

Safer Acton rail crossing ready this week

The Mill Street (Highway 7) Canadian National level rail crossing will be closed tomorrow (Wednesday) to allow the Town and C.N. to begin final improvement work.

C.N. will remove another set of tracks, leaving just two sets, and the Town will do \$20,000 worth of work including putting in curbs and sidewalks from the crossing to Bower Avenue.

By the end of the week C.N. is expected to complete work on a new road warning system at the

crossing. Barrier arms will be installed to prevent traffic and pedestrians crossing when a train is coming.

The safety improvements were requested several years ago by Acton councillors, worried about the potential for accidents at the tracks.

The crossing will be closed tomorrow from 7 am to 6 pm and the detours will be clearly marked. If it rains tomorrow the closure will be delayed until Thursday.

Rennie wants more industrial recycling

Acton councillor Gerald Rennie thinks industries are not doing their fair share of recycling. Rennie has put Council on notice that he intends to push the Province to plan for more waste diversion by industries.

Rennie says there's no way municipalities can meet the recycling standards set out by the Province to divert 25 per cent of all waste from landfills by the end of

this year and 50 per cent by the year 2000 without industry being forced to meet the same guidelines.

Rennie has filed a notice of motion with Halton Hills Council asking for support in approaching the Province to suggest it make industries divert waste "in a more vigorous manner" and to provide more money for waste diversion programs.

Seniors Scene

With Pat Giguere



Two Acton bowlers to compete in Hamilton

Ah! Pot-luck suppers and luncheons are really something — such an assortment of entrees to choose from, and all those high-calorie desserts! That is what the first, second and third winners in the Halton playoffs for the Ontario Senior Games enjoyed on July 7 at the Burlington Senior Centre. The first-place winners go to Hamilton for the games which will be held August 24, 25 and 26. We have two bowlers from Acton on the five pin bowling team: Grace Robertson and Ross Smart. Roy Gibson qualified to go, but due to medical problems had to step aside, and as Ross was the top man on the second team, he automatically replaced Roy.

There were 12 games in the district play-off and the winners were decided by pins over age. The other members of the team are a man and a lady from Georgetown and a lady from Oakville. Go for the gold!

There were about 125 people at the luncheon and we all stood proud to reaffirm that we are Canadians by repeating the Oath of Allegiance.

After enjoying the fun luncheon, I was looking over the centre's bulletin table and was hit in the eye by an information bulletin regarding "Ontario Tax Grants program changes affecting seniors." Hey, says I, what is this? Have I had my head buried in the sand? Well, it seems this new program is designed to provide low-income seniors with more property and tax support than under the Ontario Tax Grants for Seniors programs.

For example, senior households with less than \$23,000 in annual income will receive an average of

\$135 more. Until now, seniors received \$600 to offset municipal and school taxes, and a sales tax grant of \$50 to offset sales tax paid. Now, beginning with the 1992 taxation year, seniors will be able to file for new property tax and sales tax credit through their annual personal income tax returns. These new credits will be administered on behalf of the province by the federal government (Revenue Canada Taxation).

Tax grant payments for 1992 will be Property Tax Grants (PTG). Before the budget change, the maximum PTG was \$600. This will now be reduced to \$450 in 1992. The Sales Tax Grant (STG) of \$50 will be mailed as usual to all seniors in November. No PTG or STG will be paid to seniors in 1993 and subsequent taxation years, so it will have to be claimed on your tax return.

Here's the schedule of activities for 1992 and 1993: April 1992, Interim Property Tax Grants mailed. August 1992, PTG applications mailed out, completed and returned to the ministry. October 1992, final PTG mailed. (Cheques will equal balance of 1992 entitlement, to a maximum of \$450.) November 1992, \$50 STG mailed

to each senior. January to April 1993, Income Tax Returns filed, Ontario tax credits claimed for 1992 taxation year.

So-o-o, do we win or do we lose, we people over 65? Guess we will just have to wait and see.

We read ads that say "get away from the winter blahs." Now here is your chance to get away from these awful summer blahs. There is a trip planned for seniors to go down to Scott's Resort in New York State for five days, Sept. 28 to Oct. 2. Scott's is a relaxing, homey resort with plenty of fun, entertainment and good — and I mean good — food! Price is in Canadian dollars. So, if you would like to get away for five days, give me a call at 853-2738 for further information and a brochure.

I was driving along Churchill Road this morning and what to my wondering eyes did appear but a mother deer and her little one. Momma did not take long to cross the road but the wee one stopped a couple of times to look around before he followed his mom into the bushes. I hope the travellers on that road keep their eyes peeled when they travel along.

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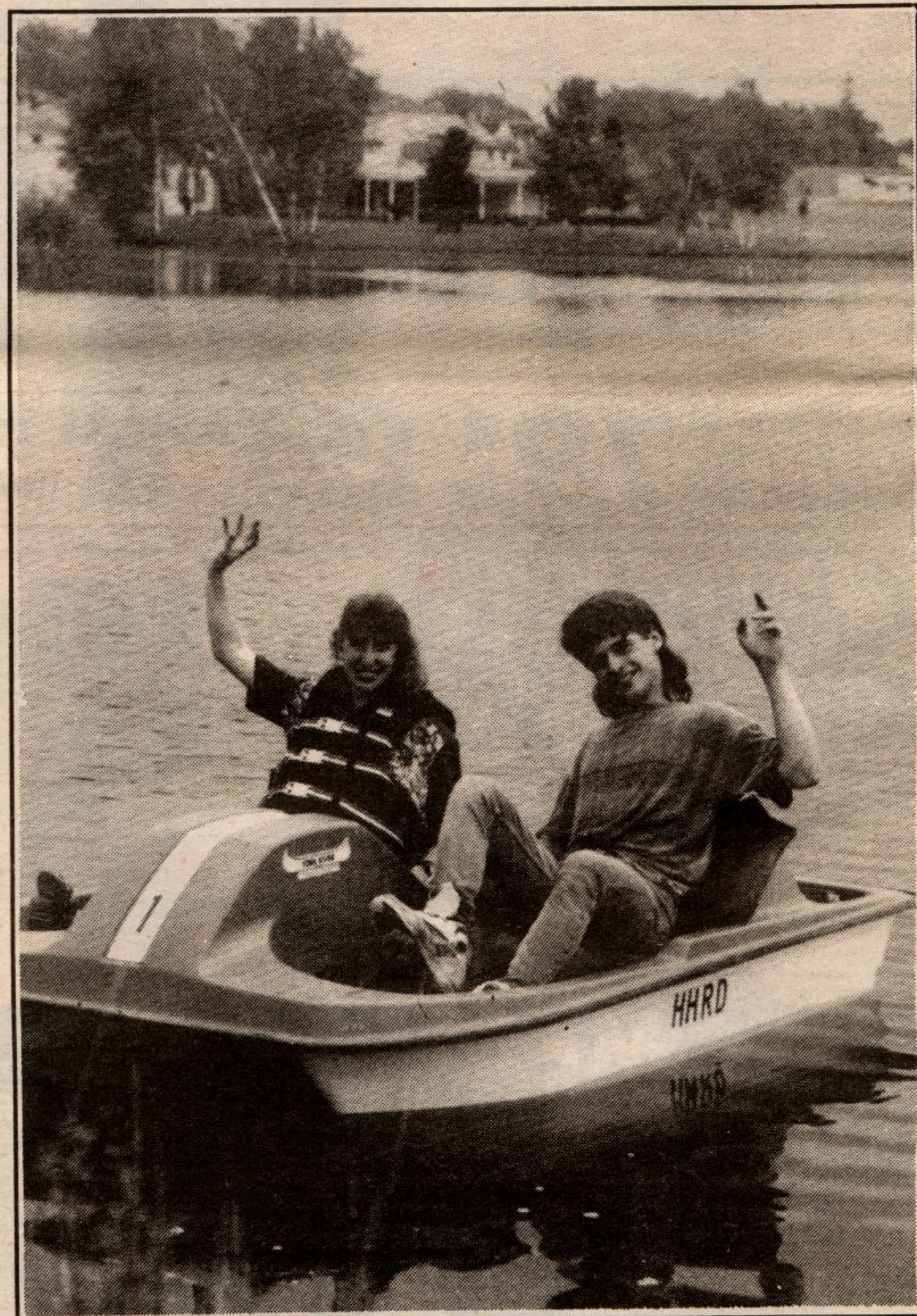
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WELCOME FRIENDS! Erin Watts, 18, and 16-year-old Danny Chiquita enjoyed their leisurely paddleboat tour of Fairy Lake on Sunday. Erin, of Stratford, Ont., and Danny, of Moncton, New Brunswick, were attending a family reunion at Prospect Park. Danny said he was most impressed with the friendliness of our ducks. (Photo by Paul Nolan.)

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