



Three Halton Hills students, l. to r. Linda Kilpatrick, Gwyneth Gibb and Kate Griffin, will be busy this summer with a Public Awareness of Water Safety (PAWS) program. The girls are currently in schools teaching Water Safety and will be at most Halton Hills functions with brochures and advise for area swimmers.



Share workers Mary Van Dam, Bea Cooper and Henny Rauwerda were busy at a special craft sale at the Carpet Corner Friday.

Hydro office controversy..

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Lou Bonnette said he was "astonished" that Acton didn't deserve better bill paying service than a student for the summer, not that he had anything against students. When a public body makes an important decision like changes in billing operations in Acton, instead of listening to staff ideas they should seek public input first.

He urged the commission completely reverse its decision and leave Mrs. Loutett, a person Acton customers can communicate with, in Acton along with the computer. He said the commission was trying to save \$10,000 and was going to wind up frustrating customers to the tune of \$100,000.

Don Lindsay said hydro office changes won't encourage business to establish in Acton. Mason said industry wanting specifications and other technical information would still deal with the Acton building's staff, but admitted later new residents and firms would likely have to pay deposits and make hook-up arrangements in Georgetown.

Mason agreed with Paul Nielsen, who reported Acton Hydro used to help industry by bringing service free from the road up to the building but now firms had to pay for lines, poles, etc. Nielsen said this wasn't an incentive for industry to locate here.

Tyler said what upsets so many people is that Acton has witnessed a steady erosion of services. Council isn't here, the police aren't here, the fire chief isn't in Acton full-time, etc., Tyler noted. "There's been an erosion of the services and people we knew."

Had people got up and fought regional government as hard as they were willing to fight not being able to pay their hydro bills in town, the community might not have the kinds of problems it has now. The hydro building is all that's left, Tyler said, describing planned changes in billing operations as the "last straw." Having the works yard here was only changing the "direction of the parade" citizens have seen for years with the municipal works yard located in Georgetown.

Mason said he has argued against hydro office changes "from the start" and Allison indicated he too has been opposed to any changes.

To save a bit of money hydro was going to "offend" the whole community, Ed Wood said. Acton was being hit by an impersonal staff attitude and a lot of "snow" on an issue that amounted to a "slap in the face to us again."

Bruce Shoemaker returned to the feeling that hydro office changes were just another erosion of the "quality of life" in Acton. One thing has "slipped away after another." Various governments were removing services from Acton "without our consent."

A marketing study showed 79 per cent of the people who shop downtown walk and they come downtown for many purposes, including paying their electric bills and meeting their friends, Nielsen said.

Acton wasn't just "venting our spleen," Norm Elliott said, citizens were asking that hydro reconsider the whole issue. Having a little faster service because the hydro works department is in town was "neither here nor there." Moving the billing office from the Alice St. building meant another "government presence was being removed." Acton was calling Oakville and Georgetown for

everything now, they shouldn't have to call Georgetown to get hydro bill answers too. Hydro was trying to save a few thousand dollars and when the thing to do was keep all billing operations as they were for the "sake of the community."

Mason said it was 99.5 per cent certain there would be some place people could pay their hydro bills in Acton after the summer, and a resident shot back that arrangement will last only as long as Pomeroy is mayor.

Allison admitted he was surprised people didn't view having the works department in Acton as an asset. He said all aspects of the Acton-Georgetown split of hydro administration and works operations had been working well up until this controversy exploded. A resident fired back then there was no reason to make billing office changes in Acton.

He concluded the message of the evening was that people won't feel they are getting as good service as they were if they have to pay their bills at the Town office.

The answer was a loud yes. A citizen said people were happy with the existing service and hydro should leave everything as it was. Elliott added the computer and Mrs. Loutett should be left here.

One resident, who said she has lived here 10 years, observed ever since they came here one thing after another has been taken away from Acton.

Citizens worried Acton would lose everything when the Town and Hydro build a joint complex in the future. Allison said there are no firm plans now and no decisions would be made for some time, but allowed hydro must plan for the future.

Watson concluded a lot of minds had been eased by the mayor's comments and what people heard at the meeting. He said the audience was "broad representation" of Acton and Esqueping.

He warned the commissioners before they contemplate making a deal with Halton Hills council for a "tombstone in Georgetown" (a municipal-hydro complex) a lot more facts should be made public.

Mason said afterwards they'll be taking the message they heard at Thursday's meeting back to the commission and will push to have the computer and Mrs. Loutett moved back to town.

Allison observed the mayor's new proposal to have people pay their hydro bills at the Town office had obviously satisfied the bulk of the community.

Flag for Eramosa

Eramosa Township will soon have its own flag.

Township council recently approved the purchase of a flag and appointed Reeve Murray Cox, and councillors Don Delaporte and Elda Jackson to act as a flag committee to design the flag.

Hire student week

Halton Hills has proclaimed the week of June 13 to 18 as Hire a Student week and June 18 as Home Owner Canvassing Day. On June 18 canvassers will be knocking on Halton Hills residents' doors recruiting odd jobs for students. Both proclamations were requested by the Canada Employ which also operates in Acton.

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Autofest '83 this Sunday

Autofest '83 at the Acton High School Sunday is sure to have something for all car enthusiasts.

Sponsored by the Halton Hills Street Machines, all proceeds will be going towards the Big Brothers Association and Acton High.

Rods, vans, street machines and 4 x 4's will be featured and awards will be given for pro-street, long distance, hard luck, best engine, paint, interior, engineering, club participation (four cars or more) and dash plaques.

The show runs from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Present hydro petition to commission Friday

A petition signed by hundreds of Acton residents urging Halton Hills Hydro Commission to reverse its stand and make no bill paying service changes in Acton will be presented to the commission Friday morning.

Tom Watson, chairman of Thursday's public meeting on the issue, will present the petition on behalf of the audience of concerned citizens who have been circulating the petition.

The petition calls for Halton Hills Hydro to maintain all bill paying services in Acton as they existed until just recently, including bringing a computer terminal head and staffer Marge Loutett back to Acton.

Watson observed the petition is being taken door to door in older parts of Acton and is also in most stores around town.

He said the petition is filling up quickly, many have been filled and replaced more than once.

Watson plans to speak very briefly to the commission on Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. when it meets at the Alice St. hydro building. He expects some other concerned citizens will accompany him and also invites any member of the public to join him in attending the meeting.

Citizens came up with the idea of a peti-

tion to show that more than the approximately 50 citizens who attend the meeting Thursday don't want any bill paying service changes.

They felt the Robert Little School auditorium would have been packed if a story in last week's Free Press and other local papers hadn't announced mayor Peter Pomeroy had stepped in and was making sure there would be some place, likely the downtown to pay bills in town after September. Citizens felt many people thought the issue had been defused. The mayor's alternate plan represented a radical drastic revision of changes in bill paying services previously proposed by the staff and supported by some commissioners.


Citizens didn't go to the meeting because they believed the mayor's plan was the best Acton could hope for and it had been approved. Also, the rare lovely evening weather Thursday may have cut down attendance.

Citizens believe a petition signed by hundreds of local hydro customers would show the commission many citizens don't want any changes made for bill paying services here and that the mayor's proposal to have people pay their bills at the Town office downtown was only a second choice.

Car ditched

A Brampton man escaped injury in an early morning accident on Wellington Rd. 24, North of Ballinasad, Sunday at 5:10 a.m.


According to Guelph OPP, Robert Little, 34, was driving northbound on the road, just south of Highway 24, when his vehicle swerved off the road to the right, struck three guard rails, rolled once as it descended the embankment before coming to rest at the bottom of the hill. An estimated \$2,500 in damages was sustained to the car.



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Here's 3 Chances To Win "Tickets For Two" To See

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JUNE 14 - JULY 3


Here's How You Can Be A Lucky Winner!

For your chance to win a pair of tickets to see Beatlemania and meet the cast, just jot down your answers to the following trivia questions.

- Name the only song written and recorded by the Beatles that was also recorded by the Rolling Stones.
- George Harrison's ex-wife is now married to a guitarist known as "Slowhand". Who is she and who is her current spouse?
- Who was the Beatles manager during the early days of fame?
- How old was the girl who danced "way beyond compare"?
- Where does the Beatle who sings "When I'm 64" wish to rent a cottage?
- Paul McCartney used to go out with the sister of Linda Ronstadt's frequent record producer. Who was she?
- Name the club the Beatles played during their early days in Liverpool.
- Where did the Beatles make their first U.S. appearance?
- Who preceded Ringo as drummer for the group?
- What is Ringo Starr's real name?

All entries must be received by noon Saturday, June 11, 1983. Draw to take place Saturday afternoon. Winners will be notified same day. Tickets are for June 14 and 16, 1983.

3 Pairs of Tickets To Be Won!



Drop your answers into our Beatlemania ballot box at Georgetown Dairy Queen. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number with every entry. The first 3 correct entries drawn will each win tickets for two. The 4th entry will win a Beatlemania T-Shirt.

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