

# Salvation Army marks two years service

The Halton Hills branch of the Salvation Army has seen a lot of advancement in the past two years, but even still, Lieutenant Lorne Pritchett is disappointed.

The Army celebrated its second anniversary in Acton this month, but with the anniversary came the news the long-awaited citadel has been further postponed.

Pritchett explained land was being purchased at the corner of Acton's Ransom Street and Main Street South to build their hall. The deal was to close within the week, when, due to circumstances beyond their control, the Salvation Army was not able to secure the property.

The group is now back at square one looking for suitable property. The citadel itself has been okayed by the Salvation Army head office, and funds set aside. It is just

a matter of acquiring property, Pritchett said. Another disappointment is the membership. When they first came to town and were operating out of a two bedroom apartment, there were 13 families. Now there are 18, an increase of only five families. While the Salvation Army is extremely appreciative of Acton's Trinity United Church's generosity in allowing them to meet in that church, Pritchett attributed the low membership to the fact they have no facilities of their own. Members are overwhelmed by the generosity of the church and how well they have been treated. However "we would still fare much better if we had our own facilities."

While disappointed with the slow growth, Pritchett pointed out he would also be disappointed if there were 200 families. "We can never have enough members,"

he said. The Thrift Shops are holding their own, he said. Donations of clothing and other goods are excellent and there is never a lack of customers.

Even if clothes are never sold, they still make money. Pritchett explained that about every three or four months, he takes a large truck of unsold clothing into Toronto where he sells it for 4 1/2 cents a pound. He usually takes in about 2 1/2 ton. The money received goes towards the Army, and the Thrift Shop.

Other methods of fund raising are the Christmas bubbles, donations, and contributions during services. He noted his congregation is very supportive financially.

Hundreds of people have been helped through the Family Services Program Pritchett has established. While anyone is welcome to

come to him with problems, he and wife Barb, also an Army Lieutenant, strive to reach out to those who have no one else in the world.

A women's league meets at the Pritchett home on Norman Avenue, in Acton, where they go for fun and fellowship.

Two years ago, Sunday school had a registration of 15 or 16. Now it is up to 30 he brags.

All are invited to take part in the school which is Sunday mornings at 9.30 at the Acton YMCA.

Over 50 Christmas care hampers were distributed last year. The Army is careful not to overlap families with lists other organizations might be helping at Christmas.

Pritchett said he would like to undo the myth that the Salvation Army helps everyone. "We do not," he said. He explained that many people come to him for help each year, but some are not as needy as others. Others are not needy at all and try to "rip off" the Army.

"I do not choose whom I help, they choose themselves," he said. Anyone who lies to him, for any reason, is not given help. And he checks up on them. He has phoned employers, and those who a person is supposedly in debt to, and he phones the welfare department. If the social services organization okays the person in need, they will receive help. Otherwise, they are turned away, something which Pritchett finds very difficult to do. He noted he has to turn away three or four out of every 100 requests. But by being careful with who the money and help goes to, those who are really in need of it are ensured it will be there.

While Acton is the main hub for the local branch of the Salvation Army, their area covers Georgetown, Rockwood and Eden Mills.

But in spite of the hundreds who have been helped by the Salvation Army, the Salvation Army is in need itself. "We need a new van," Pritchett said, "and we just can't afford one. There are 94,000 miles on the old one, but it will have to wait."

Ventilation in the Acton Thrift Shop is in desperate need of upgrading, and although it has been given number one priority, it is also very expensive. They need more



Salvation Army Lieutenant Lorne Pritchett and his daughter Elizabeth relax in their Norman Ave. Acton home. His brigade serves an area from Georgetown to Eden Mills and Rockwood.

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## Cadets to hold outside services

Salvation Army Cadets will be conducting open air church services throughout Halton Hills for six days, beginning tomorrow (Thursday).

There will be four services on Thursday, all at unspecified places. A children's open air in Acton will be held at 10.30 a.m., and two adult services at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. An adult open air in

Georgetown will be held at 3.30.

On Friday, two children's open air will be held in Georgetown at 9.45 a.m. and 11 a.m. An adult open air will be held at 1.30 and 2 p.m. A Rockwood service will be held at 7.30.

Two more children's open air in Acton will be held Saturday at 9.45 a.m. and 11 a.m. Adult open air will be 2 p.m.

and 4 p.m. with one in Georgetown at 7 p.m.

On the agenda for the Cadets for Sunday is Sunday School at 9.30 a.m., a Holiness Meeting at 11 a.m., an open air in Acton at 3 p.m., and a Salvation meeting at 7 p.m.

Two open air services in Acton on Monday will take place at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and in Rockwood, a children's at 3.30 p.m.

Two children's services in Georgetown will be held at 10 a.m. and 11.15 a.m. Tuesday. Two adult ones in Acton will be at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday's schedule has not yet been set. The cadets are coming from the Salvation Army training college in Toronto and will be led by Captain Linda Bond.

Locations are not determined in advance, and it is hoped the service will attract everyone in the neighborhood.

They need more

## Willow mall on Aug. 29

Against the better judgement of fire chief Mick Holmes, Halton Hills Council decided to allow Willow Street to be closed August 29 for Acton Celebrations.

In a letter, Councillor Terry Grubbe made the appeal to the council on behalf of Ted Tyler, of the Acton Committee. She explained the final draw of the series is that day and organizers wanted a mall to conduct flea markets, farmers' markets, and antiques

sales. She requested Willow be closed down from Bower to Mill Street, and possibly from Mill to Church St.

Holmes pointed out it was against the department's policy to okay anything that might hamper the operation of the fire trucks.

Clerk-Administrator Ken Richardson pointed out that the barricades which will be put up to form the mall are easily removable and would not get in the way. He could foresee no major problems.

## Church Services

<p><b>THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR</b> Corner Willow St. &amp; St. Alban's Dr. Rev. Arthur Tribe B.A., M. Div. Director of Music Mrs. Frank Oakes Sunday, Aug. 2, 1981 9.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Nursery provided. Wednesday morning 10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist resuming Aug. 5th.</p>	<p><b>CHURCHILL COMMUNITY</b> Rev. E.M. Jenkins (416) 820-8022 Sunday, Aug. 2, 1981 10.30 a.m. — Morning Worship. The Church on the Hill is an interdenominational congregation ministering to the needs of the community. Welcome</p>
<p><b>ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Church Service and Sunday School combined at 10.00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>SALVATION ARMY</b> Gospel Service every Sunday at 7.00 p.m. at Trinity United Church, Acton</p>
<p><b>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA ACTON</b> Rev. John A. Robertson M.A., B.D. Organist &amp; Choir Director Mr. E.A. Hansen, B.A.</p>	<p><b>UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA TRINITY CHURCH ACTON</b> Rev. Neill McRee of Erin Mr. George Elliott M.A., Ph.D.</p>
<p><b>COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE</b> 10.00 a.m. Aug. 2-Aug. 30 — Trinity United Sunday Aug. 2, 1981 10.00 a.m. Morning Worship All Welcome</p>	

## Royal nuptials

For those who may miss the Royal wedding either on TV or radio, Acton broadcaster Jack Carpenter says he will be airing the hour and a half British Broadcasting Corporation version of the nuptials on his music hall program on CFCA-FM (Kilchener) this Sunday at 7 p.m.

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