

Signs going up for tourist info. booth

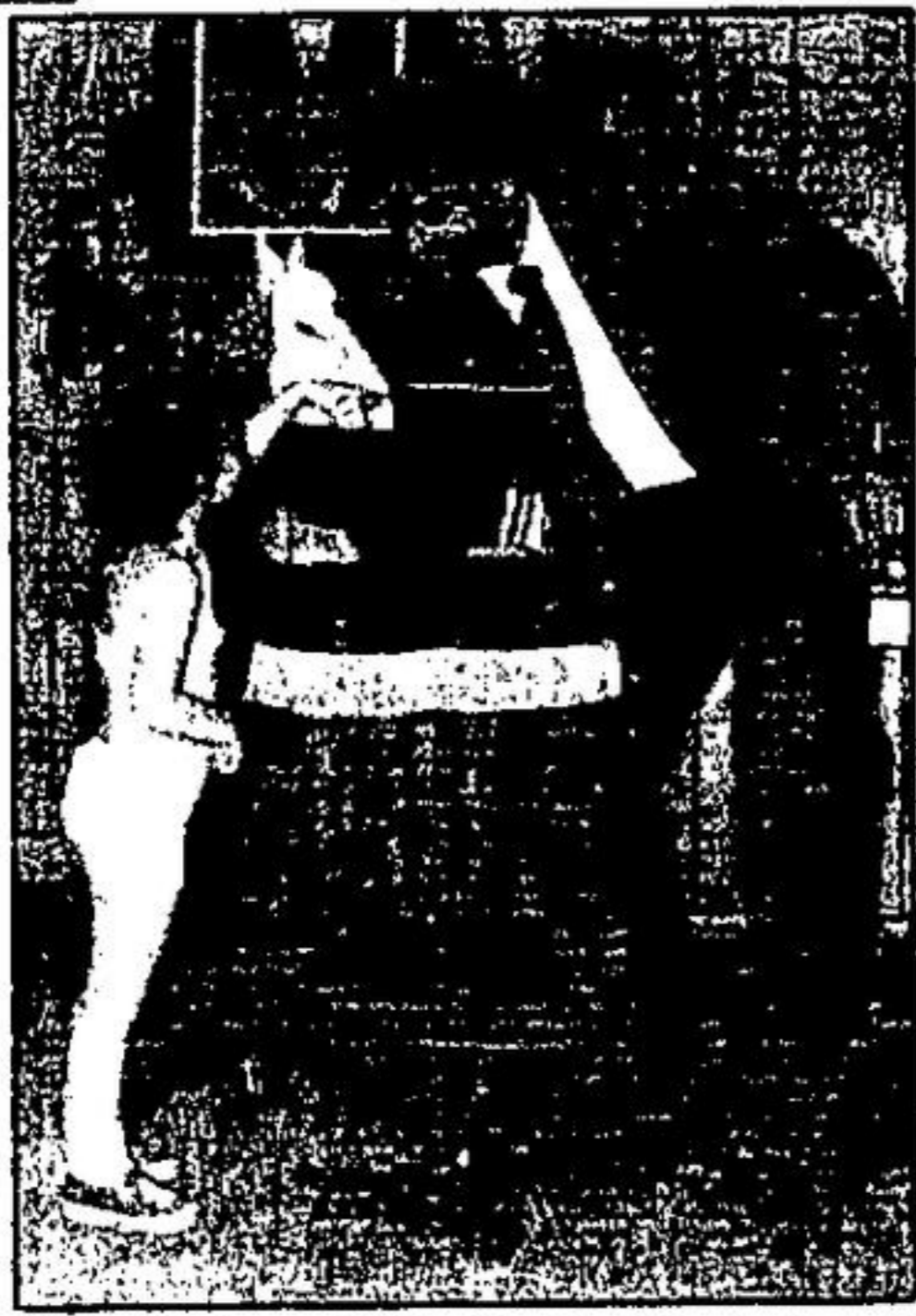
Signs directing visitors to a tourist information booth at the old Hide House will soon be going up. Monday night Councillor and President of the Chamber of Commerce Dave Whiting informed council that the Hide House will pay for and staff the tourist booth.

The sign will advertise both Jack Tanner's Table and the Hide House and Whiting said they will cost \$3,000.

He said they hope to eventually have four signs up at the entrances to town, but for now there will be just two.

The signs will be located within the urban boundaries of Acton and council permission was needed so they can be placed on the road allowance. Once the urban boundary is officially expanded for Acton the other signs will be put up.

The Chamber will maintain the signs and the engineer selected the locations.



Carley Foster and Mike the Magician met up at Acton Library last week.

Councillors say "sorry"

Dr. Cole gets an apology

"We're sorry."

That's the message Regional council will extend to medical officer of health Dr. Peter Cole for allegations about his professional conduct made by a councillor.

Acting on a recommendation from the health and social services committee, councillors agreed to extend the apology for apparently unfounded allegations made by Milton Ward 1 and 3 Coun. Bill Johnson.

Mr. Johnson, during a debate over standards and fees for rest homes receiving subsidy from the Region for welfare patients, accused the doctor of breaking open a medicine cabinet during a surprise inspection of an Acton rest home in June 1981.

The charges also concerned an indiscreet examination of a female patient.

Dennis Perlin, the Region's chief administrative officer, conducted an investigation into the charges and concluded they were "completely untrue."

Included in Mr. Perlin's package of recommendations was an apology to Dr. Cole and a proposed practice for dealing with such allegations against Regional staff in the future.

Mr. Perlin suggested that when such charges were to be made, the councillor involved should express them to him first and then to a committee and council later, always under the veil of con-

identiality.

If, at the end of the process, any councillor was not satisfied that the question had been dealt with, he could make it public with the permission of Regional council.

The last part of Mr. Perlin's suggestion was rejected by councillors following a lengthy debate over its effect on their conduct.

"It simply will not work," commented Oakville Coun. Terry Mannell. "It's not up to council to decide about further action that might be taken on a subject. The individual councillor has to take that on his own conscience."

Ken Anderson, Regional solicitor, said municipal councillors have parliamentary protection against libel and slander actions when they are making statements as part of their duties.

When they make confidential material public on their own initiative, he said, they are stepping outside that protection and could find themselves facing actions.

Burlington Coun. Walter Mulkevic said he hoped "council won't be unduly influenced by the advice of our solicitor" because councillors had to be free to represent their wards to the best of their abilities.

"I wouldn't hesitate to vote against anything that would muzzle me in attempting to represent the

citizens who elected me," he said.

The allegations against Dr. Cole concerned a surprise inspection he conducted, with members of his department, of Cher's Rest Home in Acton.

In Mr. Perlin's confidential report on the subject, Dr. Cole said the inspection was conducted because there had been allegations that the operators of the home were not taking proper care of the residents.

According to the report, all of Dr. Cole's actions during the inspection were within the authority given to him under the Public Health Act and other legislation.

During his inspection, according to the report, Dr. Cole asked that a medicine cabinet be opened. Later he asked that it be opened again but the key could not be located.

Dr. Cole said the lock was forced off the cabinet by an Acton realtor who was called to the rest home by the owner, Gordon Dawe, the realtor, submitted a sworn affidavit attesting that Dr. Cole removed the lock.

At the council meeting, Gerald Punnett, a lawyer representing the rest home owners, requested permission to address council. He was rejected, as were several motions to refer the entire problem back to the health and social services committee for another discussion.

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Town will review arcade bylaw

Halton Hills is looking at changing its arcade bylaw only a few months after it was enacted.

Earlier this year the town appealed a Committee of Adjustment approval of an arcade in a gas station the east side of Acton to the Ontario Municipal Board and this month the OMB ruled in favor of the town.

Monday Dennis Devine, one of the partners in the arcade, asked council to consider letting them locate elsewhere in town.

The arcade bylaw regulations which require such a business to be located no closer than 300 metres from a school or residential area virtually makes it im-

possible to exist in Acton.

In a letter to the town, Devine and Mark Edwards noted when they opened in the gas station they located there because it was the only vacant commercial property available. Now there are other possible locations available in Acton, but council has a bylaw preventing them from moving.

They asked to either be allowed to locate in neighborhood community centre or permitted relief from the 300 metres from a residence or school clause.

They also suggested arcade license fees be higher for the first year of operation so that "only concerned owners" who plan on running a "good operation on a long-term basis would apply."

Clerk-administrator Ken Richardson reported staff and the town solicitor have been looking at this problem. A specific site of this arcade couldn't be exempted from the bylaw but the municipality could change the rules so arcades could locate in the Georgetown or Acton BIA areas. Richardson warned this would open up the downtown areas to arcades and noted the municipality is already "sitting" on a number of applications for arcades in both Georgetown and Acton.

Richardson said council could consider reducing the 300 metres distance requirement also.

It was decided staff will prepare a report reviewing all subjects raised in Devine and Edwards' letter.

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Lisa Petty of Everton

Lisa Petty is certified model

Sixteen-year-old Lisa Petty is on the move and knows exactly where she is going.

The eldest daughter of Chuck and Ena Petty, Everton, Lisa recently completed a modelling course with International Top Models in Kitchener. According to Lisa, the same firm discovered the Pontiac girl (You've got it Pontiac), and the Babe girl. And, if Lisa has her way, her name will be added to the list of success stories.

Standing five feet, six inches tall, Lisa has so far run into no trouble with her height. But, being one inch under the preferred ramp modelling height, Lisa thinks she will be handicapped when she heads to Toronto later this year. Because of this she feels she may have to stick to the photography area of modelling.

Lisa will be finishing up her grade 13 at Centennial High School in Guelph this fall, and is considering taking an acting course at Ryerson. Or, she says, she may join ACTRA to get into commercials. Her eventual aim is to be an actress.

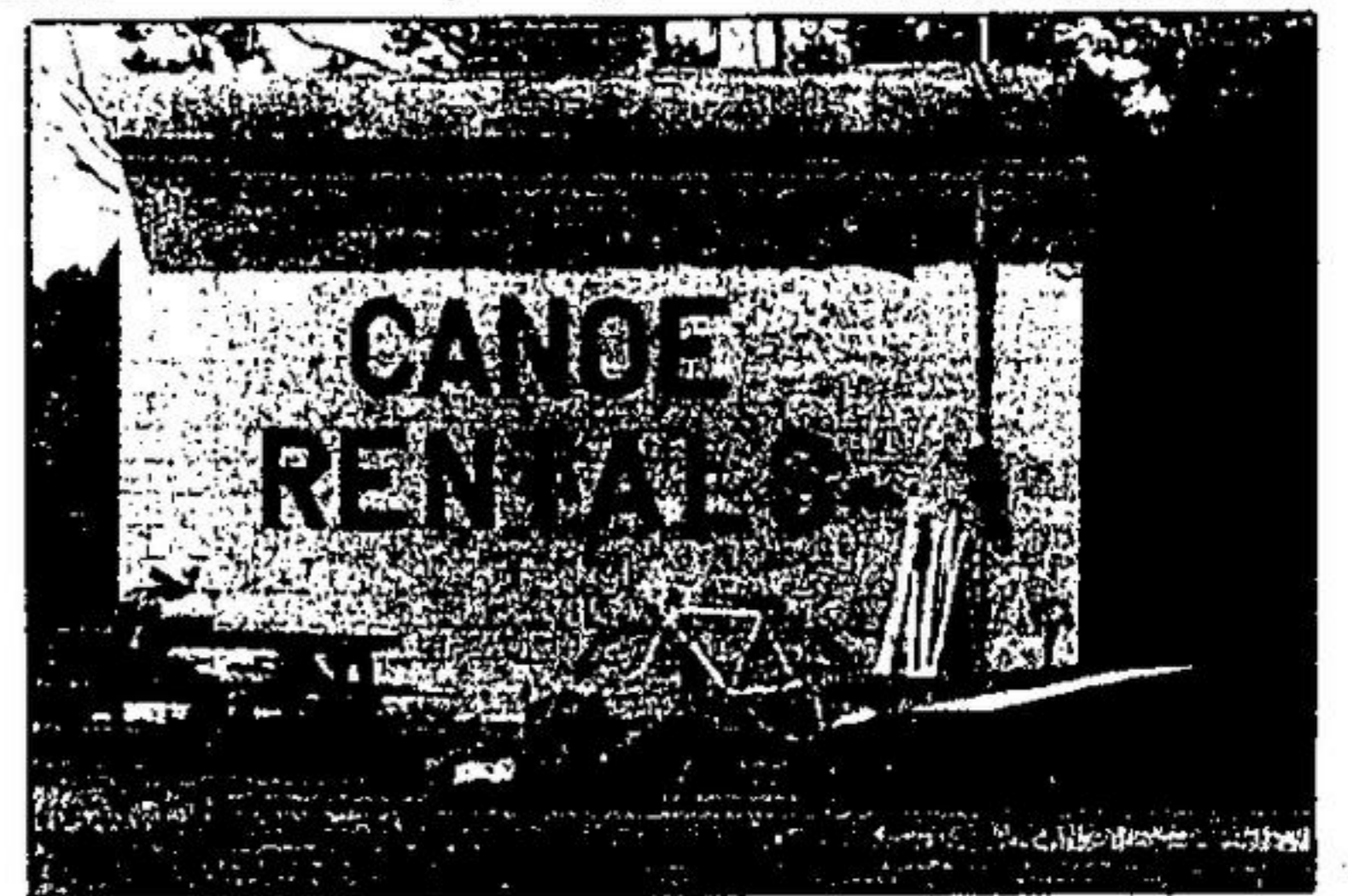
Lisa has, for many years, taken dance lessons, something which is very beneficial in her modelling career. It helps her with body control and choreography on the ramp.

People in a position to hire a model will be invited to a show of all graduates in the near future, Lisa says.

But until then, the Everton teenager is keeping very busy working as a receptionist and assistant teaching at the agency in Kitchener, as well as working in a store at Stone Road Mall. Sometime in between her busy schedule, Lisa also has photo sessions and her dancing.

Lisa's picture appeared in the Waterloo Chronicle as Wednesday's Girl earlier this year, and she made it to the finals in a beauty pageant in the same city.

At 16-years-old, Lisa has a lot of years to reach her goal, but if luck (and beauty) are with her, it won't take her very long.



Long awaited canoe rentals are finally being offered out of Prospect Park. Fairy Lake lends itself to the passive pastime and now thanks to the rentals, anyone can enjoy the sport. Poor participation forced the cancellation of canoe lessons, but enthusiasm is still high for rentals. Brian and Brandon Canary and Allan Higgins seemed to know what they are doing.

Don't invite crime while on vacation

Going away for the holidays? Halton Regional Police urge you to take precautions before leaving your home unoccupied for any length of time.

Leave some necessary information with a trusted friend or neighbor... where you are going, how you can be reached in case of emergency, and when you expect to return. Let someone know if anyone will be at your home while you are away, such as a gardener or repair man. Leave a key with a neighbor in case of emergency.

Have newspapers, mail and flyers collected from your front doorstep or mailbox on a regular basis.

If possible, leave a light on or a radio going to give the impression someone is home.

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