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in Acton



J. Sammit
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Ethel Airdrie
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Lee McGuthers
Works in Guelph



Harvey Norton
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Hard to park

Nearby residents differ on advantages of Acton

Actonians may be shopping in their own town, but people who participated in this week's Free Press poll, don't all. They are the people who live close to Acton, in surrounding areas, who, for a

various number of reasons don't shop in town.

Neil Paton has lived in Limehouse for five years. He has a wife and five children to feed and clothe. His family shops in Georgetown for their

needs. He lived in Georgetown before and attends church there. To him the natural place to go, is to Georgetown. He occasionally shops in Acton, but only for odds and ends.

Jack Roughley prefers Georgetown for both clothes and grocery shopping. Sometimes his wife shops in Guelph but it seems more natural, says Mr. Roughley to go toward Georgetown, than to Acton. Although not a major shopping centre for his family, Mr. Roughley buys all his major appliances in Acton. He says he likes the service of one particular store in the town. The Roughleys have lived in Limehouse for 30 years.

Just outside of Crewson's Corners at R.R. 4 Rockwood is the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sammit. They have lived there for about one year and do all their shopping in Guelph. They find that Acton has "no variety" so they shop there for odds and ends, only.

Harvey Norton does "a lot of shopping in Acton," mainly for groceries. His wife also does grocery shopping in Georgetown, but the large shopping centres get Norton's business for clothes and articles other than groceries. Mr. Norton has lived in Limehouse for 60 years. Acton, fills the needs of Mrs. Jack Airdrie, who does all her grocery shopping in town. Even though she does some clothes buying in Guelph she finds no real disadvantage to Acton shopping. Mr. and Mrs. Airdrie have lived in Crewson's Corners for 42 years. Says Mr. Airdrie, "I can always find a parking spot in town."

Georgetown is where Pat Nolan and his wife do all their shopping. They have lived in

Limehouse for five years and find that the only shopping they do in Acton is for "odds and ends."

Mrs. Susan Townsend has lived in Crewson's Corners all her life and finds that grocery shopping can be done

in Acton as well as any other place. Her main complaint is that it is "very hard to park, especially close to the weekend." Mrs. Townsend does her clothes shopping in Guelph or Brantford because she finds the clothes cheaper and there is more of a variety.

Since Mrs. McGuthers has been working in Guelph she has not done any shopping in Acton. She finds the prices better in Guelph, Toronto and Brantford and also when she shops in a plaza, she doesn't have to pay for parking. "The

parking in Acton is very bad, it creates too much walking when you have to carry groceries. The McGuthers have been living in Crewson's Corners for eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Simpson work in Toronto and therefore do all their shopping in that area. They are 10 years old who have lived in Crewson's Corners for six weeks. Barry buys in Acton for emergency needs, but in comparison to Toronto, Brantford, Georgetown, Guelph, Brantford,



ANNA BELLE AND BEAU appear before CKCO-TV cameras for a Romper Room show. Owner Jennifer Barr discusses donkeys with show's star Betty Thomson while Romper Room guests, Erica and Patrick Barr (right) admire the pets.

"Padre of the pubs," new United minister

Rev. W. Eric Nelson is the new minister of the United Church. He and his wife are living in the Maria Street apartments. They have one daughter who is travelling, and is presently in Sydney, Australia.

Rev. Nelson was born in Ireland, in the town of Lisburn, Antrim county. There he was ordained and educated and began his ministerial career.

From Ireland he travelled to West Bengal under the auspices of the United Church where he conducted worship for a small group of Christians, who were a minority in a land where the major religion is Hindu.

His other parishes have been located in Drayton,

Walkerton and Toronto, although in Toronto he had no "church" so to speak.

In Toronto, Rev. Eric Nelson was known as "padre of the pubs." This was under a special ministry of the United Church in Toronto and Rev. Nelson was the third person to take over as director.

In this capacity he spent his time in pubs and bars. Well, this may seem ideal to some, but that was the way Rev. Nelson found his parishioners. He was without a church building, so therefore he had to make himself available to people. He acted as a counsellor and a friend to his "parishioners" by responding to their human needs.

He spoke of one incident in



REV. ERIC NELSON was known as "padre of the pubs" in Toronto. He and his wife live in the Maria St. apartments.

which he entered a "somewhat sleazy bar" wearing his clerical collar. He sat near a group of men who were talking amongst themselves. One of the men turned around and saw Rev. Nelson and said in no uncertain terms "What is he doing here? One of his buddies turned to the man with the large mouth and said "I suppose he has to have his kicks too!"

Rev. Nelson believes that after his experience in Toronto he is much better prepared to work in a "church parish". He believes a church "is people and a set of relationships, rather than an institution."

Osprings

Theakers recover at home

By Doris Fines

Mrs. Enoch Wood has returned from Toronto to stay a few months at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ferguson and family.

Mr. Michael Ferguson and Miss Connie Sommerville spent the weekend at Daugh Point visiting with Mike's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Jackson and Donnie. Donnie returned with them for a week's holidays with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ferguson.

We are pleased to hear Mrs. Harold Theaker and Elsie were able to leave the Burlington hospital and are recovering very nicely at home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lang something natural—but not THAT natural."

This particular program will be aired on Sept. 13, Channel 13 (Romper Room) if any viewers are interested in watching.

and Bonnie spent a few days at a cottage at Parry Sound. George caught a few fish which were very tasty. They also took a boat cruise among the Thirty Thousand Islands.

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Let's talk about HORSES



Beau, our baby donkey, made his debut on television lately and what a marvelous morning we had with that. Films of the donkeys or photographs of Anna Belle have always accompanied any other television interviews I've done. But neither of them have actually been to a studio before. The occasion was the taping of a Romper Room segment with Beau as guest of honour.

Taping started 9 a.m. at Kitchener's CKCO studios, so we were up at 5:30. The donkeys had to be brought in from pasture, groomed, trimmed, and generally gussied up. AnnaBelle kept dribbling her half-chewed oats over Beau's soft curly back and making him all messy again.

Into the trailer they were popped and off we rolled. Beau crowing his broken baby bray all the way. Arriving at the studio, we were greeted with the news that a camera was out of commission, taping was late, so "hang on guys."

Five Romper Room shows were to be taped that day and we were in show two. Donkeys were kept in the trailer and the kids, Mom, Mac and I settled down to watch the fun.

Repartee

Off-camera comments are always amusing and this session was no exception. During taping, Betty Thomson was the epitome of the cheerful kindergarten teacher, professionally guiding her charges through games, stories, and were lessons. But while waiting for the tape to roll she was hilarious.

"But every time I sing, the lady in Regina writes," she wailed. "Oh, well, phooey on the lady in Regina. Hands up all kids who think Miss Betty can sing. Oh, good little kiddies, you all get TWO cookies."

The sight of a large camera man walking around hisping "I'm a Romper Room do-bee. I do-bee all day long" just broke up my mother completely.

After an hour-and-a-half, we decided to bring the donkeys into the studio to acquaint them with the setup. Remarks were tossed around—"Remember the goats and boars". However, since AnnaBelle had relieved herself all over the trailer, I felt fairly confident of her control. I wasn't so sure about Beau.



CKCO-TV's Romper Room hostess Betty Thomson grimaces as she copes with the hazards of animal guests on her show.

It took seven people to push a reluctant mama donkey through the door. It's amazing how much resistance such a small animal can give. Once in, she followed a skipping, sliding baby into the brightly lit studio and stood like an angel for all the fussing.

Nothing fazed the donkeys after that. Even a shuffling "Do Bee" in striped suit and wings flapping past her nose failed to worry AnnaBelle. (I think she was in shock!). We were so proud of them until we realized how terrible the adorable donkeys smelled under the hot lights. Wow.

Finally, we were ready, both donkeys carefully placed, children on cushions, Betty and I in the background. Dead silence as the director droned "20 seconds—15—10 seconds to tape—ready?"

Drowned

Anna Belle hunched her

back and went! Like Niagara Falls! Forever and ever! Not a word was heard until it was all over. Then a camera man yelled "cut, cut" and everyone dissolved into helpless laughter.

My dainty donkey was horrified and did her best to leave—quickly. The janitor was summoned ("Don't mop it up yourself, Jenny, it's a Union Shop, you know")—and air freshener was supplied.

All else was an anti-climax. Both donkeys did everything expected of them. Beau nursed on camera, Anna Belle ate oats from wee hands, then gave rides. The tape was completed and a break was called. Amid thanks and congratulations, the tired donkeys were loaded and whisked home arriving five hours after leaving.

Betty summed up the experience "I wanted

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