



One of the highlights of the year for Actario organizers was serving dinner to early bird draw winners on the banks of Fairy Lake in August.

Looking back at '80

Deficit climb, parents lobby

Parents of separate school students here continue to lobby for a new school after learning from the board the province won't change its mind about building a new school in Oakville instead of Acton.

The parents wanted and received a letter of intent from the board to build a new school here and a promise Acton will be their only priority when Queen's Park reviews grant requests again, possibly as early as this fall. Parents were examining a number of options, including student or tax boycotts, to pressure the board and province to build the much needed school.

Parents were also busy trying to arrange a meeting for September with Education Minister Bette Stephenson to air their case. They decided

to hold a special day of prayer for a new school. The region's deficit steadily climbed all August, \$300,000, \$400,000, \$600,000 until it was finally pegged at \$700,000.

First treasurer Don Farmer resigned, but was kept on in a lower post. Chief Administrative officer Ernie Reid said he wouldn't resign over the deficit, but in late August was gone, taking with him a healthy cash settlement.

By the end of the month council was shuffling the budget, and reserves and cancelled projects was bringing the deficit down. The region covered 60 per cent of the deficit with reserve funds.

Canada Battery let tenders for an expansion of its plant here which would hopefully be

completed by the end of the year. A poor labor pool in Acton and area had the company considering leaving town but new workers came in after lay-offs at auto plants in Oakville and Windsor. The expansion was needed mostly for storage.

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Heller's moving, Fox arrives

Acton Separate school parents were shocked to learn in early July that the province didn't approve funding of a new school here, but instead gave money for a new separate school in Oakville.

Parents thought Acton was the separate school board's only priority but discovered the board had two equal priorities. Parents planned to go back to the board for answers, hoping funding

will be approved later this year, and pointing to fire and health hazards as the reason for Acton urgently needing a new school. There was even talk of not sending their children back to St. Joseph's this fall, a reflection of how angry and misled parents felt.

The downtown areas of Acton and Rockwood and Highway 7 in between was lined with residents who wanted to see famed one legged runner Terry Fox, who lost a leg to bone cancer, was running across Canada raising funds for cancer research and came through Acton very early in the morning, but there was still a large crowd on hand to greet him.

Because he was running late Terry couldn't stop in Acton for a planned reception and presentation of the money raised here. His Marathon of Hope visit here raised nearly \$5,000.

The long awaited deal finally went through. Heller's announced it was moving to Disston in the fall and revealed plans for a leather factory outlet. The firm didn't get government aid it wanted, but with interest rates down they decided to make the move anyway.

Actario was successfully launched and organizers were delighted with first week sales, almost 200 tickets snapped up. They also held an early bird draw, with the prize a ride in a hot air balloon. Unfortunately winds were too high so the winner, Kay James, was forced to postpone her ride on

Rainbow Airways. The pilot of a World War II Tiger Moth bi-plane was hurt when it crashed on a farm in Erin Township between Ospringe and Hillsburgh. The pilot, from Goderich, was attempting to land the antique plane.

Another black bear and a couple of cubs were spotted in the area, near where a black bear was killed last month.

After waiting months to get into their new apartment building seniors had to wait another month to get phones at the Elizabeth Dr. complex.

Plans for a large new industrial park, north of the existing industrial park, were unveiled by a Toronto developer. The developer said the park

would be for dry industries only and expected it could have as many as 20 to 25 firms and employ about 1,000 workers if approved and then fully developed.

Hard hit by the auto industry recession, Superior Glove, manufacturers of work gloves, announced they were shelving a major addition for manufacturing. A smaller addition for warehousing, started earlier, was completed.

Auditors discovered instead of a surplus from 1979 Halton Region had an undetermined deficit. There was speculation top region staff like Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid would lose their jobs over the financial woes which

many felt would be substantial once the auditors complete their work.

An Eden Mills resident, David Banks, helped design a strange looking vehicle which in tests set a new Canadian fuel economy mark, 99.8 miles to the gallon.

Betty Moore will be the new principal at Acton High School, replacing Wally Watkins who was transferred.

July

Hoping your year will be wreathed in smiles!

WELCOME A HAPPY YEAR

From Everyone At

ACTON PHARMACY

Looking back at '80

Record fair crowd

There was a record crowd on hand for the tremendous three day 67th Acton Fall Fair, again one of the best in all of Ontario.

Over 12,000 people attended, enjoying horse and livestock shows, the 'best midway in years, the parade, variety show, the crowning of Lisa McGrath as Miss Acton Fall Fair by her sister, Cathy McGrath, Miss Acton Fall Fair 1979, and much, much more.

With hundreds of youths flooding the old dragway on the Fifth Line weekend after weekend for racing and parties Halton Hills council started considering hiring off duty police officers to guard the property. However, it wasn't necessary as the owners of the land, a development firm hoping to someday build estate homes there, finally had the track torn up.

Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope was reborn in September with the news cancer had struck down the brave one-legged

runner again. Once again Acton and area poured out its heart to Terry and gave money for research again. A target of \$10,000 was set and nearly reached.

A coroner's inquest into a summer drowning at Rockwood Conservation Area, urged a larger and better trained beach patrol at the popular recreation spot.

With close to 500 tickets sold Actario held its first draws. Organizer Ted Tyler said he wished more tickets had been sold but branded the lottery a success since enough had been sold to meet all prize obligations and every ticket sold now would be profit.

The on again-off again

plaza development for the Force Electric site seemed to be dead. Developers just couldn't put anything together without an expanded supermarket, and Foodland owners, who rent it to AB, just weren't interested. Neither were other potential store renters.

A former Rector of St. Alban's and St. John's Anglican churches in Acton and Lockwood, Rev. Philip Arthur Sawyer, died at age 90 in St. Catharines.

Margaret Buchanan, a resident of Maple View Lodge, celebrated her 100th birthday in September.

August

Changes in assessment

Changes in assessment distribution in Halton gave Halton Hills a third seat on Halton Board of Education so council decided to give Acton and Esquesing each their own seat.

Actario held another early bird draw, a gourmet dinner on the banks of Fairy Lake in Prospect Park for Doug and Lena Mason and Bernice and Carolyn Freuler.

Halton elementary teachers and the board of education reached a tentative agreement on a new contract for the 1980-81 school year.

The federal government's decision to extend footwear import quotas another year, as well as study the state of the shoe manufacturing and leather supplying industries in Canada with a view to developing and long term policy, was welcome news to Beardmore.

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