

New manager for Bank of Montreal

Brian P. Hahn was recently appointed manager of the Bank of Montreal in Acton, replacing Earl Steekley.

Prior to coming to Acton Mr. Hahn spent eight months with the National Bank in Kitchener. Before that he was with the Bank of Montreal in London. In total he has been with the Bank of Montreal for 15 years.

Mr. Hahn was born, raised and educated in Kitchener and says he has always worked within a radius of 65 miles of Kitchener during his banking career.

Currently living in Kitchener, with his wife, Irene, son Paul 9, and daughter Carolyn 8, Mr. Hahn hopes to move his family to Acton as soon as possible.

Mr. Hahn's interests include sports and music. He plans to join a service club in Acton and become active in curling and golf.



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Daughters of Knox

Hear about Boat People

The regular meeting of the Daughters of Knox was held March 3 in the Mary Ellen Anderson Room of the Presbyterian Church.

President Kae Hansen was in the chair, and opened the meeting with a reading. "Living for Jesus" was sung, and the Club mottoes repeated.

The secretary's report was given by Gladys Price. Roll call was answered by presenting gifts for the Boat People. The Treasurer's report was read by Faye Pink.

Further arrangements were made for the buffet supper on Sunday when the singing group "The Joyful Sounds" came to the Presbyterian Church, to sing at both morning and evening services.

Mention was made of the Women's World Day of Prayer, held Friday. A discussion followed regarding upcoming events for some of the future meetings of the Daughters of Knox.

Georgia Van Fleet and her group then conducted the worship portion of the meeting. The Junior Choir of the church opened the service with the singing to two songs—"A Song of Peace" and "Lord, I love to stamp and shout." The Message was received, and the offertory prayer given by Georgia Van Fleet.

A poem entitled "Rights" was read by Margaret Toth. The hymn "Jesus Calls us o'er the tumult" was then sung. The closing prayer was given by Gladys Price.

Mrs. Hansen then introduced the speaker for the evening, Mrs. Arlene Bruce.

Arlene Bruce, as founder of the sponsor group in Acton, spoke about the formation of this group and all that it stands for, in relation to the Boat People. She told of the assistance that has been given the Vietnamese family that came to Acton just before Christmas. She reported how very well this family has adapted to life in Acton, and to the different customs and culture of Canada, particularly, the language. It was a most interesting half hour.

A small gift of appreciation was presented to Mrs. Bruce.



The Acton corps of the Salvation Army received a special visitor Sunday. Commissioner John D. Waldron, territorial commander for Canada and Bermuda, was on hand to help launch the Army's Red Shield campaign. Dr. Dave Vanderbent of Acton has been named chairman for Halton Hills. The group got together for a photo. They are, left to right, front row: Dr. Vanderbent, Mrs. Waldron, and Commissioner John D. Waldron. Back row: Major Calvin Ivany, divisional commander of southern Ontario, Lieutenant Lorne Pritchett, Mrs. Lieutenant Barb Pritchett and Mrs. Ivany.

Name Red Shield campaign chairman

An Acton physician has been named Halton Hills Salvation Army Red Shield campaign chairman.

March break fun planned

With the March break just a few weeks away children can look forward to some special activities.

Acton and Georgetown Ys, along with the Halton Hills recreation department, have combined to provide three days of fun.

March 17 in Monday "Mash". Activities like movies, arts and crafts and skating will be provided in Acton, with a bus bringing Georgetown youngsters here.

"Wacky" Wednesday is set for March 19 at the Georgetown "Y" and activities will include swimming, crafts and games. A bus will be provided to take Acton children to Georgetown for the day.

March 21 is Friday "Flight", a trip to the Science Centre and Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto. The afternoon trip will end in Acton at 4:30 p.m.

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Posted to Oslo
Gunner Randy Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown of Acton, of the second RCIA, is now engaged in winter exercises in Oslo, Norway and on return will be posted to Germany.

CAS wants help with isolated mother program

by Wilma Hlokhuis
Halton Children's Aid Society is looking for volunteers to help with a program for isolated mothers and their pre-school aged children. The CAS is wholly dependent on volunteers for this program, which operates in key areas across Halton Region. This Mothers' Group program operates on a two-tier basis—parenting courses and discussions for the mothers, and a nursery for the children.

"It is the only preventative program the Children's Aid has," says Susan Zytaruk, co-ordinator of the Mothers' Group program. Most of the mothers involved with the program are referred by CAS workers who handle their cases, and others by public health nurses—in an attempt to avoid problems between the mothers and her children. "This program is geared to the isolated

mother who has problems with her children," said Susan. "And the volunteers give them support and encouragement. The mothers receive help with their child rearing, home-making and socialization. "Our focus is to help the mothers feel better about themselves and being with their children all day." At the end of January, 1980, the Mothers' Group program had 34 mothers and 38 children—and only 32 volunteers. About half of the mothers are single parents (divorcees), and the remainder are those stuck at home with the children, and feel isolated because they have difficulty reaching out, or going out into the community because of financial difficulty (unable to afford babysitters), or find themselves mistrustful of others. "Our volunteer leaders make suggestions

about doing things differently in the home, and give tips on how they can improve their handling of the children," said Susan. Mothers benefit Marilyn Milligan of Burlington, a volunteer with the program, feels the mothers are benefiting from a parenting course she is conducting. Recently, she had a first aid instructor speak to the group, who has volunteered to teach an eight-week emergency first aid course at no charge. "Some mothers don't know what to do to make their home safer," she said. "The mothers are looking forward to the meetings," said Marilyn. She has been with the Mothers' Group program since it began three years ago, and conducts the Wednesday morning program at the Optimist Hall in Burlington. Working with her is Kit Ljunberg, of Burlington, who worked with the children. Her program meets the socialization needs of the children, and helps in developing their crafts. "The main idea is that children have some fun," said Kit, "and also that they know someone cares. We give them some positive reinforcement." The children may either be hyperactive or withdrawn, and "some just don't know how to interact and play with other children." Susan adds that because of many children's home experience, they are, like their mothers, afraid to go out, and will either be an "attention seeking" nature, or withdrawn to the point where they let everything pass them by. "We have developed a stimulating program for the children and they look forward to it."

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