



Acton is one of the more fortunate towns in the area when it comes to beating the heat. Fairy Lake and Prospect Park offer a variety of fun activities in the summer. This week folks have been doing everything from swimming to boating to just playing in the sand.

Taxpayers' money requested for TV

A request by Burlington and Oakville Cablenet to televise the bi-monthly Halton Board of Education could cost Halton taxpayers about \$5,600 if approved.

Maureen Dawson, program manager of Cablenet, the south's version of Halton Cable Systems in North Halton, told the Board last week they would like to broadcast their meetings, as they do with the Regional and municipal council meetings. Halton Cable would pick up the broadcast, as it does with Regional Council.

However, "since the community programming departments are non-profit, the company operates the studios at a substantial loss," Mrs. Dawson told the trustees. "Our budgets, therefore, cannot cope with large expenditures above capital investments in studio and mobile equipment, maintenance costs and staff salaries. The school board, would be expected to pay for the installation of the equipment to set up the lights and cameras, including the boring of a hole in the wall," Mrs. Dawson said.

A trial run was proposed by Cablenet, for August, at the firm's expense.

Bill Herd, Oakville trustee, described the board's paying the

installation as "ludicrous." He pointed out the cable company had a mandate from the Canadian Radio Television and Telecommunication Commission to provide community programming. He pointed out Cablenet is a profit making organization.

Herd wanted to know if the firm had any idea how many of the 44,000 cable subscribers are watching the programs. Mrs. Dawson explained their only input is through telephone feedback. Their "budget can't afford a proper survey" to say how many people are actually tuning in.

Cam Jackson, Burlington, pointed out the board does not have any way of knowing how many people are reading the newsletter put out by the board. He felt a trial run should be arranged.

Georgetown trustee Betty Fisher said it was "inappropriate" to ask all taxpayers to pay for the installation of the equipment, when they would not be directly benefitting by it. By paying taxes, even those with no children are investing in the future, but this proposal is not going to benefit the average taxpayer.

A motion to have a trial run in August could not be voted on as trustees would not vote for a waiver of the procedures to allow a vote on a new item.

Staff changes will save board money

The reorganization of senior staff could save the Halton Board of Education up to \$350,000 annually.

In a report to the board trustees Thursday evening, director of education Wally Beever explained supervisory staff will be cut by 25 per cent. He does not anticipate any firings, saying a few in administration are due to retire in the next few years and some will move on to other jobs.

While it will take three or four years to fully implement the organizational structural changes, an interim organization will take effect on August 1.

Beever explained in the report that the present organization has been serving the board since 1969, with minor revisions. Because the senior

staff and the needs of the system have changed since then, the board administration found it necessary to review the system and make changes to meet the needs of the 1980s.

The plan, approved by the board, will cut three superintendents from the existing 12. In an effort to bring the central administration closer to the schools, area superintendents will be renamed superintendents of schools and Beever will be in direct contact with them. The area superintendents now go through the superintendent of instruction, Beever explained.

"It brings my role closer to the school system than ever before," the director said.

Minor change to load deal for Fourth Line

Halton Hills has agreed to a minor change in the deal with a company, 459550 Ontario Ltd., for the reconstruction of the Fourth Line.

The province will pay half the cost of reconstruction while the gravel pit firm will pay the other half of the project. However the town agreed recently to loan the company \$250,000, or half of the company's contribution,

an advance to finance the project.

The firm was to put its \$250,000 in first and then the town would make its contribution later. However, further negotiations resulted in the firm and town each making their contributions at the same time as the work progresses.

Council was informed of the change Monday night.



Irene Marchment celebrated her 80th birthday with an open house Sunday.

Birthday party for 80-year-old

It was a happy birthday last week for 80-year-old Irene Marchment when over 50 friends and relatives dropped into her home for an open house.

Mrs. Marchment was born July 8, 1902, near Peterborough. She worked in the General Electric plant there before moving to Windsor where she married Wesley Marchment 57 years ago, at the age of 23. The couple lived in Georgetown before settling in Acton.

For about a year, Mrs. Marchment worked in the Wool Combing factory in Acton. Her husband died 16 years ago. The couple had three sons, Ken, in Guelph, Lyle, Aurora and Leo, in Acton, and one daughter, Shirley Synder, in Acton. She has 17 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren "at last count."

The open house, held on Sunday at her Poplar Ave. home was hosted by granddaughters Madeline Harding and Donna Hopkins.

Mrs. Marchment still enjoys playing cards, but has had to give up working in her garden, something she loved to do.

Quotas...

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necessitated a further period of regulation, Lumley stressed that the Government remains convinced that the footwear industry has the potential to restructure and modernize its operations to meet international competition. In this regard, he was pleased to note that several companies were seeking assistance from the Canadian Industrial Renewal Board. Further, Lumley indicated that the Government was concerned over the apparent lack of co-operation between segments of the Canadian footwear industry in their effort to maintain a viable domestic industry. He strongly urged all sectors of the industry to do their utmost to encourage Canadians to buy Canadian-made footwear by producing the quality footwear at competitive prices demanded by Canadian consumers. He also encouraged the retailers to place a higher priority on merchandising Canadian-made footwear.

"Lumley also announced technical adjustments with respect to the non-leather quota. The overall level of the quota was adjusted from 35.6 million pairs to 34.1 million pairs reflecting more accurate statistical information now available. Individual importer quota allocations would not be affected by this adjustment. The non-leather specialty footwear items, which had been excluded from the quota as of December 1, 1981, were now to be added to the Import Control List for surveillance purposes with import permits available on request.

Playmobile on the move

The Halton Hills recreation department is offering some exciting activities for children in rural communities.

Playmobile is a van that travels to several areas in Halton Hills. On Wednesdays the Playmobile can be found at Ballinac Community Centre, Thursdays at Limehouse Public School, and on Fridays the Playmobile travels to Speyside Public School in the mornings, (9 a.m. to 12 noon).

The van is well equipped with supplies and the program provides games, hikes, songs, crafts and more. Swimming is included in this program for children aged five to twelve years.

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Eunice Gibb, daughter of James and Doreen Gibb, Elizabeth Dr., Acton, recently graduated (Cum Laude) from the University of Ottawa with a B.S.Sc. Honors degree in Political Science. In her final year she earned a position on the Dean's Honor list. A former student of Robert Little Public School and Acton High School, Acton, Eunice is currently working for the Ontario Ministry of Education in Toronto.

U of T graduate

Debbie Lea Carol Wellwood of Acton graduated last month from the University of Toronto Erindale Campus with a three year Bachelor of Science degree.

\$1,500 total damage

A collision at the corner of Mill and Main Streets Acton, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday resulted in damages totalling \$1,500.

Damage to the right front of a car driven by Robert Lindsay, 11 Wright Avenue, was estimated by police at \$800, and to the car driven by Patricia Hardy, R.R. 3 Acton, \$700.

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