



Elly and Dave McIntyre finally have their entire family home after their sons' birth September 8 at McMaster Medical Centre, Hamilton. The boys were transferred to Guelph General Hospital to make caring for them easier for their parents. Brian and Phillip came home about three weeks ago with Derek completing the team last week. They are Acton's first set of triplets in most people's memories.

Photo by HELEN MURRAY.

Board of Education shuffles administrators

After much haggling, Halton's Board of Education shuffled its administration and came up with a new structure. Under the old set-up there were three in the east and two in the west. These area superintendents come under the superintendent of instruction.

Under the direction of superintendent of special services R.G. Chapman there is another area superintendent.

Trustees stopped short of voting in favor of a structure which would have created the new post of assistant director. Much of the discussion centered on what commitment if any would go to the assistant director for the director's job. Director of Education Em Lavender has about two years to go until retirement.

"I think we all recognize that within 1980-84 there will be a number of retirements in the senior administration of this

board," assistant board chairman Bill Lawson said.

"I believe it to be entirely reasonable to advertise for an assistant director without a commitment. You are providing a training ground and if you don't take advantage of it someone else will," said Lawson.

Trustee Gary Morton summed up the change by wondering if the board was doing the right thing. He predicted the area

superintendents will be spread so thin, yet the board will congratulate itself on cutting the number of administrators. He went along with the new structure, though, because he said adjustments can be made later.

Disston future bleak in spite of recent sale

In spite of the recent sale of the industrial woodworking line of Disston to a Dundas firm, the employment situation still looks bleak.

This week, Johan Sorensen, president of Disston Canada Inc. and R. Garth Doel, president of Do-Tan Manufacturing announced they had reached an agreement for Do-Tan to purchase a portion of the Disston line in Acton and Vancouver.

Disston is in the process of moving the production of hardware hand tools and metal cutting tools to their

parent company, Sandvik Canada Inc. present facilities in Montreal, "to utilize available capacity there." More than 100 employees are affected.

An unofficial spokesman for Do-Tan yesterday (Tuesday) said he did not believe his firm was going to offer any employment to Disston employees and his company would keep all work in Dundas. However, president Mr. Doel was unavailable to either confirm or deny this statement.

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In whole region

Halton Hills benefits most from uniform sewer rates

Acton and Georgetown gain the most from the uniform water and sewer rates adopted across the whole Halton Region.

In a random sampling done by the regional staff, it is shown Georgetown householders will pay from two dollars to \$50 less next year, than they would have if the present system was continued.

In Acton the benefits are even more pronounced, with domestic consumers saving up to \$100 in their 1980 costs, if uniform rates had not been established.

Houses with no access to sewers within the urban areas of Georgetown and Acton will no longer have to pay anything on their house tax

bill for sewers. At present, homes without sewers, such as on Ann Street, Georgetown, do not pay a sewer surcharge on their water bill, like the rest of the people, but do pay a portion of sewer charges on their house tax bill, as do all homeowners in the urban serviced areas.

While paying a sewer surcharge, obvious on water bills, homeowners in both Georgetown and Acton also pay a portion of sewer charges on their normal tax bill. This means a higher assessed home has been paying more for that portion of sewer costs than a lower assessed home. Treasurer Ray King said "I feel the system to go into effect January, 1980 will be much fairer."

Buildings such as hospitals, school, and all government buildings, which are tax exempt, will now pay a much higher sewer rate, since the portion of the sewer rates formerly on tax bills, will be on the sewer rates. Since at present, they do not pay taxes, it follows they did not pay that portion on their tax bills.

Georgetown hospital, for example, will pay an additional \$5,106 in 1980.

In general, industries will benefit considerably, with Economy Forms, Georgetown, listed as saving an estimated \$8,500 in 1980, with the uniform rates, and Beardmore in Acton saving \$23,283 over the costs projected for next year, if the present system was in force.

Treasurer Ray King emphasized the amounts are not savings over last year's water bills with the sewer surcharge included, but are the savings resulting from comparing the 1980 costs under the present system and the new system.

The Beardmore saving, whose main effluent goes into lagoons, is due to the removal of the sewer portion from their tax bill.

Industries using large amounts of water in their processing, with little entering the sanitary sewers, will be able to apply for a reduction through a Sewer Rate Committee of four regional councillors to be set up shortly.

According to the region's statistics, Provincial Paper, Georgetown, a large water user, will have an increase in sewer and water rates next year of \$5,402, if no application for a reduction is made.

The user-pay approach recognizes a direct relationship between the amount of water purchased from the town, and the amount of effluent going back into the sewer system.

As a result, a 15 per cent discount has been built into the domestic rates to cover such items as lawn-watering or car-washing where the water does not return to the sewage plant.

A provincial special assistance grant of \$1.8 million will be used to defray costs of phasing in over the next three years. Burlington, Oakville and Milton will receive discounts from the grant, but Halton Hills will not, since they are already benefitting more than the other municipalities.

The grant is being passed on to these municipalities since their costs will be higher in the new system than they would have if they were simply financing their own sewer service in their own area.

In Halton Hills the rates are lower under the regional system than they would have been if the Town were operating alone, so the grants are not applicable.

Building Products expands west

Building Products of Canada Limited announced this week that it will build a \$2.8 million, thirty-thousand square foot, vinyl siding manufacturing plant in Calgary, Alberta.

Construction will begin in November with completion scheduled for April, 1980. The plant will manufacture vertical and horizontal vinyl siding and soffit in a range of five colors.

Building Products pioneered vinyl siding in Canada and currently manufactures a complete line of siding and siding accessories at its Acton plant. These products are marketed under the

ESCLAD brand. From this plant location, the company now supplies these products across Canada and to selected export markets.

The Calgary site was selected, said W.B.

Wadland, manager, vinyl siding, because of its central location to the western market for vinyl siding and its proximity to Alberta's growing petrochemical industry.

Building Products operates as part of Esso Chemical Canada, a division of Imperial Oil Limited. It is a long established supplier of roofing, fibreboard and insulation products with manufacturing plants in Edmonton, Wabamun and Winnipeg in the west, in Rexdale, Ontario and in LaSalle and Ponte Rouge, Quebec.

Hall restoration group seeks dollars for history

Acton has about a \$30,000 way to go to preserve its sole remaining 19th-century building and according to the Town Hall Restoration Committee, time is running out.

The restoration committee is calling a public meeting for Monday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m. "to discuss what more can be done to secure pledges" and possibly start a fund-raising campaign for the town hall. The meeting is in Trinity United Church.

Last Christmas a mail-in pledge card blitz earned \$9,500 for the town hall fund. The additional money is needed to impress a Halton Hills Council committee which acts as liaison between the town and the restoration group. The town committee is in the position to apply for grants from Wintario and the Ontario Heritage Foundation and possibly the Community Centre Grant.

As the restoration committee chairman George Elliott stated in a news release, the liaison committee will not make the applications "unless Acton's people come up with more pledges. If the town hall is to be restored, we must have help. The Committee has done all it can."

The \$40,000 plateau to be raised from town's folk only matches the sum Halton Hills Council agreed to divert from demolition of the building. That was a conditional diversion of funds. That condition is that the balance of the dollars needed for restoration come from elsewhere. So far the people of Acton have pledged about \$10,000.

Councillor Ed Wood, who chairs the liaison committee, said the town's position is to wait and see if Acton's people will come up with the money.

"It comes right back to the town's (people). If

you want it, cough up \$40,000 or whatever. But to date, no one has started a campaign," said the councillor.

The press release from the restoration committee puts the town hall issue right on the line: "If you believe in restoring Acton's last remaining historic public building you will be there to give your support. If very few show up for the meeting the Restoration Committee will conclude nothing more can be done and there is no interest in Acton in the restoration. They will then indicate to Council the building might as well be demolished."

Liaison committee chairman Wood told this newspaper he tried but failed to persuade committee members to apply for the preservation grants.

Councillors John McDonald, George Malby and Marilyn Serjeantson also are on the liaison committee.

The two-storey brick town hall dates from the 1880s. It is nearing its 100th birthday. Its walls witnessed many council meetings, dances and Acton Citizens Band recitals.

It was still in use when the main book concerning local history—Acton's Early Days—was

published in 1939. More recently the downstairs rooms have been used as a meeting place for the town's senior citizens'

No confirmation on fire charges

Halton Regional Police were unable to confirm or deny rumors that an arrest had been made in connection with the Dominion Hotel fire in August which claimed one life.

Spokesman from the police were unavailable for comment at press time this morning (Wednesday).



Anytime the bright coated riders, and hounds gather for a fox hunt it's a colorful sight, and it was again recently when the Eglington and Caledon Hunt Club assembled at Docking Farms owned by

Hugh Woods. The stirrup cup before taking off after the fox is a hallowed tradition. Photo by HARTLEY COLES



Ruby Clark was a special guest at the Knox Women's Missionary Society final meeting Thursday afternoon. Ruby received a special memento from the Society.

Acton gains from new billing system: Wood

Acton and Georgetown are the main beneficiaries from the region's turn to equalized water and sewer billing, from the politicians' points of view.

"The price is right for Acton," Acton Regional Councillor Ed Wood smiled. "We're the biggest beneficiary now. Down the road if Oakville

or Burlington expands, we may have to pay." That seems to be the story in north Halton. Today we gain; tomorrow we may lose some.

Halton Region Council starts on equalized water and sewer billing at the new year; though some studies concerning the problems of im-

plementing are being carried out. "We've just finished a \$8-million sewage plant expansion. If we'd not gotten that through the agreement of equalized billing) then the municipality (Halton Hills) would have to pay. Same as with Acton's \$7-million plant expansion,"

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