

Now wasn't that a party...!

By **MAGGIE PETRUSHEVSKY**
The New Tanner

Halton Regional Police laid 25 drug and alcohol related charges Saturday in connection with an all night bush party on the Fifth Line two miles east of Acton north of Highway 7.
The Town of Halton Hills is also investi-

gating after receiving two official complaints about noise from the event, says town bylaw enforcement officer Ron Stein.

Acting Staff Sgt. Mark Martin said police estimate attendance at the party at 3,000. Charges involved seizures of cocaine, crystal met amphetamine, psilocybin (magic mushrooms) xtacy, hashish and marijuana as well as various liquor infractions.

Police had four plain clothes officers and at least four uniformed officers on the scene with cruisers running a RIDE program on Highway 7 around midnight. They also blocked off the Fifth Line north from the highway in order to ensure public safety.

Martin said the road was closed because parked vehicles congested the sideroad so badly police feared emergency vehicles could

not get through the area in the event of an emergency.

Music from the party disturbed residents on the east end of Acton while at least one Sixth Line resident termed the noise "so loud it kept us awake all night".

The man, who called *The New Tanner* Monday, said he visited the sight on his way
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What's Inside



Sunday, the official year-end closing of Camp Weselka on the Fourth Line, was marked by dancing, speeches and song. See Page 12 for more.



There was loads of fun for the kids at Sunday's Leathertown Festival, such as putting on the green. See Pages 6-7.



One Acton parent wants the skateboard ramp by the Scout Hall repaired so enthusiasts can use it. See Page 8 for details.

Town tenders to demolish arena

Heritage Acton tries to save old arena

The old town hall steps on Willow Street provided the platform for an old-fashioned "town hall" meeting Sunday afternoon under the auspices of Heritage Acton. The intent, to organize those who are interested in retaining the community arena in Prospect Park, was successful as 11 citizens declared their intent to serve on a restoration committee.

Heritage Acton spokesman Ted Tyler chaired the discussion, pointing out the importance of trying to save the structure for community activities, especially the annual fall fair. He noted a similar situation existed with the old town hall when engineers hired by the Town stated it would take \$600,000 to bring the building up to standard.

Several citizens got together to form what is now Heritage Acton and through their efforts saved the town hall from extinction. The choice of the town hall steps with its commemorative plaque as a launch pad to form a committee was not lost on those present.

Tyler pointed out the town hall is being restored in phases and the cost so far has only been a little more than half the engineering estimates. No reason, he declared, that a similar opera-

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WRECKAGE: Guelph OPP say charges are pending following a three-vehicle accident on Highway 7 Sunday evening. A homemade Model T driven by Todd Ellis of Milton was demolished after a colliding with a Mazda driven by Lynda Messmer of Rockwood and a Buick driven by Marie Borbely of Brantford.

Hwy 7 closed by collision

A Milton man is recovering in Hamilton General Hospital following a three vehicle collision on Highway 7 just west of Crewson's Corners Sunday evening.

The highway was closed for nearly four hours after an eastbound vehicle sideswiped a westbound vehicle, then collided with a second westbound vehicle around 4:10 p.m. That vehicle ended up in the ditch.

Eramosa Fire Department brought approximately 12 firefighters, rescue equipment and their pump truck to the scene, said Fire Chief Dave Sherratt.

Unfortunately, the Acton ambulance was

unavailable to service the call as it was transporting a passenger from Georgetown to Toronto at the time. Ambulances had to be recruited from Georgetown, Guelph and Fergus. All three drivers were taken to Georgetown Hospital where westbound drivers Lynda Messmer, 46, of Rockwood was admitted for observation and Marie Borbely, 65, of Brantford was treated and released. Eastbound driver Todd Ellis, 33, of Milton was transferred to Hamilton.

Guelph O.P.P. are requesting witnesses to the accident contact Constables MacDonald or Rose at (519) 822-7250.



ARENA MEETING: Ted Tyler of Heritage Acton speaks to dozens of people gathered in front of the old town hall about efforts to save the old arena from destruction. He emphasized it was Acton money that built the arena.

But mark time for new estimates
By **FRANCES NIBLOCK**
The New Tanner

While Town Council instructed staff to prepare tender documents to demolish the old Prospect Park arena it's willing to work with a new an Acton group making an 11th hour attempt to save building from the wrecker's ball. Council will also continue working with the Acton Agricultural Society that uses the arena to stage events and house exhibits during the annual September fair.

At Monday night's council meeting Acton businessman Ted Tyler, representing a recently formed sub-committee of Heritage Acton - which saved the Old Town Hall and Fire Hall - appealed for more time to do another structural study of the building. The latest Town report pegs repair bill at \$525,000, but the sub-committee is convinced the building could be saved for much less and will try to prove it before Council actually awards the tender this fall. When this year's fall fair ends on September the Town's insurance company will not provide liability insurance on the building for public use because the building is in such bad shape.

Tyler said donations and pledges to restore the building have been made to the sub-committee and on Monday, an Acton manufacturer that wishes to remain nameless offered to pay for another structural study.

"We just think that it's facility that should not be torn

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