

**Printing plant to close**

**Acton loses major employer**

By MAGGIE HANNAH  
Herald Special  
One of Acton's largest employers will leave the town by the end of this year.  
Metroland Printing and Publishing Company has announced it will close its Willow Street press and composing facility and transfer full time employees to its Mississauga plant.

Company president John Baxter said all full time employees will be absorbed into the company, but he offered no assurances for part time workers.  
The pressmen employed on the Acton presses will be absorbed into the staff at the Mississauga plant and the full-time staffers in the composing room will be transferred to Brampton.  
Mr. Baxter said part-time people will not be included in the move. He made no estimate as to how many people are involved with the operation in that way.

The press in the Acton plant is being traded in for a new one to be located in Mississauga, he said.  
The new, larger press will enable the printing plant to operate on three shifts rather than the current two. The extra time, he said, will allow Acton employees to be absorbed at Mississauga.  
Moving the composing room to Brampton will permit staff there to handle both Metroland's

Georgetown Independent and Brampton Guardian, Mr. Baxter said.  
"It's only a 10-minute drive to take the Georgetown Independent to Brampton," he said. "The trip to Acton (for the Brampton paper) would take a lot longer than that."  
Mr. Baxter stressed while the Independent and the Acton Free Press have pooled advertising and reporting staff in the Georgetown office, the papers would continue as two

separate entities.  
He denied a rumor the two papers would one day be pooled with The Canadian Champion, located in Milton and also owned by Metroland.  
The Milton, Acton and Georgetown papers were previously owned by the Dills family and sold to Inland Publishing Company in 1978.  
The Metroland chain was born when Inland was sold to Metrospan, a subsidiary of Torstar Corporation.

**Impaired driver**

A Milton Heights Campground resident has been charged with impaired driving and driving over the legal limit after his 1973 Dodge was stopped after a disturbance on Highway 25 south of Kington Road.

It is now known whether the occupant had been involved with the disturbance when he was stopped for driving in an erratic manner, Aug. 11 at 10:45 p.m.

**Cable cut**

A contractor working outside the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital cut a cable and activated an alarm which firemen were called to on Aug. 9 at approximately 4 p.m.

**Councillors unhappy over plant closing**

Councillor Rick Bonnette, who represents Acton's Ward 1 riding, is "very disappointed" over planned closing of the Metroland printing plant on Willow Street.

In a telephone call to The Herald, Coun. Bonnette expressed his concerns over some loss of jobs that will result from the closing.

Full time employees have been offered jobs elsewhere in Brampton and Mississauga. However, Coun. Bonnette is unhappy that Acton's commerce will be affected.

The banks, stores and restaurants in downtown Acton will suffer, and the plant closing might force some people to locate elsewhere, he said. "The move does not help Acton," he said. "We can't afford it. The town hasn't grown that much."

Acton Councillor Dave Whiting said it was too bad that an operation that has been in printing business for 114 years will have to close. Although the printing facilities will be sold, the Acton Free Press will still be published, eventually at Metroland's Brampton plant.

Ross Knechtel who also represents Ward 1 said the loss of jobs will affect the community. "I think the people of Acton feel an explanation is in order," he said.

**Industrial permits up**

In the period January - May Halton Hills experienced a staggering 520 per cent increase in building permits for industrial or commercial sites.

In 1983 for the same period there were 72,000 industrial or commercial permits while in 1984 there were 446,700. This figure tops Burlington, Milton and the entire region as a whole on a percentage basis. Only Oakville issued a greater percentage number from 1983 to 1984 for the months compared (549 per cent).

**Kingfisher Klub**

The Kingfisher Klub meets again this Thursday between 1:30 - 3 p.m. at Terra Cotta Conservation Area.

The program includes such topics as nature crafts, environmental games, making pottery from wild clay and hiking.

For more information call 877-9650.

**Glen Gifts taken over by local pair**

As of last week Glen Gifts in Glen Williams has a new owner.

Sharon James is the new proprietor and will "try to get back towards craft things as opposed to strictly gift items."

While never having been on the merchandising end of the business Mrs. James is an avid sewer and is looking forward to her new venture.

Mrs. James made the decision to enter the business after living in the Georgetown area for six years which she spent at home.

"This way I can still be at home and also pursue other interests," she said.

At the time of our conversation Mrs. James said the family had two homes, "however there is a conditional offer on the other one," she said.

One of the changes Mrs. James hopes to make to the store is a workshop area upstairs where she will be able to do some sewing. Place-mats, pillows and wall-hangings are some of

the crafts Mrs. James produces.

"We will be starting out with what we've got and make changes as we see fit. I do plan to do more quilting and make Christmas stockings this year."

The strictly Canadian craft store has items from British Columbia to Nova Scotia and even has Eskimo carvings. Mrs. James said you can find things from most areas of Canada in the store, but would like to keep the local crafts preserved.

Mrs. James has previously been a school teacher and has more recently been involved with volunteer work through schools and churches.

She is very pleased with the move as she loves the area and said her two school age children will not have to switch schools.

**Last chance**

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**LEGION LINES**

By LLOYD HUSSELL  
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We will be welcoming Post 40 of the American Legion, from Plymouth, Massachusetts, on Friday, August 17. Their expected time of arrival is between 2 - 2:30 p.m.

They will be participating in the Warriors Day Parade at the Canadian National Exhibition August 18. They will be provided with a dinner that evening at 7 p.m. and entertainment will be provided by Norm Eyles in the evening.

The Mini Bingo which was to be held August 18 has been postponed until August 25.

Correction. In the August edition of the "Summit", the Poppy Chairman Harry Brown's phone number should read 873-1157 and not 877-1157.

CAR DRAW: Winners Aug. 2, 101 A. Hall, 290 G. Grady, 124 S. Hall, 152 E. Hennessey, 46 D. and M. Irwin, 160 L. Schmidt. Winners Aug. 9, 186 M. Boyer, 426 M. Stafford, 448 K. Herrington, 488 B. Weir, 345 P. Lewis, 17 B. Landry.

EUCIURE: Winners Aug. 10, Ladies: 1st Myra Peasey, 2nd Dorothy Ireland, Booby May Swanson. Men: 1st Gord Harley, 2nd Norm Ward, Booby Ernie Peasey.

ENTERTAINMENT: August 18 by Ken and Hazel.

SICK LIST: Georgetown Hospital - Sam Gisby, Pat McDaid and Roy Haley.

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