Ontario Housing Minister Claude Bennett came to town last week to officially open the senior citizens apartments on Durham Street. Seen here cutting the red ribbon are Mayor Pete Pomeroy, Halton Housing Authority member Dolly Molden, Mr.

Bennett, resident Mabel Hurley, Edna Armstrong, Halton MPP Julian Reed. Paul and Michael Armstrong and Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid. The building was named after the town's late mayor, John T. Armstrong.

Peruvian Y representative visits with Georgetown club members

The amount of financial aid the Georgetown YM-YWCA has managed to send to the Y in Lima, Peru through the International Development Fund prompted Linda Llosa of that country to stop in Georgetown last week to personally extend her thanks to members and to get feed back on program which she helps to run in Lima.

"I came for two reasons," Mrs. Llosa said. "First I wanted the people here to know how important their support has been to us and to say thank you. Secondly, I wanted feed back on the program we're running. Since they help to support it I feel the Canadians should be able to discuss our program with us and ask questions or make suggestions."

Mrs. Llosa said the Y branch in Lima with which she works is trying to establish branches in five squatter communities

on the city's outskirts. Their aim is to help residents in these communities establish a little more dignified life style. Residents, however, have been exploited, robbed, and mistreated by outsiders so many times that they hesitate to allow the Y into their commu-

ADVISORY CAPACITY

Mrs. Llosa said that the Y acts only in an advisory capacity. They do surveys and assessments of the community's needs, then discuss then: with the residents at a communal meeting. The residents themselves decide what project they want to tackle and the

Y tries to help where it can. "They feel that knowledge is power," she said, "so they get very worried if we conduct surveys and they don't see the results. We compile the results of our surveys and duplicate them so we can pass them out,

ARTHRITIS CAMPAIGN

The Georgetown Knights of Columbus began their door-to-door canvass for the Canadian Arthritis Society Monday. They have set a \$6,000 goal for this year's campaign. Anyone who misses the canvasser can make a donation at the Royal Bank on Main Street.

one copy to each tamily, at communal meeting. When they have the same information we have they feel they also have power and will discuss what the community needs so we can get busy on a project."

The Y team working in these communities is made up completely of Peruvians. Mrs. Llosa said there is quite a difference in life styles even between the middle class and lower class Peruvians and therefore Y team members often have different views on what the community needs from what its residents hold. The residents' views prevail,

"We might feel they should try to get water into the community but they want a bakery," she explained, "so we'll work on getting them the

VAN PURCHASED The van which was purchased by funds sent from the Georgetown Y was intended to help in commuting from community to community. It is now being used for a health eare program instead, she said. Since the government can't afford to run any sort of health care program the Y finds itself getting involved and the van winds up being

used in a capacity somewhere

Mrs. Llosa's husband is the in Peru for 11 years and has three children.

"I'm more interested in more important.

between a bus and an ambu-

development director at Lima and the education and development project director for the Y's Pacific Zone, Mrs. Llosa was born in Massachusetts and met and married her husband while they were both at university in Belgium. She has lived

reaching people and making them learn to care about other people than in raising funds," she said. "The funding Is important, of course, but getting people to care is even

population and given her the chance to bear residents' concerns. The idea of pursuing a she says.

Real estate agent Dave Whiting, an unsuccessful candidate in last November's voting and Terry Grubbe, director of the Acton Community Services Centre will battle it out in the

by-election. Mrs. Grubbe says she hopes to bring a positive approach to council and therefore does not wish to discuss issues, which she considers negative. Mr. Whiting says there are no real issues in the campaign and says the election boils down the personalities.

nominations closed Monday

for the October 10 by-election

set to fill the ward one council

seat left vacant since the death

of Councillor Les Duby.

"I'm not only interested in people's concerns, but also in their hopes," Mrs. Grubbe said. "I know they do have concerns, legitimate concerns like the shopping plaza on the outskirts of town and the feeling they have no say in regional government. But I'd like to accentuate and build on the good points in the town."

"I think it's important residents have someone they feel they can talk to about their concerns; someone who can explain how to approach council to seek salutions to these concerns," she said. "I'd be a liar if I promised to solve all their problems for them but I would promise to make myself available and approachable at all times."

Any problems in the area were here before the election and will still remain once it's over she said. The way to go about solving them is to take a positive, constructive approach that will let council and town residents work together.

ACTON RESIDENTS Mrs. Grubbe, 33, her husband Ken and eight-year-old son, Kevin, came to Acton from Bramalea four years ago. She has been working for the Acton Community Services Centre just under three years.

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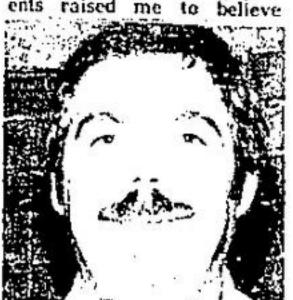
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Only two candidates have Her work has exposed to her a tossed their hats in the ring as broad spectrum of the town's

vie for ward one seat

career in politics came early,

"When other little girls were wanting to be nurses my mother tells me I said I wanted to be prime minister," she joked. "I'm thankful my parents raised me to believe



DAVE WHITING

nothing was for free in this world and everyone has to pay their dues. I was never raised to be a girl. I am a human being who happens to be female. I don't think this campaign will be a man-woman race. If I don't win it will be because the people chose

Mrs. Grubbe said she feels people are looking to their elected representatives to represent them fairly and honestly but also to avoid embar-

rassing them. "When I moved here I got

involved and now I want to serve the community on another level," she said. "The time seemed right and it felt good so I jumped in. I am excitied about it. Giving me the opportunity to serve the community will be the community's gift to me and I don't

abuse gifts." FOUR YEAR RESIDENTS

Dave Whiting, 31, his wife Heather and their two young children have lived in Acton for four years. He is a former Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer and now works for Fobert Real Estate.

He says there are no burning issues and no incumbents running in this election means that the race boils down to a matter of personalities. He speculates getting voters out to the polls will be the candidates' hardest job since the general apathy often seen during an election is usually even greater in a by-election. It will be up to the candidates to manage to stir people's interests so they will come out to vote, he said.

While Mr. Whiting sees no pressing issues he would like to see the government "not get so involved with as many things" as it is now.



TERRY GRUBBE

"We seem to be overly governed at every level," he said. "Our whole system was built on free enterprise but now it seems you can't turn around without some government body telling you what you can or can't do."

Mr. Whiting is a director on the Acton Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and the YMCA and has also been involved in the Acton Minor Ball Association.

When he was defeated in November Mr. Whiting said he would seek a seat at the next election. He declared his candidacy in June the day after the by-election was decided

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