



LIGHTEN UP! These rowdy McKenzie-Smith Bennett students donned their red foam noses and whooped it up in the McKenzie-Smith wing last Tuesday for the fifth annual Lighten Up Canada Day celebrations. They also formed a line in the hallway. (Doug Harrison photo)

Arena committee takes road trip

The Acton arena steering committee takes a road trip tomorrow (Thursday) to check out arena and community centre facilities in surrounding communities.

The half-day trip will highlight complexes in Oakville, Burlington and Milton as committee members get ideas for the

proposed \$4.1 million Acton East arena and community centre.

Members decided to proceed with the concept that the new facility will have three definite areas – an ice surface, a community centre and a seniors' centre.

The committee also noted if they plan to open the new facility in the

fall of 1997, there is not enough time to look into having other components to the building – including a library or ambulance depot – but information on those possibilities would be passed on to the arena consultant.

Acton Councillor Gerald Rennie said he would ask Acton seniors – some of whom don't want to make the move to the new facility – to formally endorse being part of the new facility when they have their annual general meeting later this month.

Happy Valentine's Day!

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NEWS SHORTS

Who'll be the winner?

Using a new format, the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce will announce the recipients of 1995 Business Achievement Awards at the awards banquet on Feb. 29 at the North Halton Golf & Country Club – cocktails at 6:15 pm, dinner at 7 pm.

The following businesses and individuals have been nominated in the various categories and are listed alphabetically:

• **Entrepreneur of the Year:** *The Acton Tanner*, the Red Dog Café.

• **Civic Pride:** North Halton Golf & Country Club, Sheridan Nurseries.

• **Employee of the Year:** Al Becker, Halton Flour Milling; Connie Bath, Acton IGA; Robert Marrows, Ann's Cartage & Piano Movers.

• **Business of the Year:** D.D.H. Distribution, Halton Hills IGA, Work that Body Fitness Program Inc.

Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased by contacting: Mike Manes, Acton IGA, 853-1960; Walt Dixon, Park Lincoln Mercury, 877-2261; Elly Tuitman, Tuitman's Garden Centre, 853-2480 or the Chamber office, 877-7119.

Items stolen from car

A window was broken on a 1984 Mercury Capri in order for a thief to get inside and remove the car's stereo system as well as a set of golf clubs. The car had been parked on Mill Street last Thursday, with the theft occurring between 9 and 11:30 pm. The value of the stolen items was given at \$1,500.

Man charged with assault

Police were called to a Cobblehill Road home last Sunday, after a woman complained her common-law spouse had assaulted her following an argument. The woman suffered bruises and a bleeding lip during the incident. A 27-year-old Acton man has been charged with assault.

Impaired driving charge

A rural Acton resident is credited with notifying police with his cellular phone after seeing a car being driven erratically last Sunday at 1:45 am. The car's driver, a 33-year-old Morriston resident, was arrested and taken for a breathalyzer test, which he failed. He was charged with impaired driving and driving with more than the legal limit of alcohol in his bloodstream.

Garage fire

A fire started in a home's garage on 17 Sideroad last Wednesday afternoon during the power failure. The homeowners had been trying to light a propane barbecue and left it on while going inside to get matches and paper.

Gas vapours built up and a chesterfield caught fire when the paper was lit. Damage was restricted to the chesterfield only.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The people weren't just customers. They weren't a number, but a face. We're going to miss them all."

— Janet Cunneynorth, *Al and Al's Red Brand Meats*, Page 5

DID YOU KNOW?

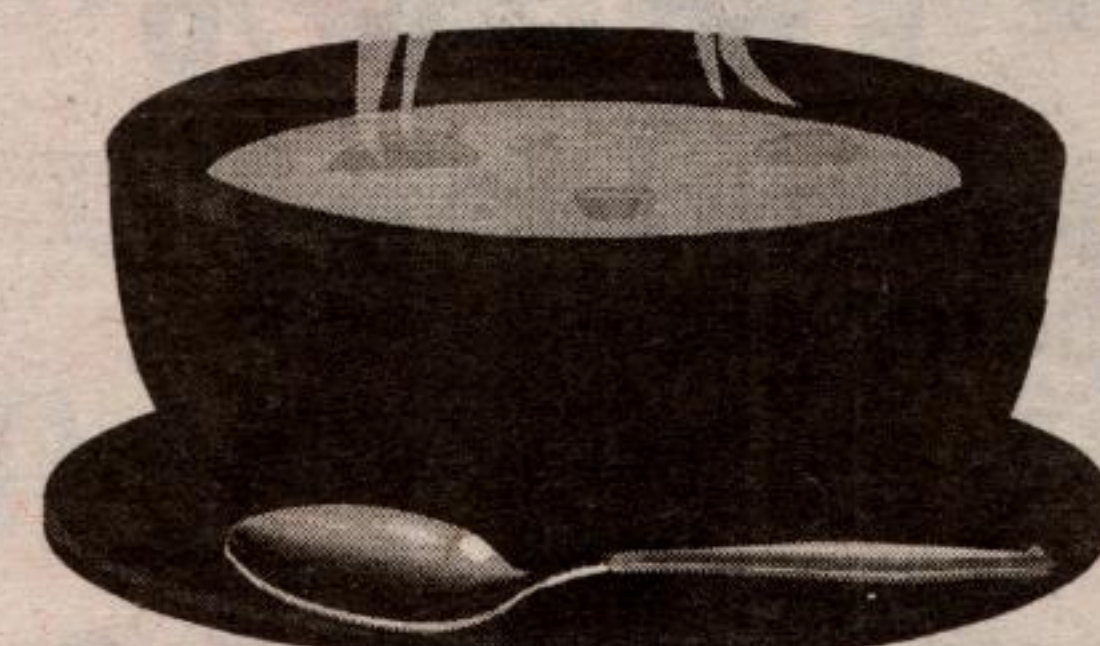
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