

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Let us be the first to wish you a happy New Year.
 May your home be blessed with serenity and
 warm feelings at this time of new beginnings.
 Peace to you and yours in 1981

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Rev. Das Sydney conducted his last service at Acton Baptist Church Sunday. Tomorrow he begins work at Yorkminster Park Baptist in Toronto.

Knives thrown near tragedy

A session of holiday season celebrating involving alcohol deteriorated into a near tragedy early Sunday morning when an argument resulted in knives and punches being thrown at a Kingham Rd. home.

An Acton resident brought a friend home at around 11:30 p.m. Saturday night after the pair had been drinking for several hours.

They continued drinking and an

argument erupted about automobiles. The host wanted to fight his guest, but the visitor attempted to leave. The man wishing to fight grabbed two large kitchen knives, Halton Regional Police reported, and threw them at his guest.

One knife clanged off the wall while the other "nicked" the guest in the thigh, cutting his jeans and drawing a

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Area youth killed in snowmobile accident

A 16-year-old Acton High School student, Luke Thibodeau, RR 2, Rockwood, died Tuesday morning of severe head injuries sustained in a snowmobile accident last week.

On Monday, December 22, Thibodeau was a passenger on a snowmobile driven by David Lasby, RR2 Rockwood, which was travelling at a high rate of speed on the Fourth Line of Nassagaweya, Halton Region

Police said. The snowmobile went out of control, clipped a rock between the road and a private driveway and flipped over a four foot rock pile.

The deceased was transferred from hospital in Milton to Hamilton where he died.

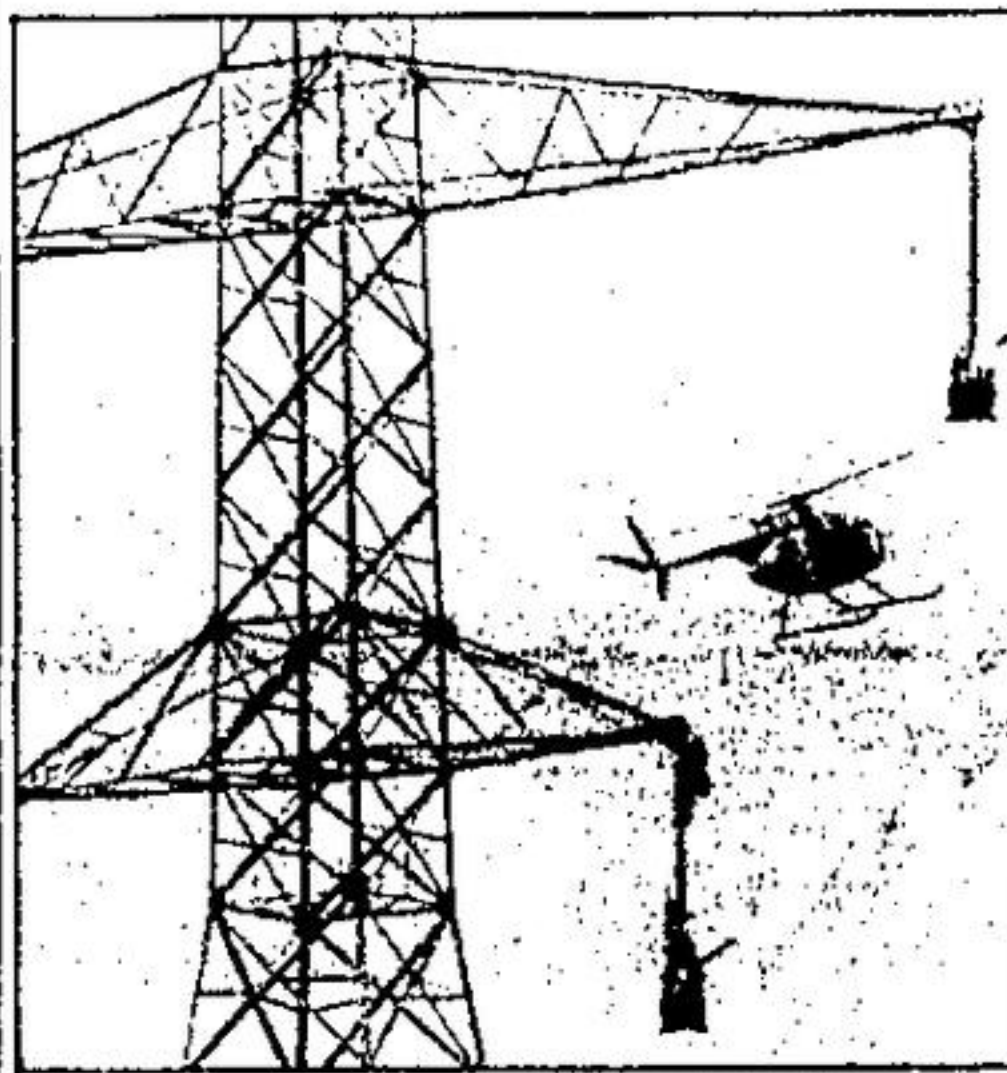
The accident was last Monday at 9:20 p.m. on the Fourth Line of Nassagaweya, 16 km south of 15 Side-Line of Nassagaweya, Halton Region

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Marla Krill took top spot in the Free Press coloring contest with this excellent piece of work. Details on page 2.

1980 thru the lens



After years of fighting the ICG saw hydro towers go up just east of Acton this year.



Veterinarian Dr. Ron Trenton looks over a bear shot outside of Acton.



There was a plane crash in the summer in Erin Township.



The McIntyre triplets celebrated their first birthday in September.



Citizen of the Year Arlie White pulls the tickets at the first Actario draw in September.



Mayor Peter Pomeroy honors visiting Salvation Army dignitary Commissioner Norman Marshall during his October visit.



Miss Acton Fall Fair, Lisa McGrath with her sister Cathy, Miss Acton Fall Fair 1979 and runners up Gwyenth Gibb and Kymm Lakin.

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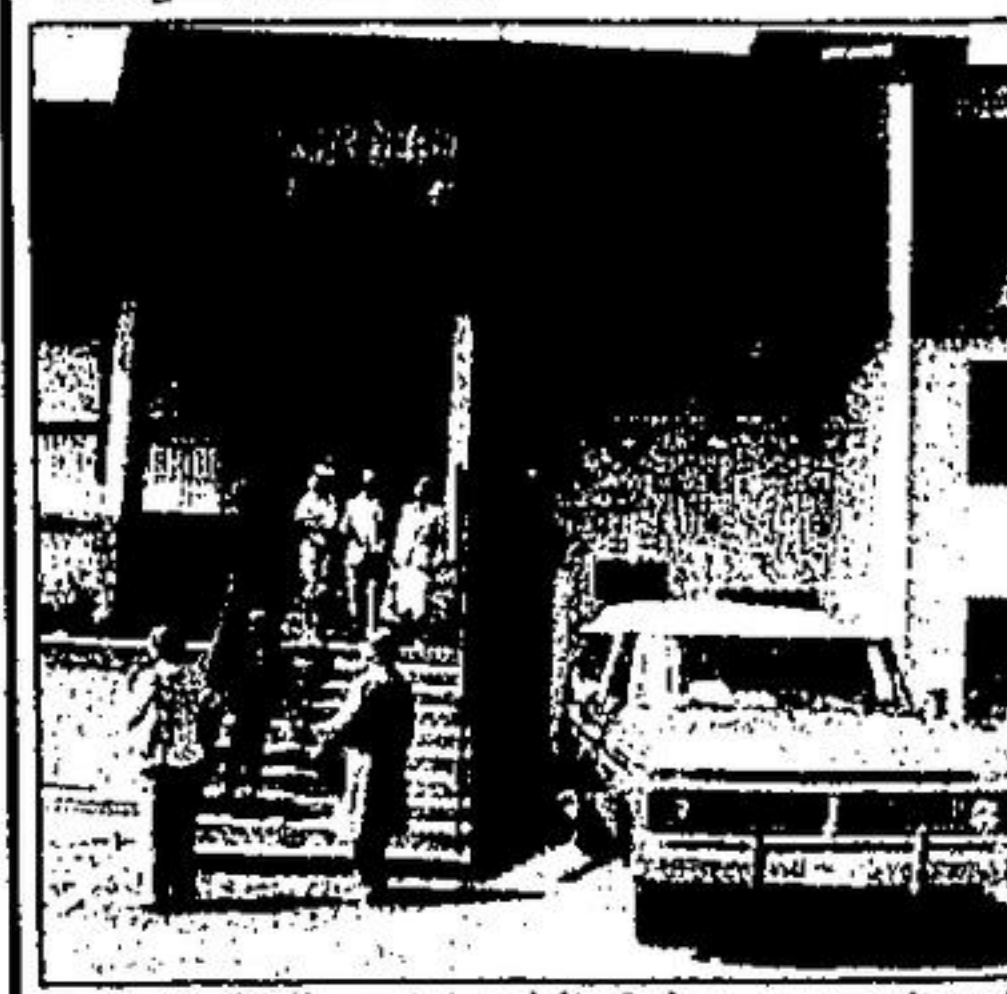
to pages 2, 4, 5, 6 and 9 for month by month looks at the news of 1980 and more pictures. Be sure and see Faces in the News 1980 photo collage on page 3.



Henry Kroes accepts the letter of intent for an Acton Red Cross branch to be born tomorrow.



Terry Fox's visit here in July was one of the highlights of the year.



Seniors finally got to visit their new apartment building on Elizabeth Dr. in June after months of waiting.