

New face, lower rates at Hydro in 1994

BY BRAD HAMMOND
The Acton Tanner

Halton Hills Hydro recently named Dave Collie new general manager.

Collie is a graduate of Sir Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo with a Masters Degree in accounting. "I have previously worked in a number of utility environments, including Union Gas and Ontario Hydro," states Collie.

Halton Hills Hydro has also announced that residents will see a slight decrease on their hydro bills for 1994. Collie boasts, "We have reduced our rates by two per cent for the new year."

Each resident can expect an average savings of about \$20. For those customers who heat their homes with hydro, an average savings of \$45 can be expected.



DAVE COLLIE

"This doesn't seem like a lot to the individual customer, but collectively Halton Hills will be paying about \$700,000 less this year than last," says Collie.

"The main reason that these savings are occurring is Ontario Hydro is not increasing their wholesale rate to the local utilities. They have committed to a zero rate increase this year and that makes up over 80 per cent of our costs," adds Collie.

The Social Contract has also played a key role in this reduction, as management at Halton Hills Hydro has

been down-sized and streamlined. "I expect that the future will bring greater improvements and possible reductions as we plan to keep our rates lower than Ontario Hydro's potential rate increases."

New student teacher at M.Z.

M.Z. BENNETT NEWS

BY JESSICA CRAIG & JENNIFER GERROW

Mr. Shrubsole's class is visiting Acton High to see some skits done by the Grade 11 Drama Club.

Mrs. Mattell's and Ms. Dunnet's classes are studying birds. They are also making paper mache birds and are starting Geometry in Math.

Miss Lawson's class is studying "Under The Sea" in Language Arts and Environmental Studies.

Mrs. Bannerman's class is learning all about "Puppetry". Mrs. Savage is teaching them how to be Storytellers. They are also learning about the sea and reading folk tales.

Mr. Mashinter's class is starting group novels. The books are: "Pony in the Field" and "The Strange Lake Adventure". They are reading through a musical in Music Class.

Mrs. Graham's class is starting volleyball in Gym. They are getting a new student teacher named Miss Cooke. They are finishing up their novel studies.

M.Z. Bennett's Christmas Play was a musical about how Santa couldn't remember the combina-

tion to the lock of the vault that held all the lists of the children's wants for Christmas. Luckily, Emma the housekeeper, remembered and saved Christmas.

Karaoke on Jan. 22

LEGION NEWS

BY HARRY NORTON

On Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday there was a fair turnout for the three scheduled activities. The winners for Euchre were Max Storey, G. Presniak, Ukie, Evelyn Barden and Gord Aitken.

Dave and Phyllis sold the tickets for the meat draw and although there was no microphone Dave had no trouble letting everyone know the winning numbers. All 15 prizes were handed out.

This Week: Bridge, Euchre and the Meat Draw on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

General: Keith has scheduled monthly Karaoke nights for January, February, March and April.

The Special Events for January are: Karaoke on Jan. 22 and a Super Bowl Party on Jan. 30.

Plans for Seniors' Centre take shape

Seniors Scene

With Pat Giguere



The Christmas lights have been taken down outside and in, and everything looks so bare. Just wish the lights outside could stay up longer as it gives everything a cheerful look and boy, oh boy, do we need something to make up for the weather right now. Baby, it's cold outside!

Well, getting the old fire hall for a Seniors Centre hasn't got a snowball's chance in a hot place as the cost of bringing it up to safety standards, plus a new roof, is frightening.

Now, that doesn't mean that Tom Shepard and Paul Stover have stopped working for us, as last Tuesday the committee met with them at the former Flight Line store. They are negotiating with the owners on rent, and do you know what? That place is immense and very definitely suited for use as a centre.

The old Flight Line is centrally located, there are no stairs and it is really big—much bigger than any of us imagined.

Georgetown will be using the closed-in shopping mall but we're one step ahead as we do have a grant to buy furniture, kitchen equipment and other equipment. The Facility Committee will be

meeting in the near future with Tom and Paul and the consultant, so when I learn more I'll let you know.

The Golden Age Club has started their meetings for 1994 and the travel convenor has two trips lined up: Feb. 10 we will be going to the Humanities Theatre at the University of Waterloo for a house party with Frank Leahy, who could be our next Don Messer with his down-home style music.

The cost is \$29 and I'm kinda playing around with the idea of leaving at 11 am and stopping in Breslau for lunch on your own, but I'll confirm this next week.

Our second trip is to Toronto for the Annual Beaver Show on Saturday, Mar. 19. This is always a sellout and even now I only have four vacancies.

I can remember when I really enjoyed winter but I'm getting older

— I won't admit to getting old — and all this snow gets me down. I must say though, my faith in people has been restored as each morning, three in fact, when we had to move our cars so the parking lot could be ploughed, I went down to find that some good people in the building had cleaned the snow off my car. It was really appreciated and I now wish to say "thank you very much."

It's really great to have good neighbours.

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