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**FAIR PLAYERS:** Agricultural Society members elected a new executive during their annual general meeting on Saturday. Stepping into the president's shoes, vacated by George Henderson, is Janis Fread, second from right. Other 1994 executive members are from left, Daniel Varanelli, treasurer, Ron White, second vice-president, Jim Warrington, vice-president and Sherrill MacPherson, secretary. (Lori Frechette photo)

## McKenzie-Smith, M.Z. Bennett to become one?

BY DOUG HARRISON

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Will M.Z. Bennett and McKenzie-Smith schools join forces — literally — in September?

"It has the potential for being a positive move," says Acton resident and Halton Board of Education chair Dave Whiting.

The Board is investigating joining the schools both administratively and physically as part of a budgetary move. The possibility of connecting White Oaks and General Wolfe High Schools in Oakville is also being explored.

Joining the Acton schools physically, which sources say could cost anywhere from \$200,000 to \$2 million, would likely result in the loss of an administrative position.

Whiting believes that if the Acton Boulevard schools were to join physically, the one school would be headed by at least two vice-principals. He stresses that the "A" scenario is to join the schools physically.

If the schools become one in the fall, Whiting envisions the administrative part of McKenzie-Smith, which now sits at the south end of the school, filling the existing space between the two buildings.

"I think the parents of M.Z. Bennett students will be more concerned (about a potential connection) because the school has younger kids and it's the junior school," says Whiting.

The two principals, Chris Logan of McKenzie-Smith and M.Z. Bennett's Lynn Snider, feel the link with the schools is a positive step.

"It's very preliminary, but from a student's point of view Kindergarten to Grade 8 is a better operation. It's more of a family oriented atmosphere," says Logan, who adds it must be fiscally and educationally sound to join the schools.

"It would make sense economically to join them now."

"I don't have a problem with it," Snider says. "It may end up to be a good thing for the kids."

Snider, who was vice-principal at Oakville's Eastview Public School from 1986 to 1989, says the one-building Kindergarten to Grade 8 set-up worked there and feels it has benefits.

Whiting will be addressing parents at a public meeting at McKenzie-Smith tonight (Wednesday). The meeting begins at 7:30 and is open to all parents.

## 'Lure Brochure' leaves area businesses out in the cold

BY BRAD HAMMOND

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Local businesses and two Acton councillors are up in arms over the Town's new "Lure Brochure," presented at last Monday's Council meeting.

Counc. Pam Johnston, chair of the Economic Development Committee, presented the brochure, stating that it was "an attempt to create interest in Halton Hills as a place to open a business."

Committee members are: Mayor Russ Miller, Georgetown councillors Al Cook, Bill Robson and Johnston, along with Acton councillor Norm Elliott.

The brochure cost the Town some \$14,000 and although there are at least eight printing compa-

nies in Halton Hills, the project was printed at Interkom Incorporated, an advertising and consulting firm based in Burlington.

"The Town of Halton Hills should try to set an example. They expect to attract new businesses, but yet they don't want to deal with the companies already here. Why would anyone want to move here when the Town doesn't support them?" asked Jeff Herrington, of Herrington Printing.

"They should have had everyone in Halton Hills tender on the project. It would have been the fair way to do it. We're all trying to make a living in this community and the local government always deals with outside businesses," stated John McNabb of McNabb

Graphics.

Acton councillors Gerald Rennie and Rick Bonnette both agreed that local printers should have been considered for the job.

"The local printers should have been at least asked for a price. They work here and employ people," said Bonnette.

Rennie agreed: "I didn't realize it was printed out of Halton Hills. If there was someone in town that was able to print the brochure they should have been given the opportunity."

Acton councillor Norm Elliott answered the critics: "We looked for a company with experience. It just wasn't a matter of who could do the printing, but who could sit

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## CIBC banking centre robbed

BY DOUG HARRISON

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An ice storm slowed any traffic moving down Mill Street Thursday night, but not the moves of a man who robbed the CIBC banking centre.

The white male, described as 5-foot-9 to 5-foot-10 and weighing between 150 and 160 pounds, used the customer entrance to the build-

ing between 7:45 and 8 pm, armed with a handgun.

Wearing a black balaklava, he approached one of the three tellers in the bank and left with an undisclosed amount of money, which included Canadian and several other denominations. No customers were in the bank at the time.

The suspect, who was wearing

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