

## On the Leavell

With Helen



Back to Acton Days committee members are "running around like chickens with their heads cut off" these days, with each person working on separate duties. However, in spite of the gearing up for the July 1 weekend celebrations, anyone interested can still help out with entertainment or food booths. Anyone interested should get in touch with Terry Grubbe at 853-3310. All are welcome to put up a booth. All it takes is a little plywood and some good ideas.

came in last Tuesday, our busiest and most hectic day, and was handed to me. I set it down to 'do later'. Unfortunately, later was Thursday morning. Her copy was lost in the shuffle, something unexcusable, but nevertheless human. Last week's Churchill news appears in this week's Free Press (keep your fingers crossed). My apologies go out to Mrs. Turner and readers.

Best wishes go out to Robert Allan, of Hyde Park nursing home, Guelph, who celebrated his 90th birthday May 24. What's your secret Mr. Allan? Some days I wonder if I will make it to my next one.

Organizers of Summerfest deserve a lot of credit for putting on the festival of the arts Saturday at Acton High School. Too bad more people didn't show up to appreciate all the work and effort they put into it.

Somedays are just like that! Last week, gremlins sneaked into the composing room of the Acton Free Press and while the news staff was making up pages, the gremlin put two identical stories on the same page, each with identical headlines. Mistakes do happen however, and a little humor is needed when reading mistakes like this. One thing we can't blame gremlins on though is the misplacement of Joanne's Turner's Churchill news. Her column

# 500 turn out for Summerfest '79

Only about 500 people took advantage of beautiful spring weather the arts at Acton High School.

Last year, said organizer Ralph Ursel, nearly 1600 attended the first festival, in Georgetown. "We're looking for the right formula, and we haven't hit it yet," Mr. Ursel told this newspaper.

In spite of the poor turnout, spirits were and many activities Saturday to attend Summerfest '79, a festival of

high for those who did show up. Arts and crafts booths were set up both inside and outside the school, mainly by area people or organizations but some people came from as far away as Owen Sound, Guelph, Cambridge and Toronto. Everything from quilting to photography to loom weaving was represented.

School children from both Acton and Georgetown took part in such programs as jump-nastics, square dancing,

majorities, acrobatics, and choirs. Georgetown Little Theatre twice put on a skit entitled "Comedy Tonight" and the Halton Scottish Country Dancers also gave performances. Acton Citizens' Band gave a performance as did local singer Bill Kent. Acton's Amanda DeForest gave three separate shows, demonstrating her tap dancing and acrobatic abilities. Halton Member of Parliament Julian Reed, Halton Hills mayor Pete Pomeroy and William

Griesal from the Ministry of Culture and Recreation were on hand for the opening ceremonies, which also included songs sung by local school children.

The evening program saw the Georgetown Little Theatre, Wally Baerg, the Halton Scottish Country Dancers, Cheryl Hau-

ser on the piano, the Georgetown Choral Society and well known singer Rob McConnell and his band. Although there was a deficit in the weekend's festival, a meeting is being held tonight (Wednesday) to determine what direction organizers are heading for next year.



Russell Laffin (left) and Dean Hughes were just two of the many artists who displayed their work at the Acton High Arts Festival in conjunction with Summerfest. In the background are some of the other paintings that were displayed.



Rob Munroe helps to keep a fading art living as he keeps the potter's wheel spinning. Rob gave a pottery demonstration Friday during the Art Show, held at the high school in conjunction with Summerfest '79. Rob is a grade nine student.



Acton Arts and Crafts club was the only Acton booth at Summerfest '79 at Acton High School Saturday. Jackie Denny was on hand to show goods made by members of the club. Some items were for sale.

## Rural man hurt in car crash

An 84-year-old rural resident suffered major injuries when the car he was driving was in collision with another vehicle on 25 Sideroad near Esquesing's First Line Friday afternoon.

A southbound auto driven by Stephen Saunders, RR2, Acton, swerved to miss a dog on Main St. S. May 31. The

car then went on and became involved in a collision with a parked car owned by Brent Storey, of Rockwood. Damage to the Saunderson's auto is about \$800, say police. Damage to the Storey vehicle is about \$300, officers said.

## Superior Glove, union.

(Continued from Page 1) cent or so per cent imports if the union came into the plant. Mr. Geng, however, said he did not go so far as to say 100 per cent imports. Union lawyer McNamee pitted employee Enid Dunn against the company's percentage argument. Any one of the ten union witnesses would do, but in the Dunn case, the statement is the clearest, said the lawyer.

off workers, he said. Earlier Thursday, another employee, Inge Niestroy, suggested to the board that the company tampered with her machine so much she was losing between \$8 and \$7 a day. Though, under cross-examination, she could not tell which part of the machine she thought was tampered she said: "I've operated the machine long enough to know." (Mrs. Niestroy also was the first witness to challenge Mr. Geng on his 100 per cent testimony. She said he told her "he was going to 30 per cent, 50 per cent and to 100 per cent and everyone would gradually fade out.")

Though the company maintained no evidence was presented regarding company knowledge of the union prior to January 30, Mrs. Niestroy testified management knew of union activities seven days previously. That would place the time of the company knowing of the union's presence before the decision to layoff was made. In the room, Mr. Geng sat nearly opposite from Mrs. Niestroy. During her testimony she looked up and said to him that he did not have to look at her. Soon after the union lawyer noticed Mr. Geng was smiling as Mrs. Niestroy spoke and the board chairman then suggested Mr. Geng try not to show any emotion. In all the board has sat for four days concerning the union complaint at Superior Glove. A decision may come before the end of the month. Other personal evidence was heard by the board during the hearing. However, the chairman more than once commented he failed to see its importance to the case.

The Dunn interview was one of a series Mr. Geng carried out during the week of February 1. Mrs. Dunn told the OLRB Mr. Geng said he could not afford to pay any more. He said he would have to go to 30 per cent, 50 per cent and to 100 per cent and eventually have to close the plant if the union got in, she said. After the layoffs started the workers in Superior Glove were scared. They just did not want to get involved in the union, she said. The one act Mr. Geng consistently denied was linking imports of gloves to the union, Mr. McNamee said. Mr. Geng admits to all the particulars in the union's complaint. "I submit that when he (Geng) says the union had nothing to do with the layoffs—he's lying," the union lawyer told the OLRB. He went on to suggest the workers' credibility is higher than Mr. Geng's. "They've nothing to gain by lying". Should the board decide the company's economic facts are legitimate, and only they motivated the layoffs, Mr. McNamee submitted, the union would be still allowed to proceed. He cited a previous case in which the OLRB decided layoffs were for business reasons, but the company gave different reasons for the dismissals. Those reasons damaged the union's campaign. The union is entitled to a remedy, and that is the reinstatement of the laid-

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There will be 30 runners and 10 support staff in the run arranged by the two cities. The Sarnia Canada Day Committee came up with the idea to promote unity, and to spread feelings of goodwill between the two provinces.

The total distance is 989 kilometres, and will start June 28 in Trois Rivières, and end in Sarnia on Canada Day.

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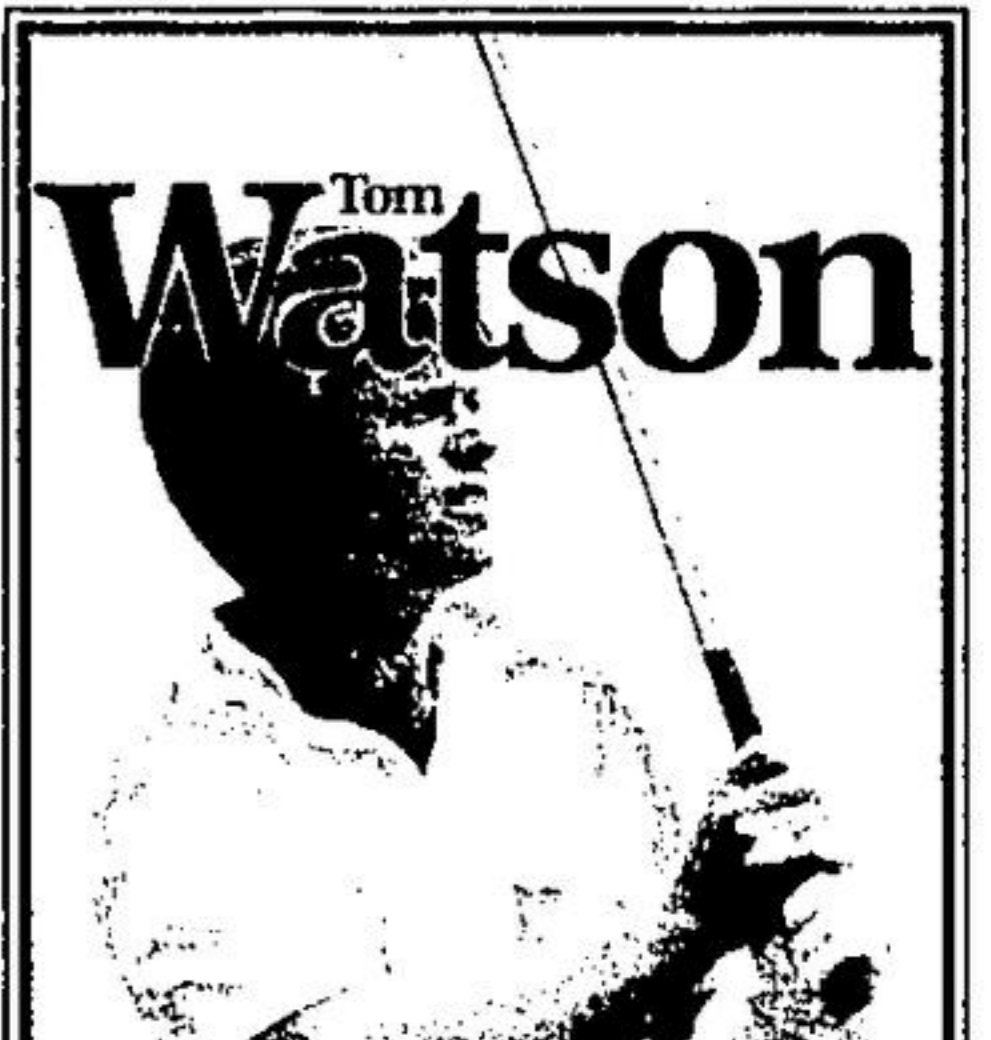
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