The Acton Beautification Committee led by BIII Coats is holding another Christmas house decorating contest to be judged this weekend.
Bill Coats was one of the instigators of the formation of the Acton Beautification Committee (herein labelled ABC) in the fall of 1980.

Inspired by a Guelph student who chose Acton to hold workshops on architectural planning for her PhD thesis, the ABC was a natural outgrowth of the interest shown. The first activity sponsored by the organization was a Christmas Door

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Please Note:

Corrections in our Flyer -

DOOR THIS WEEK

contest last Christmas won by Mrs. Ockenden of Churchill Rd.

This year's contest has expanded to include the whole house and will be judged this weekend on creativity and display of Christmas spirit. Prizes offered include the first prize of an Actario ticket, \$25 and a Family Cleaners voucher for second and third prizes.

According to Bill, the ABC's objective is to make Actona little nicer place to live. "Although we think it's terrific now . . . we're

starting from a good base." One of the current ABC projects is to look at School Creek with the idea of creating a walkway.

"We have to learn patience," Bill says, "Government moves slowly. "We musn't expect instant answers," Bill

philosophizes. A teacher of math, physics and computer science at Acton High School, Bill has lived in Acton for 22 years.

"I have enjoyed teaching", Bill comments, "There's a definite advantage to teaching in Acton than in the south (Halton). The students are different here, there's a large country influence . . . there's more spirit of co-operation

Active in Trinity United Church for the past 20 years, Bill is currently vice chairman of the Unified Board and has served in various capacities including Chairman of Stewards.

For the past 10 years Bill has been district councillor for the OSSTF District 9 and describes himself as a liaison officer between teachers and the board for this professional organization.

A few years ago Bill and friends Doug Goddard and Boris Shean started up the AD Food Clearance store in Acton-a food discount store that operated for nearly two years. The store grew out of Boris' and Bill's involvement in the school store (known as 'The Closet').

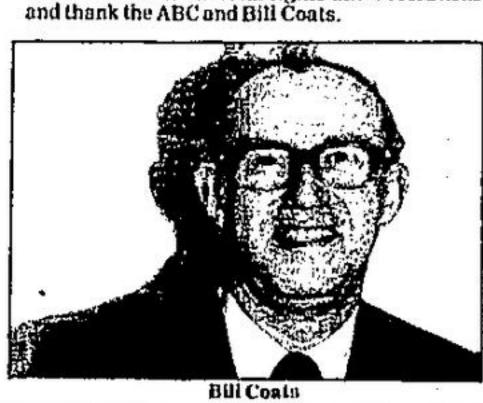
"I'm also heavily involved in bridge," Bill explains, adding he's director with the American Contract Bridge League and plays two weekends a month.

"Bridge is therapy . . . when I'm playing I tend to forget everything else," he comments.

A strong family man Bill spends considerable time in family activity with Gloria and their four children, Ian, Don, Karen, 17 and Kathy 15 plus

honorary daughter Lyndy.

Take a drive this weekend—view the houses in Acton with their cheerful lights and decorations



Santa wasn't the only star at the Acton Firefighters Christmas party Sunday

afternoon. Tweety and Sylvester, alias Doris and Harold Townsely, join Santa

capital budgets from 1976-79 as well as

Another reason why rates are going

up is because some provincial grants are being phased out, although the

region is going to try and renegotiate this matter, Whiting said. He noted

the grants were for phasing in equal-

ized water and sewer rates across the

Whiting noted much of the capital

work which the region must finance

has been done in north Halton and in-

creases in the north would be much.

much higher than 10.7 per cent if rates

construction of a new well or wells.

come from the 1982 budget and esti-

mated costs for construction of either

plan are to be included in the 1982

Another recommendation is that

when "experiments" or changes are

contemplated in the water that the

consulted. Water customers are to be

cases of "temporary defluoridation

at 3 a.m. to a home on

the Fourth Line north of

Highway 7. Holmes re-

ports a motor on a

furnace seized up, filling

the home with smoke.

There was no fire.

capital budget for review.

weren't equalized across Halton.

debenturing in 1982.

Water-sewer bills

\$15,000 for consultant

to study Prospect well

asked today to hire a consultant to "The money for the consultant is to

service in Acton in the wake of the health department be informed and

resulted in residents receiving brown- notified that changes are being made

yellow water for seven days, coun- by notices in water bills or newspaper

cillor Dave Whiting reported this ads. Notification is to be made in

"consultant to be retained at an esti- No "further attempts" are to be

mated cost of \$15,000 as soon as made to treat the Prospect Park well

One recommendation calls for a and taste and color changes."

going up 10.7%

In wishing Angela Dunn a happy holiday season.

Water and sewer bills will likely be

Today (Wednesday) regional

council is to receive a report from the

treasurer calling for a 10.7 per cent in-

according to regional Councillor Dave

cover "non-recurring factors" or one time only costs and also put the water

sewer rates on a sounder long term

financial basis. The treasurer's report

says the rates must be hiked to pay for

debenturing in 1981 of water and

sewer project which were included in

Regional council is going to be

look at the costs of having a ful. scale

water treatment plant process for the

Prospect Park well or constructing

Planning and works committee last

commendations regarding water

problem in late October which

three

new wells to serve Acton.

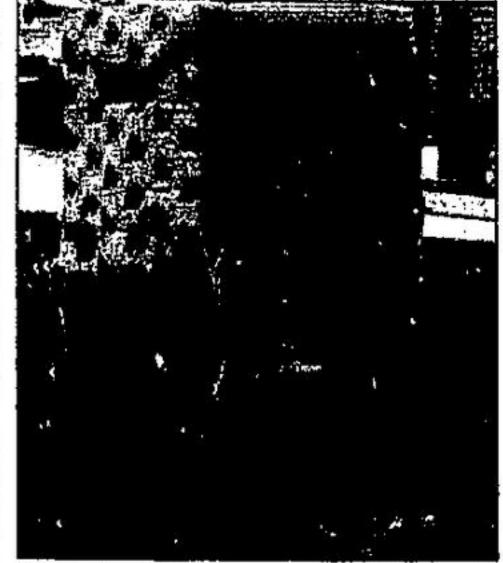
approved

He said the increase is designed to

crease in water and sewer rates,

Whiting.

going up over 10 per cent next year.



This mystery Christmas present caused quite a stir downtown Saturday morning. Ed Wood, head of the Acton BIA, were the \$5,000 gift to announce the BIA's donation to the town hall.

\$6,000 more for town hall

The local town hall restoration fund swelled by \$6,000 last week.

The Acton Business Improvement Area (BIA) chairman Ed Wood announced Thursday that they have set aside \$5,000 for landscaping around the hall if it is restored while Leathertown chairman Chip Petrillo revealed \$1,000 raised by that group through the recent Wintario draw in Acton is pledged to the town hall project.

Last year Actario raised about \$30,000 for the hall and the Town Hall Restoration Committee has about \$10,000 in pledges and donations.

(Continued from page 1)

act. Snow noted the province can do things on their own, such as have handicapped parking at all pro-vincial buildings, but for the plan to be really successful it must filter down to the municipal level.

Doberthien said the province should be setting an example for municipalities to follow. They all agreed commonality is the key to any provincial and municipal action.

The minister observed that police enforcement of reserved handicapped parking is a problem and local bylaws would be needed allowing police to go on private property to tag cars.

Doberthlen also noted Snow pointed to the pro-

blems of co-ordinating action by levels of government. Snow said GO brought in reduced fares for the handicapped using the GO system, but then couldn't get the Toronto Transit Commission to follow suit.

Doberthien feels the ground work has been completed to persuade government to take action on parking for the disabled and now people must sit back and walt and see what will be done. He believes direction will come from the province since parking is a provincial and municipal matter not under federal jurisdiction, although he has received a sympathetic response to his concerns from Ottawa also.

Snow requested copies of all the letters and material Doberthien has gathered on the parking problems of the disabled not just for himself but also his staff.

Doberthien concluded he went to the meeting feeling his campaign would either end with Snow or really get started by the people at Queen's Park who can get things done. He said he and Reed both felt afterwards that Snow will get things started to improve parking for the disabled.

Reed has sent a letter outlining what was dis-cussed to Snow and the minister has promised a written reply. "Lorne's efforts are going to pay off and all the credit goes to him," Reed concluded.

Golden Agers Welcome three new members

by Edith Frankland The afternoon meeting business meeting we of the Golden Age Club played euchre and the took place in the Luxton winners were Mac December 1 and 38 Joe Berry and Tom members braved the Berry. elements, including three now members.

on Tuesday Fountain, Jean Jackson, Out next meeting will

After the close of the

Elizabeth Anderson, be on December 16 at 5 Ruth Linham and Walter p.m. and will be our Linham, were extended Christmas party, a pot a very warm welcome. luck supper.

Major injuries in crash

An RR 2 Acton woman was in collision with a was taken to Orangeville car driven by William hospital with major Walton, 26, of Erin, who injuries last Thursday was travelling north following a two car bound. The collision:

Susan Berner, 27 was of County Road 25 and bound Wellington County Road 25 (Halton Road Seven) injuries.

at 7.21 p.m. when she

Driver flees

occured at the junction

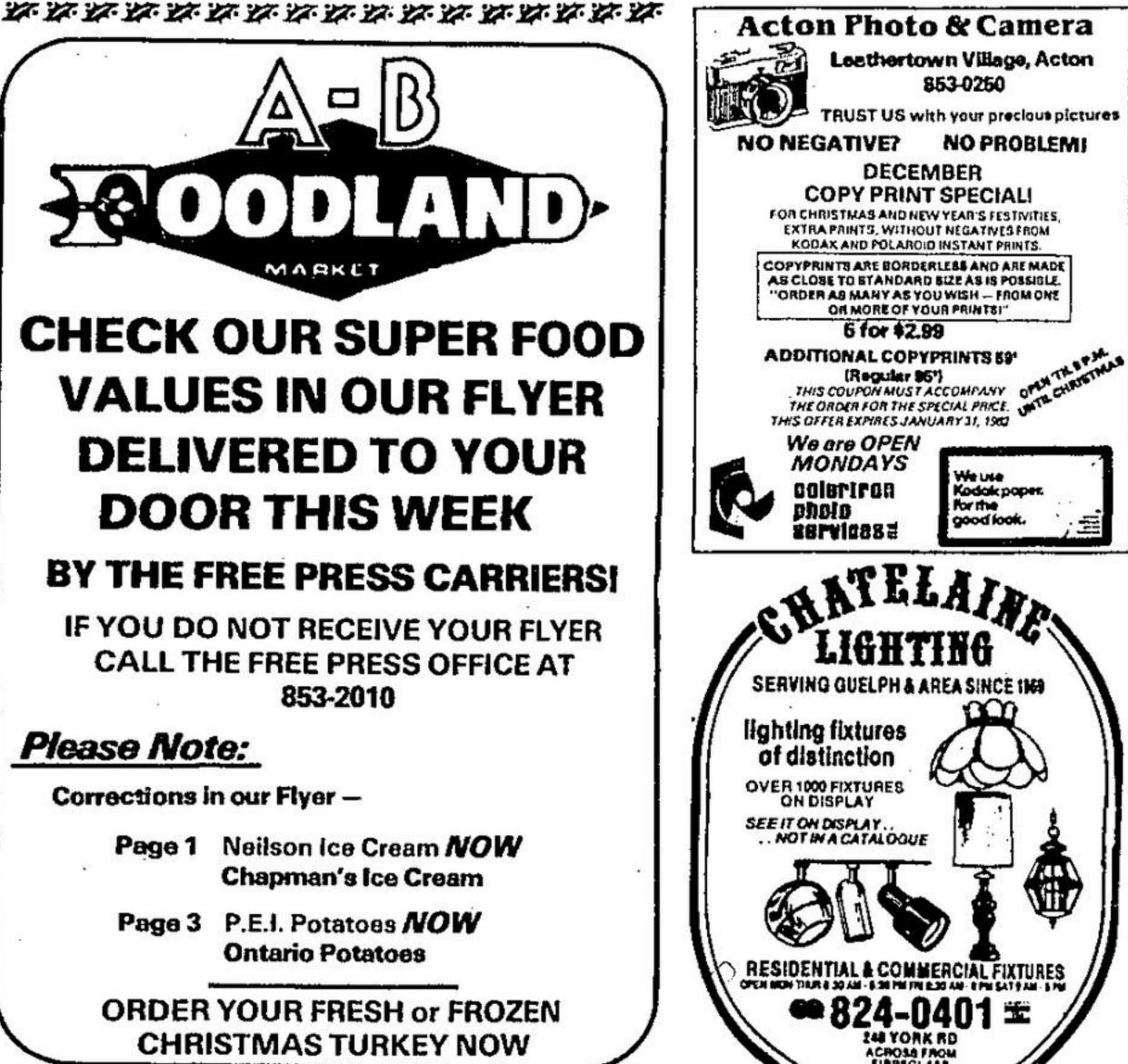
Walton suffered minor

Con. Road 9.

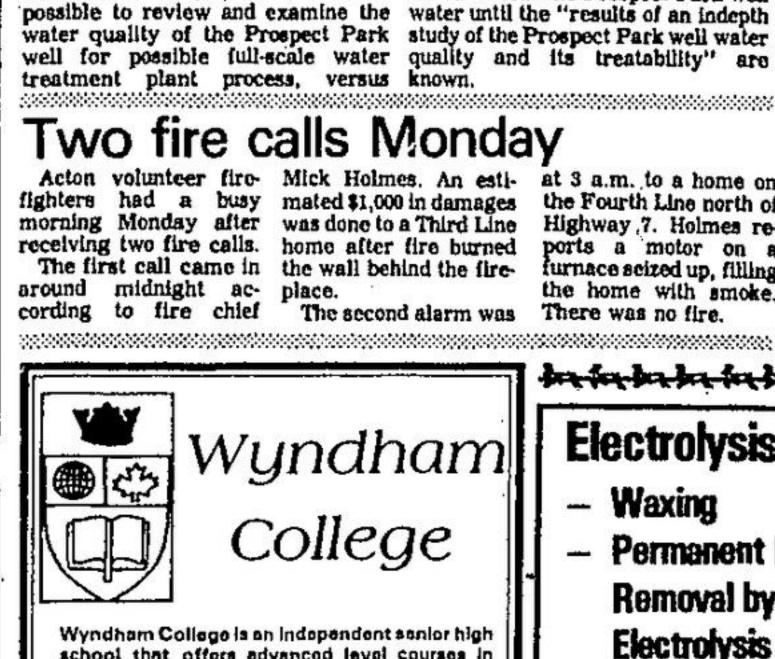
An unknown driver who couldn't make up his mind which way to turn struck a car on Main St. N. In Acton. near Knox Ave. and left the scene last Thursday

afternoon. Rodney Donaldson, of Acton, was driving north on Main St. N., and attempted to pass a car signalling a left turn. Instead. vehicle turned right. striking the Donaldson vehicle on the left side. then left the scene before the vehicle could be identified.

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