

Acton man wounded

A 23-year-old Acton man remains in intensive care at Guelph General Hospital recovering from shotgun wounds to his back.

Russell Blake Elliott, 13 Church Street, East, suffered severe internal injuries when his gun went off while he was duck hunting east of town Saturday morning.

After he was wounded friends rushed him to hospital in a truck at speeds of up to 130 kph with a Halton Regional Police and Guelph OPP escort. Guelph City Police had intersections in the city blocked to make way for the speeding truck.

Halton Regional Police said Elliott was in stable condition and his mother June reported he was still in intensive care following two operations, one when he arrived Saturday morning and another that evening.

Elliott and some friends were at Maple

Rock Shooting Range, RR 1 Acton, duck hunting. Police say the hunters were licensed for bird and small game hunting. The accident took place between 7:20 and 7:50 a.m.

The wounded man has not regained consciousness so he couldn't say what happened, but police say his fellow hunters think he either tripped and fell against his shotgun which went off or the weapon fell over and discharged. Police continue to investigate the accident.

Friends carried Elliott out of the bush in a canoe and then rushed him to Guelph after he was examined by a doctor at the range. Police were also on the scene after a friend ran quite a distance to contact authorities.

Fellow hunters John Tyers, Rockwood, Kiek Melancon, RR 2 Guelph, Paul Tyers and Robert Kilby, both of Acton, were with Elliott.



Five guides celebrated going up to Pathfinders last Wednesday night. They are, left to right: Debbie Obrigavitch, Julie Charlebois, Angela Courline, Tili Jago and Marnel Maddeux. They belong to the First Acton Pathfinders. Anyone can become a pathfinder as long as they are between the ages of 12-15.



There was lots on sale at the sorority garage sale Saturday on Bower Street. Theta Phi and Xi Epsilon Chi sororities held the sale to raise funds. Sales ladies are left Joyce Finlay, Peggy Johnson and Joanne Luck.

4-H club

Elect exec.

The first Acton 4-H club meeting was held on September 17 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was opened with the reading of the 4-H pledge. Officers were elected as follows, president Cathy Grandy, vice-president Lisa McMillan, secretary Jill Barry, reporter Rachelle Jade McMillan and phone girl Sandi Hunter.

Other members present were Suzi White, Cathy Wellwood, Mary Grandy, Wanda Mouck, Tammy Hunter, Julie Dix and Michelle Pierce.

Members discussed room decorating and started to work on macrame plant hangers. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Landscape architecture workshops

A series of three workshops dealing with the landscape architecture of Acton will be held at Acton High School.

These workshops are sponsored by the University of Guelph's Rural Development Outreach Project. A landscape architecture student, Janice Cervelli, has been studying Acton.

The workshops will be held October 7, 14 and 21.

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Log house...

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However in these modern times of synthetic and prefabrication they are a welcome alternative and radiate a warmth distinctively their own.

This character, combined with the development of solar capabilities, is producing a new generation of log homes. And the secluded retreat now under construction is a classic example of this new generation.

The house itself is a two story, 1,500 square foot French Canadian "piece en piece" design and framed in British Columbia and Ontario cedar. Nearly 200 logs, each individually sized, stripped and shaped, form the intricate walls and the entire structure sits on a poured concrete foundation.

The collar-tie king truss roof will be finished in hand split cedar shanks. For the final touch the interior will be accented in select pine and complemented by oak doors and stained glass windows.

Perhaps the most intriguing elements of the house is its heating system. Properly labeled a combination active-passive solar hot air system, it is simplistic in design. Yet it is self-contained, needs very little maintenance and requires only two fans, one heat sensor and a thermostat to operate.

The heart of the system, located in the basement, is a 400 cubic foot solar storage tank containing 14 tons of two inch washed stone. Its steel frame is enclosed in an insulated concrete block housing.

Located on the south wall of the house are eight solar collector panels. Their hot air outputs are coupled together and the heat transferred, via a sensor controlled fan, to the storage tank where it is absorbed and retained by the stone. The heat is then transferred from storage to the rooms by another fan controlled by the house thermostat.

Utilizing an open concept, salt box design, allows for maximum natural convection inside the house. It is expected to maintain a temperature of 50 degrees in winter using only the solar system. Incorporated also in the design are a wood stove and an air-tight fireplace which will produce a comfortable room temperature.

When Burl first undertook this task, it was simply an alternative energy project. It was a desire to bend the rules a bit and combine tradition with modernization, a marriage of past and present.

It has, however, met with such success that he has formed his own company as a result, and appropriately titled it Alternative Timber Framing and Log building.

With this job nearing completion, and winter not too far behind, Burl and his wife Shirley will be moving into their new residence at R.R. 1 Campbellville, north of Brookville. He already has prospects for next spring and there will likely be plans on the drawing board this winter.

He gained considerable experience in this first undertaking and even more important is the fact that results were achieved from pursuing an idea.

It's an idea which could eventually become his trade mark.



Regional Councillor Ed Wood drew Frank Toth's name as the first winner of an Actario trip Saturday.

This week thru the lens



Halton Hills Arts Council is supporting Actario. Here the group's vice-president June Levy buys an Actario ticket from Dave Sweetman.

Hydro replacing tower insulators

Failure of insulators on Ontario Hydro transmission lines—the most recent 11 days ago near Guelph—sparked a \$4-million replacement program.

Ontario Hydro is replacing insulators on 150 corner towers along three 500 kV transmission lines, according to Hydro spokesman Cecil Morris.

A line fell from a tower on the Nanticoke to Pickering line near Guelph on September 20. No injuries resulted, according to Morris.

The failure in some insulators first came to the public utility's attention last year when one of them showed cracks on a tower near Milton.

Insulators on 29 towers along the 109-mile Bruce-Milton line are scheduled to be replaced. All of the insulators are on corner towers or what Ontario Hydro describes as being dead-end towers.

The utility is working first to replace insulators

on corner towers close to where lines cross highways and railways. Only one tower on the Bruce-Milton line, near Hanover, has that priority, said Morris.

There are 29 towers in total, on the three lines, which are getting Ontario Hydro's first priority because they are near crossings.

The project is slated for completion next week.

The utility is undertaking to replace the faulty insulators because they "could lead to arcing and insulator failure," said Morris.

Morris also said that a transmission line could fall, however, such a "likelihood is rare."

Liability is being discussed between Ontario Hydro and the manufacturer of the insulators, Canadian Ohio Brass of Niagara Falls, said Morris.

The insulators are the spiral shaped attachments to towers which hold the line.

The corner towers are "under a tremendous amount of stress," said Morris. "Tiny cracks have appeared in some insulators."

After the first failure was noted the utility undertook a series of lab tests and inquiries with the manufacturer.

"Every single insulator on the line (Bruce-

Milton) was checked, according to Morris. Some of them were replaced.

A new series of laboratory tests was started recently.

In addition to the 29 towers on the Bruce-Milton line, which passes down the centre of Halton Hills, towers on the Lennox to Oshawa and Nanticoke to Pickering lines are affected.

WARDAIR CHOPS FARES

Wardair has announced it is chopping fares on cross-Canada routes once again.

During the period October 17 to December 12, the prices for Wardair full-class and thrift-class service between Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver will plummet.

Toronto/Vancouver drops \$31 to \$242 return for full-class and travellers can save \$33 on thrift-class when it falls to \$189 on the route.

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Hotel auction Oct. 11

The Dominion Hotel property on Main Street North will be auctioned off next Saturday, October 11.

The public auction is being conducted by Trans-Canada Liquidations.

The sale, subject to a reserve bid, will take place at 12 noon at the property.

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