

Man convicted hit paper girl

A 60-year-old Acton man who struck a nine-year-old black newspaper carrier because she dropped his paper in a puddle, has been ordered to clean streets as part of his conviction on a charge of assault.

John Winter, Maria St., was fined \$300 and placed on one year's probation by Judge Doug Latimer in Milton Provincial Court last Wednesday.

The Acton youngster was apparently helping a friend deliver newspapers last February when she accidentally dropped one in a puddle at Winter's residence.

The Crown read into evidence that he struck the girl with the back of his hand. The court was told Winter said "I like black kids and white kids, but I don't like black kids when I am angry."

"Even without the racial overtones the court is disturbed that you would take your anger out on a nine-year-old paper girl. The fact of your comments later (to police) also increases the court's concern at the incident."

Winter, who pleaded guilty to the assault charge, has since typed a letter of apology to the child.

Judge Latimer told the man it was only the fact that he was working to support a family that kept him from a jail sentence.

He has been ordered to perform 40 hours of community work involving cleaning downtown streets after his regular work hours.



Again this year Rockwood and area youngsters will be dressing up in costumes and decorating their bikes for the big Eramosa Pioneer Day this Saturday. For more on Pioneer Day turn to page 2.

Eramosa Pioneer Day this weekend in Rockwood

The fifth annual Eramosa Pioneer Day will be held this weekend amid a flurry of horseshoes, frogs, watermelon seeds and old time costumes.

The fun starts Friday night with an old time dance at Eden Mills Community Centre. Featuring the Sunshine Boys Band and a bar sponsored by the village trustees for the town hall fund, the dance is open to all ages and billed as an old fashioned family dance night.

Saturday morning at 10 sharp youngsters can show off their homemade soap box racers at the flat race course on Rockwood Centennial School playground. Last year 28 competed.

By noon the parade should be assembled at Rockwood Community Centre ready to wind its way through town to the Rockwood Ball Park for the day's activities. Traditional features of the parade are local children on decorated bikes, assorted floats, horses, wagons, buggies, bands and other homespun entertainment. Carl Meadows will be marshal.

Rockwood Centennial School Band, Acton Citizens' Band, and the Green Fiddle Morris Dancers will not only be

a large part of the parade but will also entertain in the park.

Ball park activities emphasize community involvement with old fashioned games and contests.

Eramosa Pioneer Day is one of the few places left in the country where you can still spit watermelon seeds for prizes, and watch frog jumping contests. In addition to these exciting past-times there'll be a horseshoe pitch, tug-of-war, pet show, costume contest, a dunking frame, sponge throw, frisbee contest, nail hammering and log sawing contest and bingo.

Children's games will be organized by the Baha'i while all afternoon informal baseball games will go on.

Displays will include craft tables, sales, baked goods, Don Hills' photographs, Eden Mills gymnastic club, plant sales, scouts campfire display, a farm safety display and a white elephant sale.

Homemade food will be available such as pies, hot dogs, french fries, and coffee and ice cream.

Most of the games and contest are (Continued on Page 8)

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Raftis to be at drop-in hear views of Acton

Acton has a golden opportunity to make itself heard by Halton Region this Friday afternoon.

Taxpayers with questions about the region deficit, water and sewer rates, rising regional taxes, industrial promotion efforts or any regional services should be at the ward one councillors' drop-in this Friday afternoon.

Regional chairman Jack Raftis will be on hand to answer questions and hear complaints about the upper tier of local government.

Raftis will be at the drop-in from 2 to 4 p.m. The drop-in, held at the Acton Community Services Centre in the Y building, will start one hour earlier and run an hour later than usual.

Local councillors and Raftis are hoping for a large turnout from taxpayers so the region can hear the voice of the people of Acton as well as learn

more about what residents feel the region should be doing.

Bringing the chairman to Acton is a move to stimulate interest in the drop-in which has been suffering from logging attendance by taxpayers for several months.

Rockwood skating star on study trip to China



Jean Bonner

A young Rockwood woman is headed for China. Jean Bonner will be leaving for the People's Republic of China on June 23 and return around July 15.

A figure skating triple Gold Medalist and professional coach, Miss Bonner was selected for the trip to China for her contributions to improving physical education and sports locally, Concordia University announced.

She will be a member of a study group made up of coaches and leading physical educators from across North America. This history making course has been organized as part annual study abroad program of the Institute of Comparative Physical Education-Concordia University, Montreal.

This course is the result of 10 years of research, development and negotiations with Chinese officials.

The group will travel over 5,000 miles in China. Peking, Canton, Shanghai, Nanking and Wuxi are among the study sites.

The group will enjoy exchange seminars with Chinese acupuncture, sports medicine, coaching and physical education specialists, as well as visit schools for a unique opportunity to see classes and sports programs in operation.



Kick higher girls! The first number in the Joyce Carpenter Dance Revue this weekend has Anita Civiero, Sussane Civiero, Jill Morris, Vicki Bristow, Liz Chalmers, Charlene Couture, and Judy Shadbolt going through their dance

routine. Absent from the picture is Julie Mellor. The show is Friday and Saturday nights at the Acton High School.

Photo by HELEN MURRAY

Acton resident Mississauga firefighter gets Medal of Bravery

by Helen Murray

An Acton resident has received an Ontario Medal for Firefighters Bravery from the provincial government for his part in the November 1979 train derailment in Mississauga.

Reg Landriault, a captain on the Mississauga fire department, received the medal along with all his co-workers for risking their lives to save hundreds of thousands of people. A former Acton volunteer firefighter and lifelong resident, now a Mississauga resident Rob (Red) Price also received the medal.

When Reg went into work the night of Saturday, November 9, little did he know it would be more than 48 hours before he would return to his family. He had no idea of the dangers he and his fellow workers would face in the next few hours.

Reg is stationed in the Malton precinct, but when his regular shift ended Sunday morning, he headed south to Mississauga to help in the now infamous derailment. He was there for the final major explosion. Everyone pulled together the best they could in order to ensure the safety of the city. Meanwhile, the largest peace-time evacuation in history was taking place, leaving a (Continued on page 9)



Ontario Medal for Firefighters Bravery was presented to members of the Mississauga Fire Department, and Acton resident Reg Landriault was one of the proud recipients.

Nature's flours bloom at Zeigler's

by Jennifer Barr

Acton's flour mill has spent a century-and-a-half becoming more and more modern through mechanization. In the latest innovative step, owner Lloyd Zeigler has imported a pair of stone grinders from Denmark to make flour like they used to "in the good old days".

In keeping with his belief that old mills produce better flour than new ones, Zeigler may be turning out some of the best flour in the province. Early town history indicates the mill probably dates back to the 1830's. However it's only been a flour mill since purchased by Dave Lindsay after World War I.

As a result of requests Zeigler is now producing more types of flour than Acton mill has ever seen. Everything from unbleached flour to licorice flour goes through the grinders.

"We are moving in the direction of more natural flour", Zeigler comments. His whole-wheat flour has the shorts and middling (parts of the wheat seed ordinarily removed) put back in. He makes bleached and unbleached flours, silky pastry flour, granular bread flour and a variety of mixed flours. Soon Zeigler's will be offering stone ground flour. Zeigler's flour is used by Saunders Bakery in

Rockwood, Sykes Bakery in Georgetown and the Milton Correctional Centre.

Wheat supplies are easy to come by—the Wheat Board stores locally grown wheat at the mill and Zeigler has first chance at booking every month.

Years ago both animal feeds and flour were made at the mill but now so many chemicals are used in animal feeds their production is banned from mills

making foods for human consumption.

Zeigler flour mills offers some Shurgain products for livestock as well as small poundages over the counter for home bakers.

Flour floors are necessary for a complete milling process involving sifting, grinding, purifying and elevating. Zeigler prefers to keep his old elevator (Continued on Page B5)



Ted Zeigler, Wanda Burton, and Lloyd Zeigler check out part of the intricate machinery involved in Zeigler Flour mill, one of Acton's oldest industries.

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It's going to cost more to commute on the Acton GO buses. Turn to page 6 to find out how much more.

Marjorie White retires after over 20 years' teaching here. Story and photo on page 3.

The town has approved a 44 unit semi-detached housing development. More on page 2.