

## Acton library looseleaf



by Esther Taylor  
 "Fall, 1976—in a national poll conducted by Scholastic Magazine, American high-schoolers were asked: 'Is there a man or woman living today who you consider your personal hero?' Top vote-getter was television's newest and biggest sex symbol, Farrah Fawcett-Majors."

"In the first four months that her hit show Charlie's Angels was on the air, 'Farrah posters' became the hottest pop-art item in the country, with more than two million sold (Smashing the previous poster record held by another TV star, 'The Fonz')."

The foregoing paragraphs are quoted from Telegarbage, written from a Christian viewpoint by Gregg A. Lewis, who titled his first chapter: Big Brother is Watching, a reference to George Orwell's horror story of 1984. In Lewis' judgment, Orwell fiction has now become a reality. "Big brother is already here in living rooms, family rooms, recreational rooms, even bedrooms, or wherever the electronic eye can be put for easy access. Every year, millions of people become its willing captives, unaware that their minds are being programmed by a dazzling, bloody array of violence unprecedented in electronic communication history."

It might comfort the author of Telegarbage to learn that some Canadian viewers are not all that mad about Farrah. It's doubtful if the toothy blonde would have headed a poll in this country. In fact, a poll taken now might show that a lot of TV fans are happy that 's Angels, if one has to watch it, is more palatable without the so-called sex symbol.

However, whether or not one agrees with all Lewis' arguments, he does make a strong case against the evils of TV. In a chapter: Fighting Back: Fencing in the Dump, he offers advice on how to battle TV sex and violence. Telegarbage is a library paperback.

Summer vacation is an ideal time for catching up on some solid reading. For history fans, especially Churchill admirers, John Watney's The Churchills is a Must. Watney, an officer in the British army in the second World War was assigned in 1940 to the "hair-raising" role of Winston Churchill's bodyguard. This proximity to the wartime prime minister and his family "gave him an insight into the tradition which nurtured the Churchills."

The Churchills: Portrait of a Great Family, begins with a chapter on Arabella, John Churchill's eldest sister, whose influence with James Duke of York was responsible for John's first army commission at 17, as an ensign in the Foot Guards, 1667. Winston and Elizabeth Churchill had eleven more children after Arabella. Only four lived past infancy. Their eldest child, "shy and backward," and no beauty, became Maid of Honour to the Duchess of York, whose husband, James, heir to the throne of England, had a roving eye. Arabella caught his attention, but she repulsed him at first. Apparently James fell genuinely in love with Churchill's daughter, and in due time she succumbed to his courtship. The Duke installed her in a new house in St. James's Square where she lived quietly, producing "a number of children of whom four survived."

The first Duke's wife Sarah appears in the second chapter, and then Mary wife of William of Orange figures in the history of a fabulous family whose descendant spoke and battled for England and what remained of the free world in a time of darkness and despair.

To read James Leasor's Boarding Party is to wonder if Churchill knew of the last action of the Calcutta Light Horse, whose members, civilian bankers, solicitors, accountants and merchants joined the part-time territorial unit because they liked riding and racing. Sir Winston would have relished (and perhaps did relish) this incredible true story of 12 middle-aged amateur commandos who volunteered to board the German ship Ehrenfels which was sheltering in a neutral harbour in the

Portuguese colony of Goa, 400 miles south of Bombay. The mission of the boarding party was to silence a secret transmitter aboard the Ehrenfels. Guided by information beamed from this transmitter, German U-boats sank 46 Allied ships in the Indian ocean within roughly six weeks late in 1942. It was a desperate time for the Allies. The transmitter had to be put out of commission. But how to accomplish this operation without infringing jealously-guarded Portuguese neutrality?

Regular British troops could not mount action against the Ehrenfels. The assault, March 9, 1943 was undertaken by civilians who volunteered at their own risk and expense. No credit would be given if the mission were successful. If it failed, "then the whole episode could be written off as a regrettable drunken prank that misfired."

After finishing Boarding Party, one local reader ventured: "Only the British could have dreamed up such an impossible scheme—and put it over." In this book, Leasor's writing is taut and lean, but interest never flags. There's a foreword by Admiral of the Fleet, The Earl Mountbatten of Burma.

Other Leasor non-fiction in the library: The Greer Beach, a story of the Dieppe raid; and Conspiracy of Silence with Peter Elton. Fiction by the same author: The Chinese Widow; Jade Gate; Mandarin-Gold; Passport for a Pilgrim; Passport to Oblivion; They Don't Make Them Like That Any More.

Suspense readers familiar with the writing of Ursula Curtiss and Rae Foley will welcome their latest books: In Cold Pursuit, Curtiss; and The Girl who had Everything, Foley. There's a treat in store for Barbara Michael fans: Wings of the Falcon, a Gothic novel set in Italy when Garibaldi was leading the Red Shirts in assaults against feudal oppression and corruption.

For the pleasure of biography readers, the library recommends Peter Townsend's autobiography Time and Chance, and Arlene Francis, a Memoir, by the well-known actress, and Florence Home. Already on reserve, is Irma Bombeck's If Life is a Bowl of Cherries, What am I Doing in the Pits? Library nature notes: Somewhere in the school grounds near the library, a pair of Baltimore Orioles nested this spring. Father Oriole has not been vocal lately, probably resting from the labours of helping to raise a family.

The small flock of Mallard bachelors has left the school creek, for the very good reason, the creek is a scummy, muddy disaster area. Before their departure for Fairy Lake, one drake had a narrow squeak but lived to quack about his misadventure. Around noon one



SUMMER SWIMMING lessons are underway at the Lions pool. Qualified students have been hired for the summer as lifeguards and instructors. Instructor Joanne Veerman and recreation leader in training Sandra Mason instruct children in the second swimming session.

## Good registration for for swimming lessons

Three swimming lesson sessions are being offered this summer at the Acton Lions Pool. The first session which was completed had a total of 205 participants spread throughout the various swimming stages. The second session which is now in progress has slightly lower attendance figures with between 150 and 175 swimmers taking part. Registration for the third session has begun.

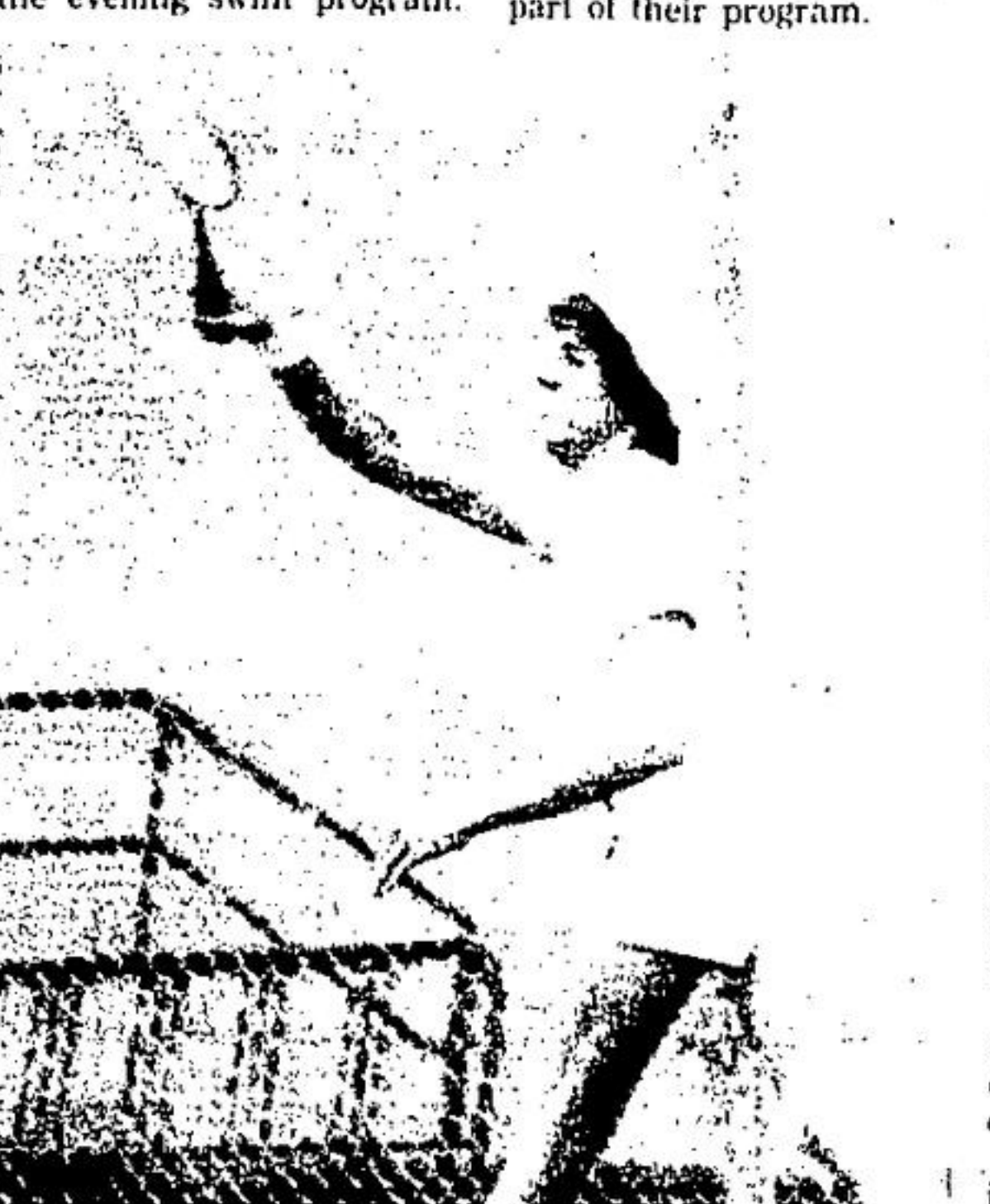
Pool supervisor Liz Binsfield is pleased with the registration and remarks the second session is lower because of the regular slow weeks in July.

Twelve qualified students have been hired for the summer to lifeguard and instruct lessons. Leaders in training also log part of their 100 hours by assisting instructors with swimming lessons. The students are hired through the recreation department. Playground and other summer activity participants visit the pool and beach as part of their program.

## Skaters travelling to courses

This summer five of the Acton Figure Skating Club members are attending summer classes in Toronto or Guelph.

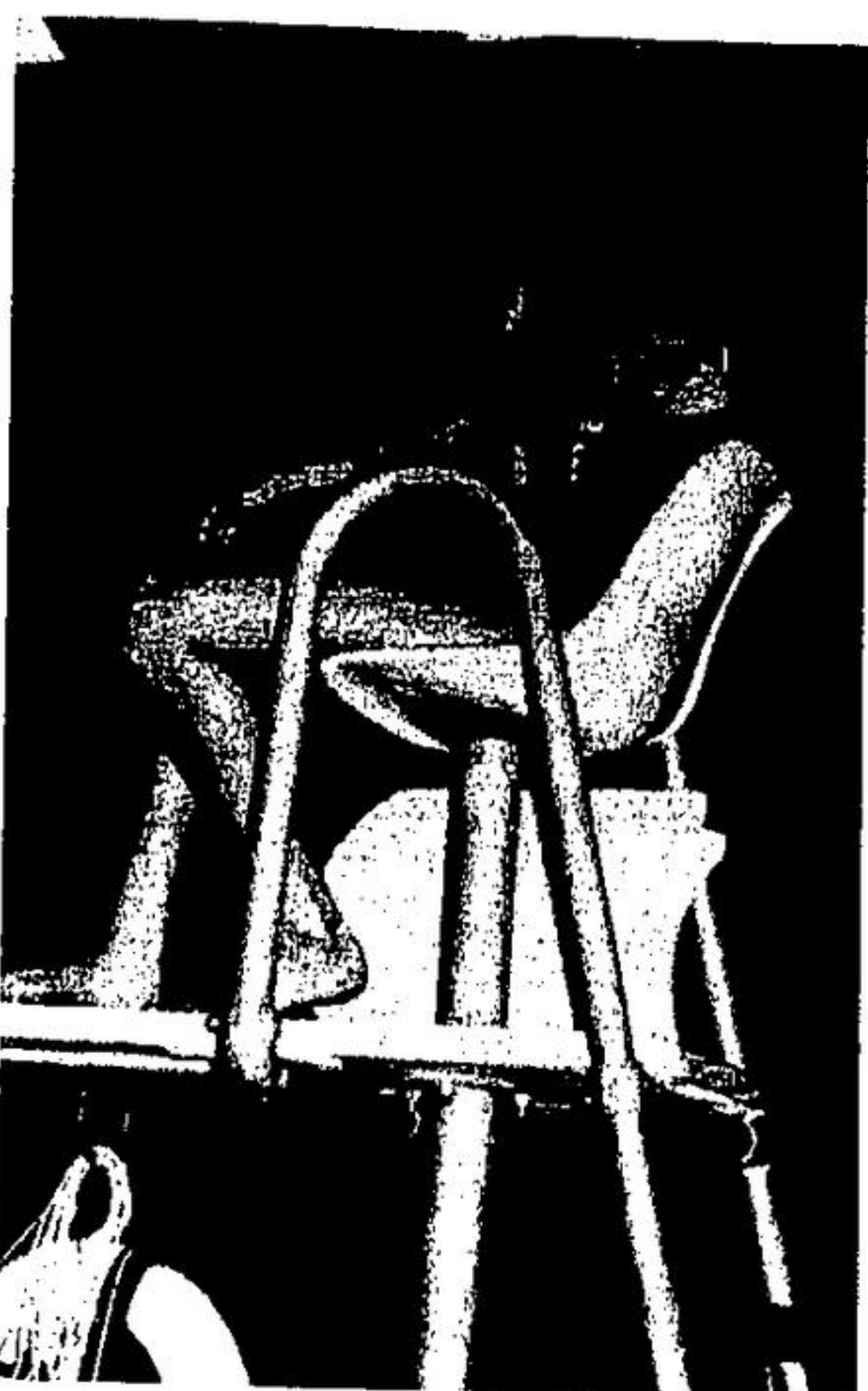
Charlie and Susie Kinal along with Diane Baginski are travelling to Toronto each day for the month of July to skate with the North Toronto Summer School. While there, Diane Baginski will be attempting her seventh figure. If successful, Diane will become one of a select few from Acton ever to reach that plateau. In Guelph, David and Cindy McGiloway are taking a five week course. They are taking the Guelph course so they can be with their pro, who is an instructor at that seminar.



## IABL stats

	W	L	T	P
Station Hotel	8	1	2	18
J and T Sports	7	5	0	14
Vans Welding	5	4	2	12
Family Cleaners	4	4	2	10
H.H. Electric	4	7	1	9
H.H. Catering	2	7	1	5

day, a library bird watcher heard an unmistakable Plunk from the highway. Looking out, she saw a drake strike the hood of a car on highway seven. She dashed down to pluck the body from the road. It twitched as she picked it up, and the stunned bird began to revive. A couple of teenagers volunteered to tote it to the veterinary office nearby. Mr. Mallard spent the night with Dr. R. G. Trenton and establishment. He was released into the creek next day, and swam off, apparently none the worse for his experience.



JOHN SMITH is one of the students hired as a lifeguard at the Lions pool for the summer. The students work both at the pool and the beach.

## Electric on move down Welders 21-4

Halton Hills Electric of the Acton Industrial League downed Vans' Welding 21-4 Monday night to move within one point of fourth place Family Cleaners. Electric had been riding the cellar of the league for quite some time until their recent string, consisting of a pair of wins and a tie in three games.

Behind the 10 strike out, six hit pitching of Electric's Brian Lawrence and two home runs by Al Avery, Electric scored runs in six of the seven innings.

Electric cracked out 15 hits as they scored once in the first off Lyle Prueter's double. In the second Electric scored eight times as Vans' pitcher Gary Copeland gave up four walks. Electric scored one more in the third before Vans' got their first run.

Vans' scored another run in the seventh and a pair in the eighth as they collected three of their six hits. Electric scored three times in the fifth, twice in the sixth

and six more times in the seventh.

### NOTICE

Refuse normally picked up Monday, August 7th, 1978 will be picked up Tuesday, August 8th, 1978, and further, refuse normally picked up Tuesday, August 8th, 1978, will be picked up Wednesday, August 9th, 1978.

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