

# PROFILES

with JENNIFER BARR



As a priest, Father Ewing was always involved in community work and is particularly pleased to have been the one who 'nudged the snowball' in getting the Acton Community Centre going although he gives all credit to Peter Marks. Originally, Father Ewing felt the need was there, discussed it with Brian Skerrit and together with Marks and Dorothy Craig, the idea became reality.

Father Ewing still sits on the board, he was vice-president of the "Y" board, representative for North Halton on the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) board and chairman of the Acton Ministerial Association.

Unfortunately a series of heart attacks two-and-a-half years ago made it necessary to slow down and community work had to be cut down although Father Ewing still does family counselling. He was going to go completely into this field until his health ordered something a little different.

Now, despite official retirement and the move to an apartment in Milton, Father Ewing is going to continue church work as part-time assistant to a church in Oakville. He also plans to complete three books he has never had the time to finish writing.

### Farewell and tears

"It is beyond words the way the church (congregation) has been for two months—I didn't know people could care that much", says Father Ewing referring to the way St. Alban's congregation have feted and gifted he and Mrs. Ewing since his retirement became imminent.

"You don't realize how many peoples lives you touch."

At the Sunday School picnic in June, Father Ewing was completely surprised by the multitude of presentations from the children, little pictures, letters and small gifts.

"I love the children—my special favorite people are children.—I'm a sucker for kids."

Other presentations included gifts of considerable magnitude, a plaque in the church and his portrait in the parish hall "to remember Father Ewing."

"I said a lot of farewells. I'm not ashamed of tears."

Farewells or not, Father Ewing will be back in Acton frequently to visit his church family, see how 'his' kids are doing and to play golf—"I love golf".

He hopes his Acton family will visit him and Mrs. Ewing in their new home as he continues the work he feels so valuable with "the family of Christ."



Father Ewing and constant companion "Dusty Ann."

Some ministers will tell you they felt the call to their profession in early life but rarely is it 40 years before they actually take up the cloth.

Although knowing since he was a lad of 14 that he wanted to become a minister, Father Len Ewing was in his 50s before he became a priest in the Anglican Church. He's never regretted the valuable years in between.

Father Ewing has just retired as pastor for St. Alban's Anglican Church after a ministry there of nearly six years. It's not coincidental that he was also baptized in the same church shortly after his birth in Acton 65 years ago.

He is delighted to be one of the few priests who have a plaque erected in their church before they are dead.

### In business world

The years between have been spent in the armed forces and in the business world and Father Ewing feels they helped give him valuable insight into the workings of the human mind enabling him to excel in family counselling in later years.

After being educated in Toronto, he had to interrupt his university course in order to support his family. His father had died and these were depression years.

Along came the war—a "terrible evil"—but Mr. Ewing felt a need to serve. He says he feels Canada is the greatest country in the world and "The Good Lord would want us to defend the things we believe in."

He had married Ethel, 'the girl across the road' who also taught in Sunday School along side her future husband.

Three children were raised: Bonnie now married to an Anglican priest in St. Catharines and with three children of her own; Paul, a carpenter in Hamilton who is also a weekend musician; and Holly, a former equestrian married to a rock musician who is currently working with a banking firm and travels a great deal.

### Assisting others

While in business world, Mr. Ewing finished his education and could have gone into the ministry earlier but found he had a talent for earning money—he had also become vice president of the company! However, it wasn't the usual story of 'Lord make me good but not yet'. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing felt strongly they could do more good for the Lord by using their money to help other young people. For years they financed the education of young doctors and priests helping swell the forces of the Lord's healers.

When Mr. Ewing went into the church 12 years ago it was "not an easy decision."

"People thought I was ready for the man in the white coat giving up my well-paying job" he comments.

But he never regretted it and has been "extremely happy," specially when he was asked to come back to Acton and the church where he was baptized.



The solution to the gas crisis—Jack Pemberton and Al Chamberlain of Limehouse out for an afternoon

## Dates set for Labor Board

The Ontario Labor Relations Board (OLRB) has slated two days next month to hear a union's application for certification at Superior Glove Works Ltd.

If the Canadian Union of Brewery, Flour, Cereal, Soft Drink and Distillery Workers succeeds at the OLRB automatic certification of it as the bargaining unit at the Vimy St. plant may follow.

September 11 and 12 are the dates.

Superior Glove's management successfully defended itself earlier this year against charges by the union that the company unjustifiably laid off about 12 workers in Feb.

The OLRB was satisfied, in a split decision, the company's business reasons accounted for the layoffs.

## Catholic board looks for site

The Halton Separate school board lawyers are in the process of negotiations.

The board is looking for a building site for a new Catholic school in Acton. At the monthly meeting of the board it was announced that it was too early to know anything however the

school board lawyers are in the process of negotiations.

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## Ladies' board discusses fair

by Heather Renne  
The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Division of the Acton Agricultural Society, held Wednesday, August 1, started off with the annual pot luck picnic. In spite of the wet evening, members enjoyed the hospitality of Linda Hignett who opened her home for the event.

The brief business meeting was chaired by first vice-president Heather Renne. Diane Evans reported on the successful June garage sale. A donation will be made in appreciation of the use of the Scout Hall. Evelyn Aiken told of the interesting trip which a group of the members made to Elora.

Progress on the quilting project was at a standstill during the first part of the summer.

Secretary Diane Evans informed the meeting that entry forms for the hall sections are available from her. These are normally included as inserts in the prize lists. She may be reached at 853-0910.

A get-well card was

sent to president Carmela Cobham who was spending a few days in hospital.

Details for the upcoming Acton Fair concluded the meeting.

The September meeting, to be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, September 5 at the Acton Public Library will finalize plans for the hall section of the fair.

## Man escapes injury

An Acton man escaped injury Thursday noon when a fire broke out in the truck he was driving on Trafalgar Rd.

Gary Foster of 53 Roseford Terrace, Acton, was unhurt when the brakes seized and the truck tires caught fire.

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## Tragic accident takes two lives

A car accident early Sunday morning took two young lives and injured a brother and sister.

Killed in the single car accident, on 17 Sideroad, between the Sixth and Seventh Lines, (Trafalgar Road) were 16 year old Leslie Ann Davies, and 19 year old Nancy Langedyk.

In hospital are Tommy and Karen Van Sickler. Tommy 19 is in Peel Memorial Hospital with facial and ankle injuries, and Karen is in Toronto Western Hospital with head injuries. She was operated on, Monday, and is in stable condition.

The car was eastbound on 17 Sideroad at 1:06 a.m. August 5 when it went out of control going into the ditch striking a tree stump, continuing along the ditch hitting a hydro pole, and a mailbox. The car burst into flames shortly after the young people were removed

from the vehicle. It was completely demolished.

Leslie was the daughter of Douglas and Audrey Davies, 20 Evans Place, and Nancy was the daughter of Jim and Lida Langedyk, owners of Langcraft, the hobby store on Main Street.

The injured brother and sister are the children of Tom and Helen Van Sickler of the Sixth Line, Limehouse.

Nancy Langedyk, one of ten children, is survived by her parents Jim and Lida, and sisters Vera, Mary, and Linda and brothers Martin, Hans, Jack, Robert, Jim and Richard.

Funeral mass was held from Holy Cross Church, Tuesday morning.

Leslie Davies is survived by her parents, Douglas and Audrey, and one sister Joanne. Funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon from St. John's United Church.

## Olympic gymnast to visit

The gymnastics camp operated by the Recreation department as an Experience '79 program has been beneficial for all the girls taking part, according to Dave Deere, head coach and supervisor.

With the program finishing August 17, Dave said there are still positions open for the last week.

Planned for the last week is a visit by Patil Rope, an Olympic gymnast at the 1978 Montreal Olympics. Presently a coach in Cambridge she is also coaching the Canadian Nationals.

The aim of the club is to teach girls from ages five and up new gymnastics skills and the many other aspects of gymnastics including ballet, jazz, modern dance, modern rhythmic gym and synchro swimming.

Digdre O'Higgins, a professional ballet and jazz instructor has been providing this portion of

the program throughout the summer. Ann Lepik instructs modern rhythmic gymnastics.

The camp is attended by girls from Acton, Georgetown and Milton area.

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