



Acton Sea Scouts Duff McGillivray, Drew Ramsden (planting), Ian Robson, Bill Wirth and Steven Henderson and Skipper Steve Ormsby all assist in Saturday's Trees for Canada program when over 400 North Halton members of the Scouting movement planted 10,000 trees on a Terra Cotta property.

## Will be October before appeal set

It will be at least October before an appeal date will be set for Michael McCristall. McCristall was found guilty of manslaughter earlier this month for his part in the Dominion Hotel fire August 19, 1979, which caused the death of Howard Gibbons. The Acton resident was sentenced to two years-less-a-day in the Brampton Ontario Correctional Institute by Mr. Justice Coulter Osborne April 13. Jane Arnup, of Greenspan and Arnup, the law firm handling the appeal, explained that a transcript of the five week trial must be ordered, and because of the length of it, it could take several months to acquire. This must be received before a date is set

for the court of appeal to hear the case. Meanwhile, co-defendant Cosimo Mercuri, found guilty of second degree murder has run into a legal snare involving legal aid in his file for appeal, according to his lawyer Michael Moldaver of Greenspan and Moldaver law firm. Mercuri recently filed a prisoner's appeal, but Moldaver had yet to file a lawyer's appeal. This has not yet been done, but could be done in the next week, the counsel told The Acton Free Press. Mercuri was sentenced to life imprisonment with consideration for parole after 10 years.



Acton's newest driver is Ron McKnight who despite his handicap is able to operate this specially equipped vehicle.

## Separate board budget tops \$23.6 million in '82

Halton Separate School Board recently passed a budget of over \$23.6 million for 1982. Trustee Irene McCauley says the board did its best to trim costs and made a lot of cuts such as French immersion and Junior Kindergarten. The board will spend \$2,015,977 in the area of finance, \$17,192,604 in education and \$4,233,097 on property matters. Also \$220,000 is being set

aside in a reserve fund. The grand total for the budget is \$23,660,678 of which \$349,953 will come from separate school supporters in Halton Hills. Total provincial grants to the separate school board are \$18,871,358. Separate school supporters will pay the same amount in education taxes as public school supporters.

## Red Shield drive starts May 3

The Salvation Army's Red Shield door-to-door campaign for funds will get underway on May 3 in the Acton area. The rural routes of Acton and the Georgetown areas will be done by means of donation envelopes. The objective of \$7,500 is needed if the Salvation Army is to continue its "humanitarian work in our community" for the next year, Reg Marsh says.

During the Red Shield Campaign for funds, the citizens of Acton and Georgetown will have the "opportunity of helping the Salvation Army in its tremendous task. Let us give generously to an organization which has abundantly demonstrated its love for others to serve in humanitarian need." "The campaign theme says it all Give Us This Day.

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Further information may be obtained from Peter Cole, M.D., by calling 827-2151, Ext. 283.

## Planning underway for Back to Acton Days

Planning for this year's Back to Acton Days celebrations, July 1, 2, 3 and 4, is underway. This year the Leathertown Association is co-ordinating the events and helping community groups with financing their events, but it won't be strictly Leathertown event. Because Leathertown was asked to take over Back to Acton Days the organization dropped plans for a big Leathertown Days celebration next month, chairman Chip Petrillo said. Petrillo has already discussed tentative plans with a number of community groups and a formal organizing meeting will be held soon. The fun will kick off Thursday night with a small fireworks display at Prospect Park. Friday and Saturday there would be sidewalk sales downtown and games and booths also. On Friday night there will be a Monte Carlo night at the rink, but it will be bigger and better with the rink being decorated, than the first Leathertown Monte Carlo night last year. In addition while there will still be lots of valuable door prize draws there won't be as many draws since prizes will be grouped together more. A Leathertown Market is slated for downtown Saturday as well as the

Callithumpan Parade. Saturday night there will be a dance at the rink with one major band as well as a couple of local groups. Sunday the fun will switch to the park with traditional events like the waterball competitions. However, organizers would also like to see an interdenominational religious service at the rink in the morning involving local clergy and Athletes in Action followed by a brunch and a ball game between the visiting sports stars and a local team. The festivities would conclude with a big fireworks display. Leathertown wants to see the BIA, Chamber of Commerce, Acton Firefighters, Optimists, Rotary, Lions, Y's Men, Legion and Clergy Association all involved. Also any individuals or groups who wish to participate are more than welcome. "Leathertown is really just co-ordinating things. The groups will run their individual projects. No group will be overwhelmed with putting on a whole weekend, but be busy running their own professional events. Overall financing will be handled by Leathertown and groups will receive parts of proceeds with proceeds also going to Leathertown projects," Petrillo explained.

## Lay-offs at Superior Glove

The recession continues to take its toll on peoples' jobs. Frank Geng of Superior Glove reports in the past three months 26 workers have been laid off and four quit but weren't replaced. There are about 60 workers still at the plant and he says most weeks the plant is only on four days. He recalled when he talked to the

Free Press earlier this year he was holding off on lay-offs thinking the bottom of the recession had been reached and things would start to improve. That hasn't happened, in fact, he says he now thinks things are going to get much worse in the economy before they start to get better. He noted the plant is running at only about 50 per cent production capacity.

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