



Some of the Brownies who flew up to Second Acton guides Monday evening were Sherry-Lynn Hopkins, Heather Willmott, Jill Murray, Cary-Lyn Prystasz, Jennifer Johnston, Chrissy Billington and Krista Richardson. Brown Owl Leslie Johnston is retiring.

Trucks driven over graves

Cars and trucks driven in Fairview Cemetery are going right over graves. Harriet Helwig attended Friday's councillors' drop-in to say she was "sick" to see graves driven over and grave markers damaged. Councillor Terry Grubbe said she has observed tire track marks between gravestones and added part of the problem may be sometimes town trucks are too wide to navigate the narrow cemetery roads. Big trucks shouldn't be taken into the cemetery, Councillor Russ Miller declared.

Mrs. Helwig said she knows she isn't the only resident concerned about the use of vehicles in the cemetery. She said she was "terribly upset" when she couldn't even find one grave cornerstone. She went with Grubbe and Councillor Ross Knechtel to inspect the cemetery. Knechtel also talked with engineer Robert Austin over the phone twice and reported in some areas graves have encroached on the road. In some spots, he noted, shrubs have been used to prevent vehicles from cutting corners. The engineer will be looking at ways to solve the problem.

New retail outlet opens at Toronto Wood Treating firm

While the slumping economy is blamed for closing down stores and businesses in downtown Acton, it is responsible for at least one new opening in the industrial park.

Toronto Wood Treating recently opened a retail store at their Commerce Court property to help spur business.

The company, owned and operated by David Phipps, moved to Acton six years ago from Thunder Bay. Increasing transportation costs forced the move south, closer to their market.

Until last month, business was restricted to pressure treating wood for various customers to make it last longer. Some wood they purchase themselves, treat it, and resell it. Most is owned and sold by others. They are also the largest manufacturers of guardrails in Ontario.

They sold to a few retail customers Phipps admits, but did not encourage this type of business. However, now with the lumber business at such a slow pace, they hoped the retail end would help the company make it through the slowdown in other areas.

So far, response to their new store has been good, Phipps said. People enjoy the cash and carry factory outlet for lumber for fences, decks and patios. They have no plans for moving this outlet to another location closer to town. Phipps says he feels people



David Phipps is the owner and general manager of Toronto Wood Treating.

want to see the entire operation and know the organization.

The retail end of the business will only be selling lumber, Phipps says, because "we have one product we know a lot about," and they prefer to sell only what they know about.

Toronto Wood Treating has already made a marketing commitment to produce flame-proof wood, and the firm is just waiting for certain equipment.



Harold Postma

Harold Postma is new Credit Union manager

A lot of people have misconceptions about Credit Unions, according to Acton's newest manager, Harold Postma.

Postma came to Acton three weeks ago to replace John Kruchuk as manager of the Acton branch of the Halton Community Credit Union Ltd. Kruchuk was promoted to the Milton main branch where he is in charge of loans.

Many people think his banking institution is totally payroll deductions and loans, Postma said. While they do offer both, they also offer checking and have teller service, as in other banks he pointed out.

Postma comes to Acton from the Georgetown branch. Before that he worked for the Continental Bank in Kitchener, which was born from IAC Limited, a finance company.

Born and raised in Holland, Postma came to Canada in 1966 to visit relatives. He never intended to stay, but he was so impressed with the country and the wide open spaces that he decided to quit his bookkeeping job and immigrate to Canada.

Postma enjoys working at the Credit Union. He feels there is a lot more personal contact with the members, and because the staff have held their positions for so long, they are well known in the community and know all the members' names.

A variety of membership services, Postma feels, makes his operation competitive with downtown banks.

Shares, share certificates, insured savings, term deposits and short term deposits, and checking are just a few of the services Postma feels the general public is not aware they offer.

Postma is looking forward to meeting all the members of the Halton Community Credit Union Limited in Acton.

Meeting fails to wring concessions from trustees

A meeting last Tuesday between the finance committee of the Halton Board of Education and representatives of councils and Chambers of Commerce across Halton region may have opened new lines of communications and relieved some verbal frustrations but there were no promises from trustees to reduce the controversial \$132 million budget.

Finance chairman Bill Priestner, the crusty separate school representative from Burlington, suggested the board may be able to effect some economies when the new school year starts in September that would benefit taxpayers next year but that was the only concession mayors, councillors and C of C reps across Halton could wring out of the board.

The meeting was held to discuss the 1982 budget following written requests from Halton Hills, Oakville and Milton town councils to the board asking a review. The board also received earlier requests from the Oakville and Burlington Chambers of Commerce to review the budget. Trustees decided to invite council and Chamber representatives to a private meeting with the finance committee but the meeting was later opened to press and public.

Councillors Harry Levy and Ross Knechtel represented Halton Hills council while the Chamber of Commerce was represented by Georgetown president Doug Penrice. Georgetown trustee Betty Fisher also attended but only as an observer. She saw little that was new in the objections and discussion except an assessment proposal from Milton mayor Gurd Krantz to alleviate the education levy in his town.

Councillor Harry Levy said he considered the meeting a start to open up the lines of communications between the board and municipal councils. He thought it was the first time the concerns of municipal councils had been brought before the board and vice versa, and felt it opened the doors to future co-operation.

Acton councillor Ross Knechtel congratulated the

board or their "gracious" approach to the meeting and for listening to the criticism. He said he could appreciate their dilemma more now and noted they had turned down a computer program as a cost saving measure, an action he appreciated since he felt they had no place in school rooms. Such a program would serve no useful purpose, he said, and if it was done should be on a user-pay basis.

Most of the meeting was taken up with a review of the board's budget and questions were aimed at particulars which the figures represented. There was some political posturing acknowledged on both sides but no resolutions to change the \$132 million budget.

Oakville trustee Florence Meares in an impassioned speech suggested municipal councils and Chamber reps, devoted to selling their communities which includes the educational facilities, would not want to see programs cut so Halton fell behind the times. Oakville mayor Harry Barrett, on the other hand, suggested the board must do what municipal councils are doing—lowering expectations.

Marlene Lott...

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Kymm Lakin, who said everyone gets to be good friends. That first day, after meeting 270 strangers, Marlene couldn't see how that could possibly be true. But, she says, by the end of the four days, she too felt a sense of closeness to the others in the program.

At the closing luncheon, a youth from Quebec cleared up what the young Quebecers think about the rest of the country, and "we cleared up what the rest of the country thinks about Quebec," Marlene said.

Marlene said the Adventurers discovered there is a Canadian sense of national pride, we just do not shout it out like Americans do. It takes something extremely unifying, such as Terry Fox for Canadians to verbally say they are proud of their country.

While the western representatives talked about the east, and the east talked about the west, during the four days, Marlene says, the interesting point they realized was that Manitoba feels like it's neither in eastern or western Canada. They feel left out because they are not classified.

Marlene's new friends light-heartedly felt the centre of national government should be moved to Manitoba so it is in the middle of the country.

The four days in Ottawa for Marlene made the government seem less unapproachable, she says. "You can actually do your part."

Marlene was impressed with the organization of the entire stay, including transportation to and from various places.

"Overall, the whole thing was just great," she concludes.

Population up 2.1%

According to figures 1976 and last year. released to Halton Hills. The population grew council by Statistics from 34,477 in 1976 to Canada the results of the 35,190 last year. The 1981 national census population of Halton shows there was 2.1 per cent jumped 11.1 per cent in cent population growth the same time span; in Halton Hills between from 228,497 to 253,883.

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Obituary

Edwin Watson

A former prominent Acton businessman, George "Edwin" Watson, died in Hyde Park Nursing Home, Guelph, May 24.

Mr. Watson was born November 21, 1911, the son of William "Robert" Watson and Ada "Grace" Watson (Cleave).

On August 21, 1936, he married Florence Lenora Kellington in Rockwood.

Mr. Watson retired a few years ago, having owned Watson's Music Store for over 50 years. He was one of the longest-time merchants in Acton upon his retirement. In his 50 some years in business, Mr. Watson and his wife gave music lessons for thousands of youngsters, spanning at least two generations.

Mr. Watson was also well known in town for operating the Motor Vehicle License Bureau from his store.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife, of 60 Victoria Ave., children Delmar, Bowmanville; Lenore Vickery, Acton; Harold, Cambridge; Lowell, Belleville; and Scott, Guelph; and one sister Norma Hall, Milton.

Funeral service was held May 26 at Shoemaker Funeral Home, with Rev. R.H. Finley officiating. Pallbearers were friends Fred Phiel, Wynne Dunbar, Horace Blythe, Art Diamond, and Ed Parker, and grandson Jamie Vickery.

Interment was at Ebenezer Cemetery.

Bannockburn WI

Learn value of milk
Bannockburn Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Stan Matthews on May 11 at 8 p.m. The president opened the meeting with a poem entitled "What Can I Do", followed by the roll call, "An idea to improve our Institute".

A committee was appointed to arrange the Fall Fair display. Final arrangements were made for a bake sale on June 5, to be held in Zeller's store in Georgetown. Mrs. Dorothy Hilton gave the motto.

Mrs. Ada Sinclair then introduced the guest speaker, Miss Marilyn McNabb, the Halton Dairy Princess, who chose as her topic, the Milk Marketing Board. She distributed Quiz sheets from the Marketing Board to see how well everyone knew the food value of Dairy Products in the diet. She also suggested each member bring a recipe including milk to the next meeting. Mrs. Sinclair thanked Miss McNabb with a small gift.

The meeting closed with the Institute Ode and the Lord's Prayer.

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