



Two new Elders Emeritus were honored at a special service Sunday at Trinity United Church. Ivan Harris and Frank Freeman were inducted as Life Elders. Also dedicated was a new communion cloth in memory of Kae Lidka. Pictured here in front of the cloth are Rev. Chuck Beaton and Elders Emeritus Orwell Johnson, Frank Freeman, Clarence Gamble, Mrs. Lillian Eaton and Ivan Harris (in front).

Town tax up 40% since '74

While the cost of living has soared over 68 per cent in the past six years taxes collected for Halton Hills has gone up just 39.4 per cent.

At last week's public Halton Hills council meeting town treasurer Ray King traced the increase in taxes between 1974 and 1980 for an Acton home assessed at \$6,000.

King's report showed total taxes for Halton

Hills, Halton Region and Halton Board of Education and Halton Separate School Board has risen on the typical home he cited as an example from \$508.50 in 1974 to \$854.28 this year.

The treasurer noted taxes collected for use by Halton Hills has climbed from \$212.52 to \$296.16 this year. Region taxes, excluding sewer charges which used to be included in tax bills but are now on

water bills, have jumped from \$49.02 in 1974 to \$94.92 in 1980. Education taxes have climbed from \$246.96 to \$463.20.

King's report also showed the average annual tax increase from 1974 to 1980 at 5.6 per cent for the town, 11.3 per cent for the region and 11 per cent for education.

During the six year period starting in 1974 and ending with 1979 the treasurer observed the

Consumer Price Index has gone up 68.5 per cent compared with total town tax increases of 39.4 per cent. Taxes for all three levels of local government; town, region and education, have risen over 60 per cent.

PROFILES

with JENNIFER BARR



What does a high school teacher do when he retires? He makes spinning wheels. At least Clarence Rognvaldson does and has been making them for longer than he's been a teacher.

He and his brother Gordon have been continuing the Icelandic tradition their father started 50 years ago in Northern Manitoba when he modified a design for a portable upright spinning wheel of Castle design and marketed through Eatons' catalogue.

Making fine spinning wheels is a craft Clarence is particularly proud of and with orders of 60 a year coming in from all over the continent, it's a nice little side business too.

All handcrafted out of quality woods, today's wheel sells for \$210 unfinished. A soft hand-rubbed Danish oil and wax finish ups the price somewhat but they're still cheaper than a handmade Saxony wheel—the kind of spinning wheel you associate with pioneer homes. However, the price is a long way from the \$10.50 price printed in the 1930 Eatons' catalogue of which the Rognvaldsons received \$5.75.

The original wheel, markedly similar to the one now produced by the Rognvaldsons, was very different from the crude spinning wheels in use in Northern Manitoba during the depression. It's esthetic quality appealed to the user Clarence says "others had good pragmatic use but ours had portability and beauty. A spinner could pick up her wheel and take it with her to neighbourhood visits."

The upright frame utilized a foot treadle and employed an independent bobbin. It sat on a three legged base. The major modifications on today's model are the addition of a leg, and a steel rotating screw taking the place of the wooden one.

The wheels are made in sections with Clarence

turning the bases, legs, spreaders, side posts, cross ties and flyers out at his Elizabeth Drive residence-workshop and Gordon making the wheel assembly, post tighteners and bobbins in his Highway 25 south farm. Clarence's wife, Dorothy, makes the spokes while Gordon's wife, Helen, does the finishing.

Most wheels are shipped unfinished to customers who often prefer to distress the new wheels and give them an antique finish. If a finished wheel is ordered it is polished to a no-gloss satin wax finish "smooth to the touch as soft as a spanked baby's backside" says Clarence.

Most good woods used in the wheels are purchased from a wholesaler in Toronto. Walnut, mahogany, maple, oak, birdseye maple, cherry and fruit wood find their way into a Rognvaldson wheel. They use select or better qualities of kiln dried woods.

Hooked on spinning wheels Clarence didn't take up making spinning wheels until 1959 when his father died.

Clarence had joined the Air Force, seen the world during World War II, and met Dorothy here during his travels. After the war he took a job with Baxter Laboratories in Acton, settled down with Dorothy to raise two daughters, Janet and Nancy.

The Rognvaldsons lived for 28 years on Main Street North before moving to their Elizabeth Drive home four years ago.

In 1956, Clarence graduated from McMaster University in philosophy and art and started teaching at Acton High School where he remained until retirement in 1979.

In 1959 his father, who had come to live in Acton with him, died. From 1942 until his death Mr. Rognvaldson Sr. had been making his spinning wheels for private customers only. On his death, Clarence found two unfinished orders and proceeded to complete them. He was hooked—hooked on spinning wheels.

The orders grew and grew and he kept churning them out for eight or nine years until his brother Gordon retired and took over. Gordon is still considered the creator of new spinning wheels while Clarence is the repairer of old ones.

The two fill approximately 60 orders a year and wheels take about 30 hours to produce.

Marketing is done by word of mouth, but the brothers have been helped by a book called "The Joy of Spinning" which recommends their spinning wheel. Also, many expert craftspeople use the Rognvaldson wheel for demonstrations and the word spreads.

On the bottom of each spinning wheel, along with the words "Made in Canada" and the date is stamped "all handcrafted" and "G & C Rognvaldson, R.R. 4 Acton, Ontario."

"We like to say it's our hobby but we make a damned good wheel at a low price," says Clarence modestly.



Clarence Rognvaldson

Red Cross course

The Acton Red Cross which operates the Acton Major Disaster Response Service will be holding a mini course in August for volunteers.

It will be an eight hour course and

participants will receive a certificate to work in major disaster response service. The course will be on August 23.

Anyone wishing to register for the course should contact Gary MacFadden at 853-1886.

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Johnson Deep Woods Off 50 ml. lotion	1.99	Jolinson 4 col. J Cloth 10's	1.29
Anacin tablets 100's	1.89	Atra cartridge blades 5's	1.59
Champion 24 oz. jar mustard	.59	St. Williams 12 oz. jar strawberry or raspberry jam	.69

Dr. Ballard 4 flav. dog. food 255 oz.	.55	Mitchell's apple sauce 19 oz.	.58
Hereford corned beef 12 oz.	2.29	New flo-thru 4 scents Glade 21 g.	1.09
House & Garden bug killer Raid 350 g	3.19	vegetable oil aero. Pam 13 oz.	1.98
roll on 50% bonus sc. or Dry Idea 75 ml. unscented	1.79	Stokely fancy peas 14 oz. roll on 50% bonus cream corn 12 oz. kernel cream	.39
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