



**GREAT GRADS!** These McKenzie-Smith graduates brought home the hardware from last Tuesday's grad ceremony at the Legion. Back row, from left: Sandra Banjac, Steve Protopapas, Jared Sales, Andre Savard, Greg McMillan, Sarah Perkins, Bob Coles, Matt Schiller, Shawn Brown and Jenny Tremblay. Front row: Janna Hutton, Kelly Flesch, Stefanie Adams, Courtney Norman, Susie Neary, Kelly Holmes, Eleni Halis, Sandra Wray, Katie Tuitman and Mary Beth Robertson. (Doug Harrison photo)

## Farce ends July 16

Acton's Neville Worsnop and fellow cast members of Run For Your Wife will be performing for another 10 days at the Theatre on the Grand in Fergus.

The play's plot concerns "a very ordinary cab driver who just happens to live in two different flats with two different wives."

According to a prepared release, the endless complications and hilarity are well displayed on the stage, which shows both apartments side-by-side.

Run For Your Wife, a "hilarious farce," runs until Saturday, July 16 and tickets are available by calling 1-800-461-7891.

Tickets range from \$15 to \$18.

## Neighbours vs. employees at public meeting

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The Acton Tanner

It was neighbours vs. employees at a public meeting last Monday, called to hear an Acton businessman's application to expand his auto parts recycling operation.

John Bruner wants Town Council to re-zone his property on Hwy. 25, south of 22 Sideroad, to allow him to warehouse rebuildable parts of engines.

Council heard both sides of the issue as several of Bruner's employees urged them to approve the plans and a worried neighbour argued that industrial uses should not be allowed on rural land.

Senior planner Alan Minks told Council that in 1991 the Town discovered that a former mushroom farm was being illegally used to store and handle auto parts and that a canopy had been constructed, without a necessary building permit, at the rear of a block building on the property.

"The property is designated rural," Minks told Council.

"A warehouse is not a permitted use in the Town's Official Plan or with the current zoning. The engineering department does not have any objections to the plan but Halton Region planners reject it and the Ministry of Transportation (MOT) has concerns as well," Minks said.

Halton planners said the business should be relocated to suitable zoned land and the MOT will not allow the existing driveway to have commercial use due to traffic safety concerns on Hwy. 25.

In an April 1992 letter, neighbours Bob and Diane Miles complained to the Town that the property looked like a "junk yard" with piles of buried garbage and outside storage of metal drums.

At the public meeting Diane Miles said she had a number of concerns, including fire.

"I don't know if gas and oil are stored on the property but we are in the middle of a pine forest and I am worried what would happen if there was a fire," Miles explained.

"I am also concerned about safety on Hwy. 25 if there is increased truck traffic. The entrance is part way down a grade and it

would be hard for cars to stop if there were more trucks coming in and out of the site.

"Mr. Bruner hasn't followed the limited rules of the present zoning and I feel it's possible that the rules of the industrial re-zoning will not always be followed," Miles said.

"I am worried that this re-zoning will hurt the value of my property and I don't want to listen to the steady hum of trucks. We moved here for some peace and quiet and that is being jeopardized," Miles said.

Several of Bruner's employees told Council that it was a clean, quiet business and the changes would make their jobs easier.

John Bruner attempted to dispel concerns about his operation.

"We are working really hard to keep the operation clean," Bruner explained.

"We never buried any garbage. In fact, most of the fill we got came from the MOT. We did have some nasty-looking barrels but we have moved them out of sight."

"I apologize for not getting a

permit before I built the canopy but I knew it wouldn't be approved. I have six employees who work outside all year in all kinds of weather. Once we put the roof up, our sick days were cut in half," Bruner said.

Bruner stressed that he does not wreck cars on the property, doesn't store any fluids and that the rezoning would not mean an increase of truck traffic.

"We are not in the scrap business. We recycle. We recycle auto parts that have already been through the system twice," Bruner explained.

Following normal procedure, Council did not debate the pros and cons of the application but

asked staff to address the concerns raised and report back for Council debate and resolution.

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