

New principal welcomes back AHS students

Acton High School's new principal, Betty Moore, is looking forward to meeting all her students today.

The appointment of Mrs. Moore to Acton and the transfer of former principal Wally Watkins to Burlington took place after the summer holidays started.

Mrs. Moore met most of the school's teachers last spring and during the summer. These were the informal meetings which Mrs. Moore said she prefers.

Had the appointment been made before the end of the old school year, Mrs. Moore indicated she would have liked to have met the students.

A letter of greeting, however, has been mailed to the school's population. Today the first students in the school, the Grade 9s, heard Mrs. Moore's words of welcome over the public address system.

Mrs. Moore's efforts to get to know the community have not and will not depend on people coming to her. She has already toured the town.

During the first semester Mrs. Moore said she will be getting out more and around the school and into the community.

Links which have already been established between the school and the community appear to be secure. "I will also be meeting the community in small groups. That will start with the Grade 9 parents."

Principals from the other town schools have already gotten together with their new comrade. Usually there are such meetings which the principals use to keep themselves informed.

Acton is Mrs. Moore's first principalship, though she has accumulated five years of administrative experience as a vice-principal in Oakville and Burlington.

One of the regular practices of Acton High School principals has been the teaching of classes. Mrs. Moore won't be teaching on a consistent basis, however, she indicated a desire to take on classes in science or physical education, her specialties, from time to time.

Mrs. Moore joined the Halton board in 1968 as a teacher of biology and physical education at Oakville-Trafalgar High School. Seven years later she was appointed that school's vice-principal.

In addition to a substantial career in educa-



Betty Moore

tion, Mrs. Moore has been a volunteer for various groups—such as church groups, and rate-payers organizations.

Beyond the day-to-day education work Acton's newest principal is vice-chairman of the Halton and Niagara Principal's Association. She is also a member of a number of board committees.

Mrs. Moore summed up her philosophy of

Halton United Way is proposed

A report to be presented in mid-September to Regional Council is expected to contain recommendations for a Halton-wide United Way.

George Heym, chairman of the Voluntary Funding Study Committee, told members of the Regional Health and Social Service Committee, his group is on

target in preparation of a comprehensive proposal.

Councillors had wondered about the possibility of spreading the United Way campaign to cover all of Halton after it was found during budget talks in April that the Region does not have enough money to meet all requests.

Mr. Heym noted his committee was formed in 1979 by the Halton Regional Social Planning Council with two representatives from each municipality sitting on the committee.

He said volunteer social service agencies have been surveyed to learn sources of funding and potential areas where more funds can be gained. The committee has also been interviewing service clubs to determine how they raise money and what are the clubs' donation criteria.

Mr. Heym said the report will be about 60 to 70 pages long and will come to the region Sept. 23.

No pit on Duenk land

The Duenk property on the Fourth Line at Lot 25 will not be developed as a pit, at least for work on Highway 403.

Threat to . . .

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of Esqueping which was previously owned by Ontario Hydro. A new date was needed for all of Halton Hills and the new due date has been in effect since April so it shouldn't be something new for anyone now. The due date is clearly spelled out on bills, Farnell added.

He said procedure calls for a bill to be mailed out and if it isn't paid a reminder follows and lastly a final notice is mailed. Bills note failure to receive a bill or notice doesn't mean payment needn't be made just in case a customer complains he received no bill or notices.

Farnell said van-merkstein was called as a "courtesy" and to save him the \$5 collection charge on an overdue bill. Farnell said he also visited the merchant to try and straighten out the complaint.

The Ministry of Transportation and Communication notified Halton Hills council they were not listing the land as a source of aggregate, and assured them if they ever intended to, council would be notified well in advance.



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Chamber Happenings

by Janet Fleming

Anyone who has taken the time over the past year to read this column may have noticed a recurrent theme of encouraging community spirit and enthusiasm. Acton is a town which should thrive on its citizenry.

Over the past months there has been a core of townspeople who have spent much time, thought and effort on a project for the town. In a few days the first of Acton's 52 weekly draws will be made here in Acton. It should be remembered that this is not a Chamber of Commerce project, nor does it necessarily belong to any other single group. Acton is a community lottery which will be fun for everyone and will be of benefit to the town as a whole. Don't forget that Acton can

also become an annual event for Acton benefiting any worthwhile community project.

Meanwhile bonus prizes for the many weeks ahead are being organized. The Acton Chamber of Commerce urges all its members and town'speople to become involved. Bonus surprises can vary from televisions to bags of balloons! Our merchants, professionals and industries can all participate by calling Pat Wood (days 853-2310 or evenings 853-0195) with their ideas. It isn't even long distance!

Promotion of Acton is a key interest of the Chamber. The new Directory seems to be in demand—they are being picked up regularly at the Acton Library and Town Office. Any business which would like a supply of the Directory or any individual who wants their own copy can call 853-0925. They are also being sent as part of our information on Acton as requested from anywhere in Canada or the United States.

With our schools back in session, the Acton Fall Fair will soon be here. Election preparations and holiday celebrations will keep us all busy. Through all of this Acton will be a weekly happening. Help make it happen in Acton.

Bad news, good news

There's good news and bad news about the levels of heavy metals in Halton Region's sewage system.

The bad news is that lead, copper, zinc, mercury, and cadmium are above acceptable levels.

The good news is that the amounts are being drastically reduced.

Public Works Director Bob Moore produced a report on heavy metals in the system to his committee, and while metals are above levels in some cases, he said he is positive in his approach to the report which shows a significant decrease.

In fact Mr. Moore said the Region is well on the way to having the best record in Ontario for reduction of pollutants, particularly in the sludge it is using on agricultural lands.

However, the com-

mittee received a surprise when it found out the atomic absorption and tracking to source analyzer, which was considered crucial to the heavy metal detection and tracking to source campaign, has been cancelled "due to budget restraints."

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- Wear street length dress & formal evening dress for judging - contestants to be at Presbyterian Church for judging at 6:00 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19th, in daytime street length dresses and to bring a long formal evening dress for formal dress judging.
- Must live in the area serviced by Acton, Rockwood and Limehouse Post Offices and or attend Acton District High School.

- Entries accepted by members of the Miss Acton Fair Committee -

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