



CHATEAU SALUTE

Toasting their new purchase, the Athanassouls and Katsilieris families downed their drinks to success Sept. 7. The two couples are the new owners of the Chateau restaurant on Guelph Street, formerly the Rib Cage. Featuring Italian and Canadian food at reasonable prices, this is their third restaurant. They were owners of the Olympia Drive-In on Queen Street in Acton eight years ago, of the Queen's Restaurant in Dunnville and recently sold a restaurant in Bolton they had operated for five years. Welcoming guests to their opening night wine and cheese party last week were (left to right) George Athanassouls and wife Rita, and Glota Katsilieris and wife Terry. The two wives are sisters. Both couples have lived in Acton for 12 years.

(Herald photo)

Building permits bottoming out

If there are still residents unconvinced that Canada is caught in the grip of a recession, a quick glance at the town's building department monthly report should remove all doubt.

A review released to town councillors last week shows that permits for new residential construction total 14 to date for a construction value of \$880,000. Last year, at the same time there were 100 permits issued for \$5,107,196 worth of new construction and in 1980 over the same period 30

permits were issued and \$2,038,520 worth of new construction underway or completed.

Fewer homeowners are renovating this year, too. Figures show that for 1982, 162 permits have been issued for major additions or alterations for a construction value of \$732,975. In 1981, \$852,901 worth of construction was being carried out by the end of August for renovations. Two years ago, homeowners took out 171 permits for \$832,573 worth of construction.

When the building figures are totalled (including

new construction starts for industrial, institutional, commercial, agricultural and other buildings) they show \$3,380,718 worth of new construction to date, compared to \$8,542,515 last year and \$6,118,753 in 1980 to the end of August.

The only bright spot in the figures is under commercial development where, locally, \$649,700 worth of new construction has been completed or is underway in 1982. Last year, there was only \$298,700 by August and \$439,500 in 1980 over the same eight-month period.

Postie's photos show eye for color, lighting, images

Probably through his daily travels as a Georgetown postman, Bill Thompson is keenly aware of color and image; but by using a camera and displaying a flair for some particularly tricky darkroom techniques, he has probed the mysteries of photography and has presented his findings as artwork.

His photographs currently grace the walls of the art gallery in the town's library-cultural

centre and if you've ever brushed off photography as being too simple to be art, his exhibition might change your mind.

The show, which began two weeks ago and wraps up tomorrow (Saturday), while featuring some breathtaking landscape shots, also displays Mr. Thompson's work with chromatic aberration and posterization-techniques which recall laser-light shows popular at the McLaughlin Planetarium in

Toronto.

The "Sabbattier effect" in a number of photographs makes them glow

as if struck by lightning. The show is open during regular library hours.

Y travels on

Y Discovery Days have returned. The Y will be travelling to Niagara-on-the-Lake for shopping, lunch and browsing Sept. 22. Our trip will also include a tour of Barnes Winery in St. Catharines. The bus leaves the Y at 9 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m. Fee: \$22.50 (includes lunch). Pre-register at 89 Mountainview Rd. S. or call 877-6163.

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