



More than 30 Brownies celebrated their fly up into Guiding last week at St. Joseph's Hall. They all got together in their Brownie groups one last time for a photograph. In the first Acton: Back row left to right: Dawn Welch, Lana Lampkin, Monique Bartlett and Gemita Vasquez; front row: Christine Sleep, Lori Jarrett and Denise Corcoran.



The fifth Acton Brownies—back row left to right: Donna Schrader, Julie Lintzky, Pam De Montmorency, Carolyn Laver, Jennifer MacDonald, Susan McIsaac; middle row: Paula Wilberley, Andrea Akehurst, Vanessa Mitchell, Cathy Button, Vanessa Vincent, Rosemary Findlay, Tauni Sheldon; front: Heather Sproule, Jessie Kee, Andela Diperslo, Pam Lopers, Janice Gregson, and Christine Diperslo.



The second Acton Brownies back row left to right: Cynthia Donstan, Jennifer Coates, Lori McDonald, Dana Richardson and Jenny Crawford; second row: Paula McPherson, Wendy Norton. Front row Ann Auty, Angela Bridge and Jennifer Knopman.

Boat people learn English

Acton's newly arrived refugee families are settling in and enjoying Canadian life.

The Fung family, sponsored by the Acton clergy group, arrived in Montreal recently and were air-hopped to Malton where sponsors picked them up.

From Viet Nam, by way of a year in Indonesian refugee camps, the Fungs have brought six children with them. Two older sons remain in Viet Nam.

Hong Fung and his wife Au Nhuon were born in China but their family, all Vietnamese born, spell the surname the Vietnamese way—Phung. The family of youngsters aged from 13 to 24 consist of two sons and four daughters, The Muoi, Sic Leung, Sau Nu, That Muoi, Bat Muoi and An Luong.

The Fungs made the awesome trip from Viet Nam to Indonesia in a small leaky boat with 400 other refugees. They had to give up their shirts for fuel and survived on a half cup water ration daily.

Mr. Fung and his older son, Sic Leung are type-setters by trade while his wife and several daughters are seamstresses. Two daughters are now employed at Superior Glove. Sic Leung is enrolled in Conestoga College for a total immersion course in English.

The Le family, sponsored by the Bethel Christian Reformed Church arrived in Edmonton. From there they came to Malton after a long trip from Viet Nam that included a year in Hong Kong. The Le family, Van Xuong and his wife Long Gi Van, have three children, daughter Hue, 18 and sons Quan, 15, and Kiet 10.

Mr. Le is already employed at Beardmore Tannery while his wife is working at Superior Glove.

The family emigrated from north Viet Nam in an area where the bombing was at its worst. They escaped on one of two

refugee boats and happened to be on the right one—the other boat sank.

Even when in refugee camp in Hong Kong, Mr. Le had a job and made sure the family was self-sufficient.

Both families speak Cantonese and are learning English as fast as possible through a new class started at M.Z. Bennett school through the Halton Board of Education.

The course, taught by Carmel Euwan, is an offshoot of the classes run at Georgetown District High School. Mrs. Euwan is teaching every morning from 9 to 11:30 a.m. students including most of the Fung family, Le children and a refugee student living in Ballinafad.

Although Mrs. Euwan doesn't speak any Cantonese, she is attempting to teach English by "starting with

what they know". Using the students, who have symbolism and music. (Continued on page 13)

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

A CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN AND AROUND ACTON

The Rockwood Nursery School Spring Bazaar, May 10th, from 2-4 p.m. at the Rockwood Centennial Public School.

The Acton Baptist Church Ladies are holding a tea and bake sale, Saturday, May 10, at 12:00 noon, at the Acton Baptist Church.

La Leche League of Acton offers monthly meetings for women interested in information about breastfeeding. Next meeting May 12, 1980. For further information call Marilyn Cox 878-4803 or Karen Gregory 878-3884.

Band Concert - Thursday, May 15, 8:00 p.m., Acton High School Concert Band will present an evening of Music at the High School prepared for their tour of Edmonton. Silver collection to aid the trip fund.

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Thieves hit post office for \$15,000 in stamps

Drilling through a wall to gain entry to the Acton Post Office vault netted thieves \$15,000 in stamps last Wednesday morning. The break-in is through a hole taken place sometime last Tuesday evening or early Wednesday before 4 a.m. when employee Vic Britton came to work and

discovered the damage caused by drilling. After completing an audit the office resumed regular business Wednesday afternoon, according to acting postmaster Rob Davies. About \$100 cash was also stolen. The break-in and closure of the office

caused some inconvenience for customers trying to mail income tax returns on the deadline day. The Acton break-in marked the third one in the area within the last year. A similar attempt to drill into the Campbellville post office vault netted thieves a quantity of stamps, while a Georgetown break-in in July proved unsuccessful. Georgetown postmaster Gil King asks people to look out for anyone trying to pass off discount stamps.

Separate board negotiating site

Halton Separate School Board has authorized staff to proceed to negotiate for a chosen site for a new Acton school. Following an in-camera session at last Tuesday's meeting, the board announced plans to purchase a particular site after more than a year searching for a suitable location. Until negotiations are completed the site cannot be named.

negotiation was made by the board.

Although Cliff Byrnes, director of Education, cautioned that expropriation of the property is not a desired route, he said the property would be obtained either through price negotiations or expropriation.

Byrnes said the matter also lies in the hands of the Ministry which has not commented on supplying funds for the property, a year and a half since the first appli-

Ask grants review

Halton Hills council agreed Monday night with St. Catharines council that grants to public libraries should be examined to make sure they are adequate.

The St. Catharines resolution pointed out the provincial per capita grant for libraries has remained at \$1.80 since 1977, throwing a larger share of support on the local municipalities.

EDUCATION WEEK IS MAY 5 TO MAY 9

The Elementary School Teachers of Halton Region remind you that everyone should find out about the schools you pay taxes to maintain. You don't need a student to take you to school. Come out and ask questions — yourself. Ask about courses, the activities and the school system.

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