

# Operation Lifeline soliciting funds

Funds are needed for Acton Operation Lifeline sponsoring Vietnamese refugee families.

Two groups, acting under the umbrella of the province-wide Operation Lifeline, are attempting to sponsor three families. They are approaching the community for support.

The Acton Clergy Group, made up of eight Acton churches and religious organizations needs \$5,000 in a special bank fund before their two refugee families may be applied for.

So far, only \$1,388 is on record in the Acton for Boat People account at the Toronto Dominion Bank, after three weeks of collecting.

Fund raising chairman, Rev. Chuck Beaton, minister of Trinity United Church, has one comment—

"HELP!"

He feels the churches have collected donations but have yet to do the paperwork involved with depositing the money, so funds may be higher. However, he states, the committee can't even apply for any refugees without necessary funds to show responsibility.

Acton Group One, a private citizens

group spearheaded by Arlene Bruce have collected the necessary \$2,500 for one family and have already applied.

Joanne Marks, fundraising chairman for that group says they hope to hear in two or three weeks the projected date of their 'boat' family.

Meanwhile both groups are arranging accommodation, clothing, furniture and food for the refugees. Donations of all items are being gratefully accepted.

The following are a list of numbers to call with your donations.

Acton Clergy Group and Acton Group One: Chairman: Arlene Bruce, 853-1267, Das Sydney, 853-1835; Accommodation: John Kavanaugh, 853-1433, Steve Ormsby, 853-2372; Furnishings: Don Gregg, 853-0187, Marjorie Kirkwood, 853-0039; Clothing: Lonnie Archie Harkins, 853-1453, Salvation Army, 853-1140; Food: Marj Lillie, 856-4723, Barb Walton, 853-1096, Brendan Aherne, 853-1293; Fund Raising: Chuck Beaton, 853-2090 or 853-1444, Joanne Marks, 853-2095; Language: Arlene Bruce, 853-1267.



A total of 56 youngsters dressed as fairy tale characters attended the finale of Summer Reading Clubs in Georgetown and Acton. The club, which runs from July 4 to August 29 honors young people who read a total of 12 books on topics such as folk tales, legends and fairy tales. Greg Lindburg read the most books over the summer, 101. The Library staffers feel the event was quite successful and it will likely be repeated next year.

# Night school courses offer subject variety

Acton High Night School registration next Wednesday will offer some exciting new courses for the fall.

Leading the list will be three Alternative Energy seminars. Guest speakers, films and discussions will explore the theory and practical applications of solar, wind and other energy sources as alternatives to conventional fuels for home, farm and industry.

Conversational French will be offered for ten weeks to assist students in mastering Canada's other official language. This should be a popular course with all those planning to visit Quebec.

Disco proved to be a very popular course in the spring term and will be offered again. In addition, a separate course in Ballroom Dancing has been added.

For those who wish to get a headstart on Christmas this year, a course in Christmas crafts and decorations will run for six weeks.

Many courses that have been popular in the past will be offered again this fall including Bookkeeping for a Small Business, Woodworking, Cake Decorating, Painting and Drawing, Sewing with Knits 1, Landscaping, Sewing I and II, Typing (Beginner and Brushup), Yoga and Microwave Cooking.

Registration for Night School courses will be next Wednesday. Full details of courses, hours and costs will be printed in next week's Free Press. Further information can be obtained by calling the Acton High School.

# Stupidity causes fatalities—Stephen

By Rod Lamb

Foolishness and stupidity are two reasons why people lose their lives while climbing the Escarpment.

Murray Stephen, general manager of Halton Region Conservation Authority which administers sections of the rock faces, says that would explain the things he has seen.

The latest occurred at the end of July.

Mr. Stephen said he had been contacted by a CBC television crew out

of Toronto who were interested in doing a special on the cliffs.

The reason was because a reporter had known a fellow who had earlier been killed while climbing there.

"They asked me what time would be the best time," said Mr. Stephen.

"I told them I didn't have the foggiest."

He suggested the weekend might be the best time. And, so, on the weekend the crew came out.

They set their equip-

ment at the top of the Glen Eden Ski Area at Kelsco hoping to get a shot of the breadth of the Escarpment.

"Then," in Mr. Stephen's words, "Four kids popped out of nowhere and began climbing."

"Two made it to the top. The third one froze three-quarters of the way up. The fourth one couldn't go any further because of the fellow in front of him."

The incident began an hour and a half rescue operation.

Mr. Stephen commenced to talk the youngsters down.

Asked how, he said, "We restored his courage."

"We told him not to look down."

The juvenile was 75 feet straight up.

By shouting instructions, Mr. Stephen told the youngster where to place his feet.

Such commands would be, "There is a ledge six inches left of your left foot, one foot down."

"This way, we got him down," Mr. Stephen said.

Talking to the 14-year-olds afterwards, he said, "They had been dropped off by one of the kids' fathers who was a travelling salesman."

The man had dropped his son and three friends off while he went on to Kitchener and would pick them up on his way back.

"That's a common thing at Kelsco," he said.

"Parents drop their children off at the gate and then expect us to be their guardians."

On questioning the youngsters, they told him they did it "because it looked interesting and because it was there."

Mr. Stephen said the kids wore running shoes, had no ropes, no shirts, no gloves, and were

wearing shorts.

"They knew nothing about climbing."

"They told me they hadn't anticipated there might be problems."

Needless to say, the episode was prime footage for the CBC crew.

The incident was telecast the first week in August.

"It was funny," said Mr. Stephen. "On the way out there, the reporter was grumbling because he didn't think anything was going to happen."

"When it was over, I was grumbling because it had."

An earlier fatality on the cliff, showed accidents happen to experienced rock climbers.

Mr. Stephen said the man was close to being a professional.

"They (the members of the climbing club) said we would never have to worry. Accidents never happen to them."

"Well," he said, "the fellow had tied his rope to a tree which wasn't strong enough to support him."

"It tore free."

"The fall was only seven or eight feet but the tree dislodged a rock which fell on his head."

Another occasion which gives rise to question the sanity of people,

# Job should double Marshall stresses

Halton Region will have to double its expected number of new jobs if it is to keep pace with population according to a report on business development.

Halton's business development director William Marshall predicts that enough new development will have to be attracted in the next eight years to provide 36,000 jobs.

This is an increase of 47 per cent of the current number of jobs forecast.

Mr. Marshall said in a recent report to region council the number of new positions created will be substantially outstripped by the 70,000 new residents expected.

Currently, the population to job ratio requires \$38 million a year in industrial-commercial investment.

Despite his best efforts, Marshall maintains the slow pace of industrial development in the region is due to investors not recognizing the financial opportunities in leaseable lands.

While Peel Region has been issuing building permits at a clip of \$61.7 million per year since

1974, Halton has trailed far behind at \$16.5 million per year for the same time period. Since 1974 Halton has attracted 23 industries while Peel has brought in 132.

Mr. Marshall said an economic survey is

# 71 acre industrial area is proposed

underway to find out what investors want and what types of skills are needed. He said it is part of a three-prong attack by the region to compete more successfully for new job-creating businesses.

Ben Haynes and Joe Shaw, of Marks Development Ltd., hope to establish an industrial area on 71 acres, bounded by Steeles Avenue on the north, the Fifth Line east and 401 Highway on the south.

Bob Clipsham, of R.E. Clipsham Ltd. consulting engineers, said the strip of land between Milton and Hornby is flat agricultural land, where dry type industry such as warehousing and manufacturing can be operated.

He said the lot sizes shown on the plan were only approximate, since they would be severed in sizes to meet requirements. He explained there would be two roads, one with access on

Steeles Avenue and the other on the Fifth Line. Clipsham said according to the hydrologist report there would be a minimum of six wells with the ability to serve 25 acres, and individual septic beds.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy said he had always favored industrial development along Highway 401.

Councillor Roy Booth explained the original boundary of Halton Hills, when regional government was introduced, was slated for Steeles Avenue, but the committee fought for the boundary to extend to 401, mainly as a site for industrial development.

# \$1,900,000 campus addition

The Ministry of Education has approved a 35,000 square foot addition to the Brampton Campus of Sheridan College, scheduled for occupancy in September, 1980. Construction will begin around Nov. 1 and will cost approximately \$1,900,000.

The major addition will be built on the west side of the campus adjacent to the School of Applied Science and Technology.

Twelve classrooms will be built on the first floor

of the addition and the second floor will house five classrooms, two faculty offices and a new language development centre.

A new drafting and illustration studio will be added next to the existing visual arts studios. The second floor of the new section will house a mezzanine.

All the new studios will be open concept and the life drawing classroom will be enlarged with direct access to the new wing.

Architects are Brook Carruthers and Shaw, original architects for the Brampton Campus.

# Knox Ladies Aid discuss interests

Hobbies are always an interesting subject, and so it was at the meeting of Knox Ladies Aid last Tuesday. Members told of their particular interests. Some showed some of their beautiful handwork, in answer to the roll call.

Mrs. H. Murray presided over the meeting and read "The Kitchen Prayer" to open it.

Dates were named for two upcoming banquets in October.

The devotional part of the meeting was taken by Mrs. R. Hansen reading the Scripture Lesson and Mrs. W.J. McIntyre giving the prayer.

Poems "Old Age" read by Mrs. C. Armstrong and "Will you?" by Mrs. McIntyre were enjoyed by the ladies.

A contest was won by Mrs. D.S. Morrison and Mrs. H. Murray.

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