



The 1980 board of directors of the Murray Memorial YMCA. Front row, left to right Ina Boyle, Mona Petrillo, Joan Phillip, Wayne Ruse, Arthur Tribe, Chip Petrillo and Doug Leys. Back row, Lloyd Broostad, Gordon Chapman, Carol Clark, Jim Daley, Ken Grubbe, David Hunter, Jack Meinen, Dot Redekop, Keith Robbins, Sue Robbins, Lynda Ruse, David Whiting. Absent, Peter Andrabi, Bill Mainprize and Carl Rosenquist.

## —Eight new faces on Y board—

New blood was added to the Murray Memorial YMCA board of directors with the addition of eight new faces at last Wednesday's annual meeting.

Peter Andrabi, Ina Boyle, Mona Petrillo, Joan Phillips, Wayne Ruse, Arthur Tribe, Chip Petrillo and Doug Leys joined returning members Lloyd Broostad, Gordon Chapman, Carol Clark, Jim Daley, Ken Grubbe, David Hunter, Bill Mainprize, Jack Meinen, Dot Redekop, Keith Robbins, Sue Robbins, Carl Rosenquist, Lynda Ruse and David Whiting on the 1980 board of directors. Lyla Luelo, Beverly Owen, Helen Van Sicker and Peter Zions all retired from the board.

Reporting on programs, Carol Clark noted last fall the Y introduced one new course, La Danse Orientales, which shows promise. The Y lost some instructors: boxing teacher Armand Steeves, tap dancing and jazz instructor Suzanne Bew, Marion Inglis of Kiddies' Klub and Health Food teacher Emily Lysholm. Ladies' Take-A-Break suffered poor registration and was dropped. In the winter and spring sessions last year the usual courses ran quite successfully and Health Foods was added. After School Arts and Crafts and Fulfilling Bible Prophecy failed to get off the ground.

The treasurer's report showed the Y spent \$1,423.28 less last year than it took in and at the meeting treasurer Ken Grubbe also received a cheque for \$450 from the Y's Menettes at the meeting.

Dot Redekop reported there has been a poor response to courses so far this year. Boxing goes Monday and Thursday evenings. La Dance

## TV, gas prices hurt

Television and higher gasoline prices may have something to do with the decrease in book circulation at Halton Hills libraries.

Year end statistics show book circulation down drastically in Acton, Limehouse and Georgetown. Book borrowing slumped from 49,360 in 1978 to 45,144 last year at the Acton library. The Limehouse drop was from 408 in 1978 to 318 in 1979. In Georgetown, book circulation was 132,227 in 1977 and 124,018 in 1979.

Chief Librarian Betsy Cornwell said although she hasn't the statistics to prove it, she believes the majority of people drive to the library. She speculated, because of higher gasoline prices, some may be reluctant to travel. She added overall attendance is down at the libraries.

Mrs. Cornwell said people who are reaching adulthood have been brought up on television and consequently read less for entertainment than previous generations. She added, although the programs teaching children the values of reading are good, the competition of television is too great.

There are other factors

## St. Alban's vote

Anderson; Treasurer Pat Frizzell; Secretary Lois Turkosz; Envelope Secretary Mary Anderson; Lay Delegates Alice Duby, Marie Hargrave, Carl Rosenquist; Alternate Delegates Pearl Rol, Karen Pitt, Bill Landry, Terry Bridge, Terry Massales, Ken Stansbury, Nancy Little, Penny Bristow, Dennis Kunze, Richard Mills, Ken Grubbe, Ron Riche, Bert Gould, Lorna Clarke, Cindy Blades, Ann Kunze, Gregg Hargrave, Jack Rol, Laura Dittich and Alec Pitt.

## Consultant trim draws opposition

A bid to trim some of Halton Board of Education's consulting staff may have drawn some opposition from Burlington trustee Bill Priestner.

Priestner announced at the board's meeting Thursday that the three-year-old policy regarding consultants is not being carried out, so he wants the board's approvals rescinded.

## Bette backs drier ads

Ontario Minister of Education Bette Stephenson is backing provincial boards of education in urging the province to make alcohol beverage ads drier.

The minister replied to Halton Board of Education, which asked for support of directives on advertising and sales promotion which relate to alcohol beverages. The Halton board was supported by the Lakehead board on the issue.

Dr. Stephenson states she will raise the school boards' concerns with Frank Drea, the minister of consumer and commercial relations.

## The school beat

St. Joseph's students held a cake draw and bake sale. This was a fund raising activity for field trips and other activities.

This week the large gymnasium equipment has been set up in the auditorium. The springboard, balance beams and the ropes are all being used in physical education.

On Friday of each week, five or six pupils, from Mrs. Baber's and Mrs. Andrews classes pay a short visit to Mr. Magwood in his office. Together, they take part in a brief interest activity.

House league volleyball is underway at the school.

## Fire calls

Acton Firefighters responded to a call from the Dave Turple, R.R. 4 Acton residence Monday morning.

Fire chief Mick Holmes said about \$100 in damage resulted from the fire caused by overheated stove pipes. The Turple home is on the first line south of 25 sideroad.

## St. Joseph's

by Honor Sweezy and Rhonda Barrett

The Girl's basketball team put forth a good effort at Holy Rosary although they lost all three games. The scores were 21-2, 18-2 and 7-2.

Mrs. Munkacsi's class is finishing a winter theme. Their letter of the week is Zz.

Mrs. Robertson's grade ones have finally got their snow and started their snow unit. They are making thermometers for their unit on temperature.

The student of the week for Miss Bradley's class is Laura Langridge.

Mr. McGeragle's class is doing crayon resist for art. They are using Disney characters for their theme. The grade fours are doing long division in math while the grade fives are doing multiplying, dividing, and decimal work. In Environmental Studies they are studying Australia.

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## KINDERGARTEN SURVEY

M.Z. BENNETT: 853-0530  
ROBERT LITTLE: 853-2540

Please contact one of the above schools re: Kindergarten for September '80 if you have not already completed a survey form. Students for Sept. '80 must be 5 years of age by Feb. 28, 1981.

M.Z. Bennett  
by Lisa Melsaac  
Today, the grade three

## Planners tell B.I.A.

# Blend heritage and buildings' beauty

One of the best ways to revitalize a downtown area is to tie together the beauty and heritage of the older buildings two planners told an executive meeting of Acton's Business Improvement Area (BIA) group Thursday evening.

Merilyn McKelevey and Kevin Garland, of A. J. Diamond Planners and architects of Toronto, showed a handful of merchants slides of Acton featuring some of the things they find positive about the community's appearance.

Mrs. McKelevey described Fairy Lake, with its ducks and geese, as a great community resource which is tucked away. She observed that few non-residents would know it is there, but it could be tied into downtown and help attract tourists and shoppers to the town.

The Mill and Main Streets intersection with its "nice buildings" the planner said was "fantastic." She praised the Acton Mews mall because it has combined the old with the new and Mrs. McKelevey said that's what's needed throughout the downtown. The closed town hall buildings on Willow Street should be refurbished she said, to add to

the overall impression of the town's core area. Another nice feature of Acton's core she said were the lovely homes on Mill and Main Streets, as well as Bower Avenue.

As architects, the two planners said only minor exterior changes or sympathetic additions should be allowed for the lovely old buildings in the downtown area. Mrs. McKelevey and Mrs. Garland have been involved with revitalization projects in Cobourg, Dundas, Perth, Ancaster, Unionville, St. Mary's and Cambridge and are convinced each town has its own unique problems but common approaches can solve some of them.

## Acton high band Edmonton bound

Acton High School Band members received word recently that their plans for a band exchange with Ross Shepard Composite High School in Edmonton, Alberta, has been approved.

The exchange, which is part of the Open House Canada program sponsored by the Secretary of State, is designed to promote understanding and to provide students with a first-hand knowledge of others parts of Canada.

The band from Edmonton will arrive in Acton February 16 for a week. They will stay with the Acton band members and visit historical, cultural and commercial sites to learn more about the Acton area. On Thursday February 21, the two bands will combine forces in a concert at the Acton High School. The local high school band will return to

inventories have already been carried out and what downtown needs most now is to attract some new or recycled local capital.

Mrs. McKelevey and Mrs. Garland promised to come back with a budget and study proposal for the next BIA executive meeting.

## Halton against lax dope laws

Commerce is actively supporting the program and will be assisting in the arrangements for the local tour.

Halton Board of Education wants no relaxation of laws regarding marijuana.

Trustees backed Nor-

## Blais, Phillips visit

Two Liberal heavyweights will visit Halton this week.

Former Postmaster General and Solicitor General Jean Jacques Blais will be in Oakville Friday and former Vancouver Mayor and freshman MP for Vancouver Centre, Art Phil-

## Keys stolen

Keys and a brief case were reported missing from St. Joseph's school following a burglary last Wednesday. Halton Regional Police are investigating.



# God's Country.

The natural beauty of Israel is something to behold. The Negev desert with its violet mountains, yellow canyons, rare wildlife and unique vegetation. The dazzling coral of the Red Sea where you'll see some of the most remarkable colors ever viewed underwater.

The nature reserve of Hai Bar where biblical animals such as the ibex, gazelle, and oryx antelope roam freely. The Mediterranean grottoes of Rosh Hanikra where splashing waves become rainbows.

The Sea of Galilee at sunrise. The stillness of the Dead Sea at sunset. But there is another kind of beauty, too, that is Israel. A beauty that can be felt in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron, Nazareth, Jericho. For Israel is the land of the Bible.

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