



Woman joins customs office

The Canada Customs office serving the Acton-Milton vicinity has a new face.

That new face belongs to Customs Inspector Donna Parker. Mrs. Parker, R.R. 1, Rockwood, is taking over from Andy Crichton, a veteran of 32 years of customs service, who recently retired. The customs office is in Acton.

Customs Inspector Parker and co-worker Murray Harrison are responsible for several duties: listing imported items, collecting duties and taxes on imported goods and generally enforcing the Canada Customs Act.

The area's newest inspector, and the first woman in the local job, transferred from the Canada Customs office in Orangeville. She worked there for about two years. Prior to that posting she worked in government service, in Customs at Oshawa, and parcel poste in Toronto.

Donna and Phillip Parker live at Allenvale Farm where he raises chickens and pigs.

Golden Agers

Shaw Festival trip Jan. 21

With the singing of 'O Canada and the theme song, Jean McLean at the piano, the Golden Age Club opened their first meeting of 1981 at St. Alban's Hall, on Tuesday, Jan. 6. It was an extremely cold day and the attendance was considerably smaller than the club had at the Christmas party.

The transportation convener has filled the quota to go on a bus trip to the Shaw Festival to see the "Merry Widow",

on Wednesday, Jan. 21. Even bus trips in this cold weather are very popular.

It was decided to have the installation of officers at the evening meeting of October instead of November.

Australia will be the theme of the January evening meeting.

The meeting adjourned to play cards. Winners were: Edna Besley and Elsie Hollady, Laura Dennis and Ivan Lillcrop. A social half hour followed.

Region taking Norton to provincial cabinet

Halton is going to the provincial cabinet to overturn an Ontario Municipal Board decision which councillors fear could have severe cost implications in the future.

Council approved last week a recommendation from Councillor Joan Allingham to reconsider a previous decision to take no action.

At the centre of the controversy is Harry Norton, RR 4, Acton, who sought in 1979 to sever a piece of land he owns and sell a portion of it.

Norton was finally granted his severance by the region's Land Division Committee in July, 1980, but that decision was appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board by regional council.

At a hearing held last October the OMB overturned the Land Division Committee decision and refused Norton's application, because it did not conform to the regional official plan.

The Board also ordered the region to pay all of Norton's legal fees because of alleged misconduct during the decision-making process, councillors were told.

Norton said in an interview that he has never asked the region to pay his legal costs, it was simply an unsolicited directive by the OMB.

If the award is allowed to stand, regional solicitor Dennis Perlin warned councillors, they could be faced with similar costs for every appeal that is made to the OMB, whether the region wins or loses its case.

In a December report to regional council Perlin explained that the OMB member hearing the case in October felt the need for an appeal to the Board could have been avoided if a regional planner had attended the Land Division Committee meeting to explain that the proposal did not conform to the official plan.

Norton said before seeking the severance he went to several Land Division Committee hearings and studied the situation carefully. He was convinced he had a better than 50/50 chance of getting the severance. Reports dealing with the severance from various government agencies gave the appearance nobody had ever been out to look at his property, Norton noted, adding the only body which in the end objected to the sever-

ance, regional planning department, still hasn't sent anyone to see his land.

He advised councillors that they could either petition the provincial cabinet to overturn the decision, appeal to the courts or ask the OMB to review its decision.

"Since Mr. Shub (the OMB member hearing the case) is the former chairman of the Ontario Municipal Board the probability of success utilizing this procedure may be dubious," he added.

At a special regional council meeting Dec. 11 Perlin recommended that an appeal be made to the courts, but councillors rejected this course because of the additional expense it would mean to Norton.

The future implications of the decision, however, prompted Perlin to later recommend the appeal to cabinet to the planning committee, which refused to make a decision.

Councillor Allingham also urged councillors to take some action to overturn the decision "since it will certainly reflect back on each of our municipalities in future if we do nothing."

"The future costs to the region and the area municipalities could be substantial if we take no action," she added.

Councillor David LaCombe warned that all taxpayers in the region would face the costs of this decision if the coun-

cil took no action.

"Our taxpayers have been dealt an under the table blow by an arbitrary body," he said. "It is like being strapped for throwing snowballs."

In his report Perlin said the appeal to the cabinet would be the least expensive route to take, for Norton who would have to file a counter petition.

Halton Hills mayor Peter Pomeroy said any action the council took would end up costing Norton more than he had already and "we should assume the costs for putting him through this very trying experience."

"This was clearly caused by the region's fault and I don't think this is a precedent setting case, I think that has been blown out of proportion."

The motion to appeal to the cabinet was passed on a 16 to 5 recorded vote.

Norton said his lawyer suggested it could cost him \$1,000 to file a counter petition with the cabinet.

He doesn't know yet what his legal costs for the OMB hearing are, Norton has yet to receive the bill, but regional officials expect the judgement could run from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

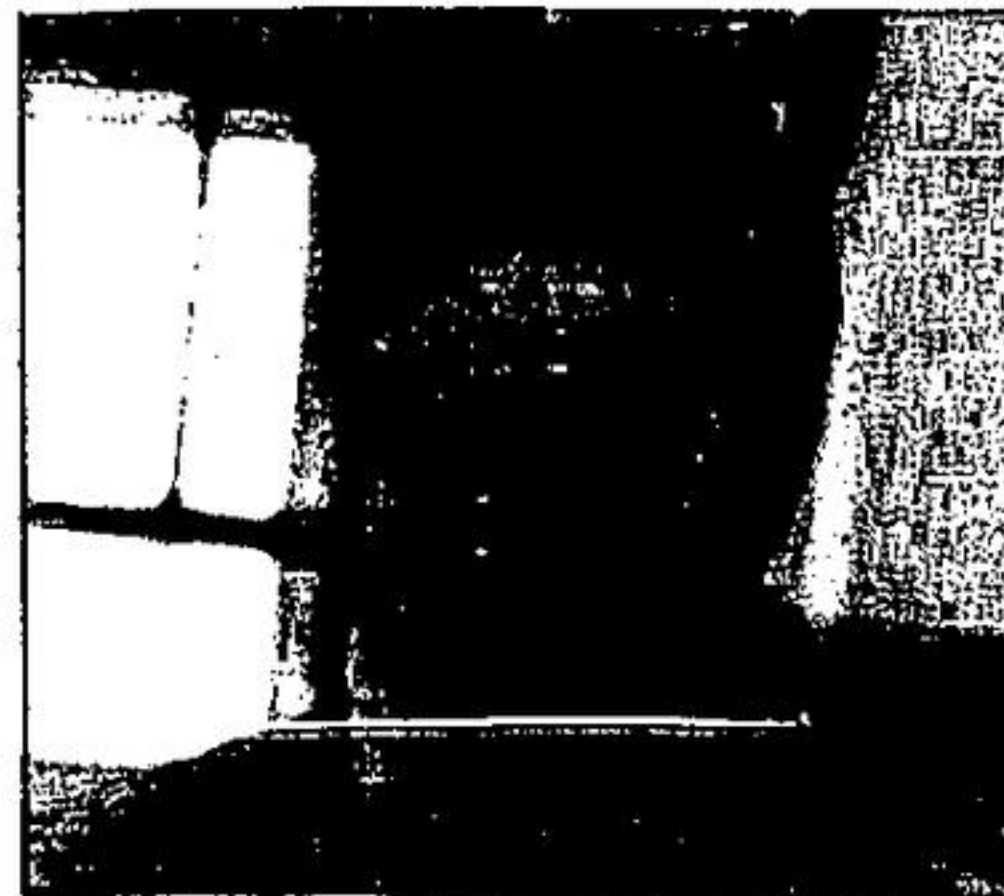
Norton said he feels strongly that Halton Hills councillors supported him all they could.

He is disappointed and bitter about being taken to the cabinet.

On this occasion the Three Wise Men were in the church with their offerings to Jesus and after the service the congregation moved into the Parish Hall for the annual Epiphany Party and luncheon.

A service of Holy Baptism was held on January 11 when two new brothers were welcomed into the family of St. Alban's. Darrell Adam Weber, son of Brian and Ruby Weber, godparents the Rev. Walter Williams and Lorna Williams and Debra Weber; Robert James Maddeaux, son of Robert and Margaret Maddeaux, godparents Irene and Robert Pipke.

The church school children were asked to draw pictures of gifts they would like to give to Jesus. This was followed by a short film on the life of Jesus and then everyone present enjoyed a sandwich potluck lunch with dessert and beverage supplied by the Anglican Church Women. As the children left for home they were given gifts of candy and fruit by the Three Wise Men.



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New Baptist minister looks forward to quiet

Acton's peaceful and quiet nature has attracted a new minister for the Acton Baptist Church.

Don A. Freeman, who gave his first sermon Jan. 4, says he and his family are looking forward to moving to the slower paced rural life of Acton.

The local posting is the first position for the Toronto-born Freeman, as a minister. He had spent seven years working with students from across Canada in the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and most recently was curator of the Enoch Turner School House, a school built in 1848 and preserved as a museum and cultural centre.

Although not an ordained minister, Mr. Freeman says he's studied both philosophy and theology at the PHD levels, as well as their subjects. He will be come an ordained minister next year.

He said one of the reasons for moving to a less hectic setting was to devote more time to his writing. His writing is related to research on human identity and ethical questions, he added.

Mr. Freeman said his wife, Margaret, is also looking forward to a more quiet life. She is a wildlife artist as well as a trained scientist, using her artistic and photographic talents to illustrate biology explanations for the University of Toronto. Mrs. Freeman is also trained in theology.

The Freemans have two children, a seven-year-old boy and five-year-old girl, as well as a large Irish Wolfhound.

Right now they are liv-

ing in an old Victorian house in Toronto but will be looking for an equally large farm house in or near Acton.

They need the space, said Mr. Freeman, to store some 6,000 books they've collected. He said he hopes to use a few rooms in their home for anyone wishing to study or reflect.

Mr. Freeman said he would be commuting until they find a home sometime after the school year has ended.

He will be in Acton on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and on occasional emergencies and

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Commercial Vehicle owners who operate their trucks between Ontario and other Canadian provinces are invited to attend a public meeting to discuss the new Canadian Agreement on Vehicle Registration (CAVR).

This agreement will allow fleet owners and individual operators to operate within all provinces in the plan by purchasing a single registration plate in Ontario, and fees will be based on distance travelled in each jurisdiction.

Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and New Brunswick will implement the plan on April 1, 1981. Quebec, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland will offer licence reciprocity sometime in 1982.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, January 22, 7:00 p.m. at the Skyline Hotel, Continental Room 655 Orono Road, Roxdale, Ontario.

For more information, contact Ministry of Transportation and Communications at (416) 248-7276.

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Honor awards committee

The mayor has once again appointed a special committee to oversee the town's annual recognition and honor awards evening program. New Acton councillor Dave Whiting will likely chair the committee on which councillors Russ Miller, Walter Blehn and Marilyn Serjeantson will also sit.

CANADIAN ODEON THEATRES GEORGETOWN 3

STARTING FRIDAY

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REMINDER NOTICE

The Town of Halton Hills DOG TAGS 1981

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| MUNICIPAL OFFICES: | 36 Main Street South, Georgetown
40 Main Street East, Acton |
| HALTON HILLS ANIMAL CONTROL CENTRE | Limehouse, Ontario |
| STEVEN'S GENERAL STORE | Limehouse, Ontario |
| SPEYSIDE GENERAL STORE | Speyside, Ontario |
| HOME HARDWARE | 156 Guelph Street, Georgetown |
| DECORATING FUN | Market Centre, Georgetown |

LICENSE FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Female or male	\$12.00
2. Spayed female or Neutered male	9.00
3. Kennel License	25.00

In accordance with By-law 74-45 and its amendments, every owner of a dog on or before the 15th day of February of each year, or within 7 days of becoming the owner of a dog after the 15th day of February, shall register each dog with the collector and apply to him for a license and tag for each dog.

Every person who fails to comply with Section 2 or Section 7 of this By-law is guilty of an offense and upon conviction is liable to a fine of not more than Fifty (\$50.00) dollars exclusive of costs, and every such fine shall be recoverable under the provisions of the Summary Convictions Act, R.S.O. 1970.

G.F. Usher, A.M.C.T.
Deputy Treasurer
Town of Halton Hills

New employment protection for domestic employees.

Effective January 1, 1981.

A new regulation has been issued expanding employment protection for domestic employees (cooks, housekeepers, nannies), who work more than 24 hours a week. It does not apply to baby sitters or companions.

- Wages**
- Domestic employees are entitled to
- \$24 per day
 - \$132 per week
 - \$568 per month or
 - \$3 per hour
- Room and Board**
- Householders may deduct up to \$50 per week from a domestic employee's wages for room and board.
- Time Off**
- Domestic employees are entitled to at least 36 consecutive hours of free time per week without deduction from wages. If work is performed during this free time, the equivalent amount of time off or payment at not less than \$3 an hour must be given.
- Annual Vacations**
- Domestic employees are entitled to at least 2 weeks of vacation per year and to at least 4 per cent of annual wages as vacation pay.
- Public Holidays**
- Domestic employees are entitled to seven paid statutory holidays per year. If work is performed on the holiday, another day off with regular pay must be given before the next annual vacation.

All domestic employees, including those working less than 24 hours a week and baby sitters and companions continue to be covered by standards for termination of employment, pregnancy leave, equal pay for equal work and collection of wages.

Additional information may be obtained from the Employment Standards Branch, Ontario Ministry of Labour in the following cities:

Toronto 400 University Avenue M7A 1V2 Tel.: (416) 965-5251	Hamilton 1 West Avenue South L8N 2R9 Tel.: (416) 527-2951	Kenora 808 Robertson Street P9N 1X9 Tel.: (807) 468-3128	Kingston 1055 Princess Street K7L 1H3 Tel.: (613) 542-2853
Kitchener 824 King Street West N2G 1G1 Tel.: (519) 744-8101	London 205 Oxford Street East N6A 5G6 Tel.: (519) 439-3231	Ottawa 2197 Riverside Drive K1H 7X3 Tel.: (613) 523-7530	St. Catharines 205 King Street L2R 3J5 Tel.: (416) 682-7261
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