



New first Acton Guides members were enrolled last week. Front row, left to right, Nichole Nibbs, Tina Haaster, Theresa Mitchell, Dana Petrillo, Amanda Kovacs, Melissa Fabian and Ellen Piehl. Back row, Maureen McGillivray, Wanda Hardy, Paula de Montmorency, Cindy Wallace, Tracy Haggitt, Jeanette Verbik and Tracy Neil.

## Town examines arcade regulations

The town's bylaw enforcement officer is looking at regulations for pinball arcades.

Monday Halton Hills clerk-administrator Ken Richardson told general committee Jack Lusty has been directed to look at ways other municipalities regulate the location and other aspects in pinball arcade operations.

The issue of regulating arcades was raised by Councillor Ross Knechtel in response to concerns raised by parents, a church and a school about an application to Halton Hills Com-

mittee of Adjustment for an arcade to operate in a gas station on Highway 7 east of Churchill Rd. South.

Richardson said the town may want to regulate the location of an arcade even within a commercial area. Lusty's research will include regulations of hours of operation, but not age of the players since that would be "discriminatory".

Committee also approved Councillor Dave Whiting's licensing bylaw committee's recommendation that pinball arcade licence fees be set at \$300 a year.

## Local mechanics on the go as cold invades vehicles

The Arctic weather of the past few weeks hasn't dumped too much snow on the area, but it sure has caused havoc with local service stations.

Les Pelitis of Achilles Motors says his number of service calls is higher than ever before, already he has had twice as many as last year.

Pelitis pointed out that most of the problems are batteries or starters. He noted not one of his many calls has been to a Mazda.

Most people, Pelitis said, have been very understanding and calm and are willing to wait a while while the busy service truck gets to them.

Gord Ramsden, service manager of L and L Ford does not know why a lot of his service calls are tow-ins. He explains that most cold-weather-calls involving batteries and spark plugs are fixable on the spot, but these past few weeks there have been just as many calls needing to be towed into the shop as can be fixed at home.

There have also been plenty of problems with batteries needing boosting, he said. He estimates his station has answered about five calls a day for over three weeks.

Frank Toth, of Toth Motors, blames carelessness for cars not starting. He explains if a car is well maintained and has regular tune-ups it should have no trouble starting.

Toth pointed out all his service calls are from people who "want everything done right now or sooner". He has had to contend with dead batteries, frozen gas lines, and other starting problems.

And once "they" get the cars started, they drive out in the country and land up in the ditch and he has to go fetch them with his tow truck.

However, Toth says he no longer sends his tow trucks out in all weather, after an accident a few years ago in a blinding snow storm cost him a leg. He was out pulling a car from a ditch and another car ran into him during a whiteout. When the weather gets very bad, he says, he just doesn't take any chances and pulls the trucks off the road.

Acton Home Hardware was completely sold out of snow shovels by one Saturday, according to owner

Mike Kinal. A trip to the factory on the following Monday soon replenished the store's supply.

Power shovels are also a fast seller. Kinal said, especially to the older people, for whom it is ideal. He highly recommends the power shovels.

Snowblowers are not in as great demand this time of year, Kinal said. He explained there has to be about eight inches of heavy snow before people invest the money in a blower. Because of the high winds of the past few weeks, when snow has fallen it has been blown from driveways by nature. However, once an extremely heavy snowfall comes, the sale of snowblowers will pick up.

The hardware store owner also stated that he can't keep enough street salt in the store, with customers buying it up as fast as he can get it in.

Don Ross, of Country Mart, says he has not had a rush on snowblowers, and does not sell shovels.



Incoming executive of the 1982 Acton Fall Fair Board consists of: back row, left to right, secretary-treasurer, John Rowe; past president, Brian Evans; front row, vice president Norm Shea, president Keith Aitken; second vice Maggie Hall.

## 1981 Fair in the black

Despite poor winter weather Saturday 36 members of the Acton Agricultural Society attended the annual meeting to hear the 68th Acton Fall Fair finished up the year in the black.

In his 28 page financial report Secretary-Treasurer John Rowe told the members of the Board from the \$99,465.90 handled in 1981, a profit of \$2,711.48 resulted after all bills were paid. The secretary reported more than \$96,754.42 was spent by the Fair Board during the year to put on the three day event.

Although weather conditions were often unpredictable

showers and sometimes high winds during the weekend, a record number of people again passed through the gates.

Total prize money exceeded 1980 figures by almost \$700 bringing the total paid to \$26,523.56.

In the comprehensive report the secretary gave members a seven year comparison of prize money paid. With an ever expanding program the fair's gross prize money payment of more than \$32,000 this year was compared with the less than \$10,000 paid in 1975.

Fair Board members pleased to be making a small profit noted the money would be well used as they plan head into increased costs for the 69th annual event.

President for the last two years, Brian Evans in his parting remarks thanked all members of the board for their help and assistance during his term of office. In an appeal for new members Evans said the number of new members was not keeping pace with the fantastic growth of Acton Fair.

"The fair is growing, but it's growing too fast for the number of members who continue to take on more and more work," Evans said.

Evans said he would like to see improvement in some areas of the fair and is hoping for better co-operation and understanding by Park and Recreation as to the future of the fairgrounds.

Incoming president Keith Aitken said he is looking forward to an active year and hopes for the support of present board members as well as encouraging new junior members to become involved in the Agricultural Society. Thanking past president Brian Evans, Aitken said he doesn't think there has ever been a president who has put more time into the fair.

"He lives and sleeps fair board and I thank him for his leadership and dedication," Aitken said.

The 18 directors chosen for the 1982-83 term are Keith Aitken, Norm Shea, Maggie Hall, Bill Lasby, Glen Williamson, Bob Johnston, Bill Yundt, Ted Brown, Hans Kuechler, Cathy Lasby, George Stull, Roy Topelko, Marg Lister, Roland Heights, Ed McGeraghe, Don Buttenham, John Bouclair, Susan Kuechler. The fall fair will be held September 17, 18 and 19 this year.

## Separate schools back using rinks

Separate school students in Halton Hills can resume using town rinks this week.

A few weeks ago schools quit skating trips to the rinks when recreation director Tom Shepard ruled the school board would have to pay for ice time because there had never been a shared facilities agreement between the board and town. The municipality has long had an agreement with the public school board for shared use of facilities and maintenance but it only came to light recently that separate schools have been making free use of local recreation facilities without a shared facilities agreement with the town.

Monday Shepard told Halton Hills general committee the board and town have reached a verbal agreement on a shared facilities deal and are now in the process of working out a written pact. If they wish separate schools may begin using the rinks for free again this week, Shepard added.

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Okay land trade

Halton Land Division Committee Tuesday night gave the go ahead for a trade off of land owned by George McArthur Enterprises Ltd., Main St. N., and John and Sylvia Foley, Wallace St.

Solicitor Gordon Chapman explained George McArthur Enterprises Ltd. wants to give the Foleys a sliver of their land so they no longer encroach on the property. In return, the Foleys wish to convey the balance of the gravel drive over to the Main St. firm, which is used as an entrance for Acton Automotive.

Chapman explained the transaction is just an adjustment of the two irregular shaped lots.

Works topic at drop-in

Snow plowing, road maintenance, garbage collection and other works matters will be the topic of discussion at this Friday's councilors' drop-in from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Y building on Mill St. East.

Engineer Robert Austin, head of the works and engineering departments, the areas of municipal operations which touch most ratepayers' lives in some way, will be the special guest from 2 to 3 p.m. He'll be in attendance to answer residents' questions and explain town procedures and policies.