

This week thru the lens



Jean Beaton encourages the singers.



Acting director Karen Millson is pleased by what she sees on stage.

Moses and the Freedom Fanatics



Jane Sewell performs.



Lloyd McIntyre and George Elliott play in the Biblical drama.



John Paul and Heather Tamblin play frogs and insects.



Dave Sale plays in the Trinity production.

Obituary George Holmes

Long-time resident George Holmes died suddenly at Guelph General Hospital on March 29. He was in his 68th year. Born in Acton, December 10, 1914, Mr. Holmes lived here all his life except for three years when his family moved to Vancouver. He was the son of the late Charles and Florence Holmes. He attended Acton Public and Acton High schools and worked at Beardmore for 47 years. Mr. Holmes was highly regarded for making things out of wood and metal and he could manufacture parts for almost anything. Besides making things he also liked to work with machinery, reading, fishing and mounting his prize catches. He also enjoyed music and played with the Acton Citizens' Band as well as other bands. He made a tractor for snow plowing by hand and it was shown at the Acton Fall Fair. Mr. Holmes is survived by his wife, Pearl Blanche Oakley, whom he married on June 29, 1935, at St. Alban's. The couple and their family lived in the home they acquired in 1945 at 46 Main St. North. They had two sons, William, of Fergus, and Danny, of Guelph, as well as a daughter, Muriel, of Guelph. Also left to mourn are his sisters, Mrs. Ivy McCarthy, Vancouver; Mrs. Lottie Tuck, Kingston; Mrs. Gladys Vincent, Owen Sound; Mrs. Daisy Kingshott, Guelph; Mrs. Ann Lambert, Sarnia; and brothers David, Charles and Robert of Acton, as well as grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother Frank. Funeral service was held March 29 at Shoemaker Funeral Home with Rev. Art Tribe officiating. Pallbearers were Jim Oakley, Burlington; George Musselle, Chuck Shultis, Harold Oakley, Harold Harris and Pete Holmes of Acton. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery.

Reed asks for General probe

Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed has yet to hear why a 16-year-old youth was forcefully taken from a group home south of Acton last February. Reed asked Secretary for Social Development Margaret Birch in the Legislature on April 20 why Brad General was removed under duress from D and G Group Home and taken to another group home in Hamilton. Reed wanted to know if it was common practice to take someone under the legal guardianship of the Ontario government, who is happy in one home, and up root him to put him in another. "Is it standard procedure for the official guardian to prevent the building of emotional security which is a part of any normal home life?" Reed asked. The MPP asked, if the removal of General was standard procedure will the minister investigate the wisdom of such procedure and if it was not, will steps be taken to prevent any recurrence. General was removed from D and G Group Home on February 8 and taken to Dawn Patrol in Hamilton. On February 12, General disappeared and was not given shelter again until March 29, when he was arrested and jailed. Tuesday, (yesterday) Reed told the Acton Free Press he had not heard any answers to the questions he put forth in the legislature, but admitted he had been out of the area the day before and had not a chance to speak to Birch to see if she had investigated the matter.

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Cottage levelled in Saturday fire

A young woman is homeless after fire levelled the same cottage in which she was living. Fire Chief Mick Holmes reports the home of Ann Dawkins, about one and a half miles below Highway 7 on the Fifth Line of Nassagaweya burned to the ground Saturday night just after 10. There was no one home at the time of the blaze. Holmes said the cause is undetermined and there is no estimate of damage. Miss Dawkins lost everything in the fire, Holmes said. He does not know where she is living now.

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Two local firms named polluters

Two Halton Hills industries are among six companies reported to be polluting Halton Region's sewage system with toxic waste, according to a report from Halton's Public Works Department. Frank Heller and Co. Limited of Georgetown and Canada Battery of Acton were both identified in a report from Public Works disclosing the names of six companies discharging heavy metals into the region's sewer system. The other four companies named are located in Oakville and Burlington. The public works department has been making routine bi-weekly checks of the effluent at the company. According to regional procedures, recommended in the public works report, three consecutive violation notices will result in prosecution. Canada Battery of Acton, also named by the department, was reported to have high levels of lead discharge in the plant's effluent prior to October, 1980. The company has spent about \$20,000 to upgrade its pre-treatment facilities, resulting in a lower lead content. Since January, 1982, no violation notices have had to be issued, according to the report. Up to this month, the names of firms under investigation have been kept confidential by the Public Works department to give the firms the opportunity to solve the problems. Bill Johanson, Milton regional councillor and chairman of the region's Public Works Committee, said he has been in favor of divulging the names of the companies in violation since they have been found to be in violation of the emission bylaws, set by the province some years ago. Johanson said some of the companies have spent up to \$200,000 to improve the situation. "Those companies who have spent the money should be given recognition," he said. The heavy metal discharge is dangerous in the sewer system because treated sludge from the region's sewage treatment plants is spread on farmland as fertilizer. If metals are in high concentration in the sludge, they are absorbed by plants which in the end are consumed by people. As for the possibility of plants being forced to close due to the regulations, Johanson noted he'd rather have a small amount of unemployment in an area, "than a large number of sick people."

Student staff get pay raise

Halton Hills General Committee last Tuesday night passed without comment the new pay scale. The pool supervisor will be getting the bulk of the additional salary, going from a base of \$5 an hour plus increments to \$5.67 plus increments. In a report from Tom Shepard, director of recreation and parks, it was pointed out the supervisor's position now demands more direct responsibility with the elimination of the Aquatic Supervisor position. Other changes were, the rink attendant and the arena staff from minimum wage plus 30 cents maximum to minimum wage plus 20 cents for the attendant and minimum wage plus 40 cents for the staff. An aquatic instructor will be going from base minimum wage plus increments, to base, plus eight per cent, plus increments. Assistant ski supervisor salary goes from \$5.75 a half-day to \$6 a half-day. Summer supervisors, now making \$150 to \$170 a week will go to \$155 to \$170. Summer co-ordinator will go from \$170 to \$180 to \$170 to \$185. Cultural centre staff now making minimum wage plus 30 cents will go to minimum wage plus 40 cents.

Jelinek at drop-in Friday

Have a question about unemployment insurance or Canada pension, government spending, Canada's policy on the Falkland's dispute, or any other federal matter? Then the ward one councillors' drop-in is the place to be this Friday afternoon. From 1 to 3 p.m. Halton MP Otto Jelinek will be at the drop-in, held in the rear of the Y building, to answer questions and listen to opinions of Acton and area residents.

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