



These men were honored Monday night at Acton Legion for 35 years service. Front row, left to right, Charlie Davies, Charlie Shultz, Earl Waller, Vern Wheeler and Frank Winters. Back row, left to right, John Goy Sr., Albert Irwin, Art Ford, Ed Fodt, Art Dalgic, Vic Elliott, Harold Harris and Gordon James. Absent were George Bayliss, Don Black, Mike McMillan, Fred Mellor and Max Storey.



Left to right, Frank Toth, Alvey Gordon, Jim Higgins and Bob Angell received 30 year pins at a ceremony at Branch 197 Monday night. Absent were Bill Hietala, Mick Holmes and Henry Wedge.



Pins for 25 years Legion service were presented Monday night to, left to right, Doug Horne, Tom Watson, Morris Courtney, Dave Capperault, Pat McKenzie and Doug Rogers. Absent are Lloyd Robinson and Paddy Dick.

Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Jean Earle new president

Acton Legion Ladies' Auxiliary recently held its election and installation of officers for 1980-81.

Jean Earle was voted president with Cathy Jensen taking over the first vice-president's post and Sharon Barker is the

second vice-president. The new secretary is Rhona Thornhill and Fern Shultz was chosen treasurer. Phyllis Angell is the new recording secretary and the Sergeant at Arms is Helen Fowler. Mary Dalgic is the past-president.

Other executive members are Lucy Synnot, Pat McDowell, Ruth Courtney, Ann Drysdale, Norma Titus, Doris Fitzner, Marion Reese, Sylvia Foley and Sally Smith. There will be a bus trip to Woodbine race track

September 27 and members wishing to take part should contact Irma Marshall or Lily Higgins by the end of August.

Donations were made at the meeting to Branch 197, Salvation Army, Halton Centennial Manor and Credit Valley Association for Handicapped Children.

Gwen Hollet was the winner of the ceramic owls and Ann Drysdale won the money draw.

All members are asked to take part in the Decoration Day parade and service on Sunday June 1. The parade will form up at the Post Office at 2 p.m.

The highlight of the May meeting was the presentation of a life membership pin to Janet Rogers. She has been an Auxiliary member for 27 years and held the executive posts of president, secretary and banquet convener as well as working in the community.

New Acton sorority

by Lorrie Ryan

It was announced at last week's annual Beta Sigma Phi sorority Founder's Day celebration that the Exemplar girls from Acton, currently members of Xi Delta Beta have received their Charter from International and a new Exemplar Chapter, known as Xi Epsilon Chi, will be formed in Acton.

This will reduce Xi Delta Beta's membership considerably and for the first time new members will be rushed into Exemplar. To this end, a social evening was held on April 21 at the home of Betty Christie. In keeping with this year's theme "Around the World of Beta Sigma Phi", guests were treated to an international buffet dinner with dishes derived from many foreign countries. Lois Helmer had decorated with colorful cutouts and posters representing various countries and her own collection of dolls from around the world was displayed. A contest was held to determine the origins of each doll and

the winner, Roseanne Marshall, received an onyx ashtray, a souvenir of a member's recent trip to Atlanta, Georgia.

On April 15, Xi Delta Beta held a meeting at the home of Betty Naylor. The Chapter was pleased to welcome Claudette Smith, a representative of the Canadian Cancer Society, as well as a former sorority sister. On behalf of the Chapter, President Betty Christie presented a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society, being the proceeds from last December's doll raffle. A further donation was made that evening to assist a local cerebral palsy victim.

North Halton Golf and Country Club was the scene of the Founder's Day celebration.

After a social hour, a formal ceremony was held where Joan Thompson of Zeta Alpha, Carol Marshall, Linda Weeks and Elaine Hooper of Zeta Phi and Maggie Hall and Jean McKee of Theta Phi in Acton took their Ritual of Jewels Degree.

A sit down dinner followed where the head

table comprised the City Council Executive, Betty Christie who delivered the Founder's Day message from International; and Terry Grubbe in her capacity of Councilwoman, as well as sorority sister, who presented a Proclamation, signed by Mayor Peter Pomeroy, declaring April 30, 1980 to April 30, 1981, Beta Sigma Phi Year. Cheryl Beaton, president of City Council, acted as Toastmistress.

Two Chapters had voted a "Girl of the Year" and the awards were made at this time. June Campbell made the presentation to Exemplar's outstanding member, our President, Betty Christie.

The winners of the annual scrapbook and yearbook contest announced included Theta Phi of Acton which won for best scrapbook and Xi Delta Beta won for best yearbook, with Lois Helmer accepting this award.

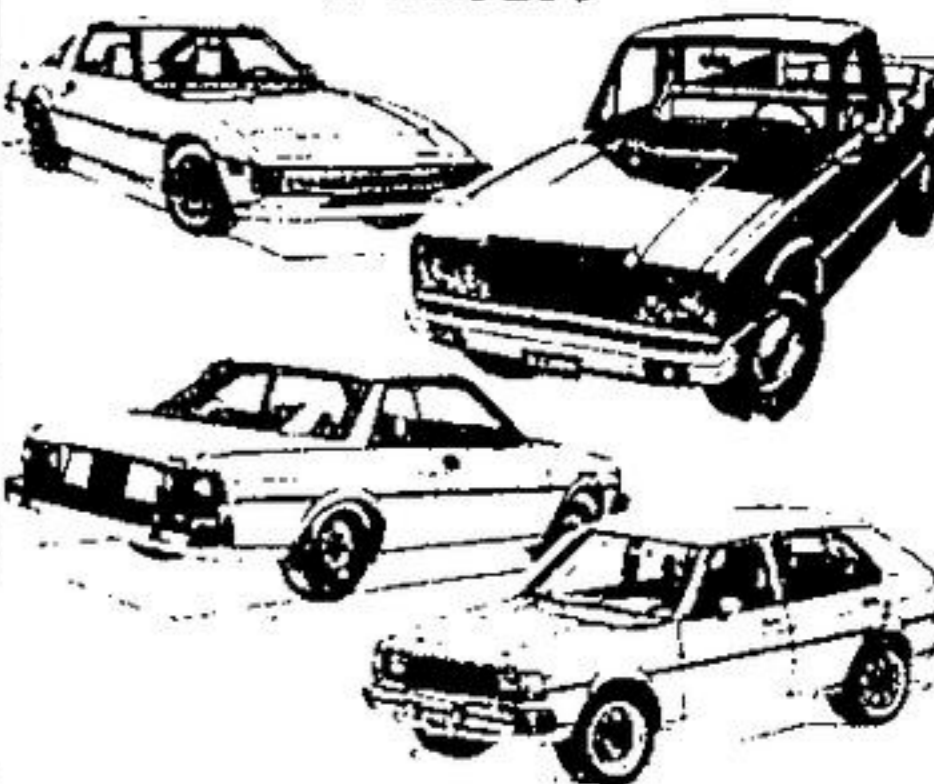
Each chapter have a comical resume of the highlights of their Chapter's year. The Exemplar Chapter became cheerleaders for this event. To bring the official program to an end, Zeta Phi Chapter performed the formal Closing Ritual.

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Few interested in parks plan unveiling

by Eric Elstone
More bowling lanes, biking trails and parkland are among the amenities envisioned in Halton Hills first Master Plan for Parks and Open Space.

Halton Hills unwrapped the \$54,000 plan at a public meeting at Acton High School last Tuesday night. All the councillors and many of the town's staff were at the unveiling. However, the two citizens who attended the meeting were from Georgetown. "I'm not sure what it (the absence of much audience) means," Parks and Recreation Director Tom Shepard said to the assembled few. "Either no one cares or everyone's happy."

Citizens have until the end of May to comment or make suggestions for changes in the 315-plan. Submissions may be sent to Shepard's office or they may be dropped off at the Acton municipal office. If someone is going to make a presentation to council Mayor Peter Pomeroy advises they make an appointment to be on the council's agenda.

The plan details suggestions for recreation facilities in Esquesing, Acton and Georgetown. The Acton parts of the plan were presented at the high school meeting. Because no one from town was present, the full presentation was not made.

High priority is given to the acquisition of lands on both sides of School Creek which will join existing parks, such as Bovis, to form a "linear system". The School Creek system would flow from near the curling club to the lake.

Some 25 acres is being sought from just west of the Maria St. bridge to the CNR tracks. That is to be developed as the

Poplar Avenue Park. The recreation department is also looking to develop nearly two-and-a-half acres within a triangle formed by Victoria Ave., Cobblehill Rd. and Mill St.

High priority is also given to the lands forming part of the swamp at Fairy Lake's south end. The lands, 17.6 acres, lie to the south of Doby and Kingham Roads.

In town, two small patches of land are also being eyed by the recreation department. The municipality owns those properties, about a half acre on the west side of Main St. south of Kingham Rd. and a slightly larger piece at the southeast corner of Main and Agnes Streets.

A six acre parcel on the north side of the tracks east of Main St. is also on the department's high priority acquisition list. In the realm of facilities no new arenas are foreseen for the next decade in Halton Hills unless the population increases.

The report, however, recommends "the possibility of safely developing a large skating rink on Fairy Lake should be seriously investigated." The report suggests that music, lighting, change facilities, public washrooms, a concession and a shelter could be provided "to create an appealing setting."

General purpose rinks at Bovis Park, M.Z. Bennett and McKenzie-Smith Schools are also foreseen.

Like the indoor rinks, the plan recommends against additional curling facilities in the next five years.

"The private sector should be encouraged to supplement the current supply" of swimming facilities. There will be no need for another municipal indoor or out-

door pool, states the report. "One more intermediate softball diamond than required should be made available by 1981 to partly compensate for the shortage of one major softball diamond in Acton." The plan also calls for improvement of some diamonds to meet anticipated use.

By the end of 1982 the plan indicates two of the three major soccer fields should be in place within Halton Hills. Also 14 of the 15 required intermediate fields, two for soccer, football and rugby and eight minor soccer fields should be in use.

No additional track facilities are recommended for the near future, and no new community centres or gymnasia will be needed for at least the next decade, according to the plan.

"A moderate program of tennis court expansion is recommended." That means three additional two-court lighted facilities within the next 10 years.

The plan also calls for more children's playgrounds in Halton Hills. Thirty-two improvements to existing and additions to new creative play grounds are recommended for the next 10 to 15 years.

For the next five years, no new golf courses are foreseen as necessary. "Trends indicate that alley bowling will increase in popularity. Improved facilities in Halton Hills would increase participation and demand. As the percentage of teenagers continues to drop over the next decade, the market for arcades and pool halls should also diminish."

"No additional facilities are needed for lacrosse for the foreseeable future, unless demand increases substantially."

Acton and Georgetown are seen to be linked by a trail system through the Black Creek valley as it passes by Limehouse and through Stewarttown. Trails are seen as an increasingly popular trend. "It is recommended that significant trail development be undertaken in the near future."

In response to a question from Councillor Ed Wood, parks consultant Rob Lockhart said Acton has some recreation deficiencies, but nowhere near the problem Georgetown faces.

Master plans are fairly new in the province. According to Bill Kriesel, of the provincial ministry of culture and recreation, Ontario is funding master plans to the tune of 50 per cent.

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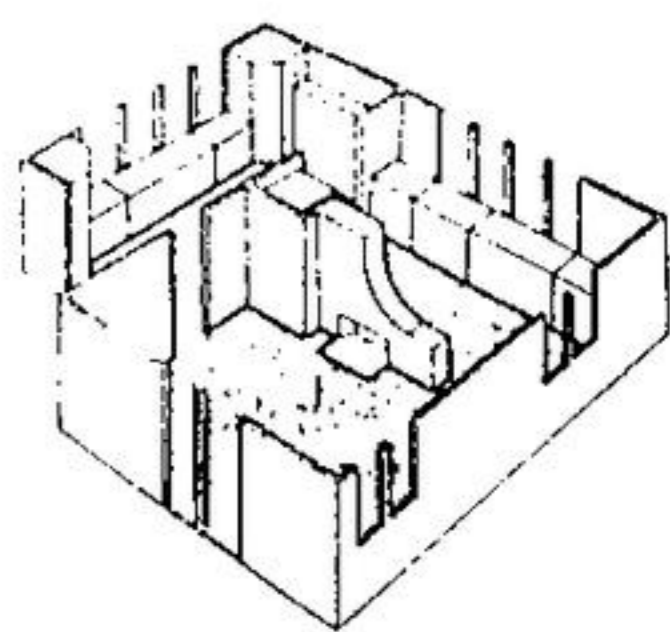
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