



Violet and Gordon Bowen celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at a party at Acton Music Centre Saturday.

## Bowens mark 60th wedding anniversary

Gordon and Violet Bowen celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with relatives and friends at the Acton Band Hall Saturday, the same place where the half-century anniversary was marked.

The couple's three children Allan, of Acton, Stanley, of Crewsons Corners and Audrey of Aurora were present, as well as many other relatives.

There are Gordon's three sisters—Ella, Muriel and Alma—plus Violet's brother Harry Thornhill of Mississauga. Then there are the 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The Bowens farmed in the Acton area for some 22 years. They started farming on the Fifth Line, however, they soon moved to the First Line north of Highway 7.

In 1966 they left the farm to take up residence

in Guelph. The Bowens were married in Rev. McLeod's home in Sunnyside. They both confess to being underage. He was 18 and she 16. By law he should have been 21 and she 18. The marriage date was May 17.

The Bowens are members of the Pentecostal Church in Acton, a church they helped build.

Just what has kept the Bowens together? "It's just give and take. It's more give than take," according to Violet.

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## Another call for Martin houses

Acton needs a purple martin house program similar to the successful one in Picton an Acton woman says.

Lynda Ruse, 10 Storey Drive, attended the ward one councillors' drop-in Friday to tell the local politicians about the successful martin house program in Picton which will rid that community of mosquitos and other annoying insects.

Mosquitos have been a big topic at the drop-in this spring.

Christina Houston, Churchill Road North, is also concerned about mosquitos and is gathering local support for a presentation to Halton Hills council later this month requesting a mosquito spraying program for Acton and Area.

Last month, through an

article in this newspaper, Elizabeth Snels, Mill Street West, urged residents here all buy and erect martin houses to eliminate the mosquito problem.

Picton has made building martin houses a community project. Mrs. Ruse reported, and by 1983 the community expects to have 1,250 purple martins, each eating 12,000 insects a day, living there.

Mrs. Ruse said her husband put up a 12 unit martin house and within an hour there were martins inspecting the premises. Two weeks later they'd moved in.

In Picton the Conservation Authority is putting up the martin house poles and placing plaques naming the builder on each pole. Scout troops,

school classes, neighborhoods and individuals are all making building martin houses their projects for the year. The conservation authority is also going to maintain the houses, cleaning and painting them annually.

Mrs. Ruse says the houses must be six inches high, six inches wide and six inches long. Also a two inch hole must be drilled one inch above the floor.

She thinks it is a great community project but isn't sure if the town, conservation authority, local service group or schools should be the ones to take the bull by the horn and start a martin house building program in Acton.

"It's better than spraying. It's fun," she declared.

## Propose estate homes

An estate residential subdivision of 20, two acre lots near Highway 7 and the Fifth Line, first proposed six years ago, has now been resurrected.

The total land area known as the former Fox farm is 100 acres, or 40.9 hectares, with 25 acres planned for open space.

When originally proposed the land was tentatively in the Niagara Escarpment Control area, but since the control area has been cut down, is no longer included and the NEC has no jurisdiction.

The new application for estate homes made by Old Lane Estates Ltd. Tuesday night at Halton Hills planning board has been objected to by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, because of the loss of good agricultural land.

But another report by Ecologicalistics Ltd. concludes that "the property does not have an adequate soil resource base to support a full-time commercial operation."

A report by Bruce Brown Associates indicates a very limited potential for gravel extraction.

The town planning department states the application generally conforms to the Estate Residential policies in the Official Plan.

Planner Mario Venditti said the recreation department does not want it dedicated to the Town.

## Seek French pupils

Georgetown's French language separate school, Ecole Sacre-Coeur, is looking for Acton students. Catholic students who have French as a mother tongue or who have one French speaking parent are encouraged to attend. If enough students from Acton are enrolled, the school will look into the economics of busing them, according to school spokesman, Dominic Vendetti.

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