

# Distinguished alumnist Joe Petric's solos highlight Citizens' Band spring concert

Several bass accordion solos by "distinguished alumnist" Joseph Petric were the highlights of a thoroughly delightful Acton Citizens' Band spring concert at McKenzie-Smith Sunday night.

A la the Boston Pops, most of the audience of over 100 people was seated at small tables in front of the band. It was an intimate, home setting for the concert. Candles were served and pastries were an intermission treat.

The band's offerings featured the works of Spanish, English, Greek and Italian composers mostly from the 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries.

The performance began with a Spanish number, Themes from "España" by Charrier, a 19th century musician who gave up law after taking an interest in Spanish folk music.

Anita and Ron McAllister, musicians from Campbellville were brilliant guest soloists on the second piece of the

evening, Sonata for Two Trumpets. It was a four part number filled with rich horns. It is one of the few pieces of music by a 17th century Italian named Franceschini which still survives.

Petric appeared for the first time in the performance when he played his bass accordion in Handel's Organ Concerto VI.

When he was with the Citizens' Band he played French horn and tuba but in his career has made a speciality of playing the free bass accordion, one of the few musicians who does. After graduating from high school Joe went to Queen's University to study music and played with the Queen's Symphony Orchestra as well as the London Youth Symphony

Orchestra. After Queen's he earned his Masters at the University of Toronto. He is now a freelance musician and teacher, appeared on CBC programs numerous times.

The band closed the first half of the program with Holst's Moorside March, which was adapted from a suit. An Englishman with Swedish roots, Holst composed a lot of music and wrote the piece performed by the band

around the turn of this century. A romantic Spanish march, Flores De Espana, which brought visions of the bull rings started the second half of the concert.

Then it was off to Greece for Grecian Dance of the Sea before Petric returned and played four numbers. He played two pieces of concertina music

followed by a pair of short Spanish sonatas composed by priests at a Spanish monastery, where for 125 years the men did nothing but compose music.

Frescobaldi's Toccata was performed brilliantly by the band. The composer played for huge crowds during the 17th Century at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican.

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Acton Citizens' Band entertained with an excellent concert Sunday night.

## Family concerns ignored in LDC decision on bid

Some members of Halton's Land Division Committee (LDC) found they had to stick by the rules though they wanted to think with their hearts concerning an Acton area application.

"We are in a difficult position between the official plan and where our sympathies lie," LDC member Dolly Moulden said. Milton LDC member Stella Parton agreed.

clusters rather than in the countryside. The Mitchell's representative, Gordon Dawe, argued that the site is well within a cluster on the Esquesing-Nassagaweya townline. A severance could be granted on the grounds of in filling, he said.

The region, however, does not include the area within its official list of clusters. It recognizes no others than the ones on its list.

The Mitchell's main argument for a separation was based on grounds of compassion. There is a brother who will never be well and whom the Mitchells wish

to care for at home rather than place him in a government subsidized institution. The Mitchells live with another brother and four children in what Dawe described as two cottages that have been joined. The other brother wishes to build his own home. "Maybe family problems are not included in the (Halton's) official plan," said Dawe. "I think it should be closely looked at."

"I think we do have to recognize extenuating circumstances," argued Moulden. "When a family has demonstrated efforts to stay together and help a member of the family."

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## OMB may decide fate of dream farm

So far, persistence has not paid off for an Acton area woman who wants to farm where Halton officials believe there is little hope for crops.

The woman, Susan Houston of R.R. 4 took her case for the separation of some property to Halton's Land Division Committee (LDC) for the third time on May 26.

She lost again. She may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board.

The Houstons have some property on Highway 25 in Lot 19. Susan Houston wishes to sever a parcel for her sister so that she may farm full time.

The Houstons wish to farm their property part of the time. They've owned the property for about four years.

In its decision committee relied heavily on the reports from the town (Continued on page 6)

### ANNOUNCEMENT



The Georgetown Animal Clinic is pleased to announce that Dr. Barbara Leslie has joined our staff.

Dr. Leslie, who is originally from Toronto, is a graduate of the University of Guelph. She is married to Dr. Ken Leslie from Terra Cotta, who is presently teaching at the University. Barbara has worked at the Clinical Research Department at the University and has practiced in Mississauga for two years.



Howard Allen



Doug Magwood

## Five principals on the move

Five north Halton elementary principals will be at different schools next autumn.

Though the transfer of principals has yet to be approved by Halton's Board of Education, a number of announcement sheets have been issued by the schools to parents.

Doug Magwood is heading to the twinned schools of Joseph Gibbons and Limehouse from M.Z. Bennett School.

Tom Gibson is leaving the Gibbons school for Howard Wrigglesworth school.

Harrison public school principal Howard Allen will be at M.Z. Bennett school.

Ray Morrison will be at Harrison school. He is leaving Martin St. school in Milton.

And lastly, Eric Balkind is to be head of

Martin St. school. He has been the principal at Wrigglesworth.

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