



Rev. John Robertson was invested as Chaplain of the First Acton Group for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers during the annual parent and son banquet last week at the legion. Many parents enjoyed dinner with the sons. Bob Barber conducted the investiture.

Town will consider rest home regulations

At the urging of Acton councillor Terry Grubbe, Halton Hills general committee, last week, agreed to investigate establishing regulations and licensing of rest and lodging homes in town.

She emphasized there are no standards set down at the present, but other municipalities have

already regulated ownership of rest homes, by registration or licensing.

Grubbe explained the Region of Halton has adopted a set of standards but they only apply to homes where the region pays all or part of the resident's care.

She reminded council Ontario cabinet minister

Margaret Birch had expressed the concern of the province that residents of rest and lodging homes have the assurance of set standards of living conditions, health, and fire safety.

Clerk-Administrator Ken Richardson said municipalities have the power to license and regulate such homes.

Revised planning act to free Hydro: Reed

Proposed changes to the Provincial Planning Act give Ontario Hydro carte blanche to do whatever it wants, according to Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed.

Reed, who is the Liberal energy critic, said changes in the planning act would place Ontario Hydro under the Environmental Assessment Act, a piece of legislation Reed considers weaker than the Planning Act.

"There have been no Ontario Hydro projects, to this point, completed, under the Environmental Assessment Act."

The nuclear plant at Darlington, was exempted from the Environmental Assessment Act. "Environmental Assessment has never been applied on an Ontario Hydro project."

"The only two projects supposedly to go under environmental assessment are hydraulic projects in Northern Ontario."

The case for exemptions was based on the urgency of the moment, said the Liberal MPP. "Let's apply that to a new line out of the Bruce (nuclear station). Let's say the Porter Commission does not agree with Ontario Hydro. The whole cycle would be repeated. The govern-

ment would say it's (the line) urgent and exempt the new line."

The first line out of the Bruce station runs down the centre of Halton Hills.

"There's no guarantee Ontario Hydro will come under the Environmental Assessment Act. The minister exempts (projects) at his pleasure."

"What's left for people is political pressure or some sections of the Ontario Municipal Act which forces Ontario Hydro to surface."

The proposed changes to the planning act have recently been released by the ministry for discussion. Later they will come before the provincial legislature.

Insulation does more than save money

Home insulation will do many things for a house besides reducing heating costs, Brian Coulson of the University of Guelph's Rural Outreach program, told a small audience at Acton Library Thursday night.

Coulson said heating amounts to about 70 per cent of a homeowner's energy bill and insulation will trim that bill anywhere from 20 to 60 per cent.

But insulation will do much more, including enhance comfort, cut drafts, make the house cooler in the summer—reduce noise from outside, cut the rate of deterioration of paint and wallpaper, reduce indoor dirt and dust and increase the longevity of the building's fabric, Coulson explained.

He noted the investment people make in insulation will be recovered within five years in reduced energy costs and it will also increase the property value.

son said, heat loss isn't all through the ceiling, but in all directions. Cold air infiltration is a major cause of heat loss, he explained, and insulation will plug cracks and spaces in walls.

Coulson noted when

selecting an insulation people should look at the R rating and it tells how well an insulation "retards" heat loss. Other characteristics of a good type of insulation include being fireproof, vermin

proof, moisture proof, chemically stable, odorless and easy to handle, he said.

Door and window weather stripping and caulking are also important in the battle to reduce heat loss the guest

speaker declared. Coulson urged people examine government grants to help pay for insulation and consult the Better Business Bureau or the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations before

hiring an insulation company to make sure the firm is reputable and has a good "track record."



Brian Coulson of Rural Outreach discusses insulation and its importance in conserving energy at Thursday's clinic held at Acton Library.

Second insulation clinic

The second of two insulation clinics will take place tomorrow (Thursday) night at the Acton Library.

Arnold Rose will discuss the Canadian Home Insulation Program (C.H.I.P.s.) and its applications. The presenta-

tion starts at 7:30 p.m.

On March 25 Lynn Dennis will present a program at the Acton Library dealing with growing and use of herbs. The program, sponsored by the Royal Botanical Gardens, starts at 7:30 p.m.

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Skate-a-thon this Sunday

Youngsters and celebrities are sharpening their skates for the annual Acton Rotary Club Skate-A-Thon this Sunday at the Community Centre.

Proceeds from the skate-a-thon will go towards paying off the rink time clock, community service work and to participating schools.

The skate-a-thon runs from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. and local schools are entering teams of skaters. Students will be informed of their skating time by their teachers.

Prizes for fund raising include radios, stereo equipment and are on display at Halton Hills Furniture.

Residents are encouraged to come out and enjoy the fun and sponsor a student or celebrity skater.

Last year's skate-a-thon raised about \$3,000.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

A CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN AND AROUND ACTON

Acton Legion Ladies Auxiliary Fall Bazaar, October 18, 1980.
 The Annual I.O.D.E. Bazaar at Legion Hall, Saturday, November 15, 1980.
 L'Arche Auxiliary Dance, Sat. March 8th. Acton Band Hall. D.J. Mark Kowal. Tickets available Family Cleaners. Proceeds to Mentally Retarded.
 La Leche League of Acton offers monthly meetings for women who are interested in information about breastfeeding. For further information call Marilyn Cox 878-4803 or Karen Gregory 878-3884.
 The Halton Board of Education presents "The Rights and Responsibilities of Children/Youth and Parents", on April 2, from 7:00 to 10:15 p.m., at Nelson High School, Burlington. Contact Tom Hazelwood for further details 845-9240.
 The Acton Baptist Church Ladies are holding a tea and bake sale Saturday, May 10th at 12:00 noon.
 Athletes in Action Dinner, Thursday, March 6 at St. Alban's Parish Hall. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Guests include Gordon Barwell and Zenon Andrusyshyn. EVERYONE WELCOME!
 The Acton Co-op Nursery presents guests speakers Mrs. Mitchell on "French Immersion" and Ann McIntyre on "Kindergarten", Monday, March 10, 1980, 8:00 p.m. at Acton High School. All interested parents welcome.

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