



Bill and Val Manes opened their new Home hardware store this week. The turmoil involved is easily seen in the photos above. Clerk Don Lindsay waits on customer Scott Malcolm. Bill Manes has more empty boxes than he has space to stack them. Item by item the stock has to be placed on the display. Val Manes has her office set up even if there are some wires and bits still in need of finishing. -Ted Tyler photos

## Halton business centre helps entrepreneurs

Business activity remained at a high level in 1998 for the Region of Halton's Business Development Centre.

Over 13,700 entrepreneurs received assistance from the Business Development Centre. The different types of assistance included: personalized consultations; general inquiries; seminars; and business registrations.

Approximately 10-20 businesses were registered daily in Halton. Throughout 1998, Halton's Business Development Centre was ranked as one of the busiest offices in Ontario in terms of business registrations, resulting in 2,666 registrations at year end.

As part of the Centre's commitment to support and enhance Halton's existing economic base, the Business Development Centre continued with its Corporate Calling program. In 1998, approximately 40 Halton businesses were visited pro-

viding an exchange of information for both the business community and the Business Development Centre.

Over 20 information forums, including presentations; seminars; and special events were well attended by over 600 businesspeople.

The Business Development Centre is also responsible for the marketing and promoting of Ontario Works - Halton to the non-profit and private sector organizations in Halton. In 1998, 201 Ontario Works participants were placed into community placements.

The Halton Business Development Centre has been developing partnerships with the public, non-profit, and the private sectors and will shift from the Provincial Small Business Self-help Office model to the Small Business Enterprise Centre model. Work is underway to establish more partnerships as a means to deliver new programs or services for

small business. One is the establishment of a satellite office of the Business Development Centre at the Ontario ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) office in Georgetown.

The intent of this partnership with OMAFRA is to build on the complementary mandates of both parties, to increase the accessibility of small business services to Halton Hills and parts of

Milton, and to develop new small business programs of

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### BOYES PLUMBING

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in honour of

**Fr. Angelico Valeriotte**

to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination

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at the Acton Legion

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and the parish office at 47 John St. S.

Ticket deadline is April 9 Tickets \$20.00

## LETTERS

### Three step smoking

Dear Editor:  
Seen in one of the local papers recently: Re: Smoking - I am a 63-year-old who quit smoking 11 years ago but I am slowly dying from a lung problem.

My wife smokes and I think it is her right, every one has in a free country; it is a legal product.

Yes, some people live to be 100 years old; others die

young. It is costly, but look at the tax money they have paid. Banning smoking completely would not be fair, so why can't it be three step licenses for any business:

1. Open to smoker.
  2. 50 per cent smoke free.
  3. No smoking.
- Claude Morissette,  
Acton.

### Sometimes it's worth the drive

Dear Editor:  
I have lived in Acton for the past 19 years. A year or so ago, I purchased a new screen door from a local store. Recently, I needed a replacement part for the door. I did not insist upon having the part replaced under warranty, but rather attempted to purchase a replacement part from the same store. I was told that it was not possible

to purchase the needed part and that I would have to buy a completely new door closure mechanism at a cost of little over \$20.

I visited the Home Depot store located five minutes from my office, and was able to purchase the replacement part at a cost of \$2.88! The moral of this story.....sometimes it's worth the drive elsewhere!

H. McPhee

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