



President of the Acton Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Jean Earle, presents Golden Age president Harry Besley with a cheque for \$200 for a group bus trip next year.



The Barren Bing Show Band, comprised of seniors from three Toronto Legions, Branches 1, 42 and 11 and the Navy Club, entertained at Thursday's Legion-Rotary Club Golden Age Christmas dinner.



Bernadette Rowsell, Lori Beaton and Cynthia Wallace worked at the St. Joseph's School Mission of Hope table at Saturday's CWL bazaar at Acton Legion.



Former school board member and long-time Actonian Tom Watson pulled the tickets for Saturday's Actario draw.

Citizen of Year part of Back to Acton Days

Acton Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year program will become part of Back to Acton Days next year. Chamber first vice president Dave Whiting revealed this week the organization has decided to make the Citizen of the Year award presentation part of Back to Acton Days. Details haven't been ironed out yet, Whiting said, but he expects the format for honoring the Citizen of the Year, a banquet and dance, will remain the same. The Chamber hasn't decided where in the three day Back to Acton days celebration of Canada's birthday their program will fit in. He said the Chamber is examining ways of increasing interest in the Citizen of the Year program, including maybe announcing three Citizens of the Year nominees before Back to Acton Days and then naming the recipient of the honor at the banquet. The change means residents won't start considering nominees until the spring.

This week thru the lens

Raftis is chosen Region Chairman

Jack Raftis has survived a concerted challenge by two regional councillors Monday afternoon and is now, for all intents and purposes, the Chairman of Halton Region for 1981-1982. Mr. Raftis, who was acclaimed to the post in 1979, had to go through three ballots before he bested second-place challenger Burlington Councillor Walter Mulke-wich by 15 votes to nine. The third man in the race was Oakville Councillor Terry Mannel, who was lopped off in the first "mock" ballot with six votes to eight for Mr. Mulke-wich and 10 for Mr. Raftis. Although the voting was only supposed to be a

practice session for the Dec. 10 regional inaugural meeting, it developed into the real thing with nominators and seconders speaking as well as each candidate. On the second ballot, Mr. Mulke-wich and Mr. Raftis were both tied with 12 votes each. As Mr. Raftis, who is not elected, could not vote to break the tie, it necessitated a third ballot. During a question and answer period, Mr. Raftis told Milton Mayor Gord Krantz that he would support any representation by Milton for a fourth regional councillor. In addition, Mr. Raftis said the Hickling-Johnson management study team report is coming soon and it will mean many more changes in the administrative staff at Halton. That will also include five different options for restructuring the system of government as now practised at Halton Region. At the Dec. 10 inaugural it is expected

Mr. Raftis will be nominated and elected to the post by the members of Halton Regional Council. By law, however, the nomination must be made available to any member of the public who is legally qualified to vote, and therefore, run for political office. Eileen Dix started work Tuesday as the new program director of the Murray Memorial YMCA. Some of the programs which Y users can look forward to continuing are martial arts, children's dance and pre-school. There will be major thrusts into the fields of fitness and children's sports, said Mrs. Dix's supervisor Michael Brady. As program director, Mrs. Dix will plan and direct a broad range of recreational, social and educational activities for Acton and area. The program director's job is mainly the one per-

formed previously by Sue Clark as a volunteer. The job will take two days per week plus some evenings. "The Acton Y board decided to hire a part-time person to get programming on a firm basis," said Brady. Dix, RR 2, Rockwood, was Canadian Red Cross convener in Mississauga. During nine years she raised the number of clinics and donors from one per year with 900 units to 14 per year industrial, public, and school—with about 6,500 units. Dix beat out six other applicants for the job.

The Dix-Eileen and Dave—have two children: Acton High student Julie, who is 13, and Brookville pupil Susie who is ten.



Eileen Dix

Young father killed

Allen Snow, 30, son of Bud and Evaline Snow, Ballinafad died in a tragic accident, Friday night near Belshaw, Alberta.

Allen Snow, who moved to Alberta a few years ago was driving a truck which went out of control into a ditch, flipped over and burned.

He leaves his wife Lenore and four step-children, Ric, Connie, Charlene and Shannon. His parents left for the West immediately upon hearing of the tragedy. At press time funeral arrangements were not complete.

Allen was one of a family of six; brothers Clare, John and Gregory and sisters Louise and Myrna. His grandmother, Mrs. M.P. Drouillard, lives on Shelley Street, Georgetown.

His father Bud was works superintendent for Esqueping Township and later Halton Hills roads superintendent, before setting up his own business, last year.

Y hires program boss

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Responsibilities committee just 'stalling tactic'

Outgoing Regional Councillor Ron Planche has labelled a joint committee on redefining responsibility for water and sewer services as "just another stalling tactic on the part of the region."

The joint committee representing Halton and the four area municipalities was set up after

councillors decided that some regional responsibilities could be assumed and better run by local municipalities. The committee will look at how Milton, for instance, might be able to take over water supply.

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Hearing adjourns

The preliminary hearing for three Acton men charged with the second degree murder of Howard Gibbons resumed briefly at Oakville Friday. The hearing will continue after Christmas. Charged are: former Dominion Hotel owner Cosimo Mercuri, Leonard Cripps and Michael McCristall. Gibbons died in the August 1979 blaze which gutted the century old hotel.

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Contest Rules: Only one entry per child. Crayon or coloured pencil. Entries to be in the Free Press offices by Friday, Dec. 19, 1980, 4:30 p.m. Late entries will not be considered. Winners will be announced in Dec. 31 issue.

A. Ages 5 to 8
B. Ages 9-13
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