

Columbian Squires, the younger version of the Knights of Columbus, held a yard sale Saturday to raise funds for their organization and the Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society. Hard workers were Brad O'Neill, Troy Nolan, Paul Kilpatrick, Benny Dubil, Donald Marzo, George Binden, Victor Hinojosa, Rob Disano, Jerry Disano, Jerry Van der Eyken and Guy Bosse.

Lakeview Villa names Senior of the Year

Catharine McCristall is the 1983 Lakeview Villa Senior of the Year.

Mrs. McCristall was selected last week, for what Tom Nichol of the Villa describes as her kindness and thoughtfulness to others, and her constant willingness to help out.

In addition to the honor, Mrs. McCristall received a trophy and a sweater, both bearing her name, donated anonymously.

A Blyth, Ontario native, Mrs. McCristall came to Acton over 77 years ago when she was only two-years-old. Her family moved to below the Dublin sideroad. About 30 years ago, she moved to 19 John St. where she stayed until the senior citizens' apartments opened almost three years ago.

This year's senior of the year raised seven children, six of whom are still living. She has 17 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.



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Acti Van fares jump 15 c

ActiVan fares will be increased from 60 ride ActiVan to work. cents a trip to 75 cents.

ActiVan enjoyed a very successful 1982 and Halton Hills general committee agreed Monday, to renew the contract with Tyler Transport to run the transit system for the disabled from May 1, 1983 to April 30, 1984.

Last year the number of registered ActiVan users climbed from 104 to 193, up 86 per cent.

The number of trips (one way) soared 333 per cent, from 2,246 in eight months of 1981 to 7,484 trips last year.

During the eight months the service ran in 1981. ActiVan carried an average of 10.8 people per day but that figure swelled to 24 a day in 1982.

The number of monthly trips peaked at 843 in March last year and then tapered off in the summer to 410 trips in July. Ridership began to climb again in the fall hitting 785 trips in November and then slumped again in the Christmas holidays season, 635 trips in December.

Twenty-five per cent of ActiVan trips are to take people out for medical appointments while 15 per cent of the trips take people for educational activities. Fifty per cent of the riders are using the service to get around for shopping or social activities and 10 per cent

Bell spends \$ on 853 system

Bell Canada spent \$156,000 maintaining and upgrading telephone services in Acton in 1982, W.C. Salmon, local manager revealed.

Another \$100,000 will be spent in 1983, he noted.

Some of the projects in the 853 exchange were the modernization of feeder and distribution cable facilities in several areas, including Church, Mill and Bower streets and rural feeder cable relief.

Salmon noted that the money spent in Acton does not include a \$4 million cost to Bell to introduce TOPS (Traffic Operator Position System), long distance calling for the Guelph and Orangeville areas as well as Kitchener-Waterloo, Cambridge and Brantford areas.

At the end of 1982, there were 3,370 customers in the local exchange. Salmon explained Bell pays the town of Halton Hills \$373,311 in taxes, \$18,383 of which is real estate, \$6,970 business and \$347,958 gross receipts.

The gross receipts tax is a special tax levied against telecommunications companies. It is five per cent of all revenue derived from Ontario customers the previous year and apportioned to each exchange depending on its number of telephones. Gross receipts for 1983 are expected

to be \$397,025. Last year Bell invested \$1.4 billion in its network, two thirds of which went towards meeting subscribers' requirements. Another large portion of capital expenditures was used to improve the quality of service in such areas as operator services, line testing, switching and transmission and

rural service. More than \$200 million worth of digital switching equipment, including DMS-100 and DMS-200 switchers, was installed. In each of 1963 and 1964, Bell is expected to invest more than \$300 million to expand its digital switching and transmission capability, Salmon said.

Fish derby

On May 7 the Kclso Conservation Area will be the site of the third annual Kelson Trout Fishing Derby.

The 80-acre reservoir will be stocked with 10 inch to 24 inch rainbow trout for this

event, which is open to fishermen of all ages. From 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, the public are invited to visit the park to "throw in their lines" and become eligible for one of many prizes being offered for both junior and senior categories.

Halton Board of Education and Halton Separate School Board pay the Town \$3 per trip to transport three students to school. ActiVan is used not only during the week

for various trips, but also for weekly Sunday morning swims for the handicapped at Acton Lions pool and the monthly Friends-in-Deed meeting. In addition the ActiVan was used for Christmas light tours and to take the handicapped to the Santa Claus parade.

Last year the ActiVan travelled 55,701 kilometres and since it was born in May 1981 it has gone 77,507 kilometres.

Last year it cost \$47,400 to run ActiVan. Revenues consisted of \$5,047.80 in fares and \$5,827,28 in donations. Donations are being set aside to cover future service extensions or a replacement of the little bus.

The total operating deficit was \$36,525 for 1982, or \$4.88 per passenger carried. The Town had budgeted its share of the deficit to be \$16,700, but Halton Hills share of the deficit was only \$12,825.34.

Tyler Transport has raised its charges 5 per cent for operating ActiVan and 4.7 per cent for keeping the vehicle on standby. The new cost for running ActiVan will be \$20.70 an hour weekdays and \$25.20 an hour evenings and weekends. The standby charge will be \$15.50 an hour weekdays and \$20 an hour weekends and evenings.

The Town approved the 15 cent a trip fare increase "in recognition of the standard of service being provided and consistent with the fare in other municipalities providing similar service."

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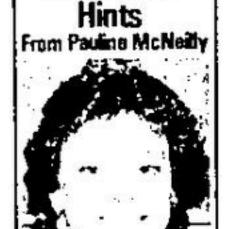
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