

Our readers write

Get on the ball

Dear Acton Free Press:
I want to compliment you on a great article you put in the June 28th paper about the Georgetown skateboard contest winners.

The write up was very good with no mistakes but one. The mistake was that you put in the wrong picture. It is not Rob Warrington it is Wayne Hume who was also at the contest.

I hope you will correct this error some how.

If you don't believe me, I should know!
GET ON THE BALL!

Yours truly,
Rob Warrington

Editor's note: To add insult to injury, we spelled Rob's name wrong under his RIGHT picture last week. He was one of the skateboard competitors at Back to Acton Days. Here's the real Rob.



Thanks to Acton workers

Members of the Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society recently sent handmade articles to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario and the Princess Margaret Hospital. Following are letters of thanks from the two institutions.

at Princess Margaret Hospital.
Yours sincerely,
(Miss Doris Brown,
Social Service Department.

June 22, 1978

Mrs. Jayne Telford
Acton, Ont.
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Dear Mrs. Telford:

The toys that you kindly sent to our department will not only bring comfort and happiness to many children, but they were a delight to our staff members as well.

I hope that you will express our thanks to the four ladies in the Activity Group for their creativity and enthusiasm in contributing to the happiness of the children at CHEO. I will be pleased to pass on the offer of making special toys for children with particular needs, but the variety that you have already sent gives a great deal of scope for choosing individually. I must confess that the "green onion man" has received special admiration!

Many thanks to all of you for your kindness.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) Airdrie Thompson-Guppy, M.S.W.
Chief of Social Services
Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario

Canadian Cancer Society,
Acton Branch,
Mrs. Jane Telford,
Acton, Ontario.
Dear Mrs. Telford:

So many boxes and all check full of such beautiful hand knitted goods from the ladies in Acton. We sincerely thank you.

Chilly days are back with us again and the bed jackets, knee covers, slippers and socks have already gone to the floor for our in-patients. They will be put to good use, you can be sure. Our gynecology patients find the pillows such a comfort for their backs. One can imagine the pleasure the stuffed animals are going to give to our little people. It will be a pleasure to pass them on. The girls' ponchos and the lovely baby outfits are in our cupboard. What a delight it will be for us to find new homes for them.

Thank you so much for remembering us

Canada Day answer

The Editor:
In answer to the question posed in last week's Free Press, "How come it's Canada Day?"

Donald Creighton, in his book "The Forked Road" writes a few paragraphs explaining how St. Laurent and his Liberals worked to rid Canada of the "last legal vestiges of colonial status." Because the French Canadian members and ministers insisted that the word "Dominion" implied colonial subservieny, the St. Laurent government began to remove the offensive word from statutes and other state papers and "Canada" was left alone. This was

done without formal executive or legislative action. In the early '50s St. Laurent proudly announced, "that it is the policy of this government when statutes come up for revision or consolidation to replace the word 'Dominion' with the word 'Canada'." There are some people in this country who rather like the name of Canada," he added.

It is my guess that Dominion Day was changed to Canada Day in the same way and for the same reason as were the statutes back in the '50s.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Catherine Barrell
Acton.



THESE PONIES didn't get very many breaks during the Back to Acton Days celebration. They were in demand all day Saturday, July 1, to provide rides for children.

Report from Queen's Park

by JULIAN REED
M.P.P. (Halton-Burlington)
The debates on the Estimates of the various Ministries tend to be overshadowed by day to day events in the Legislature. Shortly before the end of the session, the Estimates of the Ministry of Community and Social Services were under discussion, which involved a review of the past spending record of a Ministry which expects to spend this year about 9 per cent of the total government budget.

Since 1974, the Liberal Caucus has been urging the Government to rationalize 'quality and care' and public funding of the Province's social services, and we are particularly concerned about changes in administration policy, especially as they relate to attempts to reorganize this Ministry into units which consolidate services to the children and adults of Ontario. We are pleased to note that some positive steps are finally being taken to reassess and revamp areas of this Ministry's responsibilities.

However, information which is now available has raised some grave questions about the Ministry's commitment to the prevention of child abuse in Ontario. As the Liberal Social Services Critic, Paul Blundy (MPP-Sarnia), pointed out during the Estimates debate, originally the Ministerial briefing material contained no specific figures for the child abuse program, but we were able to learn subsequently, from a Ministry Financial Officer, that last year only \$182,900 was spent of the \$376,000 designated for this purpose. The Child Abuse Office continues to be seriously understaffed, yet it has not been exempted from the Ministry's hiring freeze.

Child abuse in Ontario has become a question of increasing public concern, yet we cannot realistically expect the Ministry's program to be any more effective this year than last, given the lack of

emphasis which is apparent in this non-utilization of available funds, and the inadequate number of personnel allocated to the prevention program.

In 1965, provincial legislation imposed on Children's Aid Societies the responsibility of preventing suffering before it could turn into tragedy. Since that date, these societies have been increasingly conscious of this special and important responsibility. Yet heavy caseloads have not been matched by provincial grants. For a number of societies, this has meant that some front-line case-workers must take up to 50 cases at one time. As a result, only emergency situations receive attention. Files must be closed on other cases which have passed out of the crisis stage, although the circumstances are still potentially explosive.

There has been considerable publicity about the Ministry's move towards "de-institutionalization," yet this has virtually no hope of getting off the ground as long as the Government continues to under-fund home support services for the elderly, the disabled, the mentally retarded, troubled children and adults.

The concept of "de-institutionalization" is excellent, conjuring up notions of individualism, independence and new lifestyles which are preferable because they are more "normal"; thus society as a whole can more easily recognize and respond to the needs of those who require zation is also appealing because it is less expensive to the taxpayer to offer treatment and support services in the community.

However, the manner in which the Government has promoted the idea of de-institutionalization to the public has been simplistic and naive. Ultimately, the Government's policy could be harmful if not actually cruel, to the very people we are trying to assist. Only one-

half of the equation has been filled—forcing people to leave expensive institutions—but alternative programs to help them function once they are back in the community have not been developed.

For example, the elderly have had their institutional options narrowed in the last couple of years by the freeze on nursing home bed availability, by the selectivity of admissions to private nursing homes, by a subsequent overloading of chronic care facilities and the relatively high cost of senior citizens' residences. The fact that fewer healthy seniors are entering institutional care is, on the surface, "encouraging." But where is the support to help them function in the community?

Reviewing the Ministry's performance last year, we can see that the budget was under-spent for Homemakers and Nurses Services—by 24 per cent for Family Crisis Intervention—by 81 per cent; for the Volunteer Program for Seniors—by almost 33 per cent. Combined operating and capital grants for Elderly Persons Centres will actually receive \$30,000 less this year than was estimated in 1977-78. Transportation for the physically handicapped, a vital community support service, has had its budget increased by a paltry \$100, compared with last year.

We all acknowledge the need to control and rationalize vast expenditures in the social services field. However, the need for wise use of our financial resources does not justify budgetary practices which permit additional expenditures for administrative purposes which far exceed those for program delivery. Comparing the Ministry's interim figures for this year's Estimates, we find that administration has been allocated an increase of 26 per cent, while the Social and Developmental fields and Children's Services will receive increased budgets of 5 per cent, 10 per cent and 12 per cent, respectively.



ACTON HIGH Outers members will be continuing their glass pick up service throughout the summer. The students are collecting glass left at the end of driveways on the first Saturday of every month.



DEFENDING his post, Dave Swetman stands guard at a hydro pole during Back To Acton Days.

ANNOUNCEMENT



DR. J.A. FACEY
Dr. Jeffrey A. Facey, B.Sc., D.D.S. wishes to announce the assumption of Dr. Embrack's dental practice in the Glenlea Medical Building 294 Queen Street, Acton.

Dr. Facey is a 1976 graduate of Howard University, U.S.A. and has been practising general dentistry in Toronto since graduation.

Watering important for summer lawns

Watering is an important part of summer lawn care, according to horticultural experts in the lawn and garden section of Canadian Industries Limited.

Lawns tend to brown out and go dormant in dry, hot, mid-summer weather, and require both food and water if they are to be healthy and green.

According to the experts lawns should be watered thoroughly just once a week. Never give it a daily sprinkle. If only the surface is wetted then the grass roots will develop close to the surface and a few days of dry, hot weather will do more damage than if the roots are deep in the soil.

To determine how much water you are putting on the lawn, place a large empty can on the area being watered. When it has collected two inches of water you've applied enough. You can then move the sprinkler to another part of the lawn and repeat.

If puddles form, you are watering too fast. Reduce the water flow, and aerate the lawn with a fork so puddles drain away.

CNE's 100th birthday this year

Toronto's Canadian National Exhibition will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in August... and it will be quite a party.

Joining in the 20-day birthday celebration, from Aug. 16 to Sept. 4, will be such superstars as Bob Hope, Pearl Bailey, Dolly Parton, Burton Cummings, Bill Cosby and Engelbert Humperdinck. These international stars

and many other will be taking part in stage spectaculars in the 22,416-seat C.N.E. Grandstand.

Bob Hope and Pearl Bailey combine their talents of laughter and song in a special C.N.E. Grandstand Show on Monday, Aug. 21... Dolly Parton headlines a country-

western show on Friday, Aug. 25. Canada's own Burton Cummings appears on Sunday, Aug. 27... On Wednesday, Aug. 30, it's comedian Bill Cosby with The Spinners... And on Sunday, Sept. 3, Engelbert Humperdinck takes over the stage.

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Visitor

For the next two weeks Imkje Akkerman will be visiting from Holland. This is Imkje's first visit to Canada and while here she will be staying with her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harmsma and her cousin Louise on Agnes St.

\$3,600 break-in

Damages resulting in a total of \$3,600 were caused from a break in at a Rockwood fish farm.

Edward Turner, owner of Twin Lakes fish farm at R.R. 1, Rockwood, told police that thieves broke in and stole 80 Rainbow Trout.

Another \$2000 damage was done when a plug was pulled on a holding tank which held 2000 trout.

Today's recipe

Angel Food Cake

$\frac{3}{4}$ c. all purpose flour
 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. sugar
1 c. egg whites
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. cream of tartar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. sugar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. almond extract

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. An 8" or 9" tube pan is required for this cake. Do not oil or grease.

Measure flour without sifting. Add $\frac{3}{4}$ c. sugar and stir until thoroughly blended. Measure egg whites into 2 qt. size bowl—add salt and cream of tartar, beat until foamy.

Add the $\frac{1}{2}$ c. sugar gradually, continuing to mix until mixture is glossy and holds soft peaks. Fold in flavorings. Sprinkle flour-sugar mixture over egg whites in four additions, folding in gently with rubber scraper until flour disappears after each addition. Turn into ungreased tube pan and cut through batter gently with knife to remove large air bubbles. Bake 35-40 min. Invert pan until cake is cool, about 1 hr. Loosen cake with spatula and shake gently from pan.

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