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## World Day of Prayer draws 50 worshipers

About 50 people took part in the World Day of Prayer service Friday at Trinity United Church. Pastor Jean Stairs of Acton Baptist Church was guest speaker. She spoke on this year's service theme, selected and written by women from North and South Ireland; The People of God, gathered for worship, scattered for service. She explained the women met on neutral ground to put together this year's service which was used all over the world. Josephine Force and Lori Cook shared the duties of leader, while eight women from seven different churches in town spoke various times. They were: Edith Binnie and Florence Hodgson of the Pentecostal Church; Barb Pritchette, Salvation Army; Isabel McDonald, Knox Presbyterian; Ruth McMahon, St. Joseph's; Marj Landsborough, Acton Baptist; Marie Hargrave, St. Albans, and Gerda Kuipery, Christian Reformed. Ethel Denny and a choir made up of members of the Trinity UCW and TAG groups sang.



Barb Parent looks through items on sale at the Y's rummage and book sale Friday as sales lady Eileen Dix looks on.

## Smaller quantities of hashish also seized

Hashish or cannabis resin in quantities ranging from one gram to a pound were seized by police who arrested and charged 23 of 30 suspects in a series of drug busts recently across the region. Last week this paper reported "Hashish was purchased in lots of eight grams to almost one pound to total two pounds." This was correct. However, in checking further with the RCMP, this paper learned quantities lower than eight grams were also allegedly sold to the undercover officers, including an amount as small as a gram. Four Acton men were arrested and charged with trafficking in marijuana or cannabis resin and were among the 30 individuals charged with various drug offenses. Police seized about \$50,000 worth of drugs in the 30 cases combined.

## Region slashes budget tax hike down to \$21

Region preliminary budget slashing is underway and already it has resulted in a reduction of the average tax hike across Halton. After the preliminary budget was unveiled staff was predicting the 19.1 per cent increase would result in region taxes going up and \$24 for the average Halton house. Now the budget increase has been sliced to 16.5 per cent or a hike of \$21 for region taxes for the average Halton house. And over the next two weeks the increase is expected to be further reduced as more budget meetings are held.

### Fair Board Busy since annual meeting

The Acton Agricultural Society has been very active since its annual meeting in January. Fair board members were guests of the Acton Sabres Hockey club at a league game on February 6 and the following Saturday the Fair Board's Annual Ladies' Night Dance was held at the Acton Music Centre. A capacity crowd was entertained by Marion's Country Band. On February 17 and 18 a delegation from our fair attended the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAAS) Convention, at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. This convention includes representatives from 230 fairs and exhibitions in Ontario. Miss Acton, Cindy McGilloway, was one of 104 Fair Queens attending the convention. Others representing Acton Fair included Mr. and Mrs. Brian Evans, Keith Aitken, Mr. and Mrs. Norm Shea, Maggie Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Marshall, Linda Hignett, Helen Medland, Marg Lister, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Don Swackhamer and Mr. and Mrs. Ed McGilloway. The Fair Board's next event is a Fun Nite, Saturday March 20, at the Curling Club. In addition to curling, a progressive euchre and games are planned. Further information and tickets may be obtained from the directors.

### Correction

Due to a typographical error there was a mistake in the story about the study of the Prospect Park water well in last week's paper. The cost of a full treatment plant at the well would \$7.5 million, not \$7.5 million as was reported. The Free Press regrets the error.

## Drug trial this June

David Lawrence Dunn, 22, of Hansom St., who was recently arrested and charged with one count of trafficking in marijuana, appeared in Milton Provincial Court Monday. His case was put over to June 17 for trial.

## Half load limit roads approved

Halton Hills council is imposing half load limits on a number of rural roads from the start of this month to May 15. Following are the Acton and area roads in Halton Hills where half load limits will exist: First Line from 17 Sideroad to 32 Sideroad; Third Line from Regional Road 9 to Regional Road 15; Third Line from Lot 19 to Regional Road 43; Third Line from Regional Rd. 43 to Churchill Rd.; Fourth Line from Churchill Rd. to 32 Sideroad; Fourth Line from Regional Rd. 9 to 32 Sideroad; Fifth Line from Regional Rd. 8 to Regional Rd. 43; Fifth Line from near Regional Rd. 43 to 32 Sideroad; Sixth Line from 17 Sideroad and 32 Sideroad; 32 Sideroad from the west Town Line to Trafalgar Rd.; Given Rd. from the Third Line to the Fourth Line; 22 Sideroad from the west Town Line to Highway 25; 17 Sideroad from the west town Line east to the Third Concession; 17 Sideroad from the Fourth Line to Trafalgar Rd.; St. Helena Rd. from the west termination of the Second Concession to Highway 25.

## Guest at drop-in

Deborah Oakley, who recently joined Halton Region as the new director of social services, will be the special guest this Friday at the ward one councillors' drop-in. The public is invited to attend and ask Ms. Oakley questions about grants, welfare, day care and other region social services programs. The drop-in runs from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Acton YM-CA in the rear of the town offices/police station.

## Citizen of Year deadline this Monday

The deadline for nominating people for the honor of Acton's 25th Citizen of the Year is next Monday. The nomination ballot appears in today's Free Press for the third and last time. Names of nominees and a short explanation why the person should be selected for the award must be mailed to the Acton Chamber of Commerce, Post Office Box 415. The deadline is March 15 at noon.



Ben Jongma of the Acton Red Cross drew the Actario tickets Saturday.

## Actario winners

Peter Hyndman of Guelph was the winner of the weekly Actario draw for \$350. Wilo Near, 89 Mill St. East, won merchant bonus vouchers from Nielsen's Clothing, Acton Photo and Camera, and Acton Family Cleaners; while Jake Kulken, RR 2 Acton went home with vouchers from Acton Pharmacy, Acton Bowling Lanes and Family Cleaners. Pat Boysen, Guelph, won vouchers from Jolliffe Shoes, AB Foodland and Jug City. The winners of the super shopper, containing vouchers from Stedman's, Ed's In 'N Out, Family Cleaners, IGA, Home Hardware and Acton Family Restaurant were Lil and George Williams, 293 Peel St.

### Cookie week

Halton Hills council will proclaim the week of April 24 to May 1, "Girl Guide Cookie Week" within the Town. In accordance with Town policy, if the Halton Hills division of the Girl Guides wish to have the proclamation published they must do so at their own expense.

## Photography opens worlds . . . (Continued from page 1)

winning photograph was a black and white shot of a skeleton holding a head. With this month's exhibition, he says, it is a good opportunity to show his work, as well as meet other photographers. There are a lot of people in this area who are interested in photography and are good at it.

He does some people view he may capture on camera may not necessarily be what that person feels they are. Thus they are disappointed. Both Mrs. Knechtel and Andrews agree they have been bit by the shutter bug, and are making the most of it.

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