

Back to school contest won by Tim Garton

Tim Garton of Elmore Drive is this year's winner of the Free Press Back to School contest.

Tim wrote a heart-stirring account of the summer with a handicapped baby in the family. Although the baby died, Tim was able to appreciate the few weeks of

happiness the infant brought into his life. Thanks, Tim, for opening everyone's eyes.

Tim's first place story is printed below, along with the second and third place winners. Winners may pick up their prize money at the Free Press office any time during business hours.

First place

Happy holiday

Dear Editor,
When I heard that our family was getting a multiple handicapped foster baby I was very excited.
Jason (the baby) looked into the mirror, smiled and began talking to himself. We then put him out in the shade where he watched the leaves.
One day Jason got anemias so my parents took him to a hospital in Hamilton. Two

days later my mother got a phone call informing her that Jason had died 4:00 a.m. that morning.

This may not seem like a happy holiday to you, but if you had experienced it you would see it as the happiest holiday ever.

Tim Garton, 11 years old
853-0657
168 Elmore Dr
Acton Ont.

Second place

Back to school contest

I think the funniest moment of my summer holidays was when my brother and I got a minibike and my dad had to try it out. When my dad got on it, his legs were too long and he kept sliding back on the seat. When he drove by my Mother, brother and I, he yelled and stopped the bike and

had his hand on the seat of his pants. He had burnt a hole in his pants with the exhaust pipe and you could see his underwear. And we were laughing our heads off.

Carmen Clow
R.R. 1 Acton, Ont.
Age 10, 853-0555

Third place

Funniest moment of summer

It started a long time ago. When my granie Smith was a little girl she did not know how to ride a bike. Now she rides a bike, yes a bike!

She bought a three wheel bicycle. She rides up and down the laneway. And do you know she is the only one that know's how to ride it. One day my Aunt Doris she could not ride that bike! She tried and tried but she could not ride it.

One day my granie said "Susan could you go and get the mail?"
"Well sure" I said and away I went.
That Day was one of the hottest days of the

summer. Well I was very anxious to ride that bike.

So I did. I walk half the way up the hill. And then I tried it "Oef" "oef" up and up. Those hadle bars are hard to turn.

I turned but "oh" I right into the ditch. I left it and got the mail I never tried the three wheel bike again.

And that's my funniest moment of my summer.

Susan O'Connor
R.R. 1, Georgetown,
Age 10
L7G 4S4

Fourth place

My school break

The funniest moment of my school break was at the amusements in Sauble Beach. The amusements are rides such as go karts, mini bikes, etc.

I remembered last year on the go karts, when I wheeled around on my first lap, scared stiff, and watched others zoom around for the third time. Well, this time, I made sure my friend would wait up for me. (just in case)

I guess I must have got carried away because I zoomed around there like nobody's business.

The guy held up a sign indicating that I had one more lap. I edged my way around the corner to park my kart, but I forgot to slow down.

Suddenly, I found myself seated on top of the tires which tried to prevent things like my mishap from happening. Everyone laughed but I turned red with embarrassment. Now I too think it's funny.

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Evangel church plans four-day long crusade

"Magic with a Message" is the theme for the Kids' Crusade '78 planned for Evangel Pentecostal Tabernacle Monday to Thursday, Sept. 11 to 14. Paul Powers of Toronto, a former professional magician who travels all over North America, will give the special program here.

"It's a good presentation, very interesting to watch," says Pastor Brian Rennick of Evangel. It will also involve short films and singing.

The crusade is for all children of Acton, and he is

contacting all of the town's clergymen. The children attending will be asked if they attend church regularly, and if they do they will be referred back to their own church, he explained.

Evangel will follow up on any who do not have any church affiliation, he said.

The church bus will be picking up children on the evenings of the crusade. Pastor Rennick especially wants parents to know that their children will be picked up and also returned to these pick-up points. The bus will

be at the library at 6:30, Elmore and Lakeview 6:35, arena 6:40, Victoria and Cobblehill 6:45, Kingham and Greenore 6:50, Mackenzie Buildall 6:55, Baptist Church 7 and York and Maria at 7:05. The service is from 7:15 to 8:30 each evening.

Brochures advertising the Kids' Crusade will be handed out to school children and these contain the bus routes as well.

Pastor Rennick says attendance at his church's Sunday School was held up well in the summer and he is



HEADLINING THE Friday night show at the fall fair will be a multi-talented couple from Oakville, the Newcomers. Ian and Robyn Hillis perform regularly at hotels, night clubs and fairs. Their program features comedy, singing and imitations. The happy hundreds expected will see the pair become Elvis Presley, Sonny and Cher, Archie and Ethel Bunker, Stompin' Tom Connors, Johnny Cash and others, through their talents of imitations.

LDC OK's bid after month delay

A regional Land Division Committee (LDC) member who first tried to block a severance near Ballinacra, ended up last week backing the proposal.

Georgetown LDC member Des Morrow moved approval of the application for conveyance because the land is within a hamlet.

The land is in the south-west half of Lot 1, Concession Eight, just west of Hornby on Steeles Avenue.

Laurienzo's lawyer, Richard Furlong, told the committee his client first had 20 acres, which he split in half, and then took a bit off a corner. Laurienzo will retain an acre for a home.

A prospective purchaser for the balance of the land will keep it in agriculture, said Furlong.

wife Lynn represented the buyer.

Morrow managed to get the application held up for a month because he was not convinced the land was to be used for agriculture. He wanted to see the farmer and also the report from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Prior to the meeting Reed met Morrow.

The ministry came down on the application by stating the dividing of the property "would likely lead to non-viable farm units" and therefore non-farm uses.

Asked why the buyer was not taking all the 40 acres, Thomas said last month, the farmer was getting only what he asked for. Reed was not interested in the entire farm, according to Thomas.

B & E try at 747

Halton Regional Police have a report concerning an attempted break and entry at the 747 Lounge on Mill Street last week.

An R.R. 3 resident reported that a boy found the rear door of the lounge slightly ajar. A metal strip had been removed and a large metal bar used to pry open the door. Nothing was taken, according to police.

looking forward to pushing it up with this crusade.

The church bus has now been painted blue, as required. Buses like this are no longer allowed to have the same paint job as regular school buses.

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Newcomers' mimicry will highlight fair

Stompin' Tom Connors, Johnny Cash, Archie and Edith Bunker, Sonny and Cher, Elton John, Helen Reddy, Elvis Presley... believe it or not, they'll all be on stage at Acton fall fair during the exciting Friday night show.

You're right, it's wrong.

Who will be on stage is a talented team of mimics called the Newcomers. Their act of singing and comedy includes excellent imitations of popular entertainment stars.

Those who have seen them already at nearby hotels and

night clubs, and at the fall fair convention in Toronto, felt they were a super choice for Acton fair. Their act is slick and sophisticated, with wide appeal.

They also have a five-piece back-up band.

The Newcomers are Ian Hillis, who hails from Ireland, and his Australian wife Robyn. They have lived

at Oakville for the past three years.

He's an ex-school teacher. Fair board members organizing the Friday night show are full of enthusiasm about the couple and their act.

Also sharing the spotlight on the Friday night program is the Miss Acton Fair contest.

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