

## Family Cleaners expands

For the first time in nearly a decade there is a dry cleaning plant in Acton.

Last month Family Cleaners opened its second store, located in the Becker's Plaza on Highway 7, holding grand opening last Tuesday, August 5.

Family Cleaners, with a store on Mill Street East also, is operated by

Ed and Pat Wood.

Ed notes having the second store and dry cleaning plant will mean much better service for customers. There hasn't been a dry cleaning plant in Acton for eight years.

Family Cleaners has been in existence for six years, but previously the Woods operated a depot service only at their Mill Street location. Cleaning

was sent out to Stopps Cleaners in Milton.

Having two stores and the plant in the new Becker's Plaza outlet means "in by 10 a.m. out by 5 p.m." service. Previously clothing would be out for a full day or two before it was back and ready to wear. Ed adds doing their own cleaning increases quality control.

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Another plus is on the spot pressing.

They've purchased all new cleaning equipment, and they underwent training to operate the spotter and cleaner.

With two convenient locations at either end of town Family Cleaners has discontinued its delivery service. Clothing must be picked up at the location where it is dropped off.

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## Deficit could hurt program

The discovery of a \$700,000 Halton regional government budget deficit could pose a major threat to the region's investment into sludge testing equipment, according to Russell Miller, a member of the Halton Conservation Authority.

The issue was brought to the attention of fellow Authority members at a

meeting of the whole Thursday evening.

Mr. Miller said he fears regional councillors will chop the \$21,000 project in an attempt to recoup part of the enormous losses.

"I'm very concerned. Some councillors will jump at anything to underwrite this deficit," he said.

The equipment is

necessary to evaluate the content of sludge being used as fertilizer in farming.

Mr. Miller said the regional public works department has already

suggested the expense be put off until the following year.

But such a move could put the development of proper sludge usage back 10 years.

## Flooding on Cobblehill

Overloaded storm sewers is resulting in flooding of some Cobblehill Road properties as a result of some heavy rain since new homes were built on Victoria Street, Holmesway Place and Cook Street.

Porty reported there are two catch basins in the area and estimates 30 inches of water winds up trying to get into an 18 inch storm sewer pipe to Main Street South after every big rain so there is

an overflow onto his and neighbors' properties. Drainage water runs down his driveway, frequently winding up in his basement where he has already had to "replace everything" once. He had water in his basement during July when there was a lot of rain and the spring can be particularly bad.

Grubbe referred the problem to the town engineer for investigation.

His property is below the level of the road and there has been poor drainage in the area ever since new homes were built on Victoria Street, Holmesway Place and Cook Street.

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## Horseback police patrol needed to clean-up park

Halton Regional Police must form a horseback patrol for the future safety of Halton parks, according to Crime Prevention Constable James Drennen.

Speaking at Thursday's Police Commission meeting, Drennen outlined some of the many problems occurring in area parks and suggested mounted police patrol is the only solution to control the rowdiness, drunkenness, and vandalism.

Referring specifically to Lion's Valley Park in Oakville, Drennen said horseback patrol would be of great help in the 102 acre wooded area. Riding trails would make most of the park accessible to police.

At the present time police must leave their cars at the entrance and proceed on foot, which is very time consuming.

Drennen said. He also explained motorcycles are too noisy and useless after dark and four wheel drives, expensive with limited use.

"There is only one solution to the problem and that is two officers patrolling on horseback during peak periods," Drennen told the Commission.

Owner of the riding stable at the entrance of the park has offered to supply the police with horses and any additional instruction. Drennen said he has four officers in Oakville willing to take part in the program and the Metro Mounted Police have offered to help with the training of the officers.

Another Oakville facility, Henderson Park, has been abandoned by Parks staff because of the damage and abuse they have had to take

from hoodlums, a number of which are juveniles under the influence of drugs or alcohol. "We must show the public we are not going to let these hoodlums take over. We must confront the problem head-on and give the park back to the people," Drennen said.

Deputy chairman and local commissioner Glenn Magnuson said the problems in Oakville are not unlike those in similar parks in the north end of Halton Region.

The mounted police could eventually be used where needed around the Region.

Chief James Harding said later the idea will be followed up by the Crime Prevention Officer and the plan presented to Oakville council.

Drennen was commended by the Chief and members of the commission for the idea.

## Hawkins-Sydney exchange vows

The Rev. James Taylor and the Rev. A. E. Coe officiated at the marriage of Angela Louise Hawkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen W. Hawkins of Brownsville and the Rev. Das Jacob Sydney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sydney, who are residing in Nigeria. The wedding took place at First Baptist Church, Tillsonburg, on July 19, 1980.

Mrs. Jean McClintock, organist, played wedding music and accompanied the soloist, Mr. Duncan Phillips, friend of the bride and groom. During the signing of the register Miss Joan Hawkins played a flute solo, accompanied by Miss Julie Johnson.

The bride's attendants were Mrs. Patricia Hawkins-Russell and Miss Joan Hawkins, sisters of the bride. The groom's attendants were Dr. Sam Sydney, brother of the groom, and Mr. Bill Hawkins, brother of the bride. Mr. Sheldon Russell, brother-in-law of the bride, acted as usher. The ceremony was followed by a reception at

First Baptist Church, and the United States. Guests were present from Nigeria, India and many parts of Canada.



Rev. Das Sydney, of Acton, and Angela Louise Hawkins, of Brownsville, married recently in Tillsonburg. Many guests witnessed the ceremony.

The Region of Halton in conjunction with the four area municipalities has reserved a hospitality suite and the Royal York, Toronto.

The suite will be available for delegates attending the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference to be held from Aug. 18 to 20.

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