

## Metrospan acquires Free Press, Inland

Metrospan Printing & Publishing Ltd. has acquired the shares of Inland Publishing Co. Limited for \$13.5 million effective February 27, 1981.

The Acton Free Press is one of the Inland papers. Inland will continue to be operated on its present basis as a subsidiary of Metrospan while efforts are made to overcome losses in some of the weekly newspapers.

The combined resources of the two groups will ensure that our newspapers continue to provide timely, informative editorial and advertising news for our readers.

In November of 1978 Inland bought The Acton Free Press, The Georgetown Independent, The Milton Canadian Champion and the Halton Advertiser as well as the production and printing facilities at 59 Willow St. North from Dills Printing and Publishing.

Besides the Free Press, Independent and Champion Inland also publishes The Ajax, Whitby, Pickering News Advertiser, The Brampton Guardian, The Burlington Post, Burlington

Weekend Post, Etobicoke Gazette, Markham Economist and Sun, The Mississauga News, The Newmarket/Aurora Era, Oakville Beaver, Oshawa This Week, Oshawa This Weekend and The Stouffville Tribune.

Metrospan publishes the Aurora/Newmarket Banner, Bolton Enterprise, Etobicoke Advertiser Guardian, Mississauga Times, North York Mirror, Oakville Journal Record, Richmond Hill/Thornhill Liberal, Scarborough Mirror, Woodbridge & Vaughan News, Etobicoke Consumer, Halton Consumer, Markham/Thornhill Consumer, North York Consumer and Scarborough Consumer.

Free Press publisher Don McDonald said this week the acquisition of Inland by Metrospan does not indicate any changes.

Inland newspapers will still operate under the Inland name, as a subsidiary of Metrospan, which in turn is a subsidiary of Torstar, the corporation which owns The Toronto Star.



Sugar Joe Reed, noted Quarterhorse stallion, former Horse of the Year, and International champion, will be leaving the farm of owner Roy Ineson to live in Saskatchewan.

## Sugar Joe Reed sold

by Jennifer Barr  
Sugar Joe Reed is leaving town. He's lived in the area for ten years, making his home with Roy and Joan Ineson first in Georgetown and recently in Acton. He'll shortly be making the move to Ridgedale Saskatchewan.

One of the best known Quarter horse stallions in Canada Sugar Joe's record while owned by the Inesons has been enviable.

In 1971 he was voted Horse of the Year after winning national championships in halter, English pleasure, western pleasure and reining horse.

Bred and raised in Oklahoma, Sugar Joe was purchased in April of '71 by Ineson who proceeded to campaign the horse to his international wins.

A year later the stallion won second in the national versatility class, being beaten by an American horse a half point ahead. In order to take the class, competitors had to excel in driving, barrel racing, English and western pleasure.

Where do you go from here? Just for fun, Ineson trained Sugar Joe to rope calves and in 1974 "brought him out to prove he could do something else". The horse was named champion

calf roping horse of Canada. He was also the horse who carried John MacKenzie to champion calf roper of Ontario.

Not only is Sugar Joe a superior show and performance horse but he was a Triple A racehorse in his younger days racing top U.S. tracks for four years.

Now 19-years-old the stallion has many fine offspring and has sired winners in racing, performance, and halter. One notable youngster is Sweetie Reed who was champion yearling filly of North America and went on to win International reserve champion pleasure horse as a five-year-old.

Another foal, Speedy Reed won the junior reining at the Paint Congress in Kansas and senior reining at the Dixie National in Mississippi.

Sired by Sugar Bars by Three Bars (aristocrats of the Quarter horse world) Sugar Joe's dam Sammy Reed by Joe Reed II was a producer of three Triple A horses.

Sugar Joe will be travelling to his new home on the Wortmans 2,560 acre ranch after appearing at Quarterama this weekend in Toronto.

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Acton Red Cross kicked off its March long campaign for funds this month. Cansaver Alice Schreiber, left, and campaign chairman Bert Vanderlaan call on

Eileen McFadden, 297 Peel St., for a donation.

Photo by GORD MURRAY

## Feds study Acton town hall, plaque maybe but no funds

The Acton town hall is on a list of about 275 being studied by the federal government, but there isn't much chance Ottawa will contribute funds to restore the building.

An inventory of town halls across the nation has been completed and their possible historic or architectural significance is now being studied. Barbara Humphreys, chief of architectural inventory, Parks Canada, said in an interview this week.

Following the study the Historic Sites and

Monuments Board of Canada will present recommendations to the minister of environment for historic designation. Parks Canada is part of the Ministry of the Environment.

The most likely result of the study of the Acton town hall is that it would have a plaque placed in front of it by the federal government, Ms. Humphreys said.

A report will be done on the Acton town hall looking at the building's historical and architectural

significance and it will later be decided if it is of national importance.

If the town hall is deemed a national historic site it would likely be placqued, she said, though sometimes the government will buy the building or enter a restoration costs sharing agreement with an incorporated body, such as a municipality. Ms. Humphreys said it is "very seldom that Ottawa helps restore a designated historical building." She added the government, even if the building and incorporated body met the complicated criteria for funding would only contribute 50 per cent of the needed money and public access to the building would have to be restricted following restoration.

Last week the town hall restoration committee met with Halton Hills recreation director Tom Shepard.

Chairman of the committee, Dr. George Elliott, said in an interview the aim is to raise \$50,000, but it appears an acceptable goal would be to reach \$40,000 and match the town's contribution.

He said Shepard was "optimistic" if local fund raising efforts result in \$40,000 then Wintario and Heritage grants would be forthcoming.

Currently the restoration committee has raised over \$7,000 and hopes to bring that total up to \$10,000 through pledges and the sale of plates and prints.

Actario has realized, with all prizes paid off, a profit of \$26,000 so far. Dr. Elliott noted every ticket that is sold from now to the end of the lottery in August is profit for the town hall restoration. Actario tickets sold in March cost just \$50.

## All-candidates meet next Tues.

Acton and area voters will have the opportunity next Tuesday afternoon to hear and question the Halton-Burlington provincial election candidates.

The all-candidates meeting, sponsored by Acton Chamber of Commerce and Acton High School, will be held at the high school auditorium starting at 2.30 p.m.

## Planning proceeding

# One phase plaza not until June

A new plaza to be built in downtown Acton will be constructed in just one phase instead of two and work won't likely begin until June.

The project, which includes a new, larger IGA supermarket and about eight stores, was announced in January by Doug Fread, owner of Fread Construction of Acton.

He and his partner in the venture, Toronto architect Roman Kassian, had hoped to have construction begin this May, but Fread says that doesn't seem possible now.

Fread rejected rumors that the project has been shelved saying they'll definitely be going ahead as

soon as the rezoning is processed. Currently the plans are going through municipal staff committees and the proposal is expected to be examined at Halton Hills planning Board next week.

Fread said some changes in the plans have been made following suggestions from town staff. The major change is the plaza won't be built in two phases now, but in just one. The configuration of the building has also been changed.

However, the overall square footage, an IGA store four times larger than the existing supermarket, and about eight stores will remain the same even though the configuration has been adjusted.

It is up to the municipality if the project gets off the ground in May, Fread said, adding town staff doesn't expect it can begin before June. He said the delay is caused by "the usual red tape."

He said compared to other municipalities he has dealt with, Halton Hills is moving with great "haste". He added he has received nothing but full co-operation from the town.

## Decision soon Baines appeal

Progressive Conservative candidate Fran Baines' right to represent the PCs in the March 19 provincial election battle won't be decided until this afternoon or later.

Supreme Court Judge R. E. Holland reserved a decision following a two-hour hearing at Osgoode Hall in Toronto late Tuesday afternoon, on Campbellville businesswoman Oriena Currie's writ against Halton-Burlington PCs. She charged the February nomination convention was unfair to herself and many paid-up party members who were not allowed to vote.

The decision partly rests on whether or not Baines' opponent, Brian Penman of Milton, still wants to stand as the PC candidate in the March 19 election.

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Students at M.Z. Bennett won't be eating their lunches on the gym floor for much longer. More on page 3.

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## Student bound for exotic place

For Acton High School student Denise Dilbey next year will be her first time heading for far away places.

Denise has been chosen by Acton's Rotary Club to be its first ambassador to one of 12 countries for a year.

Denise, a 16-year-old Grade 12 student, said: "The way I'm looking at it, it's a challenge. I'm excited and my parents are pleased."

Sweden, Japan and Belgium rank highest so far in Denise's estimation as places to live in. South Africa, Brazil, Finland, New Zealand, Australia, Denmark, Norway, Mexico and the Philippines are also on Rotary list.

Denise has not made a decision concerning which country she would like most to live in for the year. It is the first time in her life that she has been overseas. The trip starts in August.

Another Rotary Club exchange student Jennifer Numan from Australia, and Denise met in one of the high school's chemistry classes. From Jennifer, Denise learned that the Acton club was looking for someone to go to different cultures.

Someone, Denise says, who is open minded, who can talk and who can act as an ambassador. There were about six other applicants.

Anyone thinking of becoming a Rotary Club exchange student must be between 16 and 18 years of age when the application is made. One must be prepared to make presentations to service clubs.

Denise will also have to take a year's schooling in the foreign country, just like Jennifer.



The Acton Rotary Club chose 16-year-old Denise Dilbey as its first exchange student.



Bruce Shavers of Churchill Rd. North will fight Marten Frielet for the Ontario amateur light-heavyweight kick boxing title in London this weekend. Bruce is the instructor for the Acton Y's kick boxing program which runs Thursday nights.