

Chamber Happenings

by Janet Fleming

With the increase in our membership as displayed by the well attended Annual General Meeting on January 23, the Acton Chamber of Commerce now has a broader base of representation from the community and its four sectors—private citizenry, retail, industrial and professional groups. Plans are already underway for the formation of an Industrial Committee and a Professional Committee to give these groups a chance to work together as important sections within the community. We also hope to organize a President's Club which will provide a liaison for the various groups in town as they plan their goals and activities for the year.

You have probably noticed earlier, in the Acton Free Press, that the Acton High School is hosting a visiting band from Edmonton from February 16 to February 23. Dave Sale of the High School and Dave Whiting of the Chamber are working together closely to organize a warm welcome for these students. We ask that you, the public, help make the students feel the friendliness of our town during their visit.

Early this spring we plan a much needed renovation of the Chamber Bulletin Board. A new idea for co-ordinating community activities, as suggested by a Chamber member, will be initiated with the hope of providing a convenient and organized method of events planning for all of the area groups and clubs. Look to the Free Press for more on this as spring approaches.

The 1980 Citizen of the Year evening is scheduled for April 12—mark your calendar now. Further information and balloting will appear in a few weeks.

The Map and Directory for the Acton area of the Town of Halton Hills will be available to the public shortly. Call or write your Chamber Secretary after March 4 for your copy.

This is just an early sampling of Chamber involvement for 1980. There are other plans for new projects, as well as the continuation and expansion of our regular activities. It is the sincere hope of the Chamber that general membership and the community as a whole will follow through on its early enthusiasm with new ideas, comments and criticism. The new decade promises many important changes and decisions for the Acton area. We hope to see support and interest in the town as more individuals and groups become actively involved.

The school beat

Acton High

by Janet Howe

Last Wednesday, Dr. Cappon came to visit us at Acton High. Dr. Cappon is now dealing in medicine here in Canada, but hopes to soon practice his profession in Cambodia. A film was presented called, "The Silent Death of Cambodia, Year Zero". The film was very moving and even a little upsetting for some at Acton High. Seeing children dying from starvation made us aware of how fortunate we are. This gave us the idea of raising money within the school to send to Cambodia.

We have participated in the Ten Days for World Development by selling carnations. The Student Association was selling carnations all last week to students and staff. The idea was to buy a carnation and send it to someone else in the school. The carnations will be delivered to students and staff on Valentine's Day. All the money raised will go to those in Cambodia. Something extra that someone took into their own hands to do was to raise money and send four dozen carnations to the Old Age Home in Acton for Valentine's Day.

Acton High band members are looking forward to welcoming a number of students from an Edmonton band. The visitors will be billeted with Acton band members. During their one week stay, they will be touring with Acton High band outside of Acton and playing concerts in Toronto and Kitchener area. The 40 members of the Acton band will be going to Edmonton in late May and billeted with families

there. This week is once again "Spirit Week". Monday was known as Greaser Day. This 50's day has now seemed to become an annual "thing". Tuesday was hug a bug, red and white day. Today, (Wednesday) was the "Great Valentine Search". Thursday is the ever popular "Dress up day". With the girls in dresses and guys in suits, they are walked on by waitresses during their lunch period.

Friday will be the Valentine's Dance. Bill Heaps, who was recommended by C.F.T.R. radio station in Toronto, will be the disc jockey.

M.Z. Bennett

by Lisa McIsaac
Last Tuesday evening a small fire started in one of the lights in Room Five. Smoke filled the entire length of the lower hallway. Miss Richardson, Mrs. Penttila and Mr. Magwood were working upstairs, and they had to get out of the building. Mrs. O'Rourke, one of the caretakers, who was also in the school called Fire Chief Holmes and he came over right away. Chief Holmes located the problem, and called an electrician. The light was quickly repaired and the doors were opened to allow the smoke to clear.

The students of Rooms one, two and 12 will be having a sandwich and cookie sale, and a plant and chocolate draw for a fund raising activity. This event will be held on Valentine's Day, February 14.

The students of Room 10 are putting together a newspaper. So far only two sections are ready. Work on this project is progressing very well.



Robert Little Public School pupils got a chance to see and to ask questions about huskies last week. Three classes of grade two pupils were visited by Chief, left, and Bussl, right, and their owners

Douglas and Shella Pantling of Shelken Kennels. The pupils are learning about Eskimos and their life as part of the environmental study program. Photo by ERIC ELSTONE

Ladies' Fair Board

Prize lists to printers

It was business as usual at the February meeting of the Ladies' Division of the Acton Agricultural Society held last Wednesday evening.

President, Heather Rennie reported that the hall division prize book for this September's Acton Fall Fair has been sent to the printer.

The prize list should be out earlier this year than last year. The ladies expressed concern that it was not in the hands of exhibitors for the long winter evenings. This is the time for knitting, crocheting and other needlework.

Conveners are in the process of obtaining judges for the hall classes of the fair. Draw tickets for the Ladies Division's prize winning quilt will be ready for the March meeting. The upcoming convention of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies was discussed. It is not definite if any members will be able to attend. The March meeting was planned with a view

to drawing present members out to meetings and attracting new members. It will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 5 at the Acton Public Library. As an enticement, Mrs. Inez Crichton of Limehouse will demonstrate candy making. Con-

veners will make a special effort to remind their committees of the meeting. Members were asked to bring a guest who might be interested in the fair. Phone 853-1769 or 853-2080 for any further information. Refreshments are planned.

Scott's Stop
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Scout parade this Sunday

Preparations are underway for the annual Scout and Guide week parade and church service this Sunday, February 17, in Acton. All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders are expected to participate in the parade and service in full uniform.

There will be a silver collection and proceeds go to the Scout and Guide World Friendship Fund. Scout and Guide week runs from February 17 to 24 and celebrates the birth of the founders of the movement on February 22.

Church parades are an important part of Scout-Guide week because one of the main principles of the movement is "To Love and Serve God."

Ignore mortgage interest on return

J.R. Giles, Director of Federal Income Tax in Hamilton, reminds taxpayers to ignore all references to The Mortgage Interest and Property Tax Credit on their 1979 Income Tax Returns.

Approximately six million special returns were mailed to taxpayers containing provisions for claiming the credit.

The legislation allowing persons to claim the credit was not approved by Parliament and therefore is not in effect for the 1979 tax year.

Mr. Giles says that taxpayers should discard copies of Schedule 11 if included in their returns.

Ex-detective is committed for trial

Roy Wood, a former constable with the OPP in Acton and resident of Georgetown, has been charged with theft and committed for trial before a county court judge.

Wood was arraigned on one count of theft and one count of possession of stolen property, but entered no pleas to either charge. He appeared briefly before a provincial court judge re-

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