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## Actario, a success story, tribute to Tyler family

Actario completed its first successful year on Saturday and regardless if the town hall is ever restored (something we hope can be done) we're pleased to see the lottery will continue for a second year and hopefully many, many more.

It has proved to be an excellent vehicle to raise substantial money for a host of other worthwhile projects in town.

And it has been a lot of fun too.

The committee came up with a number of imaginative activities at the weekly Saturday draws and they pumped a lot of life into downtown. Birthday cakes, bananas for bonus prizes, Superman, to name just a few.

They wrapped it all up for the first year with the highly successful Leathertown Market, which judging from comments of shoppers from Acton and out of town, was much, much better than anyone expected. Indications are the market idea should be repeated next summer, and held more frequently.

And while there were a few problems (ticket sellers putting their names on tickets and collecting prizes for people from out of town—a problem solved for the next 52 draws) Actario predominately achieved its aim of keeping winnings in town. Most trips, cash prizes and bonus prizes were won by Acton and area ticket holders.

A lot of people deserve credit for making Actario work. The volunteers on the committee, clubs and organizations which

sold tickets and merchants who donated bonus prizes all deserve a hearty round of applause.

However, nobody deserves more thanks than Ted Tyler and his family.

They put in hours, hours and hours of work into the Actario. Running 99 per cent of the weekly draws alone was a mammoth undertaking for Ted, Tracey, Angela and Dolores. The market was a testimony to their efforts.

As usual, when anyone does anything for others in the community, some suggested Ted was lining his own pocket; making a profit on trip draws.

Nothing could have been further from the truth. Saturday he donated \$1,725.40 more to Actario, the combination of his profit and Billy Middleton's donation of his trip prize which he preferred to go to Actario. Ted fulfilled a commitment he made about a year ago, one people had long forgotten.

Ted and his family will continue their involvement in the lottery the best omen we see for a guarantee of another successful year of Actario.

The next series of draws begins next month. Regardless of how you feel about the town hall, Actario is still very worthy, since it will also go to projects other than the town hall next year and in the future. Already it goes to other projects; the work of ticket sellers, the Rotary, IODE, Acton Social Services and Information Centre, Cancer Society, Chamber of Commerce, Optimist Club, Curling Club, BIA and YMCA.

## Run will help complete Terry's Marathon of Hope

In just a few weeks Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope will live again in Acton.

We have no doubt, based on Acton's past track record, that the Terry Fox Fun Run will be a huge success with the organizers reaching their goal of \$7,000 raised for cancer research.

Acton has established an enviable record for fund raising during the annual April cancer drive.

And last summer when Terry ran through Acton and again when he had to give up his

cross-Canada run, Acton opened its hearts and wallets to this courageous young man.

Now we have a chance to memorialize his sad death earlier this year and make sure what he started is completed.

It shouldn't be too hard for Acton's children, and a lot of teens and adults too, to run, jog or walk around the Acton High School track 25 times on September 13.

And if you don't want to participate that way encourage someone else to do it by offering to sponsor them.

## Our readers write

### Minister appreciates paper, all coverage is professional

Mr. Donald McDonald, Publisher, Acton Free Press

Dear Don: For some time now, I have wanted to send you a letter to express our appreciation of your newspaper.

Since my stay in Acton, I have been impressed with the weekly excellence of the Free Press. The coverage in all areas of the town activity is done with a high degree of professionalism.

I have been particularly impressed with the coverage on the Fall Fair, and Back to Acton Days. I lived most of my life in Toronto, and have, of course, been familiar with the Toronto newspapers. I can certainly say that your publication compares very

favourably with these larger publications.

One other dimension that has impressed me is the very excellent cooperation I have received from your staff. They are always very friendly and cheerful and it is always a pleasure to telephone your office, because I know that I will be treated with respect and courtesy.

All in all, I think you and your staff can be justly proud of your work. Congratulations to you all.

I hope that you will show this letter to your superiors, because I would like them to be aware of how much we appreciate you and your staff at St. Alban's.

Sincerely,  
The Rev. Arthur J. Tribe,  
B.A., M.Div., Rector

### Thanks generous coverage

Dear Reporters for the Free Press: Thank you very much for your generous coverage of our Summer Programs. It was a pleasure working with you and we truly appreciated your willingness to come out for a story.

Thank you once again. See you next summer!

Yours truly,  
Eva Carney,  
Summer Activities Co-ordinator



## On the Leavell

With Helen



Silver wedding anniversary greetings go out to Mr. and Mrs. David Munro of RR 4 who celebrated their 25th anniversary on August 30 at Markdale with the bride's relatives.

Their seven children presented them with a silver tea service.

On Monday they will celebrate at a Munro gathering at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Munro at Courtland, Ont. They were married on Manitoulin Island on September 1, 1956.

More anniversary greetings go out to Karen and Alan Millson who marked one year on Sunday. The couple were so busy after their wedding they didn't get around to bringing us in a picture and information about their wedding.

For all those who have been waiting, it's a little late now, but never too late for a greeting in this column. Karen is the former Karen Hillman.

Susan Auly, 27 Division St., is one of six girls selected to represent the 4-H Homemaking Club members from Halton region at the CNE yesterday and today (Tuesday and Wednesday).

Speyside resident Valerie Mokrytzki is having a major art show in Burlington Cultural Centre, 425 Brock Ave. The official opening and reception is tomorrow at 8 p.m. The show runs until September 27, and is entitled "A Selection of Paintings From 1975 to 1981." In all she has 25 paintings on display. Valerie lives on 15 Sideroad.

Many thanks to the Acton Library from the Free Press for being there in a pinch.

Our Pages of the Past column is taken from the microfilms of the actual Free Press pages. However, this week, before the job was done, our light bulb burned out, and will take at least a week to replace. The library actually put up with me Saturday afternoon while I used their microfilm machine. Thanks a lot.

The Acton Free Press hit the Channel 13 news again. This time it was our Pages of the Past column. There's a show which gives short stories small town newspapers had written about. Saturday one of the topics was what Actonians were doing 100 years ago.

Another Speyside area resident is in the news. Pierre Pilote, former captain of the Chicago Black Hawks, returned to that team for a special NHL old-timer series over the weekend. The Hawks beat the Montreal Canadiens Oldtimers 1-0 to take the grand championship of the original NHL six oldtimers tourney in Markham. He won a trip to the Caribbean.

As former captain, he got to carry the championship cup around the ice.

### MEANDERINGS by Mabel Barkman Cornfetti!

I froze some corn yesterday. I won't bother with the recipe as every cookbook tells you how. What is not told is that you need a table covered with newspaper and perhaps half way up the wall!

When I started slicing the cooked corn with a knife, corn flew everywhere—cornfetti style. The book says to cool and cut corn quickly. But how?

I soon discovered the best way was to use flat plates. Put a generous amount on, spread out and place in the freezer part of your fridge for a while. Then put the corn in a freezer bag which is draped over a four quart measuring cup. You will find that you need to keep washing your hands in between the various operations as the corn seems to stick to them constantly.

"Considering everything, it was a fun thing to do and I should have some tasty corn this winter.

### CRAFTY IDEAS by Joan Williamson

One Square At A Time

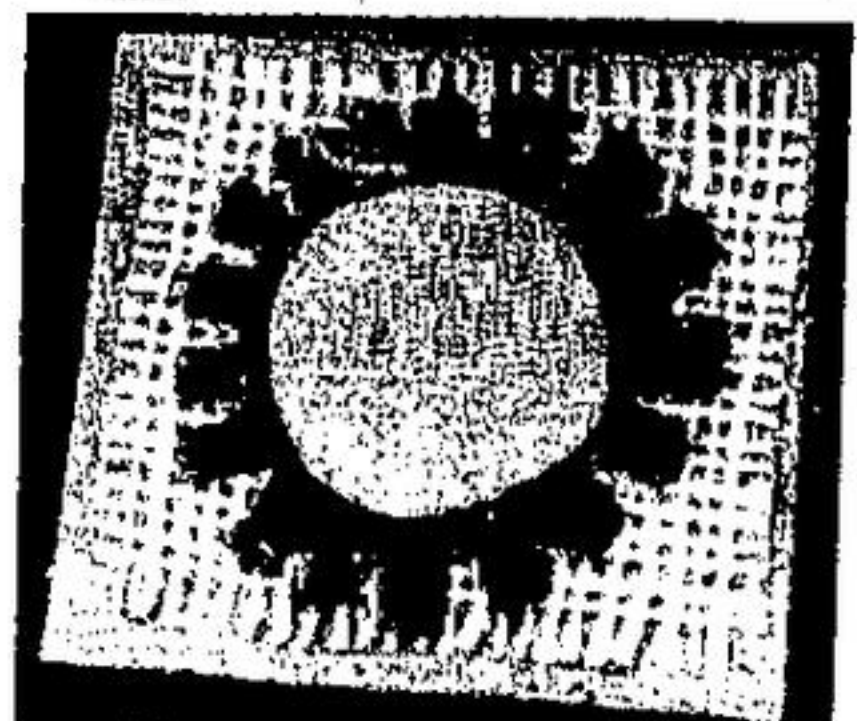
Looking for design ideas can be great fun or very frustrating. A good simple design idea of the right size is hard to find and if the thought of drawing an original design starts you breathing heavily, try some of these simple methods. First of all, the skill required is not an ability to dash off lifelike sketches. What you need here is a good ruler (metric or otherwise) and a pencil. You

can enlarge a simple drawing to any size you want by doing it one square at a time.

Children's coloring books are a good design source if you want applique or quilt block designs. Sometimes they are almost the right size but if you want to use one large design on a baby quilt you have to enlarge it. First of all, draw a square around the chosen design. Make sure it is an even size so that you can mark it off in a grid... four inches by four inches or whatever fits evenly around it. Now then, you've marked off your square and its 4 inches on each side. Draw lines across and down to join the sides - at one inch intervals. The design is now divided into 16 squares. Decide how large you want to make the design. Takes a large piece of paper and if you want to enlarge the design to, say, 12 inches by 12 inches, draw a square 12 x 12 and divide it into 16 squares that are three inches square.

Now comes the tricky part. Take a couple of extra pieces of paper and block off all but one square on the original design. A corner is a good place to start. In the same corner of the large grid, draw exactly what is in that one square. When you've done it, move the papers and block off the design so that you only see the next square, then draw what is in that square and so on and so on, one square at a time until you have completed the design.

You may find when you've completed the enlargement that you have to make minor adjustments to the drawing but by taking it easy and working in small segments like this, you can do a good job reproducing the design in the size you want to use. It is a method that can be used on any design and with practice you'll be amazed how well you can copy even photographs for your design use. Look for designs with clear firm outlines and try them - one square at a time.



It's play dough time. Some youngsters took advantage of the gray skies Saturday and spent the afternoon at the library's crafts' club. Some were, around the table, clockwise Charlotte Walker, Christine Jennings, Laurie Gillespie, Christine Duff, Janet St. Clare, and Nancy Dubeau. Instructor Bonnie Smith really gets into her job as she mixes the clay for the youngsters.

## Back issues

10 years ago

September 1, 1971

Acton Rams are Junior C lacrosse champions and fans are still talking about one of the most exciting boxla games seen here in years. Backed by tremendous support from 1,000 noisy fans, Rams edged Brockville Essos 11-10 in overtime here Saturday night to bring the town its first all-Ontario sports championship since 1947 when Acton Intermediates captured the Ontario Baseball Association Intermediate C title.

Despite more competition this year, Acton Citizens' Band moved up two notches from last year to second place Sunday in the town and village section of the band competitions at the CNE.

Acton council has accepted the tender of Milton Paving at the price of \$3,046.80 for the recapping of certain sidewalks in the downtown area with a two-inch compacted asphalt surface.

They came by the hundreds, Anglicans, Presbyterians, Baptists, members of the United Church, agnostics, well wishers, friends, relatives, fellow clergy, parishioners—to honor Father V.J. Morgan, retiring as pastor of St. Joseph's parish Acton, after more than 30 years of service.

20 years ago

August 31, 1961

Ten years service with the Acton Fire Department was recognized last night (Wednesday) when Fire Chief Jack Newton was honored by fellow firefighters during a dinner presentation at the Fire Hall.

Taking time off from a business trip, George Gidman, Acton resident, visited the Toronto Exhibition, Thursday and had the honor of being the millionth visitor and received \$75.34.

The proposed Community Centre addition to Acton Arena received a seven-day hold Monday when revised tenders and suggested modifications from four contractors failed to lead to a decision by a joint meeting of Acton Council and the special building committee.

50 years ago

September 3, 1931

The Gregory Theatre is giving free silverware to every lady patron on Saturday evening. A complete set is 52 pieces. This Saturday Mr. Gregory is giving every lady a salad fork.

This year Acton will enter two teams in the tug-of-war contest at the C.N.E. Trainer Herbert Ritchie is in charge of one team and Trainer W. Eccleshall has the other team under his care.

A pretty wedding was solemnized in Milton when Gwendolyn Homeewood was married to Edward Tyler of Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Glsby have moved to Limehouse and will be welcomed by their many friends.

Acton Legion and Acton Band took part in the Warriors Day Parade at the C.N.E. There were upwards of 50 Legion members and the band had a membership of 25. Actonians were very proud of the showing made by their home town.

75 years ago

August 30, 1886

One of the chief events of the season took place last Friday evening at Mr. Stafford Bennett's home where a number of friends and acquaintances met together to wish goodspeed to Mr. and Mrs. Bennett who are leaving for the west.

Mr. J.B. Mackenzie, contractor and builder, has purchased the property at the south-east corner of Church and Main Streets for a number of years owned by Mr. Samuel McLean, now of Point Edward. This property is historic grounds. It is part of the estate of the Adams, Acton's first settlers. The house on the property was the home of Reverend Zenas Adams, one of the members of the original family here. The block comprises seven lots and Mr. Mackenzie will divide it up and perhaps build on some of the lots.

Mr. D. M. Henderson, of Henderson and Co., returned from his trip to the Pacific Coast on Saturday. He was away for eight weeks and had a most enjoyable time.

100 years ago

September 15, 1881

Messrs. Fountain and McLean on Monday last, threshed 800 bushels of wheat in less than seven hours at the farm of Mr. Joseph Thompson, lot 23, con. 10. Equipping with a Watson engine and Milton separation and want to know who can beat it.

Mr. James Goodall and wife, who have been absent on a trip to England during the past three months returned home on Monday. They had a very pleasant visit and met with a large number of old friends during their stay.

Messrs. W.H. Storey and Son were, as usual, awarded the first prize for their exhibit of gloves at the Toronto Fair. Mr. Claus Kneiss also received a red ticket on his assortment of Cordovan leather. Acton manufacturers endeavour to turn out goods as near perfection as possible and their work generally excels.