

## Nine vacancies

# Senior citizens view Elizabeth St. apartments

All but nine of the apartments in the new Senior Citizen Housing building on Elizabeth St. have been allocated, according to a Halton Housing Authority representative.

"I've never seen a building where there is 100 per cent acceptance," said housing authority tenant placement manager Pat Sparrer.

The 52-unit building was open for inspection last Wednesday for applicants who had been allocated an apartment by Halton Housing Authority. One unit is set aside for the superintendent.

Leases are expected to be signed today (Wednesday). Those leases become effective as of next Sunday, according to Miss Sparrer.

One surprise for housing authority officials last Wednesday, during the open house for applicants,

was the lack of hot water. When the authority took possession of the building the previous week, there was hot water, according to officials.

However, as of yesterday (Tuesday), the building again has hot water, said Miss Sparrer. There was something wrong with a tank or vent.

There was some concern last week, because of the lack of hot water, as to the date when people may move into the building. One couple thought they had to wait until June 21.

As folks were walking along the halls, or dropping by the common room, they were heard to say such things as: "We'll be able to invite Tilly over for card games", "Isn't it (common room) beautiful?", "Some pretty nice apartments", and "Lots of people to play cards with, anyways."

Mr. and Mrs. James Paton were one of the couples who took their first look at their apartment last Wednesday. They liked the place.

Mrs. Paton said she liked the amount of working space in the kitchen counter; while Mr. Paton noted the workmanship on the metal frame windows.

The main reason they are moving from their Mill St. apartment, though, is the balcony. It faces the east away from the lake, however, Mrs. Paton indicated appreciation for it because when she was ill in their former residence she was not able to get outside. That apartment had no balcony.

Some residents were disappointed they did not receive an apartment with a view of the lake. One couple, however, reminded themselves they should have made their preference known to the placement

officer when she asked.

The couple went on to say they would take their new apartment because they wish to get out of the one they are in. This couple was also concerned about when they may move to their new address.

They had heard they could move in only during the day time during the week. If people are having such difficulties, they may write, with the reasons, to Pat Sparrer at the Halton Housing Authority, P.O. Box 787, Oakville L4J 5C5.

Not a letter had arrived as of yesterday, according to Miss Sparrer.

The rent of the apartments is geared to the residents' incomes. All income sources are taken into account, said Miss Sparrer. Rents amount to bet-

ween 20 and 25 per cent of a person's gross monthly income.

One of the highlights of the Elizabeth St. apartments, as far as the placement manager is concerned are the units for the physically handicapped.

There are no overhead cupboards in the special units. In the kitchen there is an adjustable stove. Also one of the short cupboards is mounted on wheels so it can be moved. The top could be used as a cutting board, noted Miss Sparrer.

In the bathrooms, the tubs have metal grips, and movable shower heads. The toilet is slightly higher than normal. And the shaving mirror can be tilted forward off the wall.

The apartments are managed and maintained by the Ontario Housing Corporation.

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Padding through history are these students from Acton High School's Total Immersion course. They are taking the same route through Ontario's northland as the Voyageurs, Canada's early explorers and adventurers. Each student chose a real figure from history to portray on the trip and has dressed as they would have in the 18th century. They are, in left canoe, front to back: Glen Renton (portraying Nicholas Perrot), Julie Plerce (Jean Nicolet), Tammy Allsop (St. Jean De Brebeuf), Bill Plissonneault (Medard Chourat), Luch De Plere (Adam Dollard), Rusty Miller (Col. John By), and Miriam Beaton (Peter Fox). Right canoe, front to back: Peter Welkio (David Thompson), Frank Papillon (Etienne Brule), Jim Merrin (Pierre Radisson), Nancy Patterson (Elizabeth Simcoe), Cheri Lindsay (Helene Champlain), Sandra Krishel (Sedonne), Paula Kuppert (Nicholas Sparks) and instructor Paul Tamblin (Samuel D. Champlain). Canoe ride courtesy of Lena Larson and Christine Arbic. Photo by DIANA WALTSMAN

## Canoeists host supporters

Members of the high school's total immersion program, who are on a two-week canoe trip "through Canada's history," invite the community to share the results of their experience June 18 at 7.30 p.m. at the school.

The 18th will be an evening "of information and entertainment" for people who have helped

the immersion program.

The students will also be thanking contributors to the program; especially Beardmore officials who donated leather for costumes.

"This will be an opportunity for the students to summarize the experience that they have had

over the past semester and to clarify the learning that has taken place," writes program leader Dr. Paul Tamblin.

The 16 students are travelling over an old voyageur fur trade route from North Bay to Ottawa. The students represented the men and women who travelled the route from 1600-1875.

## Council here next Monday

Halton Hills council is coming to Acton this Monday night and the politicians and staff want to hear the concerns of taxpayers here.

The public meeting at Acton High School begins with a normal council meeting at 7 p.m. a good chance for residents unfamiliar with the workings of the municipal level of government to see council in action.

Following the regular council meeting there will be a number of presentations followed by a question and answer period.

Last week this newspaper reported the meeting was being held to air the advantages and disadvantages of market value assessment. That is not correct and the Free Press regrets the error.

There may be a person from the assessment office present at the meeting to explain the current system of assessment in Halton Hills and market value assessment. At press time Clerk-Administrator Ken Richardson couldn't confirm a representative of the assessment office would be coming.

Questions regarding market value assessment will be taken at the meeting.

The town treasurer will be in attendance to explain municipal financing, the tax structure, provincial grants, the impact on taxes of regionalization, details of major increases in this year's budget and how the town spends its money.

The works and recreation directors will also be in attendance, but likely will only answer questions, not make presentations.

A representative of Halton Region will outline the regional budget and review that level's sources of revenue and expenditures.

Richardson said he hopes Halton Board of Education will send a representative to discuss education spending. Halton Regional Police may also send a speaker.

Overall the public meeting is designed to explain where local government revenue comes from and what it is used for, in a Halton Hills, not strictly Acton, context.

Many other issues, such as market value assessment, mosquito spraying, speeding on streets etc. may be raised at the meeting through the question and answer period.

## Pioneer Day celebration Eramosa's 130th birthday

Rockwood is planning a weekend of festivities for Eramosa's 130th anniversary this weekend. Eramosa Pioneer Day will take place on June 14 with most activities centred around the Rockwood Ball Park.

Friday night, June 13, an Old Time Dance will be held at the Rockwood Town Hall featuring the Sunshine Boys.

On Saturday morning river events will take place. At 10.30 a.m. a soap box derby will be run (pushed?) from Rockwood Centennial School grounds.

A giant parade complete with floats, costumed paraders, decorated childrens bicycles and assorted animals will assemble at Rockwood Community centre at noon and march to the Ball Park in time for 1 p.m. judging. Also at 1 p.m. the Rockwood Centennial School Band will give a concert in the park.

Afternoon events include a pet show at 1.30 p.m.; a frog jumping contest and horseshoe pitch at 2 p.m.; a bed race will start from the post office at 2.15 p.m. and gallop down Inkerman Street to the Ball Park gate.

A super frisbee contest sponsored by Orange Crush together with other kids games will start at 2.30 p.m. and a tug-of-war will be held at 3.30 p.m.

Baseball games will start at 3.45 p.m. followed by a chicken barbecue at Rockwood Centre.

A dance sponsored by the Rockwood Tennis Club will be held in the evening at Rockwood completing a busy day.

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## Educate youth about drugs

North Halton educators are speaking of a two-pronged approach to counter the use of drugs and alcohol in schools.

School children, including elementary pupils, will have to be taught all the effects of drugs while authorities take tougher steps in dealing with drug pushers.

"I think we've got to definitely educate adolescents with the proviso that other people come in and

give work shops," Acton High School Principal Wally Watkins said in a recent interview.

"We've also got to deal with the public at large who don't realize how wide spread the use of drugs is. We still need a heavy punitive program for drug and alcohol abuse."

Halton's branch of the Addiction Research Foundation (ARF) last week released a major report on the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco in the

region's schools.

In Watkin's view there has to be a combination of training teachers about drugs and getting organizations, such as ARF, into the schools.

"In this school we're attempting to deal with it in program already," said Watkins. He mentioned the health and biology programs as examples. "And we're planning to bring in ARF program at the grade nine or ten level in communications arts."

ARF's report indicates that boys in the age 10, 11 and 12 year range (Grades five to eight) experiment with cannabis (marijuana). That's the age when they could play major atom or peewee hockey.

Probably the best recommendation to come out of the ARF report, according to Acton-Esqueving Trustee Betty Fisher, is the one dealing with a re-evaluation of the status of drug and alcohol education in the elementary grades.

"Wherever you look you have this problem, I don't think there's been a concerted effort by all to handle the problem," she said.

Turning to the courts and their disposition of some drug cases, trustee Fisher said: "There have been cases where the accused was taken to court and given bail on the condition that the student was returned to the school."

"So we have to make sure school children are educated with respect to drugs and that (drug) pushers are severely dealt with. I just abhor the pusher."

AHS principal Watkins said he realizes the lowering of the drinking age from 21 "was a terrible mistake."

"I personally feel any kind of legislation that makes kids feel it's OK to smoke marijuana is most undesirable," said AHS principal Watkins.

Trustee Fisher said she did not notice in the ARF study any indication of the percentage of children that are committed to arts, music and sports as opposed to the number of kids involved with drugs.

"I just don't feel there is enough activity provided for our teenagers. Without this, where you find boredom; you find trouble," said Trustee Fisher.

## Free Press wins awards

The Acton Free Press has won four national newspaper awards in the annual Better Newspaper Competition of the Canadian Community Newspaper Association.

The four prizes for the Acton Free Press were among 32 won by the Inland Publishing Co. Limited group of community newspapers.

The Free Press placed third for Best All Round in the Class Three Broadsheet competition.

This newspaper also placed first in the same class for its Front Page and third for its Editorial Page.

In another competition, for Best Sports Pages, the Free Press came third in class two.

These awards follow-up on the Free Press winning Best Front Page in its class in the Ontario Weekly Newspaper Association competition in March.

Judging in both the provincial and national competitions was of issues published in 1979.

A sister paper of the Free Press, The Georgetown Independent, placed first as Best All Round in Class Five for Tabloids as well as first for its Front Page and second in the Editorial Page competition.

The Milton Canadian Champion was voted tops in the Class Five Broadsheet competition win-

ning Best All Round and Best Front Page awards as well as placing third with its Editorial Page.

The pace for the Inland family was set by the Mississauga News which captured eight prizes.

The news was judged Best All Round, Best Front Page, Best Editorial Page, Best Advertising Idea, Best Sports Photo, Best Spot News Photo, Best Sports Pages and placed third for Best Newspaper Promotion.

The Brampton Guardian was judged to have published the Best Christmas Edition, came second in its class in the Best Sports Pages competition and also won a Blue Ribbon award.

Best Editorial Page in its class went to the Oakville Beaver. That newspaper also placed third in the Best Sports Pages competition and won a Blue Ribbon award.

Oshawa This Week placed third for Best All Round in its class as well as third for its Front Page and Editorial Page.

A third for Best Feature Photo was won by the Markham Economist and Sun.

Blue Ribbon awards also went to the Stouffville Tribune, Burlington Post, Etobicoke Gazette and Ajax/Whitby, Pickering News Advertiser.



A banner day

It was a banner day at Knox Presbyterian Church. The festival of banners service was held Sunday morning and banners were made for the occasion by the Ladies' Aid, Heather Club, Daughters of Knox, Alert Evening Auxiliary, Knox PYPF, CGIT, Explorers, Sunday School classes and the Junior Choir. Participating as narrators and banner bearers were: Mary Moore, Nancy Norton, George Findlay, Heath Norton, Rosemary Findlay, Laura Moore, Dana Richardson, Helen Robertson, Wilma Coles, Kae Hansen, Oral Norton, Betty Armstrong, Isabel Murray, May Dumarab, Gladys Price, Isabella McDonald, Nancy Allen, Brian Nelles, Leanne Doberthien, Susan Moore, Lisa Lanthier, Marie Jocque, David Paul, Leslie McCristall, Michael Dawkins, Tommy Gibson and Ian Gibson. The trumpeter was John Watson. Pictured among the banners with Rev. John Robertson are Isabel Murray and Susan Moore.