

Profiles

with Jennifer Barr



It's time for Acton to beautify for Christmas. The Acton Beautification Committee led by Bill 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

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 Acton a 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 mustn'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 Ac-

ton than in the south (Halton). The students are different here, there's a large country influence... there's more spirit of co-operation here." 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 Lynda. Take a drive this weekend—view the houses in Acton with their cheerful lights and decorations and thank the ABC and Bill Coats.



Bill Coats



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

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Santa wasn't the only star at the Acton Firefighters Christmas party Sunday afternoon. Tweety and Sylvester, alias Doris and Harold Townsely, join Santa in wishing Angela Dunn a happy holiday season.

Water-sewer bills going up 10.7%

Water and sewer bills will likely be going up over 10 per cent next year. Today (Wednesday) regional council is to receive a report from the treasurer calling for a 10.7 per cent increase in water and sewer rates, according to regional councillor Dave Whiting.

He said the increase is designed to 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 capital budgets from 1976-79 as well as debenturing in 1982.

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 equalized water and sewer rates across the region.

Whiting noted much of the capital work which the region must finance has been done in north Halton and increases in the north would be much, much higher than 10.7 per cent if rates weren't equalized across Halton.

\$15,000 for consultant to study Prospect well

Regional council is going to be asked today to hire a consultant to look at the costs of having a full scale water treatment plant process for the Prospect Park well or constructing new wells to serve Acton.

Planning and works committee last week approved three recommendations regarding water service in Acton in the wake of the problem in late October which resulted in residents receiving brown-yellow water for seven days, councillor Dave Whiting reported this week.

One recommendation calls for a "consultant to be retained at an estimated cost of \$15,000 as soon as possible to review and examine the water quality of the Prospect Park well for possible full-scale water treatment plant process, versus construction of a new well or wells. The money for the consultant is to come from the 1982 budget and estimated costs for construction of either plan are to be included in the 1982 capital budget for review.

Another recommendation is that when "experiments" or changes are contemplated in the water that the health department be informed and consulted. Water customers are to be notified that changes are being made by notices in water bills or newspaper ads. Notification is to be made in cases of "temporary defluoridation and taste and color changes."

No "further attempts" are to be made to treat the Prospect Park well water until the "results of an indepth study of the Prospect Park well water quality and its treatability" are known.

Two fire calls Monday

Acton volunteer firefighters had a busy morning Monday after receiving two fire calls. The first call came in around midnight according to fire chief Mick Holmes. An estimated \$1,000 in damages was done to a Third Line home after fire burned the wall behind the fire-ound midnight according to fire chief. The second alarm was at 3 a.m. to a home on the Fourth Line north of Highway 7. Holmes reports a motor on a furnace seized up, filling the home with smoke. There was no fire.

\$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 Leestertown 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.

Disabled....

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act. Snow noted the province can do things on their own, such as have handicapped parking at all provincial 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.

Doberthien also noted Snow pointed to the problems 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 wait 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 discussed 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 of the Golden Age Club took place in the Luxton Hall on Tuesday December 1 and 38 members braved the elements, including three new members.

Elizabeth Anderson, Ruth Linham and Walter Linham, were extended a very warm welcome.

After the close of the business meeting we played euchre and the winners were Mae Fountain, Jean Jackson, Joe Berry and Tom Berry.

Out next meeting will be on December 18 at 5 p.m. and will be our Christmas party, a pot luck supper.

Major injuries in crash

An RR 2 Acton woman was taken to Orangeville hospital with major injuries last Thursday following a two car crash.

Susan Berner, 27 was south bound on Wellington County Road 25 (Halton Road Seven) at 7:21 p.m. when she was in collision with a car driven by William Walton, 26, of Erin, who was travelling north bound. The collision occurred at the junction of County Road 25 and Con. Road 9.

Walton suffered minor injuries.

Driver flees

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, the other 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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