

Truck driver Helmer Axt, of Elmira, escaped injury when his vehicle lost part of its load of shingles just west of the Queen-Young Street curve during Monday's lunch hour. According to Halton Regional Police, one of the straps holding the load snapped, the load shifted and the truck tipped up on its left wheels. Damage to the truck springs, wheel and hood is about \$600, say police. No figure was estimated for damage to the shingles. Traffic along Highway 7 had to be re-routed for about a half hour.

Fox fund near \$8,000 mark

Acton's Terry Fox cancer fund has nearly hit the \$8,000 mark. However, more money than that was raised in Acton but not turned in here.

McKenzie-Smith held a run for cancer research and turned in proceeds totalling \$24.86 to the Acton Cancer Society branch and the remainder to McDonald's in George-

town.

L and L Ford's "smash an old wreck for cancer" at the Acton Fall Fair raised another \$106.20. Funds raised at Acton High School in recent weeks, including at the fair, are still to be turned in, Elma Braida noted.

In addition Jon and Mark Hurst, who ran 20 miles for Terry, raised another \$1,200 but turned it into another cancer fund.

Miss Braida noted money is still coming in, though the most recent outburst of generosity for

the cancer fund has slowed somewhat. Pledges and donations are still welcome at Acton Home Furnishings.

To date she said \$7,966.78 has been banked in Terry's name for cancer research.

Arthritis campaign in October

Acton Rotary Club launches its October-long Arthritis fund-raising campaign today (Wednesday).

Campaign chairman Jack Meinen said the goal for this year's drive is \$2,500. Last year about \$1,700 was raised.

A crew of approximately 35 canvassers will be out knocking on doors this month and there will be a mail campaign for the rural area, business and industry.

SEE DOCTOR

Arthritis research is paying off. Most people with rheumatoid arthritis, need not worry about crippling if they see their doctor early and follow the advice given, says The Arthritis Society.



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Whenever I stopped in Elsie Syme's Blue Springs Flower Shop on Mill Street, Acton, it was always crowded with visitors alive with jokes and laughter. There wasn't a day that went by without somebody dropping in on lively Elsie.

Elsie has recently sold the shop to Beryl Bennett and Aileen Snyder and is enjoying retirement.

"I haven't done a thing—it's lovely", she commented after a whole weekend as a lady of leisure. Sooner or later she is going to have to get around to all the return visiting—she has months of invitations to follow up.

Elsie has been in the flower and nursery business since 1967 when she and her husband opened Blue Springs Nursery (now Eramosa Flower Mart) on Highway 7 just west of Crewson's Corners.

The original business grew from one greenhouse to three keeping the family (including son Bruce) busy with numbers like 32,000 box plants per year, 30,000 gladioli, and shrubs ad infinitum.

Twelve years ago, the nursery was sold and Elsie moved her smaller operation to town where she's enjoyed the years of companionship in her little shop.

Recommended for certificate

Since coming to Acton Elsie's business has been strictly flowers and plants. She holds a professional florist design certificate awarded on the recommendations of other florists, a fact of which she's extremely proud.

Arranging flowers for weddings were always

her favourite activity, although there were days when she had two or three weddings back to back. The largest wedding Elsie handled included eight bridesmaids and all the floral decorations for the Skyline reception.

One wedding was carried over from Saturday to Monday with Elsie worrying about the poor flowers all weekend.

Flowers from Elsie on a wedding day were good luck—"Every wedding I've ever done, it's never rained" she remarks.

Weddings are a little different now with the advent of realistic silk flowers. Many modern brides want their flowers to last for more than one day so they opt for artificial. Elsie says silk flowers are much easier to work with and allow more freedom for the designer.

One of the major changes Elsie notices in the flower business is the popularity of hanging plants and houseplants in general over the past decade.

"Philodendrons, Swedish Ivy and variegated Ivies are always in demand" Elsie comments, "and people seem to be moving to more exotic plants, now."

African violets are still as big sellers today as they were 20 years ago.

Holidays haven't changed over the years. People still want poinsettias at Christmas, lilies at Easter and potted mums for Mom's Day. Valentines' day has grown in popularity in the past three years, says Elsie who can't believe the growth of her rose orders for that February cupid's day.

Prices have risen considerably since 1957. Elsie explains a dozen roses costing \$8 in 1958 now cost \$18 to \$20. However, on reflection, the increase isn't nearly as dramatic as it seems when you consider \$8 was a day's wage in 1958—\$20 is hardly a morning's wage now.

Elsie rarely overbuys, gauging her needs from year to year.

"You can always tell what you need" she adds casually.

Now that she doesn't have to open her store every morning or leave her company table to arrange flowers for a Sunday funeral, Elsie is

thoroughly enjoying the feeling of "doing nothing."

Mind you, Elsie rarely does "nothing". She loves her home and is looking forward to baking and sewing.

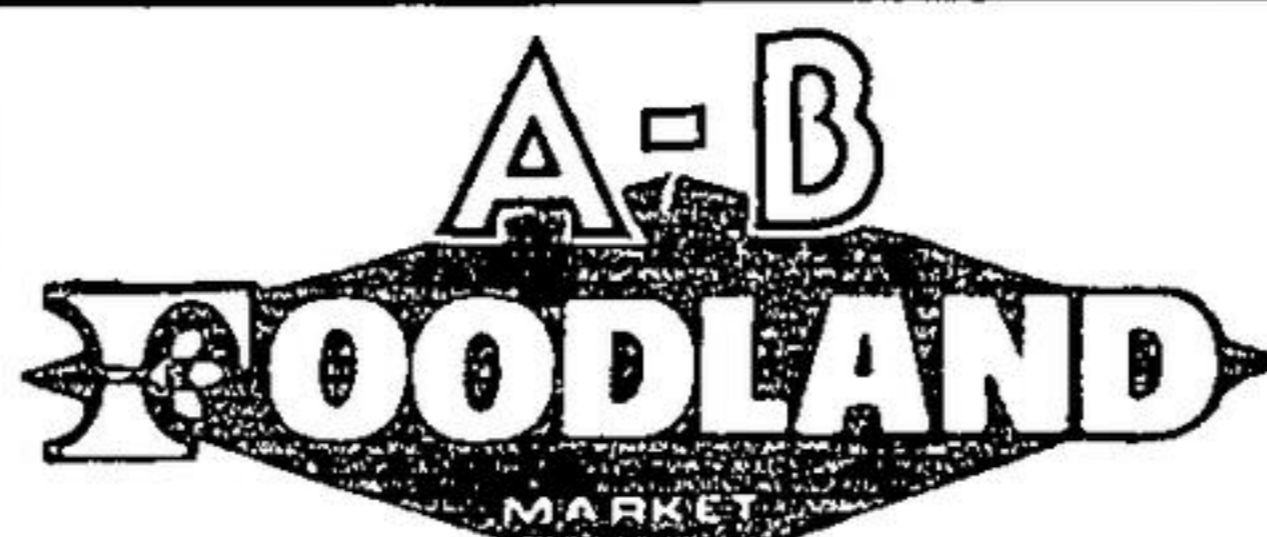
She has several rugs to hook and has a large Scottish gentleman half-hooked for her wall. She loves bingo and says she could go every night of the week.

Her husband Bill will retire next year and the two may just travel a bit. Elsie hasn't been out of Ontario.

And she may have time to hang some plants around her home—she never got around to it before. First, however, she has to finish visiting her many friends, the ones who always dropped in the Blue Springs Flower Shop.



Elsie Syme



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