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## Allans celebrate 50th anniversary

Chester and Florence Allan, 35 Churchhill Rd. North, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday with an open house for family and friends.

Life-long Acton and area residents, Chester was born on the Allan farm, Lot 7, Concession 3, Erin Township and Florence moved to the farm when they were married on June 6, 1931, from the home of her parents, Frederick and Gertrude Johnston, one-and-a-half miles away.

After retiring from farming in 1969 they moved to town and have lived on Churchhill Rd. North ever since.

They have six children and 13 grandchildren, most of whom were on hand for Saturday's party. Their son Verne, his wife Ruth and their children Tracy, Cory and Randy came from Ottawa, daughter Doris, her husband Murray Scoyne and children John, Judy and Gary journeyed from Ridgeway; daughter Helen, her husband John Wesno and their children Cathy, Michael and Susan travelled down from Sudbury; son Gordon, his wife Jennifer and children Kelli, Kerri and Shawn attended from Guelph. Son Wayne lives with his parents in Acton.

Daughter Muriel, her husband Al Lang and daughter Gladys from Kamsloops, British Columbia, weren't able to attend.

The Greenock Women's Institute, of which Florence is a charter member, prepared the tea for the relatives and friends. The flower girls at the wedding 50 years ago, Ruby (MacPherson) Gordon, niece of the groom, and Eileen (Johnston) Burt, sister of the bride poured the tea assisted by the anniversary couple's granddaughters. The grandsons looked after the guest book.

The decorations for the wedding 50 years ago were pink and white and over 50 guests attended. Guests besides the children and grand-children, came from Toronto, Detroit, Seaford and Acton for Saturday's open house, when the color was mainly gold.

Mrs. Allan attributed the long length of her marriage to "enjoying each day as it comes along", starting each day in a happy way and staying young by keeping up with their grandchildren.



Mayor Peter Pomeroy and Councillors Ross Knechtel, Dave Whiting and Terry Grubbe planted a geranium at the grave of Acton's last mayor and a Halton Hills councillor Les Dudy.



Bern Van Fleet places a geranium at the grave of a former firefighter.



Legion Ladies' Auxiliary members, Halton Hills councillors and local clergymen participated in the parade and service.



Hugh O'Rourke and the color party led the Decoration Day parade.

## Get involved in community Decoration Day message

People "answering the challenge" and getting involved to make Acton a better place to live is what Decoration Day is all about. Rev. John Robertson said in his address during the Sunday afternoon service at Fairview Cemetery for the service which was attended by a number of families.

Rev. Robertson paid tribute to the dead who had built Acton by "giving of themselves for the community." He said people came out for Decoration Day to remember the many, many departed citizens who "faced up to the situation" and used their talents for service to their community. He explained God expects everyone to use his or her talents to enrich life for others and the people Acton was remembering Sunday afternoon "didn't wash their hands of their responsibilities" and didn't let the community down. It is everyone's responsibility to get moving and get things done in Acton, their church etc.

The program started with the singing of God Save The Queen and then Mayor Peter Pomeroy offered words of welcome and thanked Decoration Day organizers and participants. He said it was a "tremendous" day and Decoration Day makes a tremendous contribution to remembering good things which have been done over the years in the community.

Rev. John Cooper gave the Call to Worship and Invocation, Scripture Reading, as well as the Benediction at the end of the program.

All joined in singing the hymn Abide With Me while the Acton Citizens' Band played during the service and the parade.

The Acton Legion chorales performed two pieces with John McHugh singing a solo. Lieutenant Lorne Pritchett of the Salvation Army read a prayer.

Following the service members of various organizations went around Fairview cemetery and St. Joseph's Cemetery placing geraniums on the graves of past members.

The following organizations contributed to Decoration Day and members of most marched in the parade: Mayor Pomeroy and Councillors Dave Whiting, Ross Knechtel and Terry Grubbe; Branch 197, the Acton Legion; Ladies' Auxiliary of Branch 197; Lakeside Chapter IOOE; Duke of Devonshire Chapter IOOE; Dublin Women's Institute; Acton Firefighters; Acton Citizens' Band; Knox Boys' Brigade; Acton Scouts and Guides; Acton Clergy Association; Y's Men Club; Chamber of Commerce; Golden Age Club; Friends-in-Deed; and the Rotary Club. Jessie Coles served as chairperson, Helen Fowler secretary, Mary Daigle treasurer and



The Knox Presbyterian Church Boys' Brigade marched in the Decoration Day parade.

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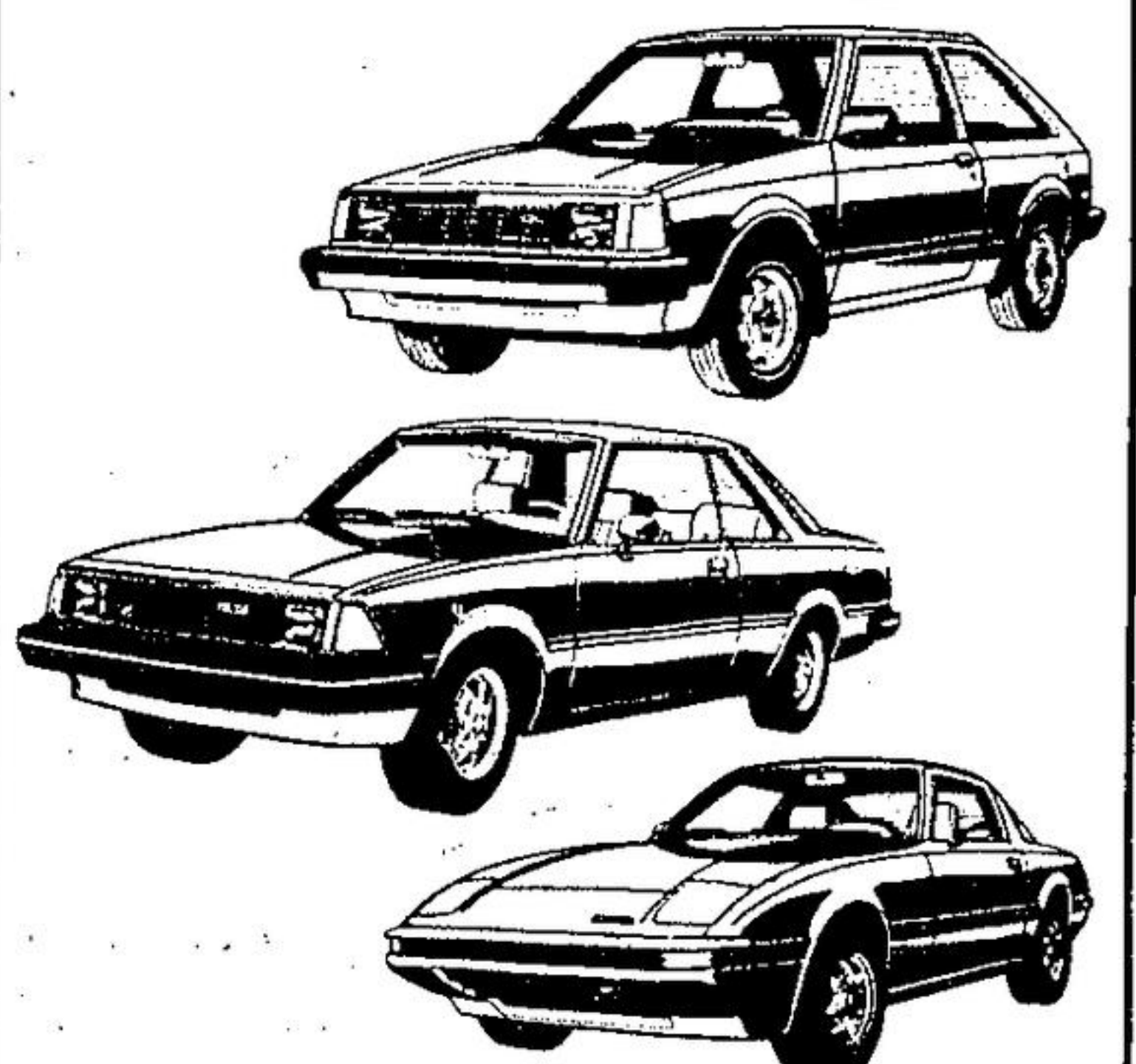
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## News digest

**Praise TD loan policy**

The Toronto Conference of the United Church of Canada commended the actions of the Toronto-Dominion Bank for establishing policy that the financial institution won't make any more loans to South Africa at its recent annual meeting in Owen Sound. The Conference urged congregations examine their "banking policies and take appropriate actions". Trinity United Church earlier this year removed its accounts from the Bank of Nova Scotia and transferred to the Toronto-Dominion despite a visit to Acton by Scotia Bank president J.A.G. Bell. "Conference itself approved executive action in transferring its accounts to the Toronto Dominion from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in April 1981." Many United Church members are concerned about money being loaned to South Africa helping to maintain that nation's policy of racial segregation.

**Tax certificates \$5**

The cost of obtaining a tax certificate from Halton Hills will increase from \$3 to \$5 general committee decided Monday.

**Seniors' week**

June 21 to June 27 has been proclaimed Senior Citizens Week in Halton Hills.

**Wildlife Days**

Wildlife Appreciation Days runs at Mountsberg Wildlife Centre until June 21. Special demonstrations, films and live animals will highlight the program which started May 30. June 13 and 14 are special days with programs dealing with birds of prey and birds in hand days June 20 and 21.

**Silver Creek opening**

The new Silver Creek Conservation-Education Centre between Acton and Georgetown will be officially opened on June 22. Members of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority and invited guests will be on hand to see R. Douglas Kennedy, MPP and parliamentary assistant to the minister of education, open the facility at 2 p.m.

**McMartin room**

A new room at Halton Museum will be opened June 18 in memory of long-time Esqueving resident Catherine T. Hainer McMartin who died in Calgary at the age of 90 following a distinguished teaching career. It was her desire her furniture, collections, silver etc. be returned to her home area.

**Creative playground**

Wellington County Board of Education recently approved a creative playground for Rockwood Centennial School.

**Extra directory copies**

Extra copies of the 1981-82 Acton Chamber of Commerce Directory are available for 25 cents each by calling Janet Fleming at 853-0925.

## Ladies' Fair Board Travelling June 15 Olde Town Village

By Nancy Cook

Dust off your walking shoes ladies, the Ladies' Fair Board is off to Brox's Olde Town Village in Elmira on June 15.

We'll be meeting at Eleanor McCullough's at 10 a.m. and join forces before going on to Elmira.

It should be an interesting trip as this all wood complex is filled with nostalgia including a Country Store from the turn of the century, two restaurants featuring down home cooking, a large display of hand-made quilts, a year-round Christmas Shoppe, a bakery, needlecraft corner, a kids' corner, a wicker and gourmet shop and much more! It looks like a great time so try and come.

Our next meeting will be held at Lucille Cooksley's August 6 at 7 p.m. There will be a short business meeting followed by a picnic pot luck. Hope everyone will be there.

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