

# PROFILES

with Jennifer Barr



April is daffodil month—a month when the Cancer Society tries to focus attention on the monetary needs of cancer research with the hopeful message "Cancer can be beaten."

No one knows the full portent of this message as well as Acton resident and businessman Lorne Doberthien. Lorne has had a running battle with a particularly virulent form of cancer for the past five years and is now well on his way to recovery.

"I don't want to press my luck," Lorne says reluctant to use the definite word "cure" but he has been clear of recurrence for two years. Early detection and treatment is the most important part of beating any cancer, Lorne feels.

In his own case, a bothersome knee troubled him for six months before cancer was diagnosed and his leg was amputated. After amputation, chemotherapy was recommended but not pursued until some months later when a spot was discovered on the lung. Lorne feels if he'd succumbed to chemotherapy immediately the cancer was diagnosed, he might not have needed the three lung operations he had to undergo. Chemotherapy was indeed initiated and continued for a year until Lorne had an allergic reaction to the drugs.

Now, he goes for bi-monthly checkups (soon to become tri-monthly) where he is X-rayed and scanned to insure there are no more secondary tumors.

"We're living with it constantly," says Lorne but he is feeling carefully confident that the disease is now under control.

**Worst moment**  
The moment he was told he had a cancerous growth and would have to lose his leg was the worst moment in Lorne's ordeal. Without his wife June, daughters Lisa and Leanne, and supportive parents, he says he wouldn't have pulled out of the slump of depression.

Even then, he felt his life was over and he'd be a cripple forever until a cheerful little nurse pointed out matter-of-factly, that he'd be walking normally as soon as he was fitted with a prosthesis (artificial leg).

From that moment he has never been quite as low again.

"She handed me a tomorrow."  
A courageous man, he rapidly became adept at walking with crutches, then with a temporary prosthesis, finally with the finished leg.

Acton residents of five years ago will remember the triumph of Lorne riding in the Acton Fall Fair parade barely four weeks after his operation.

He has since ridden horses, skied, snowmobiled like a maniac, climbed up on his own roof to repair it, and has generally terrified his family many times over. An artificial leg doesn't seem to have any effect on his activities.

Never say "die"  
Of course at this stage, Lorne figured his brush with cancer was finished. He figured wrong and ended up having three lung operations and chemotherapy, something he'd rather forget. Yet, all through the ordeal, Lorne said he never wanted to give up.

"I just wanted to live—I wanted to see my kids grow up."  
The operations, treatments, and checkups were an annoyance, a frightening annoyance, but Lorne considered them only inconveniences, never once feeling "this was it."

Doctors are now believing a positive attitude—a real gut belief in cure—is a strong factor in cancer remission.

His illness changed Lorne's life, he says. He now enjoys his days more fully, appreciating friends who stood by him, his invaluable staff at his car dealership, L&L Ford, who kept the business going; and his family, more than ever.

He says he has a closer relationship with God whom he felt never deserted him. More leisure time and family holidays loom large on his agenda these days.

Also important to Lorne is the time he spends with other people going through the same battle. Many days he's called down to Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto (his Alma Mater) to "dutch uncle" a cancer patient facing amputation, surgery or chemotherapy.

Lorne is over-modest about his help to others which includes active and supportive help for Track Three skiing, an organization for amputee and crippled youngsters.

Helping others in the same boat is all part of the dues, he feels—a very small way to say "thank-you".

Cancer is a name for many forms of abnormal malignant growths. Every cancer has a different prognosis and treatment. But doctors are unanimous in stating early detection and treatment is very important in effecting a cure. Faith and love do the rest.

Cancer can be beaten. Lorne Doberthien will tell you that.



Lorne Doberthien

## Cabinet backs OMB but ICG appealing

The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) has nothing to fear from provincial cabinet concerning a board decision concerning Ontario Hydro the key to Halton Hills.

Interested Citizens' Group, (ICG) may take.

The town, according to ICG spokesman John Minns, is asking the OMB to reconsider its decision.

Depending on how the board handles the town's request, the ICG may still question, in court, the OMB's authority to

hear matters concerning Ontario Hydro.

Opponents to the corridor may also try and bend the ear of Ontario Premier William Davis to see if he will do something about cabinet support for the OMB.

Lastly, there is the Ombudsman whose staff the ICG is meeting today.

Liberal party energy critic Julian Reed (Halton-Burlington) said in a press release following cabinet's decision that the order-in-council demonstrates the government's hypocrisy.

The government argues the need for the hydro corridor because of the urgent need for hydro power. However, Ontario Hydro earlier this week decided to delay completion of one of the main units at the Bruce nuclear generating station on Lake Huron.

Hydro planned to have a 100-mile long power corridor from the nuclear generator to Milton transformer station.

Mr. Reed went on to say he has pointed out to the premier, the energy minister and others the change in the consumption growth rate of power in Ontario would provide "the solid reasoned ground for changing cabinet's decision" while allowing the government to grant the oft asked for non-Hydro independent study for the ICG.

## Many break-ins here last week

A rash of break and entries in the Acton area kept Halton Regional Police hopping this week.

A Main St. resident reported the theft of \$250 from a wallet after someone entered his apartment by pushing the front door lock through.

Approximately \$170 in cash was taken from the

store taken from Family Bargain Centre, R.R. 1, Acton police say. Entry was gained when the air conditioner was removed from the wall.

Stolen were a portable radio, workboots, jogging suits, 12 pair of Levi jeans, and one small glass table.

Police have no suspects in any of the above cases. There is a possible suspect however, in the theft of a cassette recorder and two car speakers from Halton Hills Furniture.

It is unknown at the time of investigation if anything was missing when someone gained entry to a Tidey Ave. home.

A Mississauga man reported the theft of a wallet from his car while it was parked at Halton Hills Auto Collision, R.R. 1, Acton. It contained personal papers and a credit card. Police have a suspect.

A shotgun was stolen following a break and enter of a Townline home. Entry was gained, police say, by removing a complete front window from its frame. The home was ransacked also.

Four wire reinforced windows at the high school were damaged by

## Dominion staff donates wages to crippled children

Over \$650 was raised Saturday for the Crippled Children's Fund at the Dominion Hotel.

Staff and management had decided last week to donate two hours wages and all sales proceeds to the good cause. Any patrons in the hotel from 3:20 to 5:20 were told where their money would be going. Some even gave donations above their purchases.

Staff involved were

Jean and Cosimo Mercuri, Vern Herrington, Barbara Tucker, Heather Moreland, Karen Rinder, John Hackett, Gail Newbury and Len Cripps.

The owners of the hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Mercuri are especially grateful to Forbes Coles and Clair Mathies who held a special draw to help raise funds. Even though everyone knew there was no prize, the two raised over \$90 in this manner.

## Blizzard cancels night school

Night school classes at Acton High School were cancelled last Wednesday due to the severe snow storm. Many people who wished to register for courses were unable to reach the school.

Discos for beginners was offered for the first time this semester and drew the heaviest registration though a few openings are still available. Gourmet cooking, painting and drawing, typing, sewing with stretch fabrics and yoga

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## Senior police shuffle moves men

Musical chairs for 11 senior Halton Regional policemen were exchanged following a shake-up of top administrative staff.

The shuffle comes after an Ontario Police Commission report on the force and includes the recommendations of OPC

## 4-H Club honors Nino Braida

by Brad Ottaway  
The Acton 4-H Club paid credit to Nino Braida for his years of work on behalf of the farm organization.

The group presented Mr. Braida with a 4-H Calf Club jacket "for all the years of support and work he has put into our club," according to the organization.

The presentation came during the club's organizational meeting March 20 at the community centre.

The 15-member club returned three women to the top executive jobs: president Marie Murray, vice-president Karen Brown and secretary Elaine Cunningham. This is the third term for the president and the second for the vice-president.

The second Thursday of each month was selected as the date for club meetings.

Vice-president Brown reminded members of the success of the club's Family Day last year. Members' families

advisor Stan Raika. The postings take effect Monday, Apr. 9 and include three specific changes from No. 1 District. (Millon-Georgetown).

Acting Superintendent Roy Taylor will leave Georgetown to report to Oakville headquarters as

## Easter Egg contest Sat.

Acton Public Library has planned an Easter Egg contest for this coming Saturday, April 14. Children have been invited to bring a decorated Easter Egg to the library and place it on the tree. Prizes will be awarded in various categories with the winners receiving their ribbons at 11 a.m. There will also be a special Easter draw.

operations staff officer. He will be replaced by Acting Staff-Inspector Alec Terrell. He has served as interim administrator, at headquarters.

Also making a move from Georgetown is Staff Inspector William Smith. He will now take over command of No. 2 District (Oakville).

Inspector Harold Dowdle, under Superintendent George Moore at Burlington, moves to Georgetown in charge of duty desk and staff sergeants.

A system of duty inspectors will also take effect in the shuffle.

Staff Inspector Ray Andrew of Georgetown, Inspector Jim Currie and Acting Inspector Matt McPherson of headquarters, will all become duty inspectors, working day and afternoon shifts.

The new Burlington head is Inspector Al Stansbury now in charge of the Oakville district (No. 2).

Inspector Walter Southward moves from Oakville regional headquarters to Burlington on the duty desk.

The shifts also established new responsibilities for Deputy Chief Fred Oliver. The former head of operations will now take charge of sup-

port services such as communications and courts. A second deputy is expected to be hired later this month to oversee field operations.

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