



New mayor Russ Miller and Georgetown Councillor John McDonald drew the Acton tickets Saturday morning. Jack Ridley won the \$200 prize, Laurie Tagliabue \$100 and Elizabeth Dowling \$50.

BRIC grant for hall

Ted Tyler and Heritage Acton probably won't get the \$34,000 remaining in the old demolition-restoration fund, but he did leave council Monday night with an extra \$2,000.

Council approved the town hall restoration group's application for a Ministry of Citizenship and Culture Building Rehabilitation and Improvement Campaign (BRIC) grant.

For this grant the Town must enter into an agreement with the province and the municipality is reimbursed 10 per cent of the grant value by the province to help defray administrative costs.

Tyler observed the Town will make money on this grant through the 10 per cent reimbursement and Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson said she'd favor this money being donated to the project.

The purpose of the grant is to help owners of locally significant heritage properties as designated under the Ontario Heritage Act. The town hall was designated an historical site by Halton Hills in 1977.

The grant will help pay for reinforcement steel beams for the first and second floors of the town hall. Heritage Acton had to match the \$2,000 grant with funds it has raised and the work

has already been done and approved by the Town. The province verbally agreed to give the grant previously.

Council also gave approval for Heritage Acton to get special occasion liquor permits between December 19 1983 and March 31, 1984.

Tyler said the project won't be completed in time for a gala reopening dance and celebration, but they may hold some dances and other events to raise funds. He didn't want to have to come back to council for approval each time they want a liquor permit.

Town approval for liquor permits is needed because the building hasn't been deemed by the Town to Heritage Acton yet, it is still in the hands of lawyers. Clerk-administrator Ken Richardson explained if the deed hasn't been cleared up by the end of March then council can consider extending the approval for liquor permits.

Before going to the LLBO for liquor permits, plumbing work must be completed and approved by the Town plumbing inspector. Tyler added the Town's building inspector is at the hall daily these days. The plumbing should be finished and approved by the end of this year.



On the Leavell

With Helen

A special Christmas greeting goes out to the Wilke family of West Germany, from all their friends in Acton.

The Wilkes moved to Germany from Acton three or four years ago and are missed by their former neighbors and friends. Last year the Acton connection sent them a subscription to the Free Press so they could keep in touch with the town's happenings. Fritz and Angelica, and their children Eva, Fritz, Gunder and Christoph really miss it here.

Neighbors Gen and Gary Leslie, Churchill Rd. South asked us to pass on the seasonal wishes.

Editor Gord got a little surprise in the office mail Monday. When the day's mail came in there was a small white envelope with his name and position and address handwritten on the outside. There was no return address. Inside the envelope—nothing. Whoever sent it forgot to put in whatever it was they were sending. It was postmarked Acton on December 16.

Just a reminder that Halton schools are out for their Christmas break all this week and next. Motorists are asked to take special caution on the icy roads.

Are you a last minute shopper—Hartley and Gord this is for you—the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded are selling cookbooks. For \$5 each, these make a good gift which are useful all year round. Those interested call 877-5557.

Halton Cable Systems will provide special Christmas programming on Cable 4 beginning December 23 at 10 a.m.

Charlotte Marchment, a representative of the Acton Pentecostal Church said there will be talent shows introducing amateur musicians, singers and dancers from Acton, Toronto, Erin and Kitchener.

The show will begin with a program called Pentecostal Presents.

Are you a teacher who thinks you have it rough? Fred Springer, principal at St. Joseph's Separate School sent in the following to show what it was really like to have it rough:

"What was it like to be a female teacher in Manitoba about 1880? The following rules for teachers, though not made especially for Manitoba will give you some idea:

1. You will not marry during the term of your contract.
2. You will not keep company with men.
3. You must be home between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., unless attending a school function.
4. You may not loiter downtown in ice cream stores.
5. You may not travel beyond the city limits unless you have permission of the chairman of the board.
6. You may not ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he is your father or brother.
7. You may not smoke cigarettes.
8. You may not dress in bright colors.
9. You may under no circumstances dye your hair.
10. You must wear at least two petticoats.
11. Your dresses must not be any shorter than two inches above the ankle.
12. To keep the school room neat and clean, you must sweep the floor at least once daily; scrub the floor at least once a week with hot soapy water; clean the blackboards at least once a day and start the fire at 7 a.m. so the room will be warm by 8 a.m."

Christmas has always been good to me, thanks to very generous parents and a very loving Santa.

To my older siblings, aunts and uncles and grandmother spread across Canada, and to my parents and younger sister I wish you all a very merry Christmas.

Gord and I are heading south to Mississauga this weekend where for the first time his mother will have her two sons and their wives all together. Gord's only sibling is coming from Yellowknife for the holidays, and his grandmother Florence Giddy from Port Hope. We'll be a bit crowded in a one bedroom apartment but I'm sure it too will be a Christmas worth remembering.

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Our readers write

Pam Sheldon should be regional councillor

Dear Sir:
Re: "Jake Who"
What's going on?
When the aggregate issue surfaced and scared the pants off the people in the rural area, who was right up there doing battle for us?
Councillor Pam Sheldon.
When the International Peace Camp, the Croatian Centre and other recreation parks began to affect the lifestyle in the rural area, who was right up there doing battle for us?
Councillor Sheldon.
When we need a pothole fixed,

a tax bill queried, a building permit issued, a recreation problem answered, who is right up there doing battle for us?
Councillor Sheldon.
Councillor Sheldon has experience. She knows her way around. She doesn't back down and she has guts. Councillor Sheldon should be right up there, at the Region, doing battle for us.
Now what I would like to know is this. Just who is Jake Kulken???
In disgust,
Jim Richards
RR 3 Milton



Ruby Jennings, a resident at the Cher Rest Home, serves a cake presented to the seniors by the Columbia Squires.



Eileen Antone

All male council threatened by woman

Dear Editor:
I have lived in Esqueping my entire life and have never before been angry enough to write a letter to the Editor.

The way our Town Council chose to appoint to Regional Council for our township, an inexperienced newcomer with no previous government experience is shameful. Jake Kulken may be a nice guy, and I'm sure he is. But I want experience at the Region on my behalf, not a greenhorn. Instead, Town Council should have appointed a much more experienced and proven worker from the Township, Pam Sheldon.

Are they crazy, or is this really "a man's world" after all. Why was this allowed to happen?

I wonder if the problem is that a large part of our almost all-male Council is more than a little threatened by a woman who is as smart, or smarter, than they think they are. I've seen her in action at numerous aggregate meetings and no one on our Council knew as much or fought as hard on our behalf on this matter.

I am now very worried. The

aggregate problem in Esqueping was "pushed down our throats" by the people at the Region and there was no one at the Region who could help us. But our Town Councillor, Pam Sheldon, showed great leadership ability and managed to get the Region to back down with their threatening aggregate plans. She should go to the Region on our behalf, not someone with little, or no experience even at the town level.

There's a saying that goes "a woman has to work twice as hard to get half as far" but I thought that type of approach was a thing of the past. Obviously not in Halton Hills. The male members of Town Council have done a great disservice to Esqueping residents, and I want something done about it.

To Pam Sheldon I say, "stick with it, kid, we're with you". To Town Council I say, "wake up and smell the coffee—it's 1983". To Mayor Miller I say, "if there is something you can do about it, please do it".
A concerned Esqueping taxpayer.

Mrs. Eve Martin
RR 4 Acton

Stars say thanks

To the Editor:
I would like to take this time to thank all the parents of the Swimming Stars of Acton for all their assistance in making our meet on November 20 a great success. The money made at the meet will be put to good use for the team.

We would also like to thank the Goy Transport Company for donating their truck for the Christmas parade. A special thanks to the driver for donating his time.

Coaches
Karen Brading
Brenda Looyanga

No injuries in collision

Two Acton residents escaped injury after a two car collision at the intersection of Mountainview Rd. and Armstrong Ave. in Georgetown.

According to police, Henry Henselink, of RR 4 Acton, was travelling west on Armstrong Ave. when he attempted to stop at the intersection crossing Mountainview Rd. icy road

conditions caused Henselink to slide into the intersection and strike a northbound vehicle driven by Cheryl Daponte of Storey Dr. Henselink's vehicle sustained \$25 damage and the Daponte vehicle received \$2,800 damage.

No charges were laid in the incident.

Special teacher for D & G home

A special arrangement between the Halton Board of Education and the Ministry of Consumer and Social Services has made it possible for a teacher to be instructing students at the D & G Group Home, just south of Acton.

Mrs. Eileen Antone was officially appointed to the Home effective October 31 and caters to the residents who need special care and have special needs, explains Acton board trustee Arlene Bruce. While Mrs. Antone is under contract with the local board, she does not affect the Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) across the region, it was stressed.

Mrs. Antone is just one of several such teachers throughout Halton who are paid by the board for special services. However, the board is then reimbursed by the Ministry, so her salary is not coming from the Halton taxpayers.

Classes at the D & G Group Home are held in a portable on the property.

Merry Christmas

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