



Proud family of Doug Mason gather round him at his retirement party Saturday evening. Front row, left to right, daughter Shirley Zehr, Doug and Lena Mason, and son Wayne. Back row, son-in-law

Jim Zehr, granddaughters Ann and Marie Zehr, Shelly, Lisa and Trevlyn Mason and daughter-in-law Gloria Mason.

### St. Joseph's School

## Trustee to push fence Aug. 31, parents predict enrolment decline

by Gord Murray  
Halton Hills trustee Irene McCauley plans to push hard for a fence across the back of St. Joseph's School when she meets with her Halton Separate School Board colleagues on August 31. Since last week's front page article in The Free Press in which it was revealed McCauley has asked for a fence between the new school property and Fairy Lake, but her request was rejected, she's been deluged with calls from parents. Over a dozen parents have called her so far to voice objections for themselves and friends.

Board staff hadn't planned for a fence and persuaded the property and planning committee earlier this month that one wasn't needed.

McCauley is keeping track of all the calls she receives and will present a list of the concerned

parents to trustees on August 31. She wants all the support on the issue she can get from parents and encourages them to call her at 877-7359 or write to 6 Elena Cr., Georgetown.

Like the trustee herself, parents are saying they had always assumed there would be a fence across the back of the school property on Mill St. West.

One mother of three children under age nine who would be going to St. Joseph's says after "persevering" through three years at the old Stone School she's disappointed there won't be a fence at the new school. That mother said not having a fence is a "danger" and observed "there are safer schools in Acton" to send her children to, McCauley reported.

A number of parents said it will be difficult for teachers to supervise the children when they are

outside and the entire property isn't fenced.

Several parents who called McCauley said the decision not to fence the back of the property will have impact on enrolment at St. Joseph's.

She's learned in the last week many parents are talking about this issue and a number of the calls she received were from parents speaking on behalf of their friends also.

"I will reiterate mine and the parents' concerns and probably make a motion to have the fence put up. I know the board will be receptive and take a long hard look at putting in the fence. The board is reasonable."

McCauley said she doesn't think it's necessary yet for parents to send a delegation to the board, she'd like to see what happens at the meeting at the end of this month first.

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## Tannery aim: work sharing start Sept. 5

By Gord Murray  
Beardmore hopes to go on work sharing the week of September 5 according to Ed Parent, President of Local 0479-P, United Food and Commercial Workers at the tannery, and Murray Stewart of Canada Packers.

On May 18, 86 per cent of the workers voted to go to work sharing, a government program under which workers receive 60 per cent of their pay for days they aren't working when the plant operates a three or four day week.

Beardmore applied for a three day week under the 26 week program, though it was possible for the plant to operate four days a week during this period. The three day work week was simply a minimum work week.

After Beardmore applied for the program, Parent explained, the government made some changes, so now the firm is re-applying for work sharing.

Among the changes is a cut in the length of the work sharing program from 26 weeks to 20 weeks made by the government, Parent noted. Stewart said the 20 weeks can be extended to 26 weeks, but Beardmore hopes the program won't last even 20 weeks. The duration of work sharing will depend entirely on orders.

Stewart said the firm has established 279

workers will be under work sharing.

In conjunction with this, workers who were off, but have seniority, have been called back and are being placed in new jobs while 22 junior people are being laid off for 20 weeks during the work sharing. These workers generally have less than two years' service.

Stewart said this plan was worked out with the union to place people in seniority in jobs in the plant which are "compatible" with their abilities.

The start of work sharing the week of September 5 has yet to be approved by the government.

Parent explained there can't be any hiring or lay-offs during the work sharing period, except in the case of people quitting, retiring or dying.

The three day work week will apply sometimes to some departments, while others will be on four days. Some weeks the entire tannery will be on four days. Occasionally the whole plant could be on five days, or even some departments, but Parent said this can't happen often or work sharing would cease.

Parent noted a one week layoff at Beardmore has been moving through the leather production process. As one area of the plant completes its work in the process those workers go off for a week.



The Halton Hills summer playground program wound up Thursday with a parade through Acton and a penny carnival at Robert Little School in Acton. The Summer Activities Centre float with participants from Acton's Robert

Little and Georgetown's Park and George Kennedy School was judged the top float in the parade. Turn inside for more parade and carnival photos. Photo by GORD MURRAY



On September 19, run, walk, jog, stroll ride, wheel organize, sponsor but register for

Terry. Acton's Terry Fox Run will be 25 laps around the Acton High School track.

## For Terry's sake get involved

by Gord Murray  
Acton's second annual Terry Fox Run for the Marathon of Hope will take place Sunday, September 19, rain or shine, at the track at Acton High School from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In communities right across the land people will be participating in this great event.

People may run, jog or walk etc. the course allowing them to begin when they want, and take as much time as they need. This is not a race: it is an opportunity for all Acton and area people to honor Terry Fox and his quest to find a cure for cancer.

The local organizing committee consists of Jon Hurst, Ron Heller, Nan Hurst, George McPhail and Bill Taylor from AHS who will be working with the local schools.

Last year's Terry Fox Run raised about \$11,500 for cancer research locally, an enviable mark for such a small community.

Last year's target, which was greatly exceeded, was \$7,000 or \$1 for each Actonian.

The organizers feel they are being quite realistic in aiming for \$15,000 raised this year, or a little over \$2 per man, woman and child here.

They encourage all citizens to run, walk, jog, stroll, ride or wheel around the AHS track 25 times. If you don't want to participate that way then volunteer to help organize this big event or sponsor someone who is involved.

But for Terry's sake get involved.

Last year just over 200 people circled the track, but this year they expect even more people will come out.

Pledge sheets are available from local banks, Becker's, Acton Home Furnishings, the Hide House and Jug City.

Participants will receive a poster of Terry, a certificate and while supplies last an iron-on decal.

## Fed riding changes may put north Halton back together

by Gord Murray  
Acton, Georgetown and Milton could well be back together in the same federal riding after the next election.

Halton MP Otto Jelinek predicted changes for the three ridings of Halton, Brampton-Georgetown and Burlington if redistribution takes place after the next national election in 1984 or 1985. He says he and many other MPs are opposed to any riding changes though.

Currently Halton riding consists of Oakville, Milton, Acton and part of Esquesing while the City of Burlington is another federal seat, Burlington. The rest of Halton Region, Georgetown and part of Esquesing is in the Brampton-Georgetown riding.

Jelinek said redistribution plans aren't expected to be completed before late fall or early winter.

However, with Brampton-Georgetown, Halton and Burlington ridings all having considerably more population than the average riding size he can see changes coming.

While he has no knowledge of how the seats will be rearranged, he said what he can see being done is Brampton and Oakville becoming separate seats and the Burlington riding shrinking to just the area between the Queen Elizabeth Way and Lake Ontario. What would be left, Acton, Georgetown, Milton, Esquesing and north Burlington to be lumped together as a new seat, very similar to the existing provincial Halton-Burlington riding.

Since the Chief Electoral Officer received 1981 census figures from Canada's Chief Statistician, law required his office to now "upgrade the number of seats by population distribution," Jelinek explained.

Based on a formula set by Parliament some time ago the number of seats in the House of Commons would swell from the present 282 to 310,

an additional 28 seats, 10 of which will be in Ontario.

The average population of a riding should be 82,143, Jelinek said.

He noted Halton riding, with a population of 116,628 is 42 per cent bigger than it should be under the law while Brampton-Georgetown, with a population 171,431, is 109 per cent larger than it should be. Burlington riding has a population of 114,853 and is 40 per cent bigger than the average.

Boundaries for new ridings are being drawn now and "if there are no new instructions from Parliament the present seats won't exist after the next election."

An all party committee is looking at the redistribution question now and considering recommending to Parliament that no seat changes

be made and the law requiring redistribution be amended.

"I'd prefer not to increase the number of seats and I'm not alone. Many MPs, Liberals and Progressive Conservatives, are opposed."

If the number of seats is increased Jelinek says they should be limited to as few as possible.

He notes it will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to create new seats. MPs wages, he says, is a small expense, there's also office space, staff, equipment, etc.

Also many MPs are opposed because already the individual backbencher doesn't have enough input into the Parliamentary process and adding 28 more MPs will only make the situation worse. Jelinek added the Parliamentary Reform Committee is looking at this concern.

## 51 plants, dried marijuana seized in Eden Mills barn

A 17-year-old Eden Mills resident, Eric Pries, was arrested and charged with cultivation of marijuana Sunday.

Two Guelph OPP officers arrived at the young man's parents' home with a search warrant. Nothing was found in the home, however both harvested marijuana and plants were found in the barn out back and seized. Constable Jim Butler said the police didn't need a search warrant for the barn, a search warrant is only needed for a dwelling under the Narcotics Control Act.

Butler explained about three pounds of har-

vested marijuana was found in the barn drying. Approximately another two pounds of the drug harvested and dried was found in a long plant box containing 51 plants on a balcony of the barn.

The marijuana has a street value of \$2,500 to \$3,000.

Butler explained it appeared the youth's parents were unaware of his "gardening" activities.

Police went to the home as a result of information received.

Pries appears in Guelph Provincial Court August 30.

## Former resident killed in crash

A former Acton and Georgetown resident, Norm Humeniuk was killed in a car crash at 5.30 p.m. Friday in Brampton.

Mr. Humeniuk, 52, was living in Orangeville with his family and working as a barber at Camp Borden.

He and his family left Acton about six years ago after spending 25 to 30 years in the Acton-Georgetown area, his brother Peter said in an interview this week. Peter, who lives in Guelph, runs Peter's Barber Shop in downtown Acton.

Norm Humeniuk owned a pool hall and barber shop at the corner of Mill and Main Streets in

Acton, where Johnson Real Estate is now, for many years.

Mr. Humeniuk drove his vehicle into the rear of another vehicle on Dixie Rd. in Bramalea and was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital.

He is survived by his wife Marg; his sons Raymond of Toronto, Nick of Orangeville and Bill; daughter Christine at home; brothers Mike of Saskatchewan, Bill of Thunder Bay, Carl of Burlington, Danny of London, and Peter of Guelph; sisters Ann and Irene of Essex and Iris of Snelgrove, and parents Nick and Mary Humeniuk of Holmesway Pl. in Acton.



Acton's 'Mr. Music' turned 99 years old on Friday. A birthday party was held at the Band Hall on Saturday. For story, see page 5.

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Heller's is going to a four day work week next month. See page 3.

Also turn to page B11 for details about continuing monitoring of pollution coming from Heller's Georgetown plant.

Our Miss Acton is really Miss Cuddy. See photo page 3.

Elbow grease is the main ingredient students employ to restore cars at the Radial Railway. Turn to district news on page 6.

There will be a verbal shootout over a trap shooting club at RRF 1 Acton. More on page 2.

A bench warrant has been issued for the arrest of Acton's Richard Holmes. Details on page 9.

There's news of interest to Acton Branch 197 members on pages B1 and C3.

Some cyclists from Detroit stopped at Prospect Park. See photo on page 8.

Northern Ireland violence is greatly exaggerated a local resident who vacations there says. More in Newsmakers.

