



Staff at the Acton Post and Customs Office honored recent retiree Andy Crichton with several books. On hand at the presentation were left to right Wilma Chapman, Grace Perry, Mr. Crichton, Murray Harrison, Vic Bristol and Chris McMillan. Mr. Crichton has worked for the post office for more than 32 years in Acton and Georgetown.

### Post Office staff honors retiree

Customs Inspector Andy Crichton has retired after 32 years of service in the post office and custom office. Twenty-five of those years were spent in Georgetown. He moved to the Acton post office in 1973.

Staff at the Acton post office honored the Georgetown resident with a party and presented him with several books and a leather billfold Tuesday, December 30.

### Library looseleaf

by Esther Taylor

International terrorists get their comeuppance after a sequence of close shaves for the good guys and girls in Helen MacInnes' latest thriller, *The Hidden Target*. The hero, Robert Renwick, an American who was in charge of NATO's anti-terrorist section, left NATO reportedly to join a company of consulting engineers. This was a screen for a new and more challenging role: to set up an international intelligence agency operating under cover to fight terrorism.

When the story opens, a conspiracy, well-financed and brilliantly organized, aimed at the White House is already bubbling in the terrorist cauldron. It involves Nina O'Connell, an arts student, whose father Francis, a prominent American is being groomed for an important government post. At 15, Nina thought herself in love with Renwick, then an army major attached to NATO.

When they meet again by chance in Amsterdam, the old attraction is renewed. Renwick learns that Nina and a friend are off on a camper trip with a small group of students that will take them across Europe, to the Near East and India, and finally the United States. The pair in charge of the trip are terrorist villains for whom killing is a way of life.

In the nick, Renwick discovers that Nina, an innocent pawn, faces danger and entrapment. The climax is MacInnes at her riveting best. The Scottish-born author started writing in 1939. Her first novel, *Above Suspicion*, a best-seller, dealt with Nazism. Her 18 novels, all best-sellers have sold over 20 million copies in America alone, and have been translated in 22 languages. *Hidden Target* is dedicated to Canada's "The Man Called Intrepid," William Stephenson.

Another favorite with suspense and intrigue readers, Evelyn Anthony has excelled herself in *The Defector*, and still another new novel *The Janus Imperative* which chronicles a German's search, first for the son of Hitler and Eva Braun. The plot takes a eerie twist when the researching journalist and his mistress discover that Eva Braun mothered twins, a boy and a girl. The boy was killed, but his twin sister was hidden and reared to young womanhood in a convent. There's a startling climax to *The Janus Imperative*.

*The Defector*, Ivon Sasonov is a Russian who finds sanctuary in Wiltshire, England. Closely guarded and isolated, he is able to relate to only one person, English intelligence agent, Davina Graham, his main debriefer and interrogator. Sasonov refused to co-operate unless his wife and daughter are spirited out of Russia to join him in England. Davina, who falls on love with the defector Russian plays a key role in "the almost impossible mission."

For readers satiated with tales of lust, lunacy, and lamebrains, Derek Tangye's *When the Winds Blow* provides solace and delight. The Cornish author and flower farmer continues his chronicles of Minack where inimitable animal pets including Merlin, a new donkey and Oliver a personality-puss share equal billing with Derek, his wife, Jeannie, their friends and neighbors. One enthusiastic reviewer recommends: "Read the Tangye books, give them, spread them. They are hope and they are beautiful."

James Leasor, author of *Sea Wolves*, *Boarding Party*, and *The Green Beach* has written the true story of a volunteer from Louis Mountbatten's X-Troop commandos, who flew to France carrying evidence that the Allied invasion of France would be in the Pas de Calais, and not in Normandy. This was another episode in the Allied deception plan which succeeded in convincing

### Art workshop planned

A workshop for aspiring artists aged eight to 12 will be held Saturday January 31 at Acton Public Library from 2 to 4 p.m. Pre-registration can be done at the library, fee 50 cents. There will be a limit of 20 youngsters, so register early.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry and Florence Waterhouse of Maria Street, recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at a surprise party in Milton. They attribute the longevity of their marriage to good living and lots of loving.

Photo by SCOTT WATSON

### Couple honor golden years

The last 50 years have been "wonderful" according to Harry and Florence Waterhouse, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently.

The local couple were married 50 years ago Dec. 20 at St. Alban's church. Both were born and raised in Acton. Mr. Waterhouse operated the

local billiards room.

The Waterhouses celebrated their anniversary at a surprise party thrown by their daughter Joan Hood. Their son Jim also helped celebrate along with eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. What's their secret to such a lengthy marriage? "Good living," says Mrs. Waterhouse. "And lots of loving," added her husband.

### New crop specialist announced

The appointment of Henry Olechowski as field crops specialist for the regional municipalities of Halton, Peel and York was announced recently.

Mr. Olechowski is a 1980 graduate of the University of Guelph with a major in plant protection. He worked as a summer assistant for the Soils and Crops Branch in Central Ontario in 1979 and was employed by the Hagersville College of Agricultural Technology in extension, research and teaching during the summer of 1980. He also has extensive experience on the family cash crop farm at Hightgate, Ont.

His appointment is effective Jan. 1, 1981.

### Chicken chow at next 4-H Club

How many ways are there to cook chicken? Join the Acton 4-H Homemakers Club and find out.

The Acton Club is starting its six week cooking course—its second club since the group's inception in October.

Mrs. Judy Auty, leader of the group, said it's the first 4-H Club in Acton aimed at learning home economics and developing youth.

The group is for boys and girls over 12-years-old and covers everything from sewing to outdoors.

Meetings are held once a week for six weeks for each club. At the end of the six weeks, an Achievement Day Program is held for all 12 clubs in Halton.

The Acton group covered "your corner of the world" for their first club in October and November.

Specifically they learned about decorating their own bedroom, color co-ordination, hanging pictures, color personality, designing a bedroom and graph work as well as macrame.

At Achievement Day they presented a display and commentary. Or clubs may present a short skit on what they've learned.

Mrs. Auty said many people feel 4-H Homemakers groups are for rural children, but she and Mrs. Betty Knapp, who is assistant leader, brought the country into town when they moved.

She said her daughter had already been involved in 4-H and wanted to continue.

But she added, although they picked up members from the disbanded Speyside group, response from girls living in Acton has been

slow. Normally 4-H Clubs are sponsored by Women's Institutes, but unfortunately the Acton chapter disbanded.

It's an international organization so involvement can lead to exchanges and visits to various agricultural fairs including the Canadian National Exhibition.

The four H's stand for health, hands, heart and head for clearer thinking, while the motto is learn

to do by doing. "The good thing about the club," said Mrs. Auty, "is that you do learn."

She said the cooking clubs are always the most popular and the most fattening. The Acton group is holding two clubs a year, one of them will always be cooking.

If anyone is interested in joining the next club contact Mrs. Knapp or Mrs. Auty at 853-3323.

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Larger branches are used to build a teepee-like protection over hybrid azaleas, laurel and other tender shrubs.

Discarded trees may also be used as protection and shelter around large boxwood and rhododendron. These should be well anchored so they will not crush the planting or blow away.

Still another after-holiday use of a Christmas tree is to erect it as a backyard bird feeder. Suet can be hung from the branches to attract many of our birds. A feeding shelf can be erected on sturdier branches for using the seed mixtures that many types of birds look for.

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