment and get settled into Canadian life. Once they are settled, the refugees will find their own place to live, and

hopefully more refugees can be brought in from Malaysia, where most people are staying in refugee camps.

Mr. Harmsma pointed out although immigration knows which families will be coming to the area, the group itself does not. At the present time, he said, it is not known what size clothing will be needed, or what type of furniture will be required. Once this information becomes available, it will be published in this newspaper.

Halton member of parliament Otto Jelinek has urged Prime Minister Joe Clark to act on the deplorable treatment received by these boat people.

In a telegram to Mr. Clark, Mr. Jelinek wants him to consider assisting other Asian countries through foreign aid programs for the expansion and improvement of temporary refugee camps.

## Three charged with murder

Three men have been charged with the January murder of Byron 'Barnie' Stauffer in his R.R. 4, Belwood home.

Charged with first degree murder last week were Ralph Bolender, 34, R.R. 1, Elora, Dennis Kraemer, 19, 7 Mourning Dove Cres., Elmira, and Wayne Robert Playford,

19, 10 William St., Elmira.

Mr. Stauffer was found bludgeoned to death in his farm house. The suspected murder weapons, barrel-shaped baseball bats similar to those used in the 1920's and 1930's were found in a field near the Stauffer home in the spring.

Shelburne Ontario Provincial Police said a \$10,000 reward offered in May helped the investigation. Police also credit extensive media coverage of the case as a big help in making the people aware of the details.

Mr. Stauffer was a bachelor who had lived on his West Garafraxa farm for 45 years, and was reputed to have kept a large amount of money in his home. Robbery has been described as a suspected motive.

## Course in Louisiana

Sergeant Richard Hilton, of Halton police force, who has served both in the Georgetown and Acton detachments will go to New Orleans, Louisiana to attend an assessment centre workshop, Halton Police Commission agreed this week.

Acting Chief James Harding said the course is of great value in developing officers with supervisory potential.

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## Three in hospital

Halton Regional Police are continuing an investigation into a two-car collision at Steeles Ave. and Tremaine Rd. that sent three people to Milton District Hospital last Tuesday, July 17.

Victor Nakamura, 19, of 3013 Council Ring Rd., Mississauga, was driver of one of the vehicles. His 19-year-old passenger was Scott McCurdy of Erin Mills. Both were taken to hospital with major injuries.

Gary Mandarino, 16, of 18 Meadvale Ave., Acton was the driver of the second car in the crash. He escaped with minimal injuries. A 17-year-old passenger in the Madarino car, Clark Somerville of 65 Churchill Rd. Acton, suffered minor injuries.

## Pipe Band does well at gathering

Members of the Guelph Pipe Band took top honors at the International Gathering of the Clans last week in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. The band itself came home with one of the top prizes.

The band came second, to Clan MacPharlane of St. Catharines in the set competition, but beat the same group in the medley event.

In the solo piping events, Pipe Sergeant Jim McGillivray placed first, and piper John Bottomley, of Acton, placed third in the pibroch competition.

In the gold medal pibroch competition in Ottawa a week before the Nova Scotia gathering, members of the Guelph group took three of the four prizes. Pipe Major E.D. Neigh came second, Piper Bottomley was third and Pipe Sergeant McGillivray, fourth.

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