Manor plans growth; police eye Olympia

MUNICIPAL DIGEST

Police in Acton will be asked to keep an eye on the old Olympia drive-in property, which Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette complained had become a hang out in the past couple of weeks.

"It's not nightly, but I've gone by and seen six or seven cars with about 15 teenagers standing around playing music. It's become a bit of a hang out and neighbours are complaining," he said.

Bonnette acknowledged that it is private property and that the police are limited in what they can do, but asked that the mayor speak to

Halton Inspector Keith Gregory about getting the owner's permission for police to go on the property, as was done last year when vandalism became a problem at the abandoned Beardmore property.

A development proposal submitted in 1994 calls for a five-unit commercial plaza, which could include professional offices, a fast food outlet, or other retail stores.

Plans to triple the size of the Village Manor Rest Home in Acton will be circulated to various agencies including the fire department, hydro,

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or the Halton Hills Bylaw and the driver may receive a

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Drivers should be aware that the "No Stopping" zone

in the location of Main St. N. at School Lane has been

The Highway Act defines stopping as: stop or stopping

Main Street at School Lane has been a continual

Town and Regional departments for comment.

Owners of the Manor want the zoning bylaw amended to allow an addition to the east portion of the existing two-story building, located at 15 Main St. N. with a frontage on Willow Street as well.

The result of the proposed addition would be a 18,965 square foot building to be used as a rest home.

As proposed, the new building would extend from the eastern end of the existing building towards Willow Street where there would be 11 parking spaces and an entrance onto Willow.

Acton Councillor Norm Elliott is unhappy with staff deviating from the Town's purchasing policy and not publicly advertising a proposal call to lease computer equipment.

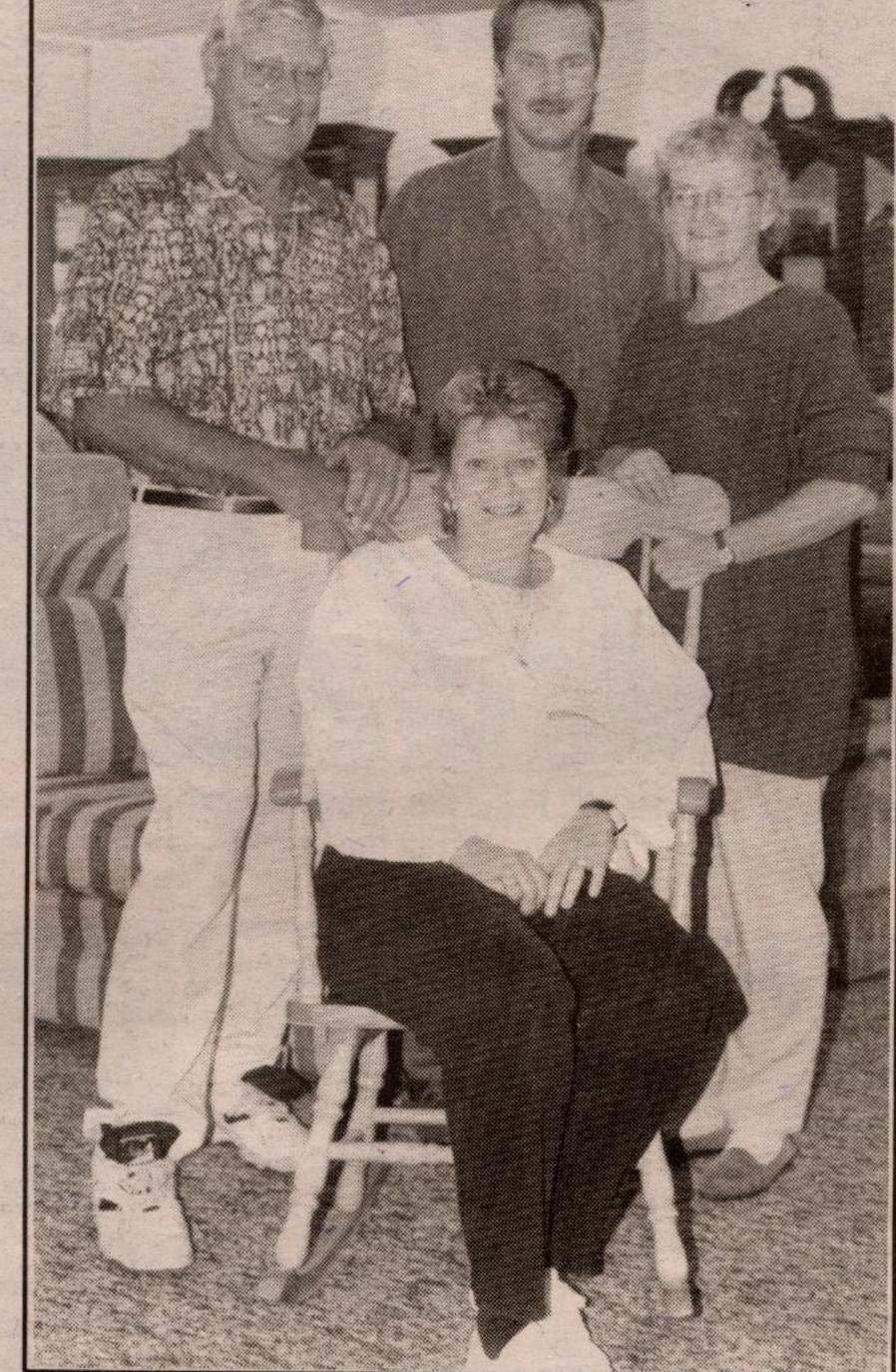
Although the policy says any purchase over \$30,000 must be tendered, staff report there are three firms that consistently submit competitive bids and will be asked to bid on the equipment in an effort to speed up the process.

"I'm a little uneasy,"
Elliottsaid, asking how much
time it would save to issue a
usual tender call for competitive bids.

Treasurer Andy Koopmans said he was confident the three firms in question could respond faster than the usual 15 days allowed.

"More importantly though, our concern is the volume (oftenders) we might receive and the time it would take to evaluate all of them and go through the evaluation process," he said.

Council authorized staff to waive the advertising for proposals to obtain lease financing of computer hardware and software.



ROCKIN' AROUND THE WINNER: Jane Taillefer was the lucky winner in the Shop Acton draw for a maple rocking chair from Halton Hills Furniture and Appliances. Jake Kuiken, left, Ron Kuiken and Lucia Haefner from the store were on hand to present Jane with her prize last Wednesday. (Karen Wetmore photo)

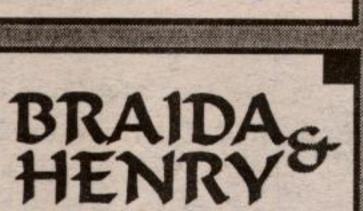
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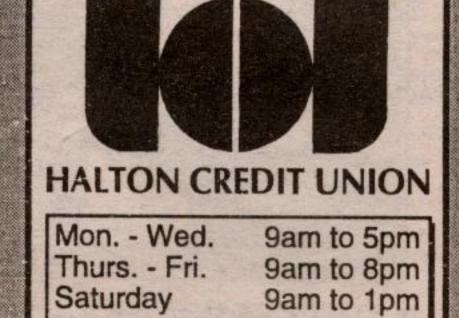
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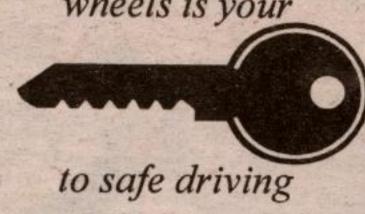
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New faces join staff at Junior Y

AT THE ACTON JR. Y

Welcome back to the start of another exciting year! We have had a few changes in our centre. It is with great sadness we said goodbye to Caroline, the director, and Cesa, a pre-school staff member. Caroline is now the director of the new YMCA centre in Georgetown; however she can found in Acton on some Fridays. Cesa has joined Caroline at St. Brigid's as a preschool teacher. We miss them already.

But we still have a great staff at the Junior Y: Helen Kirkwood is the member who will have a bronzed rocking chair. She is very supportive with her coworkers and is loved by the children, always wearing a smile. Ethel Martin is always on the go. She's great in the kitchen and is a wonderful support to our community bake sales!

Robin Keeler has been with the YMCA for two years. She has a great sense of humour and ran a school-age program last year, but will be spending more time with the pre-schoolers this year.

Janice Foot has come to us from the school-age programs in Georgetown. Janice will be leaving us shortly to care for her own "new arrival." Tracy Hagan will take over the school-age program, bringing lots of experience and geat ideas with her. Mary-Ella Baker is the resource teacher for the Y, employed by NHADH.

Debbie Clark is our supply – she works at the Harrison school-age program. And Brenda Quinn joins us as our director after seven years at the Y. She's looking forward to serving our children and their families.

Daycare children attended Education Day at the Fair. We had a board display by our students and a float entry.

Screening clinic

ASSIC ALERT

Do you have questions about your preschooler's development? A screening clinic will be held at the Acton Parent-Child Resource Centre on Sept. 30 from 9:30 to 11:30 am, during drop-in hours.

The free clinic will assess preschoolers' development in learning, hearing, speech/language, behaviour and motor skills. Milton District Hospital staff and Preschool Assessment and Training in Halton (PATH) will be on hand to answer questions.

For more details, please call ASSIC at 853-3310.