



Pat Little displays the prizes available in the Acton Community Services Centre draw. They are: a leather vest, from the old Hide House, a quilt, from the Trinity quilting ladies, a \$25 voucher from Desmond's Tack Shop, a back pack from Canadian Tire, a brass pot and hanger from the Holland Shop, a book from the Book Nook and a barbecue from Home Hardware. The draw will be made September 19, and the items are set up in the window of Pete's Barber Shop.

## Police probe magic show

Halton Regional Police are investigating complaints from merchants about the sale of tickets for an upcoming magic show in Acton.

Staff Sergeant Ron Southgate said businessmen are concerned about a possible fraud but he emphasized no offence has been committed.

The police advise merchants to be cautious whenever they are asked to buy tickets or give donations and make sure they are dealing with a legitimate organization. They should check with the police or Chamber of Commerce whenever

## Actario winners

Gail Charette, 110 Longfield Rd., was the winner of the weekly Actario draw for \$350. Since she was present for the draw Mrs. Charette also won four thick steaks and a camera.

There were five winners of bonus merchant voucher pouches. Karen Gunn, Brampton, and Stella Brunelle, 16 Acton Blvd., won vouchers from IGA, Acton Bowling Lanes, Canadian Tire and Superior Shoe Repair. Vouchers from Family Cleaners, Family Restaurant, Acton Photo and Camera and Stedman's went to Velma West, 40 Marla St., Eric Elstone, 10 River St., won vouchers from Wooden Heart Restaurant, Nielsen's and Jolliffe Shoes. Former Acton resident Ford Alton, now of Georgetown, won vouchers from Family Cleaners, Jug City, Toddlers to Teens and Acton Deli. Vouchers from Family Cleaners, Acton Deli, Family Shoe Store and Ed's In 'N Out were won by Helen Murray, 55 Greenore Cres.



Two of Acton's graduating students, Nancy Patterson of Acton High School and Lynn Graham of St. Joseph's drew the Actario tickets Saturday morning.

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## Blood clinic Thursday

The Acton Red Cross is having a blood clinic this Thursday at the Legion 5 to 8:30 p.m.

Acton is within the Toronto Red Cross and the blood goes directly to Toronto Centre. They need to collect as much as 950 units a day to supply the hospitals in the Toronto district alone.

With summer here and July 1 holiday coming they are going to need even more blood.

When one hears of a bad accident locally he is relieved to hear the victims are still alive. But does anyone ever think of how many pints of blood they need to stay alive or where the blood comes from?—The Red Cross!

Please donate your pint this Thursday, it is badly needed.

## Sean Briggs

# Mission accomplished: now time to move on

It's been four years of hard work and history making for St. Joseph's Separate School principal Sean Briggs and his staff. And now comes the time when the school's first principal feels he must move on.

He has been transferred, by his own request, to St. Vincent

School in Oakville, and will be replaced here in Acton by Fred Springer.

As the founding principal of Acton's first Catholic school, Briggs has seen the enrolment almost double in the past few years, to the point where a new school near the Legion is planned. It is slated to open Sep-



Founding principal of St. Joseph's Catholic School Sean Briggs is handing over the top spot to someone else at the end of the week.

## News digest

- Heller's bomb threat**  
A bomb threat at Hellers plant last week proved to be a hoax after a search by police. Police said no bomb was found during the June 15 search.
- Ballinafad celebration**  
Ballinafad will celebrate Canada's Birthday Saturday, June 27. The parade starts at 12 noon at the community hall to kick off the fourth annual event. Horseshoe tournaments, family soccer games, children's races, games, tug-of-war, obstacle courses and craft tables are some of the many activities planned.
- Trailer break-in**  
Halton Regional Police were called to an unoccupied trailer parked at R.R. 1, Acton this week after thieves broke in and made off with fishing equipment valued at \$325.
- Houston graduates**  
Frank Houston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Houston, 215 Churchill Rd. North, recently graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Abilene Christian University, Texas.
- Sankey vice-president**  
Speyside area resident Debbie Sankey was recently elected vice-president of the Halton Hills Arts Council.
- Children's performances**  
Acton and area children are invited to attend a three-part series of shows sponsored by the University Women's Club of Georgetown at Halton Hills Library Arts Complex in Georgetown. Brochures about the three performances are going to be sent to Acton schools and nursery schools. The first show is the afternoon of November 22, Oliver Button is a Sissy by the National Tap Dance Company of Canada. Making Music Together, with Eric Hagler, is the second performance on January 31, 1982. The series concludes with The Little Blue Hedgehog with The Lampton Puppettheatre on April 18, 1982. Tickets for the series will go on sale in September at \$5 a person.
- Green Christmas**  
Christmas in July? If it's Acton library and it's July 30, then it's Christmas. The holiday fun starts at 2 p.m. and registration is necessary.
- Please register**  
Registration is required for the Craft Club for children 8 to 12 years old at the Acton Library June 27 and July 11 at 2 p.m.

When enrolment was first taken for the proposed separate school in 1977, 115 students were expected. In April, 1980, 209 were enrolled, and today there are 191 students.

The promise of a new school is perhaps the highlight of Briggs' years in Acton. He remarks that he would have liked to stay on to see the new school through, but pointed out he had only planned to stay in Acton five years.

He felt it would not be fair to his replacement to come cold into a brand new school, and said by his leaving a year earlier than expected he would be giving the new principal a chance to get to know the students, staff and parents and at the same time have some input into the new school.

The parents who were willing to give the school a chance when it was first opened deserve a lot of the credit for the school's success.

The late Hazen Allen, principal of Robert Little when St. Joseph's was first opening offered "tremendous support" Briggs says. And since Mr. Allen's death a few years ago, Larry Ciglen and now Ron Chatten have continued with this support.

The two schools share Robert Little's gym, library and school grounds.

The teachers of St. Joseph's have also made his job much easier, the departing principal says. He feels a lot of the credit should go to the staff who have worked in less than perfect circumstances in the old Stone School with the understanding there would one day be a new,

modern school.

The school has made history in the sense that it was the first Catholic school in the Acton area, even though 100 years ago, the Free Press had a story about a lobbyist group trying to get a separate school in town. It was obviously not to become a reality until a century later.

Briggs will miss the school and students, he says. He has lots of roots in the area but he looks forward to the challenges of a new school and new area.

"I'm happy I've had the good fortune in what I consider a privileged position," he states.

His leaving closes one chapter of St. Joseph's books, but opens another.

## Beavers at camp

The theme for the North Halton District Beaver Camp was "Other Lands" held June 20 and 21 at Orangeville Conservation Area.

Scouters in Training, Leslie Kenny and Kim Heaps, both of 2nd Acton Trinity, were in charge of the camp fire on Saturday evening and the Scouts Own on Sunday morning.

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## Magwood leaves...

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While his personal life is not devoted to children (other people's that is), it is devoted to serving the community. Magwood is now serving his second three year term on the Halton Hills Library board, more recently as chairman. He also was with the Georgetown ambulance Brigade for six years.

While he was involved only indirectly, he feels the biggest accomplishment in the education system since his arrival in Acton was the birth of the middle school. The late Gary Dawkins deserves all the credit for that, he points out.

"I'll always appreciate the fact the staff is so dedicated and hard-working and happy," he says of the people who made his job that much easier, and the time go by so quickly.

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