

Chinese people highlight. . . .

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A few days later they took a train to Canton, China and then flew to Peking.

One of the first things Jean noticed in Peking was that no one uses their car headlights. The street lights light up the street enough that they were really not needed.

She was surprised to learn all vehicles of any kind are owned by the government, and the bigger the vehicle the more right of way it has on the streets.

Very few homes have electricity, Jean explained, and it was not uncommon to see families sitting under street lights playing checkers or reading during the evening.

The group stayed at the Friendship Hotel, built by the Russians years ago to be used for barracks. Most of the foreigners who came into the city to teach, etc., would be lodged at the hotel.

The food was delicious Jean says. They had Mandarin food, which is much better than Cantonese, the type of Chinese food eaten in Canada. The group was forced to use chop sticks, she recalls, or starve. Only a few times was western cutlery available, and even then few from the group used it. One hotel made an effort to cook them a North American dinner, but it did not go over well, Jean laughs. It was chickens stuffed with noodles and peas. Milk was rare, as were ice cubes. All water had to

be boiled before drank. Chinese beer and orange pop were served with meals. While in Peking, Coca Cola was served often as they have a factory in that city.

Jean was surprised at the small number of bicycles on the streets. Any pictures she saw of Peking previously showed streets crowded with cyclists, but there were only a few each day.

There is very little wasted space in Peking Jean noticed. The government is starting to build high rise apartment buildings to help the overcrowding. She explained that construction was under way everywhere she looked.

Because they have no Christian holidays, there is no set weekend. Factories are on a six day work week, but don't necessarily get Sunday off. Because of that, stores are open seven days a week.

The Chinese attitude towards sports is totally different than in Canada Jean noticed. There are sports schools ranging from after-school sessions, to boarding schools and then military sports.

There's even mass sports, Jean says. Every morning and afternoon the radio broadcasts exercises and everyone is expected to do the exercises. All schools and many factories take part in this. Jean witnessed a lot of older people doing their martial arts practice in the morning.

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Ollie Nilsen sands down a car in preparation for primer at A-1 Auto Body.

'Wreck-room' is A-1 for new business

Ollie Nilsen's business is a wreck. Nilsen recently opened a new body shop, A-1 Auto Body, on Agnes St. in Acton.

The Denmark native is no newcomer to the world of bent and bashed cars. He began his train-

ing in Europe over 15 years ago, recently he owned Nilsen's Auto Body in Rockwood.

"I think there's more business in this town," said Nilsen. "This place is the only place around, and I found a shop already set up for body

work." Like most small businessmen, Nilsen knows there is a risk in opening up his own shop, but there isn't many other alternatives.

"It's either that or work for somebody else - you might as well go for

the risk," said Nilsen. Still, the owner is optimistic.

"It seems pretty good so far, it's not bad at all," said Nilsen. The owner already has three people working with him in his shop.

Joint meeting idea dropped

A motion by Councillor Bill Johnson for Milton and Halton Hills to Hills Council to hold a joint meeting to discuss common concerns has been shot down.

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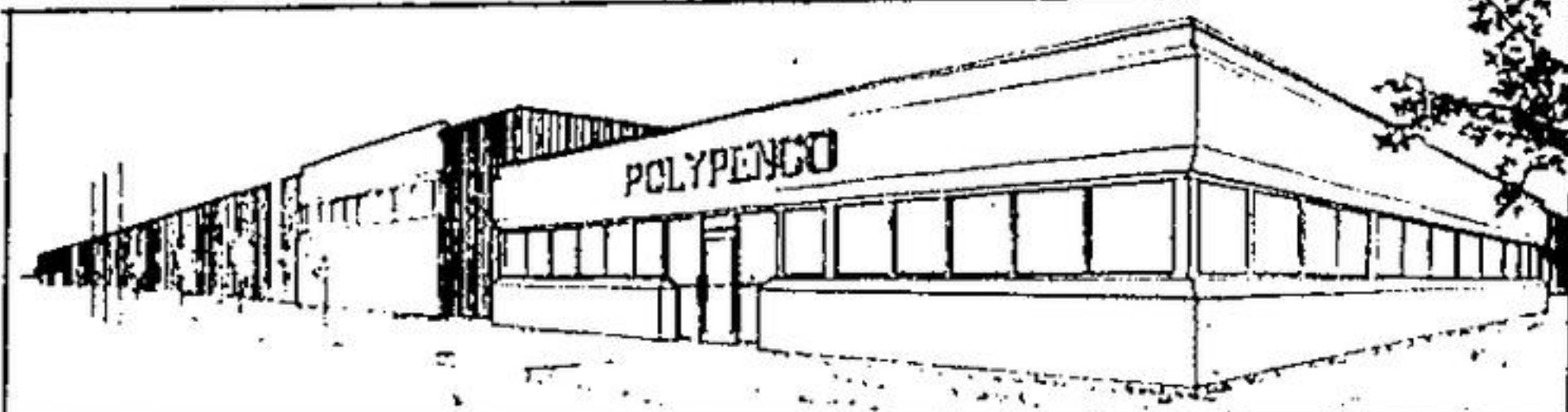
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FAMILY BENEFITS AND VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CHEQUES

The Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services will be delivering the Family Benefits and Mother's Allowance in the following communities in the Region of Halton which include:

- GEORGETOWN, BURLINGTON, MILTON, ACTON

and surrounding area - It is anticipated cheques will be delivered to recipients by Friday, July 31st.



Polypenco footings poured

Footings are poured and the foundation built for the new Polypenco plant in Guelph.

According to Mike Worthington, plant manager, the pits and trenches needed for the firm, and the floor drains are currently

going in and the steel should start to go up next week.

employees of the Acton plant plan to work in the new building, located at the Hanlon Industrial Park he said.

Brownie book locally written

Area brownies and guides will be using an instruction booklet written by an Acton woman.

Lynn Simlioni's book was printed and made available to area brownies and guides this spring. The area's Program Committee informed her of their acceptance of the book in a letter in March and added they would pass on the manuscript to the provincial and national councils.

If, accepted by those councils the book could be used by guides and brownies across the country.

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APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR.

FOR INFORMATION CALL: 877-5186 - TAX OFFICE

Close library

The branch public library at Limehouse School, established approximately ten years ago, will be closed July 31.

The decision was made by Halton Hills Library Board at their last meeting. Librarian Betsy Cornwell pointed out use of the library had steadily declined over

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