

# News Digest

## NDP nomination

Broadview-Greenwood MP Lynn McDonald will be guest speaker at tonight's (Wednesday's) nomination meeting for the Wellington-Dufferin-Peel New Democratic Party. Nominations remain open as the meeting gets underway at 8 p.m. at Wellington Place on County Rd. 18 just west of Fergus.

## Signs on order

When will Neighborhood Watch signs be posted around three different sections of Acton as planned? "As soon as they arrive," Town engineer Bob Austin told Councillor Rick Bonnette Monday night. The signs are on order to help residents of the Lakeview and Bovis subdivisions and "the Crescent" with their self-help anti-crime program.

## Green light for Santa

Town councillors had no objections Monday to letting the Acton Firefighters Association roll its first Santa Claus parade through the downtown core starting at McKenzie-Smith school at 1 p.m. Nov. 24. The usual police escort and extra protection at the railway tracks are required.



## READY FOR TAKE-OFF

Branda Walsh and her Grade 6 classmates at St. Joseph's participated with most of the school body releasing 300 balloons as part of a class project. Attached to the balloons are envelopes with the school's address so finders of the balloons can return them. The balloons will help a Grade 6 environmental studies class understand wind currents.

## Remembrance competition seeks best poems, posters

The return of the Royal Canadian Legion's annual essay and poster contests brings local youth another chance to win cash prizes and express their views on Remembrance Day '84.

Students in all area schools have been contacted by Poppy Chairman Harry Norton of Acton's Branch 197 about the Canada-wide competition.

Top prizes for the best poster, essay and poem range from \$15 to \$30 at the Branch level through \$100 to \$275 at the Dominion (national) level. Dominion winners are also rewarded with free trips for two to Ottawa, where they'll participate in Remembrance Day services at the national cenotaph in November, 1985.

Judges pick the best posters, essays and poetry in three categories: seniors (Grades 10 through 13), intermediates (Grades 7

through 9) and juniors (Grades 4 through 6). Winners at the Branch level make their way up through the ranks from Zone to District and from Provincial to Dominion.

Branch 197's 1983 poster contest winner, Acton High School student Bill Ingles, was runner-up at the Zone level, losing to the entrant who went on to win the Dominion championship.

For additional information or copies of the contest literature, students should contact their teacher or Harry Norton at 853-0618.



1983 Winner BILL INGLES

## High school commencement is Nov. 2

The upcoming Acton High School fall commencement promises to be one of the best to date, according to commencement chairman Jim Goring.

The proceedings, which begin at 8 p.m. Nov. 2 in the high school auditorium, will feature 11 Ontario scholars, 39 scholarships and bursaries, 60 secondary school honor

graduates and 129 Secondary school graduates.

Both staff and members of the community will assist in the ceremony, Goring said, and school trustees Mark Bradley, Ivan Armstrong, Arlene Bruce and Dick Howitt will be present.

The ceremony will last approximately one hour, Goring said.

## Fair board members seek right time slot

Does the booking of popular events on Fridays and Sundays at the Acton Fall Fair cut into the appeal of the traditionally better-attended Saturdays?

Members of the Acton Agricultural Society wrestled with the question at their monthly meeting at Knox Church last Tuesday night after some suggested that the Heavy Horse show, held Friday this year, should be put back into Saturday's line-up. The decision was left to the committee in charge.

The decrease in the number of spectators at the horse show this year, blamed on its Friday afternoon scheduling, and concern over the "watering down" of the Saturday program led some members to suggest a return to previous practices.

Members of the fair board's Heavy Horse committee disagreed, however, pointing out

that the new schedule not only created better attendance at the Arabian Horse show the same day but brought in more entries in the Heavy Horse show because it didn't conflict with other Heavy Horse events in the area.

Secretary-treasurer John Rowe told members this year's fair grossed \$63,000 against expenses totalling nearly \$33,000. Prize money should all be in the hands of winning exhibitors by early November, he said.

Tickets are now available from members for the annual Directors Dinner Nov. 23 at the Acton Legion.

Introducing the various committee chairmen to report on their fair events, president Norm Shea commented on the high quality of the 1984 fair and thanked all members for their contributions.

## Safety a watchword at radial railway site

Officials of the Rockwood radial railway museum are paying more attention to ensuring the safety of their volunteers and visitors.

Jack Hastings of the Ontario Electric Railway Historical Association told members at their 24th annual convention recently that the Construction Safety Association of Ontario has been consulted about potential safety problems at the site.

As one result, Hastings said, posters, stickers and tags will provide "friendly reminders" to those at the site, workers in particular, about use of safety boots, hard hats and eye protection.

"By comparison," Hastings said, "if the public were to mill around a TTC or CNR rail construction site, their presence would not be tolerated and furthermore they would be classified as 'trespassers,' not 'invitees.'"

But the public is at the Rockwood museum by invitation, he pointed out, and as such deserves every safety precaution.

Membership fees and donations were cited as a major building block in the now-

completed east rail loop by Bob Johnson, who said membership rose over the last two years from 137 to 190.

Association president Robert Johns called 1984 a continuation of the progress made in 1983, during which "what was accomplished was amazing." The new west loop is almost ready for use, he said, with guard rails nearly completed and new cars being prepared all the time.

## Management workshop

Local non-profit organizations may be interested in a management workshop tonight (Wednesday) at 7.15 p.m. at Georgetown high school. The Halton Social Planning Council (877-3219) is sponsoring the workshop on improving work relationships.

## No merger

The Eramosa Library Board is sticking to its guns and refusing a merger with the Wellington Library Board.

In correspondence to Eramosa council last Tuesday, the Eramosa board said it plans to remain as a separate entity. Councillor John Galda noted that the reason for the Eramosa Board's reluctance to join the larger Wellington board involves the allocation of funds.

Galda explained that the Wellington board allocates 70 per cent of its funds to administration and 30 per cent to library materials, while the Eramosa board designates 70 per cent of funds to materials and only 30 per cent to administration.



## GOLDEN SKATES

Colleen Petty recently obtained the status of Gold Test Dance Medallist after successfully passing her last Gold Dance at the Cannon School of Skating in Guelph. Colleen started with the Acton Figure Skating Club coached by Pat Te Boekhorst and for the last three years has been a member of Acton and Guelph Figure Skating Clubs under the direction of Malcolm Cannon. Colleen is now enrolled at Seneca College, where she is pursuing a course on figure skating coaching. She will continue to skate at Guelph and also at Thornhill, coached by Dave Mathewson and Kent Grice.

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Georgetown, Acton, Milton and surrounding areas, Ont.  
Pursuant to public notice CRTC 1584-180 dated 17 July 1984, the Commission approves the application to amend the licence for the broadcasting receiving undertaking serving the communities noted above by increasing the maximum monthly subscriber fee from \$8.90 to \$9.26. The Commission considers that the fee increase is justified on the basis of the Commission's current criteria for rate regulation.

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#### Household Hints

From Pauline McNally

A hand sanitizer such as an alcohol gel can keep your hands clean at the top of the bus, just in the yard, and bread through a hole in the cover. Take the hand sanitizer with you to WASH your hands when you get home. Soap in warm water that has a little detergent is fine, and don't dry your skin, or use a paper towel.

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