

## Reliable Taxi stand shifts

The Reliable Taxi and Snack Bar won't be the same again.

For 30 years or so the taxi stand was a fixture at 9 Main St., S. for travellers and regular customers. That place, with its yellow facade, bench and pop machine out front, and horse shoe shaped counter inside had a lot of personality, according to owner Don Grein.

The Taxi stand moved recently into the old medical building on Mill St. W., where Ontario Hydro had an office for some months.

The ten-year-lease on the old property ran out in mid-December. Property owner Alec Johnson plans a parking lot for the site as a temporary measure, until, as he said, the economic situation in Acton improves. When that happens he plans some stores with overhead apartments.

According to Grein, Roy Goodwin opened the first taxi stand on the Main St. site in about 1950. There followed a chain of owners made up next of Johnny Palmer then the Pezcha brothers Chester and Vic and later Al Langille. But by far the long term operators were the Greins, Don and Mary.

The Greins were on that spot for 15-and-a-half years. That's a lot of fares.

"We're getting settled in," Grein said. Though he added in nearly the same breath that habit forced him to turn into the parking lot at the old place a number of times since the move.



Former site of Reliable Taxi sports banner: Save Me Too Please. Someone wanted it saved just like the town hall.

Regular customers found the same bench and pop machine outside the new place.

Inside, Grein said, there was about as much room as in the old place. Originally the Main St. locale was a garage which was built onto for other purposes.

There isn't as much counter space or as many stools in the new premises, however, there is one redeeming feature for regulars. The counter and stools are the same comfortable furniture. They were salvaged.

The kitchen equipment is new, said Grein. "We had to go to all new fire-proof equipment," he said. There is even a new roto-fryer so there will be no grease on the chips. Another new feature, not in the kitchen, is a pin ball machine.

"We've had people come back year after year from Pennsylvania and all over," said Grein fondly of the old place. "There was more electricity, Stanley and Grey, Cups won there than on the field."

Regular customers find the same crew as at the old place: Don and Mary Grein, Fred Dunn and Bea Schonnop.

Realtor Johnson is content to leave the property behind his office as a parking lot until the town's economy becomes more healthy.

He noted that there are new stores in Acton and some vacant ones too. Johnson indicated he is waiting for results concerning the development involving A-B Supermarket and the Landown Shopping Centres appeal to the OMB.

Johnson said that the first question industrialists ask when they look at Acton for business concerns housing for employees.

He indicated the first priority in town should be housing instead of rezoning land to industrial use because there is vacant industrial zoned land on the northern fringe.

## News digest

### 75 minute blackout

Acton residents whose clocks are powered by electricity wound up late for work Monday morning after hydro in town was out for about 75 minutes early Monday morning. A Halton Hills Hydro spokesman explained the blackout hit only the Acton area and was caused by a malfunction at the Fergus switching centre where all power for the town originates.

### Bray donates \$256

Acton resident and Halton Hills Athlete of the Year Mark Bray has donated \$256 to the Georgetown Library-Theatre project. An accomplished swimmer, Bray was given the money for his favorite charity Monday night at a reception for Wendy's Restaurant in Georgetown which opens this week. He was given \$256 because there are 256 ways to make a Wendy's hamburger.

### Fire call at new apartments

Acton Firefighters were called to the new senior citizens' apartments around 2.30 Monday morning because some smoke was smelled coming from a fan motor. Firefighters stayed at the scene for about a half hour. The storm interrupted the fire alarm that night. A test for the alarm was run Monday during the regular practice. The alarm worked.

### Named to committees

Halton MP Otto Jelinek and Perrin Beatty, Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe, have been named to caucus committees.

## Two injured in head-on crash

An Acton man is reported in critical condition at Hamilton General hospital following a head-on collision on the Halton Hills-Milton Town Line, west of 15 Sideroad, early Thursday morning.

Kenneth Moreland, 28, of 53 Kingham Road, Acton, was driving his

1980 Subaru when the collision with a 1975 Chrysler, driven by 24-year-old Rockwood driver occurred.

The R. R. 2, Rockwood man, Dennis Mitchell was reported in serious condition at Georgetown hospital.

## No room for pathologists

A bid to get Halton's Board of Education to recognize the need for speech pathologists met with failure Thursday.

"It is intended for the administration to consider in the long term plan. The board is asking the administration to put the need for speech pathologists on a priority list," Georgetown trustee Barry Shepherd said.

Shepherd, who pre-

sented a formal motion to the board, said he is not convinced that speech pathology is solely a medical responsibility. The board of education has a role to play, he said.

Special Services Superintendent Ron Chapman said earlier that speech pathology is, in the administration's opinion, a treatment. "It's not the kind of thing that would normally be in the school setting."



The same regular crew greets customers at the taxi stand's new location. They are Fred Dunn, Mary and Don Grein and Bea Schonnop.

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