



"It just shook the whole house," said Fred Hachey after a car slammed his Main St. N. home early Sunday morning. The driver and one of his passengers suffered minor injuries during the crash. They were taken to Georgetown and District Hospital for treatment. Another passenger escaped injury. The house is on the north side of Knox Presbyterian church. Turn inside for story.

## Couple strike lottery windfall

An Acton couple are \$500,000 richer today, after winning the Provincial lottery Friday. Lila and Ray Atkinson, 23 Young Street, shared winning ticket 5265707 in the weekly draw. "I don't think I'll ever forget the number," said Mrs. Atkinson. "I'm stunned. The whole family is stunned."

Mrs. Atkinson received the ticket from her daughter Karen Shortill, of Ballinafad, for Mother's Day.

"It's the first time I have won anything of any account," she continued. "I never expected to win. I didn't feel lucky."

She said she watched the six o'clock news on television Friday night to see if she had won anything. "I didn't feel like staying up to 11."

But when she found she won, Mrs. Atkinson continued, she stayed up to watch the news again at 11, just to make sure.

After that, she added, it was a weekend of celebration with their five children and grandchildren.

The Atkinson's don't have specific plans for the money. "We're going to invest it," she said, "and give some to the kids. And I'd like to buy a new car—just an ordinary unpretentious Chevy. We want to make the money last a long time."

It's not the first time the Atkinson family has received a lottery windfall. Son Stephen, who is a member of the Canadian Armed Forces, won (Continued on page 3)



A winsome pair: Lila and Ray Atkinson of 23 Young Street won half a million dollars Friday by playing the Provincial lottery. The ticket was a Mother's Day present from their daughter.

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## Acton to stay small no sewage capacity

There will be very little growth or development in Acton in the years ahead.

Regional public works committee and Halton Hills council heard recently from a consultant there is very little capacity left in the Acton sewage plant. The subject was also raised at Friday's drop-in.

Councillors were given the bad news from an official of Proctor and Redfern in a verbal preliminary report. Proctor and Redfern is carrying out an urban servicing boundary study for Acton to determine how much more development can take place here. A final report is expected this summer.

Mayer Peter Pomeroy and Councillor Dave Whiting discussed the sewage capacity and growth issue with a resident, Rick Smith, Rosemary Rd., Friday.

Whiting said afterwards the consultant reported that basically Acton is at its sewage limit now. The Acton plant has a capacity of 1,000,000 gallons per day. While the plant could be expanded the receiving stream, the Black Creek, can't handle any more effluent.

Sewage capacity is determined by population,

plus equivalent population figures are assigned for industry and commercial operations.

Acton's present population, plus industry and commercial development population equivalents, just about total 1,000,000 gallons per day. There is a little capacity left, enough for some more industry plus infilling (building on vacant lots within the town) but little else.

However, because so many people work out of town, Acton isn't filling the plant. Much of the time the sewage plant is only handling 500,000 to 600,000 gallons a day. Sometimes in rainy weather the plant handles more than 1,000,000 gallons a day, but that is due to infiltration of storm water into the sewage system.

So, while in theory, based on population, the plant is at capacity, much of the time it is in fact far below capacity.

But, the province at this point won't allow Acton to grow substantially and fill up the now unused capacity because of the potential danger the plant being overcapacity if more people were ever staying in town all day.

With a population of about 7,100 now the consultants envision a maximum population of only about 9,000 here by the year 2000 because there is only a little capacity left in the plant.

Whiting said he expects there will be some minor adjustments to the existing urban boundaries but not enough to bring in lands north and south of Highway 7 and east of Churchill Rd. where major housing and commercial developments have been proposed.

The report from the consultant is incomplete because Proctor and Redfern is still talking to the province about some alternate methods of handling sewage which might permit more growth. One idea is ponding of sewage so it is sent through the plant at times when there are low effluent volumes.



Rev. John Robertson

## Rev. Robertson may be leaving

Rev. John Robertson of Knox Presbyterian Church is planning to retire at the end of September for health reasons.

However, the Session (board of elders of the church) are considering offering Rev. Robertson a six month leave of absence to see if he can regain his health and then return to the Church.

He submitted a letter of intent to resign effective the end of September last Wednesday night to the Session immediate past clerk Tom Watson said. It came as a complete surprise to the elders.

Rev. Robertson was unavailable for comment, having left for a vacation and his son's wedding in England, Thursday morning.

He and his family came to Acton in September, 1979. The church had gone nine months without a minister after Rev. Andy McKenzie moved to Perth after 23 years at Knox.

Rev. Robertson, 57, originally from the Isle of Skye, Scotland, came to Canada in 1967 serving for a number of years at Parkdale Presbyterian Church. He left the ministry and sold life insurance for a few years before resuming his career at Knox.

He has been serving as Padre to the Acton Legion Branch 197, also.

## Jerry Sprackman Unveils new plaza proposal

In a surprise appearance developer Jerry Sprackman, Landawn Shopping Centres, brought a new proposal for a plaza on the east side of Acton to Halton Hills planning board last night (Tuesday).

He is now applying to build a scaled down shopping centre which will still contain a Zehrs supermarket.

Sprackman gave no indication of his plans regarding appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board over the rejection of his earlier plaza proposal or his objection to the rezoning for the new IGA plaza downtown.

His new proposal is smaller, down from 8.7 acres to 5.5 acres. Zehrs is still ready to come to Acton and open a 24,000 square foot supermarket with provision for an addition of 6,400 more square feet, Sprackman said.

There would be an additional 19,000 square feet containing eight stores, including probably a bank, restaurant and convenience store.

He recalled the history of his battle to build on a site south of Highway 7 and east of Churchill Rd. South, including the fact that when 300 people came to council in February 1979, 279 favored his plaza plan.

Despite the fact a new IGA supermarket is to be (Continued on page 2)

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A strike by town works staff still looms. See page 2.

The search is on for the Citizen of the Year. Story on page 2, ballot page 5.

Going to Vegas? An expert who was in Acton this month offers some tips on gambling. More on page B7.



Acton High School Band and their guests the Huntsville High School Band combined forces on two numbers which delighted the audience at Thursday night's concert. The Huntsville students were in Acton for three days last week. More photos and a story about their visit on page 5.

## AHS voyageurs trek in past

by Greg Silrook and Marlene Lott

Members of Acton High School's Total Immersion Class led by Outdoor education teacher Dr. Paul Tamblin will be spending the first two weeks in June retracing an historical canoe route in Northern Ontario.

Dressed as famous voyageurs, Indians, lords and ladies such as Radisson, Groselliers, Lord Simcoe, Lady Simpson, Hiawatha, Peter Pond and many more, the group guided by Doc Tamblin, as Samuel de Champlain, will travel in 26 foot "Canoe de Nordes" canoes up the French River from Georgian Bay, crossing Lake Nipissing and down the Mattawa River to the town of Mattawa.

Doc feels that only by experiencing do you really understand something and his hope is that the group will lose track of what century it is in and by doing so relive a small piece of Canadian history.

He expects the trip to give the group an accurate insight into the life of the people responsible for the development and exploration of Canada.

The previous total immersion classes have all gained recognition through one feat or another. After seeing last year's group presentation a member of the school Board suggested that this year's group do a film. The 15-minute-short-subject film centered around the canoe trip will be based on a script written by the group members and will cost \$1,500 from start to finish.

Of that \$500 was raised by the students in the group. It is hoped that the remainder will be donated by service clubs in the community.

A film graduate from Sheridan College has volunteered to do the filming and technical work. The



Acton High School's 20th century voyageurs are on their trek across one of the early Ontario fur trade routes starting Monday. They'll be doing lots of canoeing and portaging. In this canoe, one of two on the trip, sit—from front to rear: Dennis Kirton, Paul Moore, Tony Bonozew, Barb Hogenbirk, Gwyneth Gibb, Pat Tufford, Linda Ziens, Sylvia Bourassa, Daphne Goering and course teacher Paul Tamblin.

group hopes their endeavor will leave an accurate and permanent representation of what they are all about and possibly change the public's image of what young people can accomplish.

The group is expecting good press coverage, so if you hear Acton mentioned on the radio or TV during the first two weeks in June look for Doc Tamblin and an enthusiastic group of Actonian voyageurs.

A presentation to the town and service clubs of Acton will be given by the Total Immersion group after they have returned.

It will take place on June 17 at 8 p.m. at Acton High School.

Everyone is invited to an original and insightful evening of fun.

## Acton firefighters host waterball, bucket race competitions Sat.

Acton Firefighters will host teams from a number of other area fire departments in a big waterball and bucket race competition this Saturday at Prospect Park.

The action gets underway at 10 a.m. and runs through to 3 or 4 p.m. The public is welcome to come out and watch the two sports, waterball goes first. There will be a beer garden and refreshment stand also.

Inglewood, Grand Valley, Erin, Georgetown, Greensville, Kilbride and two teams from Milton make up the starting line-up for Saturday in both events. Invitations to compete were sent to 20 fire departments and eight have accepted. Other departments may send teams Saturday and they will be allowed to compete. Of course Acton will also have a team.



Left, Harry Besley, past president of the Golden Agers, received a pin from the club for his services. Bert Davidson, right, presented Besley with the pin Wednesday night at the Club's monthly evening meeting.