

On the Leavell

With Helen



A Kent, England, man needs the help of Acton residents in locating some of his relatives.

Peter Green, 66 Teesdale Road, Dartford, Kent, England, recently wrote to Mrs. P. Woods, of Main St. Acton, with his plight.

It seems the gentleman had family in Acton, with whom his parents corresponded regularly. Their names were Alice and George Woods. When World War II broke out, a chain of events caused the families to cease communication.

Mr. Woods writes that his great uncle George Woods was fatally injured in a machinery accident, which was written up in a Canadian newspaper, although he does not know which one. Soon after, Mr. Woods' family home in England was blown up by German bombers, and all possessions were lost, including the relatives' Acton address. Communication was broken off as the Canadians did not have the Woods' new address.

All Mr. Woods can recall about his Canadian relatives is that they were in the fur business, and two cousins played professional hockey. His parents' names were Lillian Blanche and William Edward.

During the war, before the bombing, Mr. Woods went on, his address was 136 Axminster Crescent, Welling, Kent. Before the war the family lived at Strone Road, Manor Park, East Ham., London.

Anyone who can help Mr. Woods in any way is asked to write him. He is most anxious to fill in the gaps.

The Free Press got a very interesting letter from a mysterious "JBX" Mr. (or Mrs.) X had some interesting opinions about many things in Acton. Unfortunately, the letter can't be printed as the editor needs the signature of the writer. The name need not be used in the newspaper, but by law, the editor must know his real name. Drop by the Free Press office Mr. X. Your points in the letter are interesting.

La Leche League in Acton is beginning its next series of meetings January 14 at 8 p.m., at Maggie Hall's home at 24 Greenore Cres., Acton.

The League is an information and discussion group for mothers to share information on breastfeeding. The League offers mother-to-mother help in a series of four monthly meetings based on the manual "The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding." Discussions include the latest medical research as well as

personal experience. Access to a lending library of books on childbirth, childcare and breastfeeding is available.

Other dates for meetings in this series are February 11, March 10, and April 14. All meetings will be held at 24 Greenore Cres.

For further information on the meetings or for questions on breastfeeding call Marilyn Coxie 878-4803 or Karen Gregory, 878-3884.

Sandy Ballen was the lucky winner on the Rotary Club's New Year's draw. Leon Dearsley, Georgetown, won second prize, and Dave Whiting third.

Rev. Andrew McKenzie and his family were in town recently for the marriage of their daughter Carol to Steve Brunelle, son of Mrs. Stella Brunelle. For any newcomers to town, Rev. McKenzie is the former minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, a post he held for over 20 years. He left Acton last January to serve a congregation in Perth, Ontario.

Although Christmas season is over for most of us, there are some in the area who celebrated the holiday on Monday, with New Year's coming up. To those of Ukrainian descent, Happy Holidays.

The stork dropped into the Crooks family twice recently when sisters Shelley Creighton and Kim Haefner had babies one day apart. Wonder what the odds are on that happening?

And we humans thought we were confused by the recent mild weather. The poor crows have all but given up in trying to decide what season it is.

Mrs. Ann Donson, 145 Main St., North, was out walking her dog early Sunday morning when she spotted a crow in a tree in her back yard. It was "a great big one." He was cawing as he flew off, heading east.

Vic Bristow sure does get around. Not only is he campaign chairman for the Heart Fund, but he's also zone Lions Club chairman. Vic recently made a special presentation to the Erin club's past president, Harry Smith. The "100 per cent president's award" is a high honor for proficient presidents.



Sarah Boucher is the first Acton baby for 1980. Sarah was born to Allyson and James Boucher, Kingham Rd., at Guelph General Hospital on January 4. Sarah, who is shown here slumbering weighs 5 pounds, 12 ounces. She is a sister for six-year-old Adam.

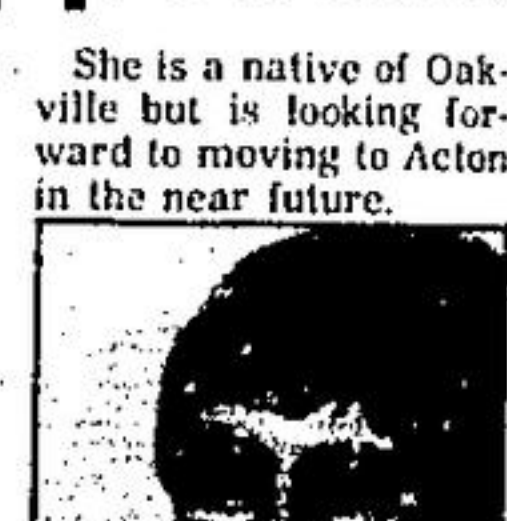
Staff appointments



Diana Waltmann

Diana Waltmann, age 23, has joined the staff of the Acton Free Press as a sports and women's news reporter and photographer.

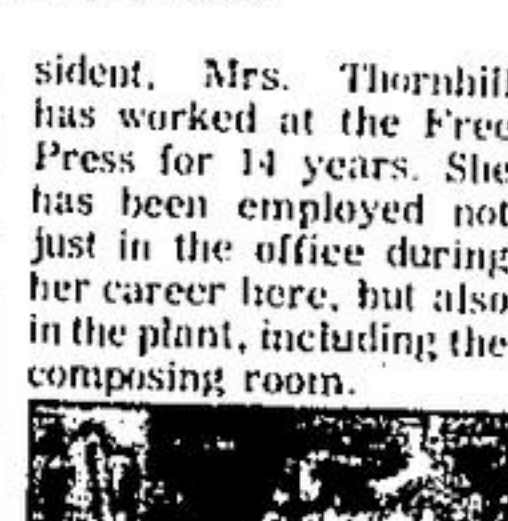
A graduate of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Toronto, in Journalism, Miss Waltmann formerly worked at the bi-weekly Midland Free Press.



Rhona Thornhill

Rhona Thornhill, a lifelong Acton resident was recently appointed to the post of office manager of The Acton Free Press.

A Kingham Road resident, Mrs. Thornhill has worked at the Free Press for 14 years. She has been employed not just in the office during her career here, but also in the plant, including the composing room.



Jennifer Barr

Jennifer Barr is now working at the Free Press as an advertising

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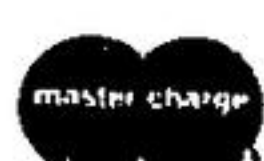
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All candidates meet at Chamber annual

An all candidates meeting for the federal election will be the highlight of the Acton Chamber of Commerce annual general meeting January 28 at the Acton Legion.

The evening kicks off with cocktails at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. The annual general meeting, including election of officers for 1980 will follow.

Cost for the dinner and meeting is \$9.00 per person and tickets are available at Hutton Hills Furniture and Appliances, Sweetman's Shoes, from Dave Whiting at 853-3725 or Janet Fleming at 853-4925. Tickets went on sale yesterday (Tuesday).

The all candidates meeting, which begins at 9 p.m., is open free to the public.

The Chamber of Commerce is in the midst of its 1980 membership drive and expects to top the 100 mark, with 25 new members already signed up.

Music festival

Invite citizen's aid

A special meeting is scheduled to see if citizens can help paint a brighter future than the current one looming for the North Halton Music Festival.

On January 22 the meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at M. Z. Bennett School, Acton. The community is invited to help demonstrate, there are more pluses than minuses for the 51-year-old competitive music festival, according to the Acton school's principal Doug Magwood.

Members of the festival's organizing committee—from Georgetown, Acton and Brookville—attended a meeting with Halton Board of Education Superintendent of Program Robert Dixon last week at which the fate of the festival was discussed. Other board staff members were also present.

Mr. Magwood said the impression he got from Dr. Dixon is that if the

January 22 meeting can even up the number of pro festival benefits with the con points, or better still have more pros than cons, then he could support the continuation of the festival.

"I'm very happy with the meeting and the way it went," said Mr. Magwood. Acton-Esqueing school trustee Betty Fisher said: "I feel it (the festival) should continue." Mrs. Fisher was also at the meeting with Dr. Dixon. "I think the best way is to take the points against the festival and just clear those up. There's nothing wrong with the competition. That's what the world is all about," she said.

Competition in music bothers some principals and music department heads, according to Mr. Magwood.

Some of the points against the festival are that there are many schools which do not have

a music teacher and the belief by some parents that adjudicator judgements are too severe.

The North Halton Music Festival is not in financial difficulties. However, attendance has slowly been declining.



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