

Plans to bring back St. John Ambulance

A Georgetown area man wants to resurrect the St. John Ambulance in Halton Hills.

In a letter to Halton Hills council, which was received without comment Monday by town fathers and mothers, Colin Cousens reported the new branch would serve the Acton and Georgetown areas and he has already discussed the project with a number of local residents, including a physician in Georgetown.

St. John Ambulance disbanded in

Acton after many years of service some time ago. The brigade was named Citizens of the Year once during the 60s.

Cousens noted the Milton branch has been coming to Halton Hills events as it is able over the years but that is becoming more difficult. George and Marie Hargrave of Acton in their uniforms with a Milton St. John Ambulance van have been a familiar sight at many local events over the years.



First Acton Brownies flew up to guides last week. Front row, Lisa Lockwood, Kristy Vandal, Colleen O'Leary and Kathleen Montgomery. Second row, Kerri Smiley, Marlene Lott, Leigh Whiting, Cynthia Eccles.

Cross country program involves Acton students

There were a lot of new faces around town last week when pupils at McKenzie-Smith Middle School and Robert Little public school took part in a student exchange program.

McKenzie-Smith's guests arrived last Tuesday from Richmond B.C. and were billeted out in 20 local homes.

The students visited Toronto seeing the C.N. Tower, Ontario Place, the Legislature and City Hall. On Tuesday they had a more local tour, going to the Hide House, the chocolate factory and the agricultural museum and electric museum. Friday saw them touring the Niagara area including Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Brock Monument and Laura Secord's home. Saturday the students, and the billeting families, visited Canada's Wonderland.

On Monday, the group visited the Ontario Science Centre and the Metro Zoo. Tuesday, before heading home, they went to the rock gardens in Hamilton, as well as Dundurn Castle. They left for home in the evening.

Meanwhile, 20 Acton students from McKenzie-Smith and Acton High School also left on Tuesday for a week in Richmond.

Today (Wednesday) they are having a bus tour of Richmond, and meeting with Mayor Gill Blair. Thursday they will be visiting Victoria on Vancouver Island, the B.C. Legislature and the B.C. provincial museum.

Friday, the Acton students will be taking a train

trip to Squamish and visiting the B.C. mining museum. They will return to Vancouver that evening. Saturday they will visit Capilano fish hatchery, Grouse Mountain on the Skyride and Capilano suspension bridge.

Next Monday the tourists will visit Stanley Park, Vancouver Aquarium, and Chinatown among others.

A morning flight will bring them back to Ontario by 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Students participating from Acton are Laura Lesley, Christine Lee, Leahann Jarrett, Joanne Barrow, Debbie Bartel, Joyce Loucks, Ann Grime, Darcie Thornton, Betty-Lou Tufford, Doreen Hepburn, Sonia Amstaeffer, Sabine Hentschel, Jennifer McDonald, Mike Ormsby, Randy McInlyre, Jack Ninaber, David Hargrave, Ted Morissette, Jolly Silcock and Scott Phelan.

The Robert Little exchange was only four days, and was with students from Ste. Rose, Quebec, about seven miles from Montreal.

The students arrived on Monday, and Tuesday visited Reliable Sweets in Rockwood and Chudleighs. Wednesday they saw the CN Tower and Ontario Place, with Niagara Falls and Marineland on Thursday. Friday they headed home.

Some 27 Acton students left Monday for Ste. Rose and will return home Friday.

According to their schedule yesterday (Tuesday) they visited the Olympic Stadium, Botanical Gardens and Old Montreal, Mount Royal and St. Joseph's Oratory.

Today they are in Chertsey, a camp in the Laurentians, where they will be going on nature walks and canoeing.

Tomorrow they will go to a dog race show, and visit Ste. Rose. They will be welcomed by the Mayor of Ste. Rose at the city hall.

Acton students participating are:

Tina Oakley, Paul Sargent, Jennifer Foster, Tammy Davidson, Jason Blair, Debbie Patey, Jamie Lowrie, Marty McAfee, Angela Davis, Chrissy Poulsen, Lorena Cosimo, Teri Yaroshak, Christine Jennings, Amanda Walton, Tracy Hagggett, Christine Duff, Maureen McGillivray, Troy Winters, Sean Coleman, Sean Warren, Jason Wegman, Sean Yamashita, Tim Briggs, Nicole Nibbs, Dana Petrillo, Karl Andrews.

Acton "plain lost"

First Acton lost its identity and now it's just "plain lost" according to Global news.

The television network dispatched Queen's Park reporter Gordon Donaldson to Acton Monday afternoon to do a piece on Acton being left off the new Ontario road map and it aired for the first time on the 6 p.m. news.

Anchorwoman Jan Tennant introduced the item saying Ontario has lost one of its small communities and the residents here were "furious".

Film during the short item showed Donaldson pulling into a gas station to get directions to Acton since he couldn't find it on the map. The attendant said it was just up the road and looked surprised when he couldn't see Acton on the map he was shown by the TV reporter. Donaldson noted Acton was an easy 45 mile drive from Toronto "If you know the way." Six years ago (it is actually eight) the community lost its identity, he reported and now it's "just plain lost."

to Acton," as well as the title on the new road map and the stylized lettering Ontario in the form of the provincial flag and the words "your's to discover."

Shots of the Beardmore smokestack and the water tower were shown on the screen with an overview of the building. Dawkins told the audience "it's the centre of the leather industry with a tannery which was once the biggest in the British Empire and it's been trying to lure American tourists."

Next Donaldson interviewed Steve Dawkins of the old Hide House outside the side entrance of the building. Dawkins said "when Acton is left off the map it certainly doesn't do us much good in the way of getting independent tourists, people who are out driving looking for something to do in Ontario. It's a major setback for our plans."

David Whiting, who was identified as a "Counsellor" (not councillor) for Acton and president of the Chamber of Commerce lamented on camera, "We were going along so well. It's really just another slap in the face from the province again. They took away the town's identity when we went regional and we've been fighting back against that to retain some of our identity and as I said we've been going along quite well and now we get left off the map so..." Whiting punctuated his final remark with a discouraged frown and shrug.

Shown on Bower Ave., Donaldson gave his wrap-up and in his sign-off stated he was reporting from, and then paused to look down at paper and stated "Acton" with something of a question.

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In the first local scene Global showed the town hall and a close up of a squirrel in an eavesdrought at the town hall. Also the cenotaph, with a closeup of the words "Erected by the Citizens of Acton" was seen. "The Century old town hall is going to be torn down now that Acton and Georgetown and some smaller places have become the scattered new municipality of Halton Hills," the viewers were informed. A shot of the Y building with the Halton Hills Municipal sign appeared on the screen. "The people don't like the change, more than a century of tradition has gone down the drain, but the worst insult came last week when the name vanished from the map. Even Georgetown got a bigger anonymous dot." TV watchers saw the front page of the Free Press showing the large headline in last week's edition "New road map insult

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Remanded to June 28

Five men charged in connection with the theft of about \$15,000 in hides from Beardmore will appear in Milton Provincial Court June 28 to set a date for trial.

Mark Gourlay, John Jordan, Allan Doley and David Hall all appeared before Judge J.D. Robinson Monday on charges of theft over \$200 and conspiracy. Nick Marinos faces only the conspiracy charge.

The men were charged by Halton Regional Police recently when it was discovered skins were being stolen from Beardmore between last September and December and taken to a Toronto shoe repair shop, police alleged.

Two of the accused men are former employees of Beardmore, two are former employees of Tyler Transport and Marino is the owner of a shoe repair shop.

French exchange for two Actonians

Two Acton students will be spending the month of July participating in an exchange program with their peers in Quebec.

Ed Atherton and Darran Edmundson have been chosen to represent Acton in the Halton Summer-Bilingual Exchange program. The pair will be staying in Sherbrooke, Quebec, from June 30 until July 14. Their "twin" from Sherbrooke will then stay in their homes from July 16 to 30.

The boys will be totally immersed in the French language and culture the same as the French students will face English for two weeks. The pair are among 44 pupils from across Halton who are taking part in the program.

As a fund raising campaign, Ed and Darran will be selling garbage bags door to door this month, and this Saturday they will be selling roses.

Water safety week

It's water safety week and there are a number of activities planned in Acton by Halton Hills recreation department to mark the occasion.

Water safety day in Acton is June 12 and movies will be shown at the pool from 9 to 11 a.m. And if you go to the pool to swim with a buddy, it's important to swim with a buddy, the buddy swims free from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Walter Safety will make an appearance at the pool to demonstrate rescue techniques and give advice on water safety.

Replace misspelled sign

The new street sign for McDonald Blvd. which has been misspelled MacDONALD Blvd. will be replaced according to Mayor Peter Pomeroy.

A number of readers ineer Robert Austin said he had received no calls and wasn't aware of the mistake. Pomeroy said there is no question the sign will be replaced with the correct spelling and noted he is looking into the matter to see if the error was made by the person filling out the requisition for Halton Hills or by the firm which makes the metal plate signs. Austin confirmed the signs are sent out to a company to be made.

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PLEASE NOTE: Due to construction a change in route has been required.
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 Following the race there will be a Pancake Breakfast \$2.00, Mayor's Breakfast \$1.00. Motorists are advised to AVOID these streets between 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., as traffic will be impeded.