By ROSEMARY CINO Herald Special BURLINGTON-II looks like Speyside area residents have a victory

on their hands. Tuesday morning, Ontario Resources Secretary Norm Sterling ruled out expansion of the Speyside gravel pits in his recommendations for the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

In announcing his proposals, which will now

go to the Ontario Cabinet, Mr. Sterling supported the Niagara Escarpment Commission's stand.

The Commission had earlier rejected major expansion of the gravel operation in the Speyside area south of Acton. Loser in the matter is Standard Industries. The company wanted to

extend its gravel operations in Speyside.

If Mr. Sterling's

recommendation is approved by the Ontario Cabinet, 600 acres of land targeted by Standard Industries for gravel extraction would be preserved as escarpment natural and rural

The Niagara Escarpment plan covers the area from Niagara Falls to Tobermory and has been in the works for 10 years, costing taxpayers \$10 million so

Mr. Sterling made recommendations for the plan which follow: -that a Niagara Escarpment fund be created to accept donations for the municipalities. acquisition of land;

tribute \$25 over 10 years to the fund: - that the Niagara Escarpment Parks system be established and in-

clude the development

of 10 major parks; and

-that the province con-

-- that the administration of development applications in the escarpment planning area be delegated to the local

Public response to the Ontario Resources Secretary's recommendations are welcomed in writing up until Sept. 14. Ads are to be published advising interested people where to direct their response.

ACTON TOWN HALL:

Still work to be done

Although there's still a family of four pigeons cooing contentedly from the now sturdy ceiling beams of the Acton town hall, inquiries are being made to rent various rooms in the downtown building.

Heritage Acton chairman Ted Tyler told The Herald he's been approached by people interested in holding day care and fitness classes in the building.

But work on the 100year-old structure on

Bower Street isn't finished yet, and the feathery tenants still have to fly the coop. Mr. Tyler took The

Herald on a tour of the building this week, almost one and half years after the town hall renovations began.

"We had to replace the chimney because it was four inches too narrow for the flue size required for a gas furnace," Mr. Tyler said, pointing to the chimney on the south side of the building.

At one time, the town hall had four chimneys. and they were all used to heat the two-storey building.

"We'll be putting two chimneys on the north side, but they're false just to balance the other side," Mr. Tyler said.

The fourth chimney won't be repaired because it's in the area of a proposed extension to the town hall, on the north side. The extension will give elevator access to the building's second floor as well as

"We've shingled the roof; we've put eavestroughing all around; and we've repaired the decorative facial boards," Mr. Tyler said tilting his head back to admire the exterior

upstairs washrooms.

As he jiggled the key in the front door padlock, he said a mayor's balcony would be added above the front doors.

work.

Inside, the building was gutted and four to six inches of insulation was put in. The windows were repaired and some replaced.

On the right, what used to be the original fire department room, then part of the library, has been made into a bright office.

"Now it'll be an office for tourist information. with a part time secretary," Mr. Tyler indicated.

To the left of the entrance hall is the former' council chamber. Originally, it had a lathe and plaster wall. At one time, ornamentation on the walls was of plywood, then tin.

Both tin and wood ornamentations have been saved and Mr. Tyler said plans are to have one wall of each in the council chamber for historical purposes.

"We'll likely use this room as a meeting room, probably for sen-

lors," Mr. Tyler said. Walking through a doorway, he said the former assessor's office and adjoining bathroom are to become a fullsized kitchen, and one of the former jail cells a janitor's closet. The jail cell will be restored, Mr. Tyler said.

Leading the way down the hall to the men's and women's washrooms, Mr. Tyler said all the copper plumbing is in and has been inspected.

The hallway by the washrooms is Intended to serve as the ramp access into the hall for the handicapped, once is built, he said.

Upstairs, offering a word of warning to "watch your step" because of the pigeon droppings, Mr. Tyler pointed out work still needs to be done on the decorative arch identifying the stage area of the medium-sized hall. A former stage door has now become a cupboard, and three ceiling

lights, broken when

pulled down, are to be

remade by a Toronto craftsman. Asked if the forthcoming \$60,000 grant will be enough to accomplish all the work still to be done, Mr. Tyler said

ves, confidently.

Heritage Acton, a nonprofit body with a board of directors made up of interested Acton citizens, recently became the proud owner of the historic downtown building for \$2.

The transfer of ownership of the property was made by Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller, and allowed Heritage Acton to lay claim to a \$60,000 Bicentennial grant from the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

Already, \$133,720, a federal grant by Canada Community Development, has been spent, as has the \$50,000 raised by Heritage Acton through the Actario lottery, the Leathertown Market and Ciderfest.

Cars damaged

Cars seemed to be the victims of many acts of wilful damage this week. Over the weekend, a vehicle parked in the driveway of the Madison Restaurant in Norval had its sides scraped

with a sharp object, causing \$450 damage. The same thing occurred to a Chevy Impala parked in the driveway of a McDonald Crescent residence in Acton. There was \$250 damage Saturday night to the sides of the car.

CNE BANDSHELL PERFORMERS



One way to "get those agents after us" for Zina Wykowski (above) of RR2 Brampton and Debble Eyre Tilson of Georgetown is to do their stuff Aug. 16 at the CNE bandshell for Halton Hills day. The musical singing and dancing duo will be some of the talent entertaining CNE goers from noon to 4 p.m. in the CNE bandshell that day. Local residents are urged to choose Aug. 16 as their exhibition day and give local talent a big cheer.

(Herald photo)



If you haven't heard Jill Pomeroy, 19, of Georgetown singing in the local rock band Foxx, you'll get a chance to hear her performing with Georgetown's Rod Gimpel, 23, at the Canadian National Exhibition bandshell. The singing team will be on stage sometime between noon and 4 p.m. Aug. 16, along with many other talented local performers.

(Herald photo)

Campaign numbers

It campaign fever is tickling your tootsies. why not join the political junkies already in the thick of the political happenings. To help you get in touch with the stripe of

your color, The Herald has published a list of campaign office numbers below. Volunteering for a candidate is one way of

getting to know your neighbors, or wearing out a pair of ugly but comfortable shoes. RALTON RIDING NDP candidate Kevin Flynn, Acton campaign office at 201 Lakeview 853-3346

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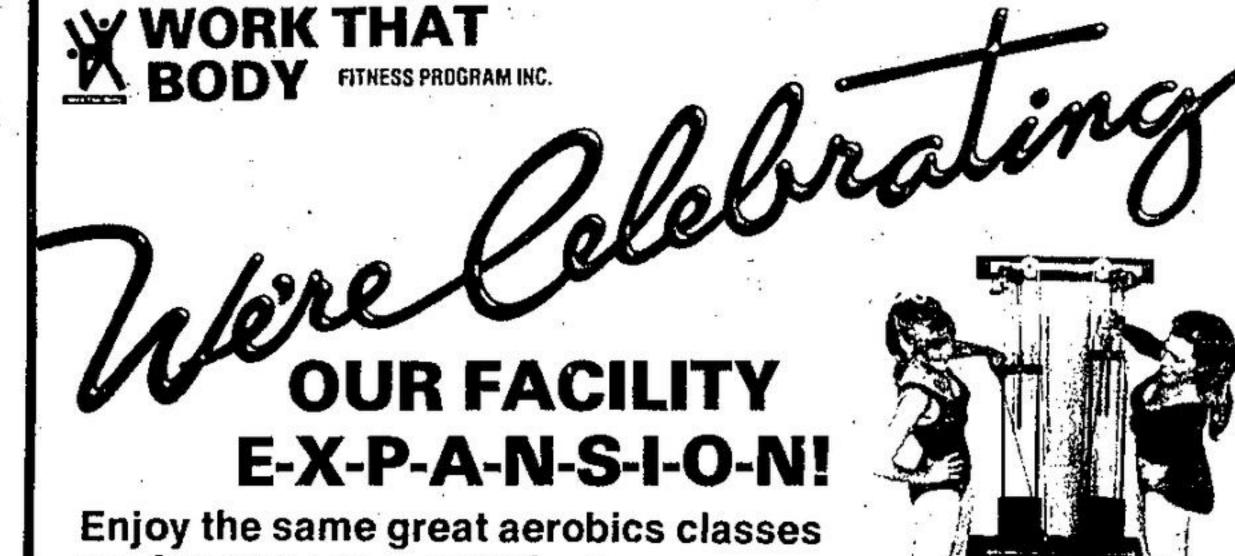
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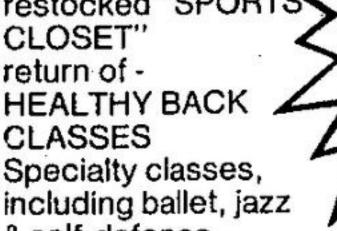
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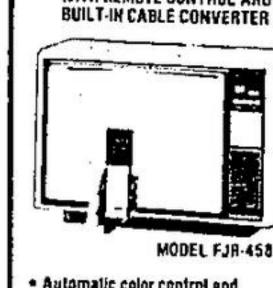


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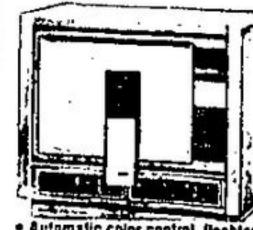
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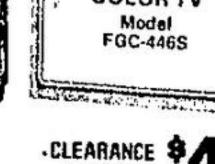
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