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Ron McKnight, Citizen of the Year, was showered with gifts, but one of the best in his book was a Guy LaFleur stick from Irene and John McCauley.



set an Ontario speed record.



a medal of bravery for Mississauga Firelighter during the train derail-



Bob Angell introduces charter Branch 197 member Fred Wright at the Golden Anniversary banquet in late March.



Neale MacMillan spent the summer Cameroon, an African



Ron Skellington bas left Acton for the Philip-

1981 news review

May

June

Leathertown announced plans in sented with a medal of bravery for his

June to try and bring the Winterio work during the famed 1979 Miss-

Town hall restoration supporters learned there are some problems in connection with provincial grants and they only have until the end of July to finalize applications and nall down costs which have escalated. The restoration committee decided to urge council save the building exterior and conduct a structural study of the building. Acton Chamber of Commerce and Leathertown held a successful Monte Carlo night to raise funds to promote Acton as a leather tourist attraction in May.

ActiVan, the trial transit service for the disabled, began operating in May.
A federal student work grant was

secured by Leathertown to hire three students for the summer to research Acton's history. Once again bears were seen in the

rural area just north of Acton. Neale MacMillan, a rural Rockwood resident, headed for Cameroon, an African nation, for a summer

draw show to Acton later in the year.

An Acton man was charged with

criminal negligence causing death,

failing to remain at the scene of an ac-

cident and impaired driving in con-

nection with a fatal hit-and-run occi-

dent in which a Guelph man was killed

Halton Hills council heard a pro-

posal to build a municipal complex to

be rented to the town beside a small

Well known Acton sportsman,

Legion member and Rotarian, Ron

McKnight was announced as Acton's

Citizen of the Year and honored at the

At a police church parade at Knox

Presbylerian Church Chief James

Harding pledged to continue efforts

just north of Rockwood in 1979.

shopping plaza in Georgetown.

end of the month.

cultural exchange. Actario organizers were busy making plans to run the lottery for another

In co-operation with the Ministry of Environment, Beardmore Inunched a major study on chemical waste runoff to determine the extent of impact, if any, on the environment. The study would be completed by the end of 1981. Ray and Lila Atkinson of Acton won \$500,000 in the Provincial lottery.

A preliminary consultants study indicated Acton couldn't grow much, if at all, because of limits on the sewage plant and the receiving stream cap-

Developer Jerry Sprackman unveiled a scaled down plan for a plaza on the cast side of Acton. Halton Hills has been opposing Sprackman's proposal for a couple of years now and the matter is before the Ontario Municipal Board pending a hearing.

issauga train derailment.

Rockwood skating star Jean Bonner

There was another highly success-

ful Eramosa Pioneer Day celebration

for the town hall, but stopped short of

Acton High School students made a

held in Rockwood in late June.

second voyageur canoe trip.

IGA plaza to be built downtown.

While no firm decision has been

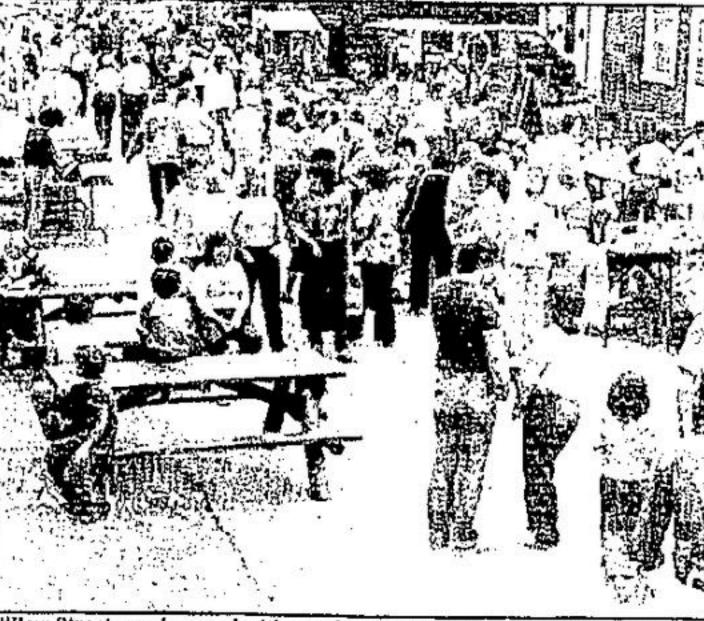
made yet, closing of the Acton hydro

office had been discussed by Halton

Hills Hydro Commission it was re-

Citizenship trip.

left in June for a sports tour of China.



Willow Street was jammed with people for the first Leathertown Market, held as a big windup day for the last Actarlo draw of the lottery's first year.

Queen's Park agreed to kick in half the cost of a study of the Acton town hall and the consultants who will conduct the study will hold two public meetings and survey the community to see if residents want the building

Reporting on his first eight months in office Councillor Dave Whiting said the region was on the right track towards solving its financial problems but there was still a long way to go.

The Yugoslavian Centre south of Acton officially opened in July. Rotarian exchange student Denise

Council approved an updating study Dilbey decided to go to Japan this fall committing to restoration of the while another Acton High School student, Ron Skelfington, was headed to Manitoba and later the Philippines. big splash in northern Ontario on their-Five local postal clerks went out on strike with other inside workers

across Canada shutting down the mail Kymm Lakin was sent to Ottawa by the Rotary Club on their Adventure in system. Acton and area residents mourned

the death of Marathon of Hope runner Developer Jerry Sprackman decid-Terry Fox. ed to withdraw his objection to the

A Burlington man pleaded guilty to careless driving and was convicted in connection with a car-bicycle accident in Burlington in 1980 in which a former Acton resident was killed.

Plans were unveiled for a major recreation complex at Waterfalls Park, ton.

including a 100 room lodge, golf course, indoor and outdoor tennis court, indoor racquet sports and indoor pool. The plan was received coolby the Nlagara Escarpment Commission.

An Acton man's homing pigeon set an Ontario speed record.

A booming local business, the olde Hide House, which draws lots of tourists to Acton added a fur salon and gift shop to its ever growing oper-

Halton Separate School Board was still aiming to open the new St. Joseph's School next spring after the province approved schematic draw-

A former Acton firefighter, Wayne Kelley, was honored with presentation of the Ontario Fire Services Long Service Medal. His wife Mildred was also honored.

Developers said they hoped to get started on the new IGA plaza downtown in September.

Consultants studying downtown Acton came out strongly opposed to any plaza development outside the core

Three youths assaulted a Halton Regional policeman in downtown Ac-

Looking back at 1981

The region finally nailed the figures down and Councillor Dave Whiting announced the deficits piled up over the past four years by the senior level of local government was \$1.1 million.

The BIA won't be able to bring a circus to town, a little known bylaw prohibits such attractions unless a long list of requirements are met and a licence obtained.

The province approved tentative design plans for the new St. Joseph's School to be built on Mill St. West.

Taxes were soaring. With budgets finalized the average increase in Acton for Halton Hills was \$17.46, \$21.92 for education and \$32 for the region. Tax hikes were similar in Esquesing.

Polypenco announced plans to move out of Acton later in 1981 and open a new factory in Guelph. All of the firm's employees would be invited to work at the new plant.

Developer Jerry Sprackman, who wants to build a plaza on the east side of town, objected to the rezoning for the new IGA plaza downtown to the Ontario Municipal Board, putting the development on hold.

Staff and ex-students of the late Gary Dawkins, former principal of M.Z. Bennett and McKenzle-Smith schools, recalled the Actonian's dedication to education at a special program in April. The tribute to the principal who died suddenly in July, 1979, at age 40, included dedication of the McKenzie-Smith library as the Gary Dawkins Memorial Library.

Halton Hills council decided to reject property tax reform through Section 86. Acton's councillors staunchly supported the plan.

A golf course would be part of a plan to develop

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land east of Churchill Rd. North and north of Highway 7. The proposal called for 1,005 homes for 3,390 people. Miss Acton Fall Fair, Lisa McGrath, was selected

runner-up Miss Sea Maid at the Canadian Spring Boat Show held in Malton. A municipal administration building costing an

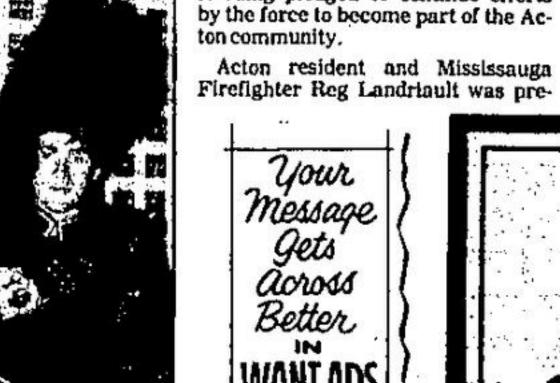
estimated \$1.6 million was included in Halton Hills five year capital expenditure forecast.

After its first year of operation in Acton just over 10 per cent of households were participating in Divide and Conquer, a garbage recycling program.



Acton Baptist Church Pastor Jean Stairs became Acton's first female minister.













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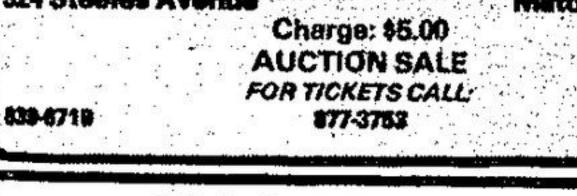


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