

Eight staff laid off at Halton Cable

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The Acton Tanner
The chief engineer and programming director, along with six other employees, have been or will be laid off

at Halton Cable Systems – now known as Western Co-Axial Limited.
Western's marketing and programming vice president Bill Custers termed the lay-

offs "adjustments" and said the amalgamation of the two systems made some staff positions in Acton redundant.

Half of those laid off were office staff and half service and technical workers, and while one laid-off employee, who did not want their name used, said that local programming would suffer because of the lay-offs, Custers said they want to increase the number of hours of local programming, currently about 20 hours a week.

"We want to start getting out into areas like Eden Mills and Campbellville and start deriving some programming from those areas," Custers explained on Thursday.

"We want to look at doing a local news magazine package so there's a daily local newscast for the area. We also want to get our staff out of the studio and onto the streets and have more programming done in the com-

munity."
Custers said that the staff changes will mean better local programming because the staff they retained and those who will be brought in have substantially more experience and background in producing local television programming.

"We want to have a bigger presence in the community as well as develop the volunteer program. We want to hire news editors and news directors and that kind of thing."

Custers said that for the next while the program director from Western's Fergus operation will split her time between Fergus and Acton.

Custers said that they are continuing with their technical evaluation of the system and have started doing upgrades, including a fibre optics link with Hamilton that will allow local subscribers to tune in 63, instead of the current 43 channels.



ALL DRESSED UP! Preschool Playshop children visited the Acton Seniors' Centre's Fun and Fitness program last Wednesday to show off their Halloween costumes and give the seniors crafts they made. In front are ladybug Madison Wagner and dalmation Eric Niblock with Anna Arnold and Linda Neary in back. (Karen Wetmore photo)

Are you crafty?

The Recreation and Parks Dept. has spaces available for its Wonders of Christmas craft program for youth aged 7-10 years. Participants will make unique gifts and decorations for the festive season. The program begins Nov. 16 from 2-4 pm at MSB school and costs \$32, including supplies. Call 873-2600, ext. 275 for more details.



ACTON HIGH SCHOOL MID-TERM REPORTS

were mailed home on
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1996
Information regarding Parents' Night was included with the reports.

PARENTS' NIGHT

has been scheduled for
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1996

Interviews 6:30 to 8:30 pm
6:30 - 7:10 pm Informal Interviews
All staff are available in the cafeteria.
7:10 - 8:30 pm Formal Interviews
Booking interviews done between
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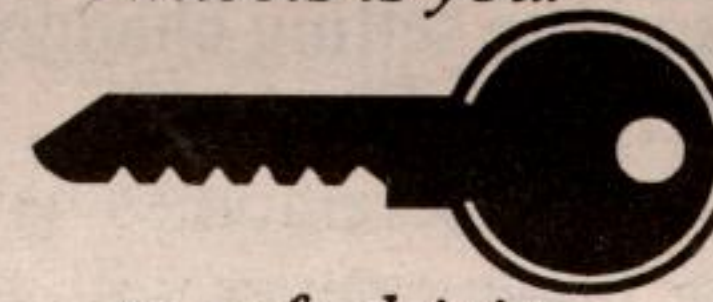
Halloween has come and gone and Christmas is quickly approaching. You may think it is early but I have some tips for Christmas shoppers. This week I'll write about vehicles:

1. When shopping, put articles purchased in your trunk. If you don't have a trunk, place them out of sight.
2. Lock your car, even when driving. Do not make it easy for thieves.
3. Ladies: While driving, keep your purse on the floor, out of sight.
4. Before getting to your car, have your keys in hand.
5. Before entering your car, look inside. If someone is in your car, keep walking. Remember – don't be a victim!

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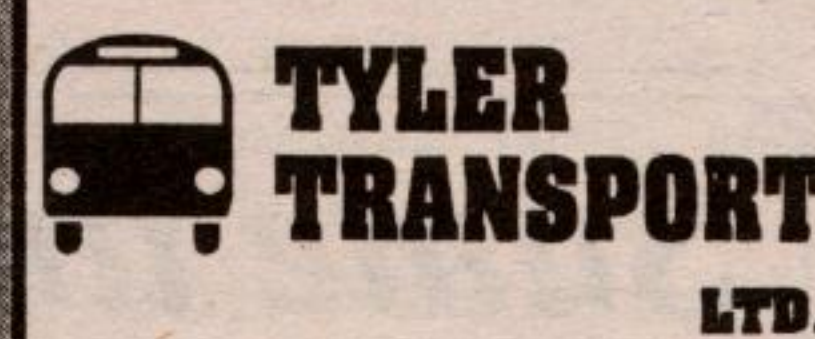
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