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Glen Harrop and his wife Valerie keep it all in the family—their jobs that is.

Harrop is Acton's newest bank manager, heading up the staff at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. He was transferred here from Hamilton just five days before his wedding. After only a few days on the job he was off on holidays—his honeymoon.

Mrs. Harrop is an assistant administration officer with the Bank of Commerce in Brantford and will be transferred to a Guelph branch shortly.

Harrop started out in banking seven years ago, and Acton is his fourth position—his first as manager. He has a university degree in Sciences.

As manager of the local branch Harrop expects to have a tenure here of at least three years. The newlyweds plan to move to Acton soon, and Harrop hopes to play baseball and hockey.

He replaces Don Matthews.

## Profiles

with Jennifer Barr



George Gray and I were puttering along through clear skies counting cows and sheep from George's tiny Piper Colt plane. We were chummily strapped into two narrow seats watching the farm-scape meander beneath us. "Do you have an automatic pilot in case we get lost?" I queried.

## Church work around town

This must be the season for renovations for the Acton clergy.

Three churches in town are currently undergoing major changes and/or spruce-ups, while another is still awaiting architectural plans for renovations.

The Christian Reformed Church is undergoing major changes as insulation is being put up in the North and South ends of the building, according to Pastor Cooper. Because the front windows, facing Highway 7 will be covered now, new lights have been installed inside the church.

The insulation is just one step in many alterations done at the church. There are still more in the planning stages.

To help save on fuel,

the church is converting from oil to gas, and insulation in the roof, hopefully next year's project, is expected to cut heating costs by seventy-five percent.

A new entranceway has been built, and changes to the basement and sanctuary have been made. Progress is slow on the renovations, Pastor Cooper explained, because of high interest rates. Not wishing to borrow money at today's costs, work must be done as the cash is raised.

Trinity United Church and Acton Baptist are both getting minor paint jobs.

Rev. John Robertson, of Knox Presbyterian Church says his congregation has been waiting several weeks now for plans for a new entranceway onto Main Street. The plans were expected by June, and still have not arrived. Work will commence soon after the plans are received, he said.

"No, but I have an Esso road map in the back", George quipped. That's how George Gray approaches life. He seems to enjoy every minute without having to go on "automatic pilot".

George could be described as an amateur pilot, a farmer, a businessman, an artist, a sign painter, a graphologist, a poet, an inventor, a thinker (he's all of these things). But I promised not to embarrass him so we'll just label him a man who knows how to live life to its fullest.

George started life in England and farmed for many years. At one point, he managed a thousand acres near Hazlemere owned by Lord Cowdray.

"I just drove a landrover and cracked a whip," he smiles.

In 1960 George and his wife and two boys emigrated to Canada with the hope of greater farming opportunities. He farmed in Caledon and above Ospringe before going into real estate 13 years ago.

"I prefer mixed farming," George comments, "but now you have to have a thousand acres or a 10 acre factory farm." One of George's "factory farms" was a "huge maternity ward" of 100 sows and piglets.

"In England a farmer can make a very good living, but here people look down on farmers... yet a farmer has to be everything - vet, plumber, carpenter... and everyone has to eat," George says, adding he feels Canadian agricultural policy is going down and down.

After several years struggling with farming, George started to sell off small residential parcels in Caledon and discovered he could enjoy life even more selling real estate. He now has his

own brokerage office in Acton and resides in town.

But that's not the end of George's story. He takes business very easily and prefers people than paper.

When the office is quiet he'll take out his oil pastels and work away at a portrait. Guelph Air Park, where George keeps his Piper Colt, has its social area decorated with portraits of the staff done by George.

He has a slack of poetry representing quiet thoughts of a man who puzzles the intricacies of nature.

George asks questions. He loves to work out problems for their own sake. He's invented several navigational aids for flying including a one finger chart plotter and a solar omni-directional signalling device. (He's always got his Esso map if his inventions don't work).

"I do it for my own amusement," he comments.

In line with his artistic bent is George's interest in, and proficiency with handwriting.

"I'd like to teach handwriting," he says. Sign painting is a natural outlet for his graphics interest and some very impressive local signs are a George Gray product.

Physically fit and seemingly younger than his years, George works out regularly. Since learning to fly 12 years ago, George has had to face a yearly licensing medical exam.

"I jump on the exercise bicycle and put in ten miles - don't want to cough all over the poor doctor," he laughs stubbling out another cigarette.

George's ambitions? Never to have to retire, to appreciate today, tomorrow and the next day and "to live to be 125".



George Gray and his favorite toy, a Piper Colt PA 22.

## Crowd gathers at taxi stand

Halton Regional Police charged three Acton men with causing a disturbance after a slight altercation between police and a crowd of 40 or 50 people Saturday night. Police Staff Sergeant Ron Southgate said the group appeared to be intoxicated and were loud and abusive to police during their attempts to disperse the crowd from in front of the Reliable Taxi stand.

## Lifestyle assessment at Halton Hills Centre

A two day seminar entitled Live or Die? Lifestyle Assessment Program will be held at the Halton Hills Centre south of Acton on Highway 25 on August 7 and 8. Dr. Molly Vass from the Western Michigan University will conduct the seminar. The program will be a holistic approach dealing with the relationship between nutrition, exercise, stress and degenerative disease. Each program participant will be able to conduct their own lifestyle assessment. Learning disabilities, depression, hyperactivity and schizophrenia will also be discussed in terms of diet.

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Paul Rutan shows a group of kids from the Playmobile around the facilities at Schneider's Reliable Sweets in Rockwood. Groups from Day-Camp and Playmobile have toured the plant and discovered the art of making chocolates.



Sing-along... A group of Acton kids watch the performance of the Salvation Army band during an open air service held on Kingham Rd. last week.



## Locals to attend Witness convention

Acton Jehovah's Witnesses minister Earl Soper and about 100 members of the local congregation will attend the Toronto Assembly, a district convention, this weekend at Woodbine Race Track.

He said the political instability in the world today shows people's lack loyalty, adding "the greatest need of the human family right now is God's Kingdom that Jesus Christ taught his followers to pray for." That is the movement deserving mankind's loyalty. Soper concluded the convention will strengthen everyone's faith and will provide much practical instruction for everyday living.

## Car stolen from hotel

Three people have been charged with theft of an auto from the Station Hotel in Acton after the stolen 1972 Mercury was recovered by the Shelburne police department. The vehicle, owned by Lyle Porterfield was reported missing overnight last Tuesday-Wednesday from the hotel lot.

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A Camelphant? Children attending an open air service held by the Salvation Army can't seem to believe the song Dave Carey is singing, about a camel that wanted an elephant's trunk. The Salvation Army held services around the Acton area all last week.