



Workmen with Fread Construction are busy building an addition to the Acton Legion which will add nearly 1,500 square feet to the building.

Legion building 1,482 sq. ft. addition

Just a little over six years after the beautiful new Acton Legion building was opened Branch 197 is expanding. Work began on a 1,482 square foot addition to Branch 197 last week and the expansion will provide increased games room space. Fread Construction is performing the work.

Gord McCutcheon, one of the men who helped torch the Legion's mortgage for the new building this past March, said the new wing will likely be officially opened next year in conjunction with 50th anniversary of Branch 197 celebrations during 1981.

They expect the addition will be closed in within a couple of weeks, then they'll take their time completing the interior and dressing it up with trophy cases.

With the new games room, billiards will return to the Legion for the first time since the new building opened. The addition will also house shuffleboard and the



Youngsters at the library got a chance to cartoon on film Saturday. Kim Ivison, left and Arnaud Ng, both 13, were among youngsters who colored film and then saw the finished product screened.

Y's Menettes

Win prize for bon voyage display

by Pat Jones

Another busy year began in August for the Acton Y's Menettes who catered the evening lunch for the Broostad Wedding. In conjunction with the Y's Men, the Y's Menettes ran a very successful booth during the Fall Fair. They also won first prize in the Group Display category for their Bon Voyage theme.

Sally Anne says thanks

Acton's Salvation Army has thanked Halton Hills in a letter for the town's efforts to make the recent visit of Commissioner Norman Marshall to Acton and Limehouse such a success. The town contributed \$360 for a luncheon at the Acton Legion as well as gifts for Commissioner Marshall and his wife.

Other successful projects include hosting a visit from the Kitchener Club on October 6, a substantial order from the Regal Catalogue for fund raising purposes, making handicrafts to sell at the October Regional Convention in Owen Sound, a donation of \$50.00 to the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope, and a donation of crafts for the Hyde Park Nursing Home Residents Bazaar.

The November meeting was held in the country home of Pat Nellis where the Acton Y's Menettes voted to sponsor the "Boys Cake Decorating" category for next year's Fall Fair. Also discussed were a reciprocal visit to the Kitchener Y's Menettes November 20, a social

Wood says goodbye

In a gracious, thoughtful speech, defeated ward one regional councillor Ed Wood said goodbye to his colleagues of the past two years, Monday night.

He told Halton Hills council that it was a night of "mixed feelings" for him and while he has felt twinges of disappointment since losing the recent election he is still glad to have been part of council for "two exciting years."

Mayor Peter Pomeroy said nobody felt worse for Wood election night than he did. The town's top politician observed the way Wood and his wife Pat handled the defeat was "more than admirable." He added the Woods are fine people and quality citizens.

The mayor noted Wood was quiet at Region but was a very dedicated and hard working member of the Halton Hills team. Pomeroy predicted Dave Whiting will be hard pressed to fill Wood's shoes at the region. In Wood the mayor felt he made "a first class, quality friend."

Introducing councillor-elect Whiting to council and the audience, Wood kidded Whiting will only be keeping his seat warm for him for the next two years.

He said it is easy for people to rap local and regional government, harder to work for "honest" solutions.

Wood praised the town staff, describing them as excellent, and added they helped him over a lot of "humps."

The past two years was "really worthwhile", Wood said, pointing to council accomplishments and saying council developed a better understanding of the needs of all areas of the community during the past term.

He joked about asking Councillor Harry Levy, chairman of the town's budget committee, to try and spend more money in Acton next year, and then strongly urged Levy to do just that.

Wood said it was a pleasure and privilege to serve and he will miss the people he worked with on both councils.

Board committee studies school lunch room policy

Parents who are unhappy about their youngsters eating lunches on school room floors will be waiting until mid-winter before word of any change comes from Halton's Board of Education.

The board struck a new committee Thursday to examine the lunch room policy in elementary schools. The committee, composed of trustees, principals and administrators, is to report no later than next January.

Acton-Enquising Trustee Betty Fisher, one of the powers behind formation of the committee, said solutions "won't cost thousands of dollars. It's amazing what people can come up with."

Fisher and fellow sponsor of the committee Jackie Cutmore defended their initiative against trustees who predicted the solutions would cost considerable money and others who said one of the regular committees could take on the task.

"Parents," said Fisher, "feel it is cold and unsanitary."

Ten trustees voted in favor of the committee, two were absent and eight were against it.

According to Halton Director of Education Em Lavender the provincial ministry of education is saying every child has the right to re-

main at school for lunch. In one Acton school, according to Fisher, as many as 340 pupils remain for lunch.

If food is eaten at the pupils' desks there is a mess, and using the gym floor as a lunch room prevents some extra curriculum activities during lunch.

Moreover, said Fisher, the elementary schools are not treated equally with the high schools because the latter have proper lunch room facilities.

"Perhaps we can supply seats so there is no mess and they are not on the floor. I perceive it will cost some dollars," said Fisher.

Milton trustee Ivan Armstrong said he foresees "a major building program" if elementary school lunch facilities are to be made equal to those in high schools.

Armstrong said Martin St. School tried to accommodate the requests of parents for improved lunch facilities. The principal put out chairs for the children, then they complained that their groups were being broken up.

There was reluctance on the part of Burlington trustee Cam Jackson to set up a committee which will "virtually be unable to influence the ministry's direction."

The lunch policy figured in contract talks with elementary teachers said Jackson, who is chairman of the salary committee. He indicated that the standing committee on staff-board relations would be the best group to take on the task.

"What we want is an overview, a thorough study, so we can respond to the concerns of the community," said trustee Edna Robinson of Burlington. She also did not want to see the policy as part of the collective agreement.

There was another complication, according to Lavender - principals must provide lunch room supervision while giving teachers at least 40 minutes for lunch.

Optimists honor youths....

(Continued from page 1) system fascinates me."

She said she would like to become a lawyer, specializing in criminal law rather than take an administrative position.

"I want to work with people on a one on one basis."

Blaire did take a four-week probation officer course, something she said she would like to carry on next year. But, she isn't old enough to become an officer.

Other than law, English and writing are her interests.

She said she likes to write English essays, stories, poetry and prose and added she hopes one day her work will be published.

When she isn't studying or heading up various committees or working part-time as a waitress at the Olympia, Blaire said she likes to cross-country ski, swim and "read a lot."

Blaire stated she "loves" high school. "It's a challenge, but I enjoy it," she said.

"I also love Acton. The people are open, friendly, caring and very helpful. This year, Rob, who is

Rob Faber

Seventeen-year-old Rob Faber, premier basketball player and male recipient of the Acton Optimist Youth Appreciation Award, stuck his head out from under the hood of one of the many cars he's working on long enough to say he doesn't quite know why he received the award.

But he's glad he did. "Basically, all I do is play basketball," Rob said.

Well, besides basketball he works on his cars, or his brother's cars or friends' cars, helps his Dad out with the family business, attends Halton Gospel Temple in Georgetown and is battling for the top table on the chess team.

As a high-scoring center last year, Rob helped his team the AHS junior Redmen, reach the semi-finals of Halton county secondary school basketball championships - only after going the whole season with one loss.

During the summer or part-time after school Rob can be found helping his father with the family business, building greenhouses or other glass structures.

Rob said he has no definite plans for the future, but he is going to take next semester off while working for his Dad and return in the fall to complete grade 12.

He says he doubts he'll go to university. "I'm not the type", but that's too far in the future to think about anyway.

He said his basketball skills might have gotten him through university if he were living in the United States but he's no scholarship material.

So the \$25 cheque he was awarded was spent on his cars.

"I probably end up working for my Dad and continue in the family business. I'll work under my big brother."

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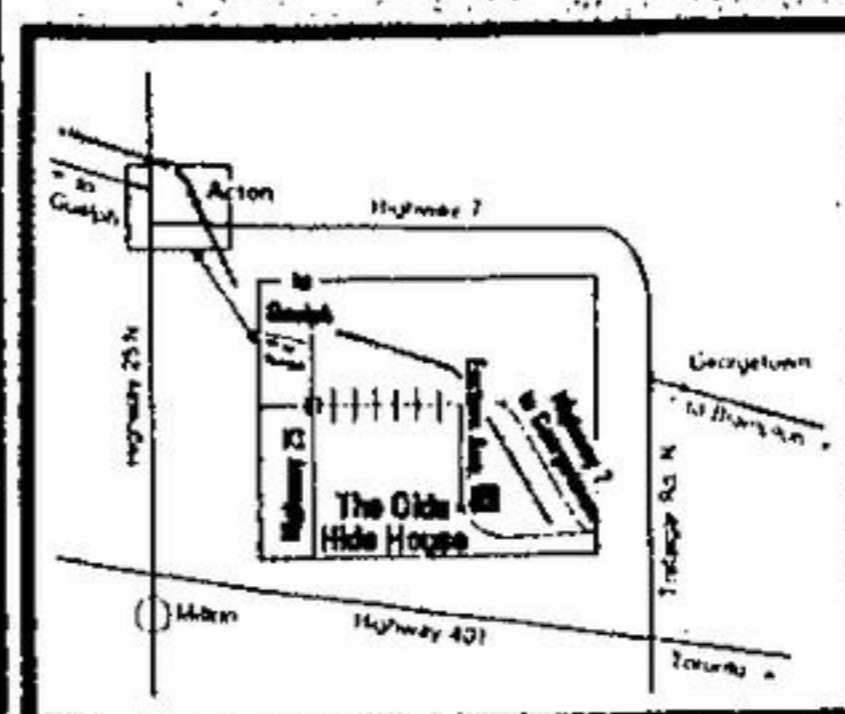


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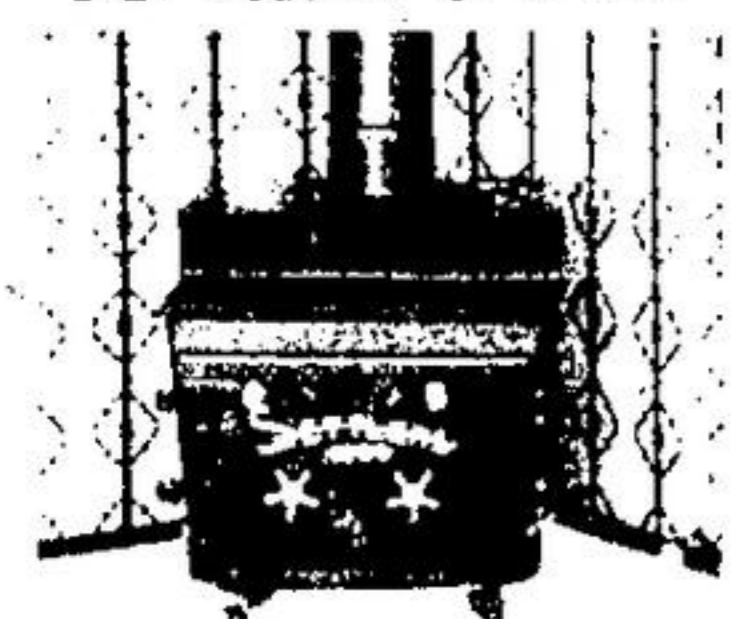
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