



with Nancy Gordon

Dear God:
I wish to thank You for my life.

In 1976 the artery in my right leg began to close making it very difficult for me to walk any distance due to the seizures in my calf. The thought of having my arteries operated on really scared me.

I had to go to the Burlington Hospital to have my artery cleaned out. Thank You for being with me then. I had undergone the operation and was just waking up in the recovery room to discover that I was being wheeled back in for the second operation. The just cleaned artery, during my recovery period had completely closed, cutting off all circulation. My foot had turned black. Thank You for working through the doctors to save my foot and my life.

Once again during September 1977 I found it very hard to walk because circulation was so poor, the pulse beat was weak and the calf seizures in my left leg were bad.

Dr. Hunter strongly recommended I go to Dr. Yao at St. Michael's in Toronto in spite of the fact that I couldn't get an appointment with him until April. This seemed such a long time to wait when the blood was not circulating properly. Like most patients with this type of problem I feared for my leg and life.

Dr. Yao decided to place a plastic artery in my thigh to by-pass the natural artery. I could remember the last operation on my right leg with fear.

This, however, was a very different experience as the doctor asked if I would like to watch. "No," was my immediate response. However, my hip was frozen with local anesthesia and one doctor prepared the thigh for Dr. Yao who came in, worked for three minutes then I heard "Stitch it up" and out he went. I couldn't believe how fast and easy it all went. Thank You.

The next day I was up, walking around and out of hospital in two weeks. The only problem I experience now that I am back to work and taking

part in all my regular activities is that the cold bothers my legs. This is such a little thing when I think about what it could be like with no leg.

Dear God, I want all patients who have to undergo any operation of this nature to realize that they do not need to fear when you are with them and working through the doctors.

This letter of thanksgiving which I want to share with others is to help them realize that you are living and working in our lives every day.

Thank You
Ed J.

Please share with us what God is doing in your life by phoning Nancy at 519-853-2195 or writing to Sharing, P.O. Box 57, Acton, Ontario L7J 2M2.

Legion pipe band for youth

After more than 15 years Acton will have its own pipe band. Acton Legion is sponsoring a pipe band for the youth of the area.

Organizer and instructor John Bottomley said the Legion is hoping to expand its community service to the youth. Mr. Bottomley said the first practice on February 18 will determine if the interest is strong enough to form a band.

Alex Richards, instructor for the drumming, said he has had seven or eight calls by interested students. Scott Malcolm also involved in the forming of the band, has had four or five prospective members approach him.

Mr. Bottomley said he has a few students over the age limit of 15 who already know how to play and are planning to join. "We want to keep the band within the age group 10-15, but if you know how to play you can take part," he said.

Drumming instructor Richards has been playing for 12 years with the First Battalion Black Watch, one of three military bands in Canada. Mr. Richards has been involved with pipe bands since 1939 and has taught the London Ladies and the London City Police pipe bands.

Pipe instructor Bottomley has played the pipes for 16 years and competed in the 1978 Intercontinental championships and took first place. He also competed as a member of the Guelph Pipe Band. This band was named the best Canadian band at the C.N.E. last year.

Mr. Bottomley won the North America championship trophy in an amateur solo division last year.

Mr. Bottomley believes the band is good for the town. "It will be great if we get enough kids to come out. There are not

Ladies fair board plans for 1979

many legion bands that are entirely local," he said. Mr. Bottomley has been contacted by interested people from out of town, however he said he would like to keep the band local if possible.

The last pipe band in Acton was known as the Acton junior pipe band and was supported by the Town of Acton.

The lady directors of Acton Agricultural Society met at the Acton Library for their February meeting with ten members present.

A garage sale is being planned for May. It will be the spring fund raising event.

Mrs. J. McCulloch gave a report on quilt committee's plans and was authorized to purchase fabric and proceed with the project.

Mrs. C.W. Swackhamer and Mrs. Walter Linham were chosen as delegates to attend the annual convention of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies which is being held February 21, 22, at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto.

The prize list for the hall exhibits has been revised in all sections and is ready for printing. "Bon Voyage", is the theme chosen for Women's Institute and group displays for 1979 Fair.

The meeting recommended a raise in pay to judges of school work. Entries are high in number and of excellent quality and it takes many hours to judge.

ENERGY COSTS
The Chronicle of Higher Education reports that unless energy conservation measures are taken, the cost of energy at colleges and universities could reach \$200 per student during this school year.

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Sunday, Feb. 18, 1979
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship

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11:00 a.m. - Church School for nursery-kindergarten and grades 1 to 8
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4:15 p.m. - Jr. Confirmation Class
8:00 p.m. - Adult Confirmation Class

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33 Churchill Rd. N.
Pastor - Rev. B. Rannick
Sunday, Feb. 18, 1979
9:45 a.m. - Christian Education
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. - Evening Service
TUESDAY 7:30 p.m. - Family Night
WEDNESDAY 10:30 a.m. - Ladies' Power Hour

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA TRINITY CHURCH ACTON
Rev. Chas. Beaton B.A., B.D. Dr. George Elliott M.A., Ph.D. Director of Music
Sunday, Feb. 18, 1979
10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
Baby Fold and Toddler Care
Everyone Welcome
- SALVATION ARMY -
Gospel Service every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity United Church, Acton.

FREE PUBLIC LECTURE

TEN DAYS FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT

Sponsored by Acton 10 Days Committee at Knox Presbyterian Church on Monday, February 19th at 7:30 p.m. hear Prof. Gustaf Van Beers of Guelph Univ., Economics Dept. on topic of "Why Poor Countries Stay Poor"

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