



The Second Acton (Trinity United Church) cub pack and beaver colony celebrated their formation with the presentation of the Charter and the dedication of their flags, Sunday during services at Trinity United Church on Mill Street. After the service they gathered for a group photo. The Cubs are Darren Robb, Drew Ramsden, Bill Wirth, Ben Ubbink, Steven Johnston, under the Blue Sky, Michael Bowers, David Eaton, Sean Letendre, Paul Burns, Todd Helka, and Andrew Barton under Black Cobra, Scott Corcoran, Jeff Fuller, Peter Koellner, Steven Henderson and David Leslie under Red Snake and leaders Rosemary Kenny (Akela), Lesly Kenny (Hathi), Barry Normington (Baloo) and Janet Christensen (Habeera). The Beavers are: Kevin Argudin, Danny Argudin, Bill Beaulieu, Jason Bowers, Adam Brown, Bryan Dunn, Jason Heideman, Toby Helka, David Henderson, Chris Kempton, Jason Johnston, Mark Manuel, Andrew Patterson, Kevin Pettipfer, Sammy Smith, Jason Wegman, Ashley Fray and Robbie Moreland. Leaders are: Audrey Dum (Rainbow), Kymm Lalkin (Bubbles), Glen McKenzie (Hawkeye), and Carolyn Gibson (Rusty). Rev. Charles Beaton of the Trinity Church welcomed the group.

## Stress technical courses in Halton

The probability of more concentration in technical education courses offered at Acton, Georgetown and Milton high schools was enhanced by a progress report tabled at Thursday's Halton Board of Education meeting.

Commitments in these schools and others in the Halton system have been made for next September, states the report.

The report, entitled Future Directions of Technical Education in Halton, recommends Acton students needing more depth in their technical education than Acton offers be made aware transportation for them is available to Georgetown District High School.

and receive an equivalent number of hours credit towards apprenticeships.

Today a technical education student, interested in machine shop specialization, may have access to only a single credit survey course, according to the report. The student may end up with a drafting course geared to architecture rather than machines.

Under the recommendations of the report that drafting course would support the machine shop program of the triple credit student while accommodating the student wishing only a single credit.

If Acton were to get a machine shop, the cost would be about \$100,000. "We do not see any increase in capital costs," said Dr. Dixon who was also one of the authors of the report. "Because quite frankly it is not used enough. Some of it is idle," he commented.

At Acton High School 225 students are enrolled in the technical program for at least one credit. Some students are taking two credits. Acton's enrollment in September was 746.

## Town pays expenses

A new bylaw setting out exact policies of payment to councillors and town appointed board members will see the town paying expenses of travel and conferences attended by library board members appointed by the town.

be in accordance with the bylaw.

Until now some of the expense payments have been covered by a bylaw and some have been set down in policy manuals.

Clerk Administrator Ken Richardson de-

scribes the proposed bylaw as a "gathering up of loose ends", which mainly reflects present policies.

The bylaw was recommended by Halton Hills general committee Monday night, and will be sent on to council.

In addition, library board members appointed by the school boards will have expenses paid by the library board, but must be limited to the amount approved for town appointed members.

Library board members receive no regular payment for their duties. The new bylaw has been prompted by a provincial requirement that municipal treasurers submit a statement of monies paid to council, or appointees, which must

## Welcome M. Reese

The January meeting was well attended with Marion Reese being welcomed as a new member.

Treasurer Ann McMullan has moved to Guelph and Fern Shultis has taken the position for the remainder of the year.

## Optimists help CP

Optimists Club of Acton members helped raise \$8,754.26 for Cerebral Palsy during the recent Weekend with the Stars campaign.

The Acton club members helped man telephones in Acton, Guelph, Georgetown, Milton, Rockton and Campbellville. The sum was raised in pledges.

The Weekend With the Stars was a January 12-13 telethon which featured stars from New York, Las Vegas and Hollywood.

## Halton Cable says

# No threat to Buffalo stations

The over 8,000 subscribers of Halton Cable Systems in North Halton shouldn't worry that they will have to pay extra to watch American television from Buffalo, according to program director John Ollivier.

Last week the Canadian Radio Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) announced a full-scale review of cable TV operations in this country and suggested one subject to be explored will be bumping of United States stations from basic cable service onto extra cost channels.

In an interview this week Ollivier said he suspects the CRTC announcement, if it went into effect, would apply only to cable firms that charge extra for converter channels.

Halton Cable, which puts channels 2 (NBC), 4 (CBS) and 7 (ABC) on its basic 13 channel service, doesn't charge an extra fee for its converter channels. Subscribers pay only one monthly fee for both the basic and converter channel services.

Ollivier explained the CRTC has always said Canadian channels must take priority over American signals on the basic service. He noted the CRTC requires once there are enough Canadian stations to fill the basic service the American stations to be bumped to the converter channels.

"We are dedicated to preserving channels 2, 4 and 7 on the basic service as long as possible," Ollivier declared.

He noted Halton Cable and other firms have put channel 47, the new multilingual station, on the converter band. The station has appealed to the CRTC to force cable companies to put it on basic service and a hearing is pending.

"There may come a time when under CRTC direction we have to put one or more American stations on converter ser-

vice," Ollivier conceded. However, there wouldn't be any extra costs to subscribers from the cable company. The only additional cost to get Buffalo channels, if they were moved to the converter band, would be if a subscriber needed to buy or rent a converter.

As for the possibility that the CRTC could order cable stations to charge extra for American channel service simply to discourage viewers from watching those stations and boost Canadian station's ratings Ollivier said "our policy is they shouldn't force us to do that. They could order us to charge extra for American channels but I don't think they would. There would be a real public outcry, the public wouldn't stand for it."

Conceding the firm is naturally in business to make a profit, Ollivier admitted Halton Cable Systems is concerned about CRTC regulations which would change the current arrangement regarding American stations. He noted subscribers want American television and any

change could hurt business. There would be a "strong possibility" customers would go back to using antennas he stated.

There has also been suggestions that with the advent of Pay TV, available possibly by the end of this year, will make many kinds of converters obsolete. Customers would be charged varying rates for different channels or groups of channels which would be on converters.

"We've discussed Pay TV here (at Halton Cable). Any of our proposals about Pay TV will not make converters obsolete. There is no way we are going to void the

## Thieves busy

Break and enter thieves were busy Thursday night committing two in-town crimes.

Approximately \$150 is reported missing, according to Halton Regional Police, from the Canadian Style Donut Shop at Mill and Main. About \$40 in coins was stolen later from the Acton Bakery and Delicatessen on Mill St.

investment people have made in their converters," Ollivier declared.

He explained there are ways to bring in Pay TV and still use existing converters.

Naturally Pay TV will be a "premium service" so customers will pay for it. However, Pay TV signals could be sent out by the cable firm scrambled so regular subscribers couldn't see them properly, then a Pay TV subscriber could rent or pay for a descrambler.

He noted Halton Cable provides signals to over 60 per cent of the households in urban Acton, Georgetown and Milton. Ollivier estimates there are about 12,000

homes in the three urban areas of North Halton and 8,700 are subscribers to Halton Cable.

## Chimney fires out

Acton fire department was called out three times over the weekend, twice for chimney fires.

Two trucks answered the fire alarm at Commercial Shearing Ltd., on Commerce Crescent Friday at 5:30 p.m. It turned out to be a false alarm.

Later at 10:30 p.m. the department extinguished a chimney fire at Tom Given's home, R.R. 2 Acton. There was no damage to the house.

Sunday, at 5:30 p.m., the department was called to another chimney

fire at the home of Gerhard Wein, 116 Cobblehill Rd. No damages were reported.

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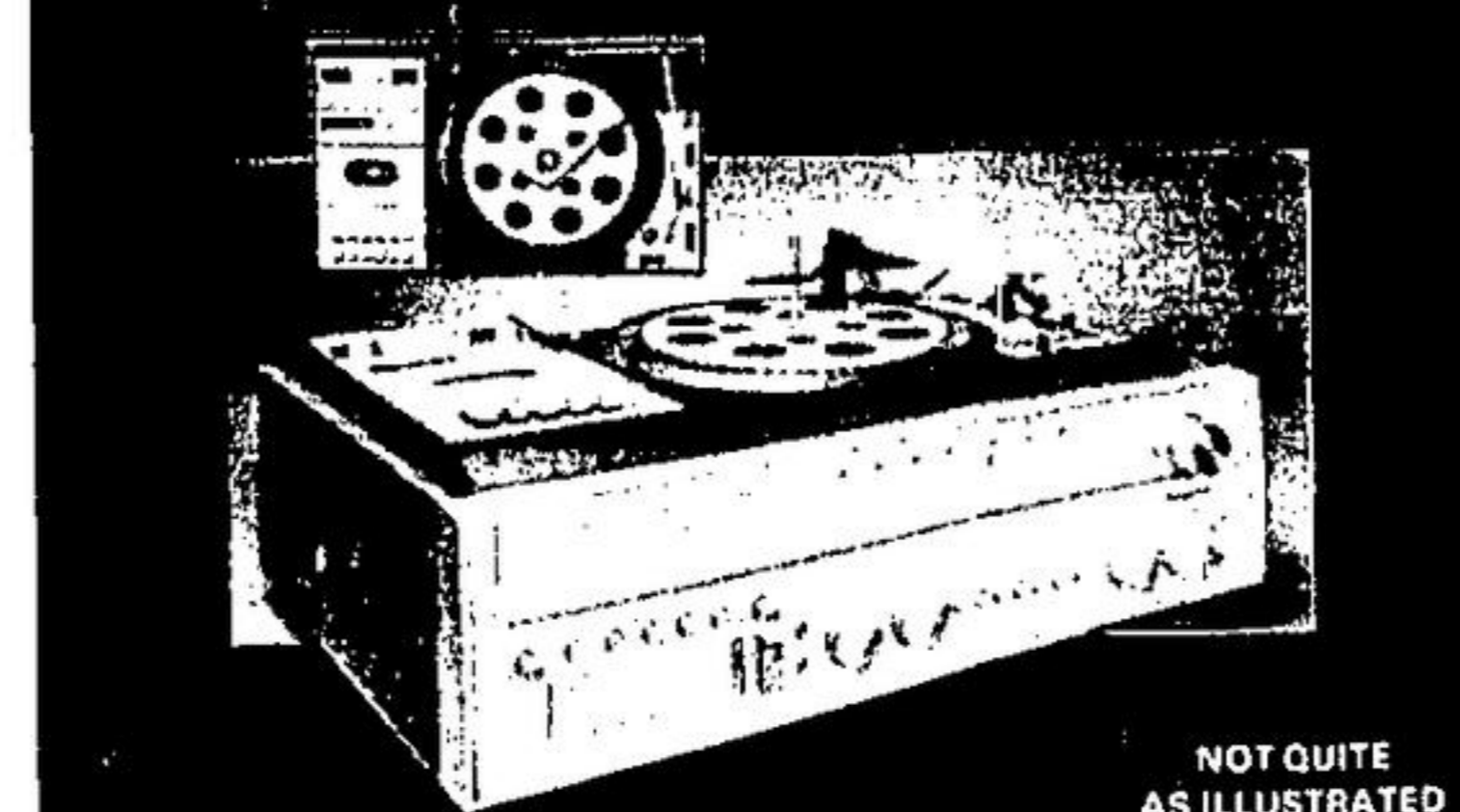
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