

The Joyful Sounds glee club will perform twice this Sunday at Knox Presbyterian Church in Acton. The 7 p.m. performance of the group is open to the public.

Joyful Sounds sing here Sunday

The Joyful Sounds, a 28 member women's glee club, is coming to Acton this Sunday for two performances at Knox Presbyterian Church. The group will sing for the Knox congregation at the 11 a.m. service and again, for the general public, at 7 p.m.

The Joyful Sounds are from St. Andrew's, Humber Heights, Presbyterian Church and have both sacred and secular music in their repertoire. Their music ranges from classical to modern in idiom and from profound to light-hearted in spirit.

Stores set own hours

Town dumps store closing hours laws

The bylaws governing closing hours for stores in both Acton and Georgetown were repealed by Halton Hills council, Monday night. This leaves store owners to set their own hours.

The change will be advertised in local newspapers and any merchants are invited to express their opinion.

Councillor John McDonald said the directors of Georgetown Business Improvement Area were in agreement with repealing the existing bylaws, and Councillor Roy Booth said he understood the Acton BIA also agreed.

The two groups had been informed of the proposed rescinding of closing bylaws, which was recommended at general committee.

Councillor Walter Biehn argued the merchants should be notified individually, but the rest of council said that would be too involved and favored the newspaper advertisements.

Councillor George Maltby said "It's a way to take some of the regulations off business and let them make an honest buck."

At general committee, February 26, Councillor Roy Booth came up with the idea of repealing existing bylaws and letting stores set their own hours, after a lengthy discussion on a bylaw to set uniform closing hours across the whole town. The bylaws to be repealed are

different in the two areas. The Acton Business Improvement Area and the Acton Chamber of Commerce agree with the present Georgetown bylaw, which allows any store to stay open until nine at night, on weekdays and six on Saturdays. The present Acton bylaw calls for stores to close at six in the evening from Monday to Thursdays.

There has never been any regulations on store hours in the former Esqueving township.

Both saw no reason for any bylaw, since provincial law covers Sunday closing. He urged letting store owners set their own hours.

Councillor Ross Knetchel argued both BIA's are aware there does not have to be a bylaw and if they had wanted that would have said so.

Councillor George Maltby contended it was not council's position to set the hours. He argued private enterprise should dictate its own hours. He reminded general committee Brampton stores can stay open until nine every night. "Scrap the bylaw," he added.

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Red Cross campaign chairman for Acton, Bert Vanderlaan, and industry and business canvas manager Ben Jongema raised the Red Cross flag at the cenotaph Saturday morning to mark the start of Red Cross month, March.

World Day of Prayer Friday

The annual World Day of Prayer service will be held this Friday, March 7, at 2 p.m. at Acton Baptist Church.

The program this year was developed by the women of Thailand and the theme is "responsible freedom."

The program is open to the public.

Police honored at Humber

Halton Police Chief James Harding, Staff Sergeant John Barratt and Staff Sergeant Richard Hilton were among nine members of the police force honored at a dinner held by the Law and Security Administration program at Humber College, Monday.

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Second boy falls in lake, warnings posted

The mother of a boy who fell through the Fairy Lake ice thinks the duck and swan hole should be fenced. "I honestly think a sign is not the answer. I think there is need for a fence."

Mrs. J. Cudenhead said. Her son, nine-year-old Craig recently fell into the icy water near the Community Centre, when the ice gave way. He's the second boy to fall through the ice in recent weeks.

Town official Harold Townsley reports three signs warning the ice was unsafe went up a few days before Craig fell in. Craig was able to get his elbows up onto the ice and his school chum Troy Foster, age nine, was able to pull him out.

Garry Foster, Troy's mother, he lay down on the ice and reached out to his friend. The swans made a wave which pushed Craig towards Troy, said Mrs. Foster. "Afterwards you count your blessings," Mrs. Cudenhead said. "It scares me to think it could happen to another child."

A few weeks ago Robert Jennings, 10, was pulled out near the community centre, by Kevin Fabian, age nine.

Estate homes on Highway 25?

A plan to build six estate homes on two acre lots on Highway 25, south of Ten Sideroad, has been submitted to the town for consideration.

The application for an amendment to Esqueving's Official Plan was made by Anne Berry.

The site is just north of Chudleigh's Apple Orchard.

Under the new procedure the plan was not discussed at Halton Hills general committee, but will be processed by town staff, and discussed when their reports come back to planning board.

Swetman's Shoes

New owners all else same

It will be "business as usual" when Donna Neely and Donna Bottos take over Swetman's Shoes next month.

Mrs. Neely, an Acton resident and Mrs. Bottos, from Georgetown, have bought the 76-year-old business from Alma Swetman who will operate a shoe boutique in the new mall at the corner of Willow and Mill.

Mrs. Neely, who has worked for Swetman's Shoes for four-and-a-half-years, says although the ownership will be different, nothing concerning the store will change—not even the name.

"We will still have shoes for everyone and qualified personnel assisting customers," she said.

She stated running a business would be a challenge she'd enjoy, adding "it's something I just want to try".

Mrs. Neely and Mrs. Bottos will receive plenty of sales assistance from Betty Blaine, who has been at Swetman's for four years.

The official take-over is March 17, but the new owners are celebrating their venture with an open house on March 26. Mrs. Neely said, at the open house the past three owners—Mr. Eugene Braida, who ran the store for 18 years starting in 1935; Mr. Bill Benson, who took over from Braida and operated 17 years; and the Swetmans, who have shoed Actonians since 1974, will be recalling the past 35 years of the "sole" business.



Signs are up around the area of Fairy Lake where the water fowl are wintering, warning the ice is thin. The signs were erected shortly after a boy fell through the ice last month, but since the signs went up another boy has fallen into the chilled water.

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Swetman's

CVCA beefs up flood warning

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority is beefing up its flood warning system with radios. General manager Glen Schnarr told Authority members, who questioned the expenditure for radios, that flood warning is the most important job of the Authority. He said there was some feeling it was not good enough now.

Haughton Group Announcement



Valerie E. Haughton J. Alex Langford, Q.C. The Board of Directors of C.F. Haughton Limited are pleased to announce the election of Mrs. Valerie E. Haughton and Mr. J. Alex Langford as Directors of the company.

Mrs. Haughton is active in many charitable organizations and is a Director of Val-Cliff Holidays Limited. Mr. Langford, a prominent attorney, is a partner with the firm of Miller, Thomson, Sedgewick, Lewis & Healy and serves on the Boards of many major Canadian corporations.

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Douglas G. Bassett Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce announces the election of Douglas G. Bassett as a Director of the Bank.

Mr. Bassett is President and Chief Executive Officer of Acton Broadcasting Incorporated, C.F.T.O. TV Limited and Island Publishing Co. Limited. He is a Director of Eastern Air Canada Limited, Hollinger Angus Limited, and a number of other Canadian corporations. Active in cultural and community affairs he is a Trustee of The Hospital for Sick Children, a governor of Bishop's College School, and of Haverhill College, and a Director of the National Ballet of Canada, The Artistic Society (Ontario Division), and Olympic Trust of Canada.

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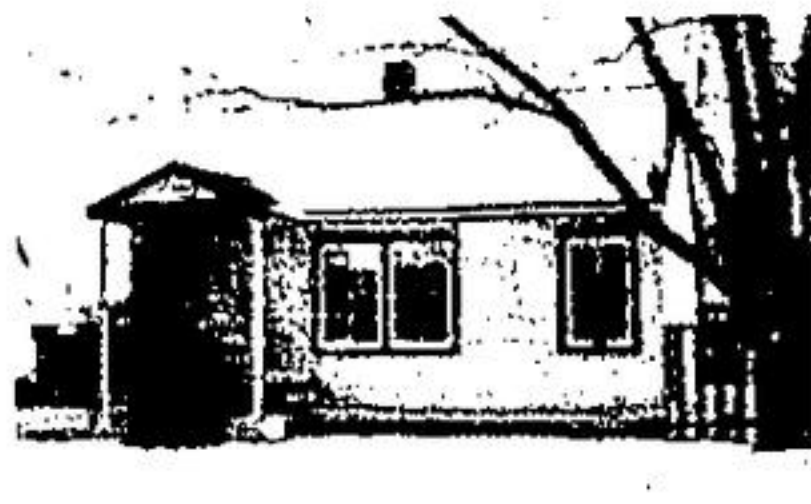
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