



Dave Sale, right, was one of five musicians, the Community Players Quintet, who entertained at Acton Library Saturday morning.



New 2nd Acton Brownies and leaders were enrolled recently. Front row, left to right, Leani Christie, Samantha Gudgeon, Ethna Gourlay and Debbie Swinamen. Back row, Marilyn Murray and Sophie Warrington.

ActiVan ridership climbing

ActiVan ridership is going up rapidly, but as use increases, so do costs. Monday Halton Hills general committee received a report on the one year trial transit service for the disabled and learned since the bus started operating in early May it has made 1,811 trips in Halton Hills. Ridership steadily increased from May through the end of July when vacations resulted in a tail off. Then in September trips began climbing again and went over 400 a month in November.

There are 86 registered ActiVan users; 26 in Acton, 15 in the rural area and 45 in Georgetown. Fifty-eight per cent of the users are not only handicapped, but also senior citizens. Four per cent are under 30 years of age and the remaining 38 per cent of users are evenly distributed in age between 30 and 65. The youngest rider is 13 years old and the oldest is 95. Fourteen per cent of riders are confined to wheel chairs at least part of the time and 22 per cent are males and 78 per cent females.

Only 26 per cent of the riders live in senior citizen apartment buildings, the remainder are in houses. Over half of the ActiVan trips, 58 per cent, are for shopping, social or recreational outings and 43 per cent are for medical reasons.

ActiVan is operating Sunday morning taking members of the Friends-in-Deed club to the Acton Indoor Pool for swimming and also operates one Tuesday night a month taking members to the club meeting.

Tuesdays are ActiVan's busiest days, an average of 16 trips a day, while there are an average of 13 trips a day on Thursdays and Fridays and seven on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson praised the generosity of groups in Halton Hills which have donated funds. Over 50 different organizations have donated \$25,390.24 to ActiVan. She noted the groups will be canvassed to see if they will make donations again next year before the special ActiVan committee recommends if the service should continue past April.

To the end of November ActiVan is running \$1,660.25 under budget, but the report cautions this surplus is melting away as the service is used more and more.

Father Diodati pleased with congregation



Father Ralph Diodati is "delighted" with his promotion to Acton from Cambridge. He finds the town very friendly.

Not only is St. Joseph's Church the kind of church Father Ralph Diodati has always wanted to work in, but it is the precise parish he has been watching closely these past few years.

Father Diodati recently replaced Father Leo Speagle who received a much deserved promotion to a larger church in Kitchener. Acton is a promotion for Father Diodati, who was an assistant pastor in Cambridge.

is his turn to live in it, he feels even more strongly about it. The church itself is a comfortable and welcoming place to worship, he says.

"If I had had a chance to hand pick my next assignment," Father Diodati said, "I would have picked Acton."

Born and raised in New Jersey, Father Diodati has seen enough homes in the past few years. At the age of 15 he and his family moved to Philadelphia. In 1960 Father Diodati decided to attend St. Augustine Seminary in Toronto. He knew people in the Guelph area and decided to give Canada a try. In 1968 he was ordained. Since then he has had two assistant pastor assignments in Hamilton and two in Cambridge before coming to Acton in his first position as parish priest.

St. Joseph's CWL

Say farewell Father Speagle and welcome Father Diodati

by Ann Montgomery

St. Joseph's C.W.L.'s annual Christmas Dinner catered by the Dublin Women's Institute was held on December 9 in the parish hall. This festive event was attended by 35 League members. The Ladies were doubly honored by the presence of our former pastor and Spiritual Director, Father Leo Speagle and his replacement, Father Ralph Diodati.

Grace was led by Father Diodati. Following the dinner, President Mary Margaret Dickinson presented Father Speagle with a parting gift on behalf of the C.W.L. and, also, presented Father Diodati with a cheese basket and card. She wished them both well on their new assignments and season's greetings. Both gentlemen thanked the League members for their support and wished the ladies continued success.

A short business meeting was then held with brief reports on the Christmas bazaar being read by Mrs. Dickinson and treasurer Mrs. Ann Donston. The bazaar was not only a financial success, but a great team effort by all members of the parish. With Father Diodati



Georgi Gaskill and David Johns were two of three students chosen High School Students of the Month for November. Georgi put in a lot of time for the school athletic program and David works hard on the Santa Claus parade float, the school year book and the band. Renata Brillinger was also honored for her work on the school swim team.

program, he explained. "I just want to be a good servant to the people of St. Joseph's parish," he said. "I want to provide the sacraments of the church—the spiritual guidance and to be effective doing that. If I am that, that's enough for me."

St. Joseph's C.W.L. will be hosting a guest speaker from Halton Women's Place. This will be an open meeting for all ladies in the Halton area.

Single car crash

Three people were treated and released at Guelph General Hospital early Saturday morning following a single vehicle accident on Highway 7 at the edge of Rockwood.

Guelph OPP report a car driven by Thomas Wurr, 22, of RR 5, Rockwood, was south bound on Highway 7 one mile south of county road 27 when it veered off the road and struck a hydro pole. Damage to the car is estimated at \$3,000 and \$500 to the pole.

Two passengers, Carolyn Finmore, 19, and Rick Daudlin, 24, both of Guelph were slightly injured.

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