# Remembering 1981s highlights

### **August**

Hide House owners announced a deal had been struck to locate a restaurant, operated by the owners of the Plainsman smorgasbord restaurant near Hamilton, in the largest leather retail outlet in Canada here in Acton. Tour buses are being lined up to visit the restaurant which will open before the end of 1981.

Halton Hills approved a development agreement for the new IGA plaza downtown. Actonian Scott Malcolm went to Scotland to compete with the Guelph Pipe Band in the World

Championships. Final design plans for the new St. Joseph's school were approved by trustees and forwarded to the province for approval. President of the parents'

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association, Vince Whelan, disputed Trustee Irene McCauley's contention the school could still be opened by next spring. Whelan said board administrators told him high interest rates would delay the construction and school opening until the fall of 1982. However, administrators said no such decision had been made.

Neighbors were protesting loud noise at picnics at the Yugoslavian Centre as well as having police lay a charge. The town also laid charges and protested the noise problem to the LLBO. Two picnics were cancelled.

Two Speyside area youths spent a harrowing three hours atop a log jam in the Gatineau River after wild rapids rammed their cance into the logs.

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They were rescued by an Armed Forces helicopter. Local resident Michael Stevens was busy in August making a movie entitled Humungus at Waterfalls Park in Limehouse.

A Burlington man who was convicted of careless driving in connection with a car-bicycle accident in 1980 in which three women, including a former Acton resident, were killed was fined \$200 and his driver's licence suspended for a year. The Crown said the light sentence would be appealed.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy announced the limits to growth in Acton might not be as tight as expected

and there might be some growth permitted here. Miss Minnie Z. Bennett celebrated her 101st birthday in August.

Acton Optimists president Walter Barlow presents Youth of the Year Awards to Renata Brillinger and Jay Kitching, both Acton High School students. They were honored for their contributions to their school and community.

# November

Recalling 1981s news

Two noise bylaw violation charges against Nick Cajic of the Canadian-Yugoslav Centre were dismissed in court, but Halton Hills vowed to re-charge Cajic and others involved in the recreation centre because of numerous noise complaints Sundays last

The consultants studying the town hall came up with six scenarios ranging in price from \$40,000 for demolition to \$440,000 for complete restoration.

. Father Leo Speagle of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church was named pastor of a Kitchener

church and left Acton at the end of the month. There was a two week rotating layoff for 175 Beardmore workers in November.

The St. Joseph's School project final design plans were given verbal approval by the province and trustees were hoping the project would go to tender in January. The separate school board has now given up on its goal to open the new school in the spring of 1982, but it will open by next fall.

The Prospect Park well which produced seven days of yellow-brown water in late October was closed down and the region offered compensation for those whose clothing was damaged.

Worker blood lead levels at Canada Battery dropped significantly the company announced. After nearly a year without a minister, Acton Baptist Church has a new pastor, Acton's first fe-

male minister, Jean Stairs. The big Wintario draw show at Acton High School

drew a crowd of over 800 people. Rural residents Norman and Mabel Newman celebrated an unbelievable 70 years of marriage in November.

Three Acton youths were fined a total of \$1,000 for assaulting a police officer downtown last summer. Maple Leaf captain Darryl Sittler came to town to

help Martha Jackson celebrate her 100th birthday.

#### September raising more than \$10,000.

The town hall study, which will cost \$11,000, will take two months to complete it was announced by the town. Wintario set November 28 as the tentative date for the live show's visit

to Acion. Phase two of the downtown Acton study called for parkettes at the corner of Main and Mill and around the town hall, as well as a truck route

around downlown. Margaret Buchanan turned 101 in tickets had been sold. September.

A strike had been looming, but after a second vote in the plant, Beardmore workers ratified a new two year pact. Dave Whiting said he will push for a mosquito spraying program next

summer because a region study shows they are a nulsance and the variety around Acton spread encep-

circled the Acton High School track centres and recreational facilities.

Despite cold weather thousands flocked to the Acton Fall Fair which

was bigger and better than ever. Cindy McGilloway won the title of Miss Acton Fall Fair with Kymm Lakin and Marlene Lott the runners-up. The planned October start of Ac-

tario's second year was postponed the last week of September until the beginning of December not enough

Acton's new independent Cancer Society unit was born in late

September. Firefighters suggested to council that if the hydro building becomes vacant they'd like to move out of their

present quarters into that building. Local resident Lorne Doberthien and MPP Julian Reed announced the start of a campaign to have the pro-Terry Fox's dream was alive and vince require parking for the disabled well in Acton as over 200 runners at government buildings, shopping

## October

a young mother of two, Colleen Oates. Within a few days police had captured the suspect killer, Eric Howard Kellar, in a warehouse in Pickering.

Residents were a little upset when for seven days yellow-brown water came pouring out of local taps. The water damaged clothing and even killed pet fish. It was caused by changes in treatment of water coming from

the Prospect Park well.

over 300 Acton households. Council decided, with some prompting from former councillor Pat McKenzie, to approach the board of education about the future use of the downtown until 1982.

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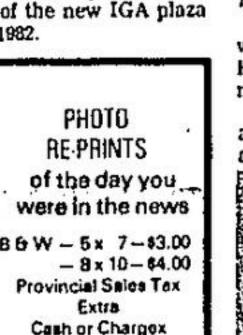
Acton was shocked by the murder of Stone School after St. Joseph's moves next year.

Leathertown came up with a plan to buy the town hall while Actario and the Restoration Committee proposed renting the building for 99 years. Both proposals were shelved

Canada Battery pledged stiff measures to get worker blood lead levels down to an acceptable level and keep them there.

The preliminary hearing into Consultants studying the town hall charges against an Acton resident in sent out a lengthy questionnaire to connection with a fatal hit-and-run accident in 1979 was adjourned until December.

High interest rates delayed the start of construction of the new IGA plaza



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### December

By a narrow 7-6 margin Halton Hills council decided not to restore the town hall. However, council also decided not to tear the hall down until community groups have a chance to come up with any kind of a proposal to take the building over and restore it themselves.

A petition circulated one weekend in December attracted nearly 400 signatures of residents opposed to tax dollars being spent to restore the building.

The urban servicing study was completed and showed Acton can grow by nearly 3,000 people over the next two decades. Homes could be built east of Churchill Rd. both north and south of the highway as well as on Mill St. West near the site of the new St. Joseph's School. Actario began its second year of draws in Decem-

MP Otto Jelinek, opposed to the Charter of

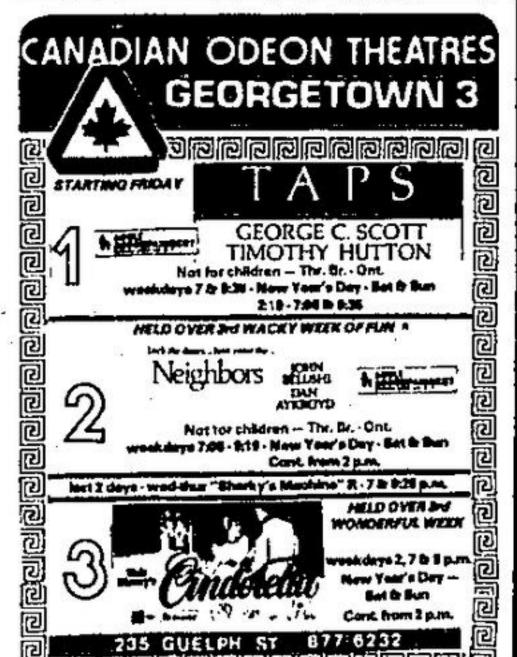
Rights, voted against the constitutional resolution. Two officials of the Canadian-Yugoslav Centre were again charged with noise bylaw violations by Halton Hills stemming from many complaints from neighbors during the summer.

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Over 800 people attended the Leathertown sponsored Wintario draw show at Acton High School in

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