

PROFILES

with JENNIFER BARR



The Day of the Heart takes place tomorrow—Valentine's—but the whole month of February is Heart Month. Fund raisers for the National Heart Research Fund are busy all month collecting donations and adding to the fight against a number one killer.

One of the hardest working fighters in Acton is Vic Bristow, campaign chairman of the Acton Branch of the Heart Fund. In fact, if you see Vic coming at any time of the year dig into his pocket because this man has got to be our greatest single weapon against all diseases.

Not only is he on the go all February and has been for six years, but he's also been chairman of the CNIB fund raising campaign in Acton for 10 years. Any time there's a fund drive on, be it for Cancer, Red Cross or what have you, Vic is sure to be helping.

Not content with fund raising all year, Vic is also treasurer for the church choir of St. Albans Anglican Church, he's Zone Chairman for the Region with the Lions, he's served on the school board, the committee of adjustment and the planning board.

"This town gives me a lot—I'm doing what I want to do," he comments.

Canvassers make campaign. It takes roughly 90 canvassers to cover the town, Vic says, and he has a long list of volunteers. It has to be a long list—he also needs 90 people for the CNIB campaign in September and tries not to use the same canvassers twice, unless they particularly volunteer.

"I just go through the phone book," he explains. "Sometimes it takes 250 calls to get enough people."

Vic canvasses the businesses and industries himself feeling he's well enough known by now to be welcomed. He gets a good natured "What do you want this time?" but finds the personal touch reaps more benefit than mailing letters.

Vic also takes care of donation boxes with little plastic roses placed in various stores and businesses.

He just finds it easier and less complicated to take care of the details himself and ask his canvassers to go door-to-door.

Vic is full of praise for his canvassers without whom there would be no campaign. He finds people most helpful, he says, and willing to give of their time.

But Vic, himself, may make up to 300 calls per campaign.

"It means a few miles and a few gallons of gas but I feel it's my responsibility as a citizen to do something for Acton."

Over 400 per cent increase. The Heart Fund campaign in Acton started six years ago when the Heart Fund area supervisor entered the Post Office, where Vic has been on staff for 21 years, looking for the man who had a reputation for raising money.

That first year Vic managed to raise \$900 for the Heart Fund. By 1979, he and his canvassers had inflated the givings to \$4,200. This year they're hoping for \$4,500.

He's proud that campaign costs are kept down to \$25 or \$30 mostly for mailing—"probably the lowest costs in the area," he comments.

His family supports his efforts and assist in some of the campaign work. Wife, Penny, finds herself manning the phone a great deal during February and September. Daughters Bonnie and Vicki have not only had the example of a civic and humanity minded father, but they always knew they could count on him to man the door at their dance recitals.

When you see Vic Bristow, he's usually wearing the Lions crested blazer with a big red heart on the lapel, dig deep to aid the Heart Fund. Here is a man who gives more than any of us.



Vic Bristow

Obituary

Eric Strandholt

A former Ospringe resident, Eric Robert Strandholt, died following a sudden illness Sunday, February 10, at Toronto Western Hospital. Mr. Strandholt was 30 years old.

Mr. Strandholt was born in Toronto April 30, 1949 and moved to Ospringe, where he was raised, as a boy. He went to school in Ospringe and Erin before later living in Streetsville and Orangeville.

A service was held to-

day (Wednesday) at 1:30 p.m. at Lee's Funeral Home, Streetsville.

He is survived by his wife Gerrie, daughter of Cornell and May Snook, Main Street, Acton; his parents Bob and Ursula Strandholt, Orangeville; sisters Janet French, Orangeville, and Linda Hunter, Toronto; and brothers Ken Strandholt, Bramalea, and Richard Strandholt, Orangeville.



Alma Swetman welcomes Halton Liberal candidate Bill Perras, right to her shoe store Friday. Mr. Perras was visiting shop owners and malnastrecting. Mississauga salesman Ray Grant looks on. The election is next Monday.

Sales tax rebates might help dealer

The Ontario government's February sales tax rebate program on 1979 model year cars might help one local dealer and will be of no assistance to another.

Lorne Doberthein of L and L Ford says the program may help a bit, it appears to have got things moving somewhat but could have some ill side effects.

Les Pelittis of Achilles Motors says it won't help him a bit since he hasn't had any 1979 cars since the early fall.

Since the start of the program, which rebates the seven per cent sales tax or a maximum \$700 to the customer if he purchases a 1979 car between January 31 and March 8, Doberthein said L and L has sold five cars. The firm has another nine 1979 cars to move.

He said he thought the program has brought some people in looking at cars. After the purchase agreement is signed, with the buyer paying the seven per cent sales tax, the dealer sends a rebate application to Queen's Park and in about four

weeks the customer receives his rebate.

Doberthein believes the program has been an incentive to buyers. The whole idea of the program, he said, is to get the 1979s out so more 1980 models can be brought in.

If more 1980s are picked up by dealers that will mean more must be manufactured and that will get people back to work. There have been numerous temporary layoffs in the auto industry this year and Doberthein notes one out of every six Canadian workers is involved in the auto industry in some way.

While the program is helping business this

month, Doberthein wonders about the side effects, like a drop off in

business next month when traditionally things start to pick up. He noted

Golden Agers

Will honor over 80s

Seldom have we seen better weather in the month of February than last Tuesday when the Acton Golden Age Club held their meeting.

Six new members were welcomed and Jean McLean presided at the piano for the singing of O Canada and the Theme song.

At our next evening meeting on February 28, we will honour our 80 and

Board reveals offer to teachers

Halton's Board of Education is offering high school teachers a non-retroactive contract which also trims a long standing benefit. The teachers' executive is considering the offer.

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) will reply officially later, however one executive expressed surprise at the offer because it is so much like previous ones.

The board's offer represents a six per cent increase, not including an increment. According to the board's salary committee chairman Bill

Lawson the offer brings the average teacher's wage with seven years experience to \$25,842. Most teachers have at least that much experience.

A phasing out of one of the teachers' benefits—retirement gratuity—appears to be an aim of the board. No new entrants to the scheme would be permitted and after 1985 a limit of \$15,000 would be placed on the cash given to a teacher.

Trustee Lawson described retirement gratuities as "a liability, that in the long run amounts to millions of

dollars." According to OSSTF officials retirement gratuity is not an issue in Halton.

The board is offering to hire 15 teachers over a two year period as a trade-off for the retirement gratuity. OSSTF has not been linking the two issues as the board has.

"I hope teachers feel they are not unduly imposed upon, are not sacrificial lambs," Lawson told a press conference Monday in Burlington.

According to Lawson

this is the first time the board has put together its offer in one package. Teachers are to vote for or against the whole deal.

The board's offer becomes effective on the day it is ratified and is not retroactive. "One assumption that seems to prevail... (is that) retroactivity is automatic. It's purely that, an assumption," Lawson said.

The board's offer runs

to more than 60 pages. OSSTF executives are deciding whether or not to recommend acceptance.

All Halton's 1,165 high school teachers have a vote on the board's offer. Ballots will be cast February 21.

Lawson indicated the contract would have a one year term, however, the duration of the contract has not been settled.

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IAPA award Acton man

Vincent Dunne, a worker at Building Products of Canada Ltd., Acton, was awarded a plaque and membership in the Industrial Accident Prevention Association Personal Recognition Club, after an accident occurred last June, when a grinding wheel blew up and cut his head.

Dunne is now a member of the Wise Owl Club.

\$110 stolen

A cash bag containing \$110 was stolen in a break and enter at Canadian Style Donuts Friday. Police say the method of entry in the burglary is unknown.

A Storey Drive residence was broken into and a watch valued at \$100 stolen. Police received the complaint Saturday.

Six cords of firewood were stolen from outside a Limehouse residence, February 10.

Driver loses control

An Acton man suffered minor injuries when the car he was driving went out of control on a slippery road.

Albert Miller, 19 Division Street, was southbound on Trafalgar Road when he pulled out to pass a slow moving vehicle. While attempting to maneuver his car back into the lane he lost control on the slippery road and went into a ditch.

Damage to the vehicle is estimated at \$1,800.

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