

## On the Leavell

With Helen



Looks like we have a competition on our hands.

Last week, I reported in this column that two sisters had babies within a day of each other recently. Well, it seems the Jennings sisters did better than that.

October 19, 1958, Edna Kennedy and Ena Gibson, nee Jennings, both gave birth to daughters, within an hour of each other! Not only that, but they had the same doctor, the same hospital and even stayed in the same room.

I guess they figured it was more convenient to hold Patty's (Gibson) and Tina's (Kennedy) parties at the same time.

Can anyone beat that record?

Thursday was egg day—that's supposed to be the only day of the year an egg will stand up on its end. Well, I challenge that. I spent a good part of Thursday evening trying to get one to stand up and all I managed was to break an egg when it slipped from my hand. I didn't even get to enjoy a scrambled egg as I dropped it on the floor—a carpeted floor.

Can anyone restore my faith in egg day by getting an egg on its end?

Colleague Ann Currie of our sister newspaper The Georgetown Independent had an interesting item in her column "A Dash of Currie", last week.

It seems a family from that community—the Kirkpatricks of 7 Noble Court held a garage sale last April, and one lady bought \$50 worth of items—a big sum for a garage sale. The lady told

the family she would be back for the purchase, but never showed. She called two months later to tell them she would soon pick it up. Guess what? It's still sitting waiting for her—nine months later. Mrs. Kirkpatrick thinks the lady is from Acton.

Former Free Press Speyside columnist Pam Sheldon and Acton resident Mansell Nellis are among 13 members of the Halton Community Pulse Group who are interested in hearing from others to discuss concerns about Halton. Mrs. Sheldon is also chairperson of the Rural Living Task Group. She can be reached at 878-9103. Mr. Nellis can be contacted at 853-0960.

News from Acton took up almost two entire pages of this month's Indusmin Link, a magazine put out by Indusmin head office.

Mentioned are the local branch's participation in the Santa Claus parade, the Union Christmas party and the Aggregates annual dinner, all complete with nine pictures. Also included in the magazine were short stories on local workers Herman Poland and Fred Nicholas.

The Red Cross has put out a request for Volunteer Private Emergency Housing in Halton Hills and vehicles for transportation (vans, etc.) for times of major disaster. Further information can be obtained at the Red Cross office, 877-5233 (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) or after hours at the North Halton Contact Centre, 877-1211.



North Halton Liberals for candidate Bill Perras started their campaign Monday. Organizers are set to take the campaign to the people with a "radically new penetration", according to Bob Samsing. Liberals will open five, what they term, command posts in North Halton. Liberals Dave Chapman, left, and Dolly Moulden are working with Samsing, on the right, to put the Liberal Perras in the vanguard.

## Book reading down

It would appear Halton Hills residents aren't reading as much as they used to.

A report to Halton Hills Library Board shows a dramatic decrease in book circulation at the Acton, Georgetown and

Limehouse branches in 1979 as compared to the previous year.

In 1978, 49,360 books were borrowed at the Acton Library but last year the figure dropped to 45,144.

In Limehouse book cir-

ulation declined from 408 in 1978 to 318 last year.

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## Church St. speed concerns Wood

Councillor Ed Wood would like something done about speeding on Church Street in Acton.

Monday Wood told Halton Hills General committee he'd like engineer Robert Austin to investigate the situation. He pointed out he'd

heard concerns from area residents, especially since there was a fatality in December on the street. Wood said he'd like to see anything done, a cross-walk or three way stop, to slow traffic down so it is easier for senior citizens to cross the street.

## Cruiser refit saves dollars

A saving of about \$45,000 on cruisers is being sought by Halton Region Police with a restoration program.

Police commissioners agreed Thursday at meeting in Oakville to refurbish at the most 15 cruisers this year—instead of selling them.

Administrator George McMorris estimated a saving of about \$3,000 per car through restoration instead of buying new cruisers. Halton Region's municipal garage, at Milton, will perform much of the restoring.

Police have a sample to gauge from since the regional garage has already refitted a 1978 Plymouth Fury marked cruiser.

According to

McMorris, who drove the cruiser to the commission meeting, a new cruiser costs \$7,000. Prior to this experiment, used cruisers would be sold for about \$900.

The cost to refit the vehicle, including a new coat of paint, is about

\$2,350, according to McMorris. The test vehicle—cruiser 223—received a new engine, universal, shock absorbers, front end springs, cooling system and brakes.

All parts are whole-

sale, according to commission chairman Harry Barrett. Labor on the cruiser cost \$307; a price which includes the mechanic's and administrator's fees.

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## Fire safety changes for town's libraries

An annual inspection of both the Acton and Georgetown Libraries by fire safety officer Larry Brassard turned up a number of deficiencies and hazards in both branches which need to be remedied.

Librarian Betsy Corn-

well reported to Halton Hills Library Board at its first meeting of 1980 last Wednesday in Acton that Brassard said fire exit

lights in both the Acton and Georgetown buildings must be checked.

Brassard informed Mrs. Cornwell safety must be exercised with use of the stove at the lib-

rary in Acton and the furnace room and down-stairs corridor shouldn't be used for storage. Mrs. Cornwell noted with those two areas out of the picture it leaves very little storage area in the Acton Library. She said steel shelves are needed to store cardboard boxes properly.

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