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ON THE BUSES! Acton businessman Ted Tyler poses beside one of the new and improved school buses he is hoping will make a name for our community as a centre for school bus manufacturing. (Trevor Banks photo)

Tyler hopes new buses will put Acton on map

BY TREVOR BANKS

A new level of bus safety has come to Acton. With it are the hopes that, one day, Acton may become the next Mitchell, Indiana.

Mitchell is a town with a population of 2,500 that manufactures buses on a large scale.

"We think we've got something that is as good, or better, than the other companies (bus distributors)," says Acton's Ted Tyler, owner of Tyler Transportation.

"We're trying to set the standard for bus safety," says Tyler, while explaining the new features that can be found on the buses he is currently selling.

The new buses appear from the outside to be duplicates of buses currently found on the roads. But numerous subtle changes make Tyler's bus not only more comfortable for the passengers but safer as well.

Better visibility, through the addition of mirrors, a 77-inch ceiling (as opposed to the current 74 inches), a public address system on the exterior of the bus, along with a three-step feature (rather than the current two steps) are just some of the additions made to the buses.

"Even the colours are different," says Tyler.

Gone is the "institution" colour of green.

Tyler says they have found there to be less vandalism since the change in colour.

"We've found things we feel should be right, and these guys (Carpenter Industry) make them. We think the construction is very good as compared to the buses that are offered for sale now in the province of Ontario."

Tyler concedes that the general public might not notice the im-

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New Acton Fire Hall draws rave reviews

BY TREVOR BANKS

"No comparison!" said John Marton, district fire prevention officer for Halton Hills.

Rich Scully, fire prevention officer for Acton, agrees. "Before, I would go to pick up my gear and there would be another guy coming around the truck, which made it tough to get by," said Scully last week. "We were jammed into a pretty small facility."

What these men are excited about is the newest building in

Acton — the new fire hall.

With but a few minor details remaining to complete, the station is up and running to rave reviews. The new facility has improvements over the old fire hall in every comparable department.

The most noticeable and perhaps key advantage to the new station is the space the firemen now have. The officers' room is four times the size of the old one.

Scully pointed out that the most noticeable change is with the ap-

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