



Rev. Gerald Rennie of Knox Presbyterian Church admires the quilt presented to Bella-May Roszell Sunday for all her hard work over the past several years for the church. Embroidered autographs were the highlight of the gift, presented by the Sunday school.

Maria St. apts. rents shoot up

Rents will be a little higher at the Noble Towers on Maria St. than in the sister building on Church St. East, which is owned by the same person, following a ruling by a rent review hearing officer.

In March the Residential Tenancy Commission held hearings for both the Noble Towers and Diplomat Apartments. The Diplomat ruling was mailed out last week and the ruling on the Maria St. building was sent out this week.

While rents have shot up, they are still far below the level requested by the landlord.

One bedroom unit rents were running from \$243 to \$264 a month and will go up to \$313 to \$317, far below the requested \$355 to \$370. One bedroom units in the building next door will rent from \$305 to \$309 a month.

Two bedroom apartment rents will climb from \$270 to \$300 to \$343 to \$347 a month. The landlord wanted \$400 to \$405 for two bedroom apartments and at the Diplomat the rents will run \$334 to \$338.

Rents for the four three bedroom apartments will soar from \$313 to \$323 to \$373 a month. The landlord wanted \$435 to \$440 a month.

Set trial date in drug busts

Trial dates have been set for two of the four Acton men charged in a drug round up in late February.

Samuel Herbert Mills and Stephen Leslie McGilloway appeared in Milton Provincial Court Monday to set a date for trial. A third man, Glen Jocque was remanded Monday until June 14, when his trial date will be set.

Mills was charged with one count of trafficking in cannabis resin. He comes to trial September 14.

McGilloway will be tried September 9. He was charged with two counts of trafficking in marijuana.

Jocque faces charges of one count of trafficking in cannabis resin.

A fourth man, David Lawrence Dunn, 22, of Ransom Street, appears in court next month for trial on one count of trafficking in marijuana.

The four were charged in February.

Few here "stuck" by tour company collapse

Very few Acton tourists have been affected by the recent collapse of the giant package tour companies Sunlight and Skylark, according to local travel agents Ted Tyler and Rick Bonnette.

Both said their firms, Tyler Travel and Acton Travel, had been avoiding booking trips with Sunlight for some time before the collapse suspecting the firm was in trouble.

Bonnette said "No, thank goodness" when asked if he had customers booked with Sunlight, adding he was "fortunate" and had been warned the firm was in trouble. He noted he had been expecting major problems with Sunlight since last fall and so only made last minute bookings with the company. A major shakeup of Sunlight's brass last year had been a hint of things to come, he said.

Tyler said they haven't been "featuring" Sunlight for some time because of the management problems which helped drag down a tour company which at one time was number one and did an "extremely good job." He has only a few customers who have been affected.

Without Sunlight though, Tyler said, there might not be package holidays at reasonable prices today.

Skylark only merged with Sunlight about a month before the collapse and Bonnette had made some bookings

with that firm back in January and February so he and a few of his customers have been "stuck."

Both said travellers can make alternative trip arrangements through their travel agent and they have already made some arrangements for these people.

Tyler observed all travel agents and tour companies contribute equally to the travel compensation fund and he doesn't think that is fair when a big firm goes down the drain because they should be paying higher premiums, just like happens with insurance.

Bonnette noted people can claim the money they paid the two tour companies through the compensation fund, but it will take time, he warned. There will be claims for about \$1.2 million for each of the tour companies and while the fund only has a little over \$1 million in it now, contributions will be made up over the next two years. Arrangements are being made, Bonnette said, to get money to claimants quickly and "every passenger will get a full refund." He said people should handle their claims through their travel agent.

He concluded some trip operators are picking up trips Sunlight was running, but he feels people will be wary of package tours. He expects he'll be booking flights and hotels separately more now.



Peter Armstrong of Speyside School was the only Halton Hills' student to gain recognition in the Halton Fire Prevention Poster Contest. He received an honorable mention. Fire chief Mick Holmes and Fire Prevention Officer Bob Mead presented Peter with a certificate of merit while teacher Rick Coe looks on.

Indusmin lays-off 12

Twelve hourly employees of Indusmin Ltd. will be laid-off this Friday, according to mine manager Zak Sakac.

The lay-offs involve only production and maintenance staff, Sakac told the Free Press.

Due to a slow market, poor conditions in the construction industry and

high interest rates, the firm was forced to cut back from a two shift operation to one shift. Most of the layoffs affected the one shift.

The staff cut-back brings Indusmin's head count down to 19 hourly workers. The office staff was not affected.

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Lakeside IODE

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The Lakeside Chapter, IODE, had a very interesting meeting on Tuesday, May 4, which began with the members meeting at the Royal Cafe for a delicious Chinese dinner. Following this, the groups moved on to the regular meeting place at the Legion.

Among the matters discussed was the possibility of the Chapter adopting a school somewhere in Northern Canada, possibly Labrador, with a view to supplying the children there with some of the things not provided by the local authorities which we in the more prosperous areas take for granted. This matter is to be investigated and action taken in September for the beginning of the next school year.

After the business was ended, Mrs. Helen Jocque and Mrs. Joyce Sprowl gave a comprehensive report on the provincial annual meeting which they had attended as delegates from the Chapter. Among the items which they brought back with them from this meeting were a sampling of 20 "Vials of Life"—these are small vials designed to be fastened inside the refrigerator door. The vial contains an information sheet to be filled out with details of any medical condition requiring special treatment or any condition, such as allergy, preventing certain treatment or medication. In case of emergency, this information is very useful, particularly in cases where one person is alone in a dwelling. These vials are to be distributed and the information regarding them given to the police, fire department and any other emergency services so their members will look for the stickers on refrigerators in any emergency situation. It was decided to order more of these "Vials of Life" to have available by July 1 weekend at the Back-to-Action-Days.

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