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club holds their annual exhibition and

This year work available will be hand

weaving, leather work, quilting, greet-

ing cards, ceramics, lace draped porce-

lain figurines, etc. by Jean Denny,

Florence Wilkin, Del Howse, Irene

Holmes, Judi Shannon and Laura

So mark October 31 on your calendar

(it's probably already marked by

someone much younger than yourself).

St. Alban's Parish Hall doors open at 10

While the Acton High School is

currently gathering items to put in a

time capsule, Marj Thornton thinks a

100-year-old form of capsule was

recently discovered in one of the walls

Marj explains that Pete Turkosz had

been contracted to tear down a wall

between the bedroom and living room.

While working he found a large chunk

of a newspaper dated Feburary 11, 1859.

The word "Globe" can be made out

indicating it might be part of an old

Globe and Mail. It also says Canada

West on it. The paper has been chewed

Also found in the same wall were two

shoes, both different sizes, and both the

high black boot-like footwear, and one

very narrow white glove, too small for a

Marj, owner of Emily's Natural

Foods, says she thinks the items may

be have been put there deliberately

which would explain the two sizes in-

stead of a pair. All the items have been

chewed beyond any historical value.

animal, but the Thornton's aren't sure

exactly what kind. Marj says it is too

big to be a mouse, rat or even cat. She

hopes to send it to the University of

Fairy Lake bird watchers will have

Two black swans arrived this week

noticed two new arrivals to local waters

from Guelph's Kortwright Waterfowl

Park, part of a trade. Kortwright got

three mute white Swans as their part of

the deal, says arena manager Harold

Harold says it will be three years

before the black swans are old enough

to breed, but if all goes well, Fairy Lake

could soon have both black and white

MEANDERINGS

by Mabel Barkman

Trick and Treat

the oven when preparing for ples or the

freezer. Just cut in several large

pieces, scrape out seeds and place skin

side up on a cookie tin lined with foil.

Take out of oven, cool a bit and scrape

all the pumpkin off the skin. Pack in

containers holding a good one and half

cups such as margarine tubs and put in

freezer. In this way you have exactly

Now for the treat. Make yourself an

instant pumpkin pie. Put in a bowl a

package of Instant butterscotch pud-

ding powder, add a pinch of salt, a ten-

spoon of ginger and a half teaspoon

each of nulmeg and clanamon. Add a

cup and a half of milk, and the same for

pumpkin. Put in a baked pie shell after

mixing well and then put in the fridge

for awhile. Add whipped cream when

serving and I'm sure you will enjoy this

pie. Perhaps you should add a little.

brown sugar if not sweet enough. The

Jack 'O Lantern may come to use this

enough for one pie.

The trick is to bake the pumpkin in

swans swimming around.

Guelph to have it verified.

The wall also held the skull of an

of her Willow St. S. home.

Dittrich.

by mice.

regular hand.

recently.

Townsley.

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Disabled parking laws simple and logical

Local businessman Lorne Doberthien's ideas for helping the handicapped attend major Ontario attractions like Ontario · Place and the CNE are so simple and logical that it is hard to believe they weren't implemented long, long ago.

Doberthien himself is handicapped, he lost a leg a few years ago to bone cancer. As he says, rarely does the handicap hinder him, but when he goes to big attractions like the Ex, or shopping at a major mall, it does present problems. He needs to park close to the entrance.

He has called for the provincial and federal governments to come up with a card or decal for a car which the handicapped can use to get into parking close to stores in malls or at places like Ontario Place and the CNE. This would mean they wouldn't have to describe their problem to often unsensitive parking attendants.

In addition he has urged all major attractions and shopping centres be required to provide parking places close to entrances for the disabled.

Where handicapped parking is provided now and will be required in the future he wants the police empowered to make sure only the handicapped use those parking places. He is correct when he says it isn't

There was a poem I think all grown-

ups should read. It comes from a young

boy who once played hockey at the

Crosby Memorial Arena in Unionville,

Ontario, but it could also be made over

"What kind of so called "grown-ups"

Such mean and angry words of hate

We skate so hard to make that goal

But folks yell, "Get him, Kill that kid,"

We're told it's sport, not win or lose,

If adults want to teach what's right,

So, moms and dads, I ask you please

And fill the rink with BROTHERHOOD

This poem recently came to my mind

as I was sitting thinking about a young

11-year-old boy who just received to

him a large disappointment in his life.

The way the bad news was given to him

is not the way I would have chosen it to

have reached his ears, but unfort-

unately as parents we are not always

around to protect our children the way

My son is a good hockey player. He

has several trophies to prove this. We

recently moved to Acton from a much

larger city, and when I mentioned that

my son was going to try out for the "All

Star" team, many of the nice people

that I had met through minor ball told

me that is was a waste of time. This is

not entirely so. My son had extra ice

time, extra coaching, and good

workouts. As far as making "the team"

one of the other goalies I felt was better.

in most places that it is not what you

know, or in some cases your ability, but

who you know, and now unfortunately

I never really gave this much thought

until today. Thinking about my son I

was getting really mad, but then the

madness were away to sympathy. I feel

nothing but sorrow for those who can sit

and cheer on one boy and in the next

minute let a boy play with no en-

couragement as was the case with my

boy during an exhibition game. And

whatever happened to the word of

encouragement if a boy didn't play his

best, instead of letting him and his

family hear that he was no good and

that they didn't know why he was asked

I have known for quite some time that

Are those who choose to thrust

to fit any walk of life.

On little guys like us.

As we are told to do.

And often start to boo.

But how we play the game.

Why don't they do the same?

Leave anger at the door.

That's really what it's for.

we would like to.

so does my son.

Our readers write

uncommon to see people with no disability parking in spots reserved for the handicaPped to save themselves a few steps. Tickets and stiff fines would cure that problem quickly.

If laws can be passed in England and the United States to make life easier for the handicapped there's no reason the same can't be done here.

Doberthien has taken his case to the media, political leaders at both the federal and provincial levels of government and local MPP Julian Reed has promised to run with the ball and bring the matter to the floor of the Legislature when his turn to introduce a private members bill comes around.

Unfortunately Reed might not be able to bring in a measure written so everyone must support it before the end of this year, the Year of the Disabled.

If Ottawa and Queen's Park are really sincere in their stated concerns this year for the handicapped they'll read the letter Doberthien has sent out and bring in legislation governing a handicapped card system; requirements for parking for handicapped at all major shopping and recreation facilities; and laws to prevent people who aren't disabled from parking in handicapped reserved spots very, very quickly.

to play in the first place. How can so

called grown-ups sit judgement on

other people after only knowing them

for 15 minutes when it has taken them

two or three years getting to know

Tonight I have gone through many

emotions, confusion mixed with hate,

but perhaps hate is too strong of a word,

I should say dislike. But this feeling is

not geared at this moment to anybody

but myself. I cannot help but think of

times when I myself have been guilty of

sitting on judgement of another human

being, including children, and that I

myself to some extent was somewhat of

a snob as I was content in my world of

so called friends until a whole new

environment changed that, and that my

group of friends were only influential

people in that area. How much have I

lost not knowing people that I might

have been able to learn new things

from, people who didn't limit me to

It is too bad that things like this must

happen before we can open our eyes.

My son thrives on encouragement,

competition, being pushed to the limit

and then giving that little bit extra.

Because of words I spoke without even

thinking, the only encouragement he

received from me was not to do his best,

because I told him he didn't have any

chance whether he was good or not, and

because I was upset by this matter, I

spent most of my time as one of his

biggest critics. I know now that no

matter what I should tell him, it should

be to do his best at all times, and beat

Well now I have publicly stated my

own opinion. There are just two

thoughts that I would like to leave you

1. Next time that you have the op-

portunity to meet somebody new, in-

stead of thinking "I don't need them.

what can they do for me?", just think

about how much you know. Do you

know it all? Can maybe this new person

teach me something new or additional?

How much does it cost me to make this

new person feel welcome instead of an

outsider? Maybe if I give some en-

couragement, some complimentary

word or a passing exchange, maybe,

just maybe I'll learn to "Fill the Rink

with brotherhood", and make some-

body remember me as someone who

2. The last thought in closing this

letter is another poem that I hope you

will take time to look up and read, but

the title tells it all. The poem is called

Yours sincerely.

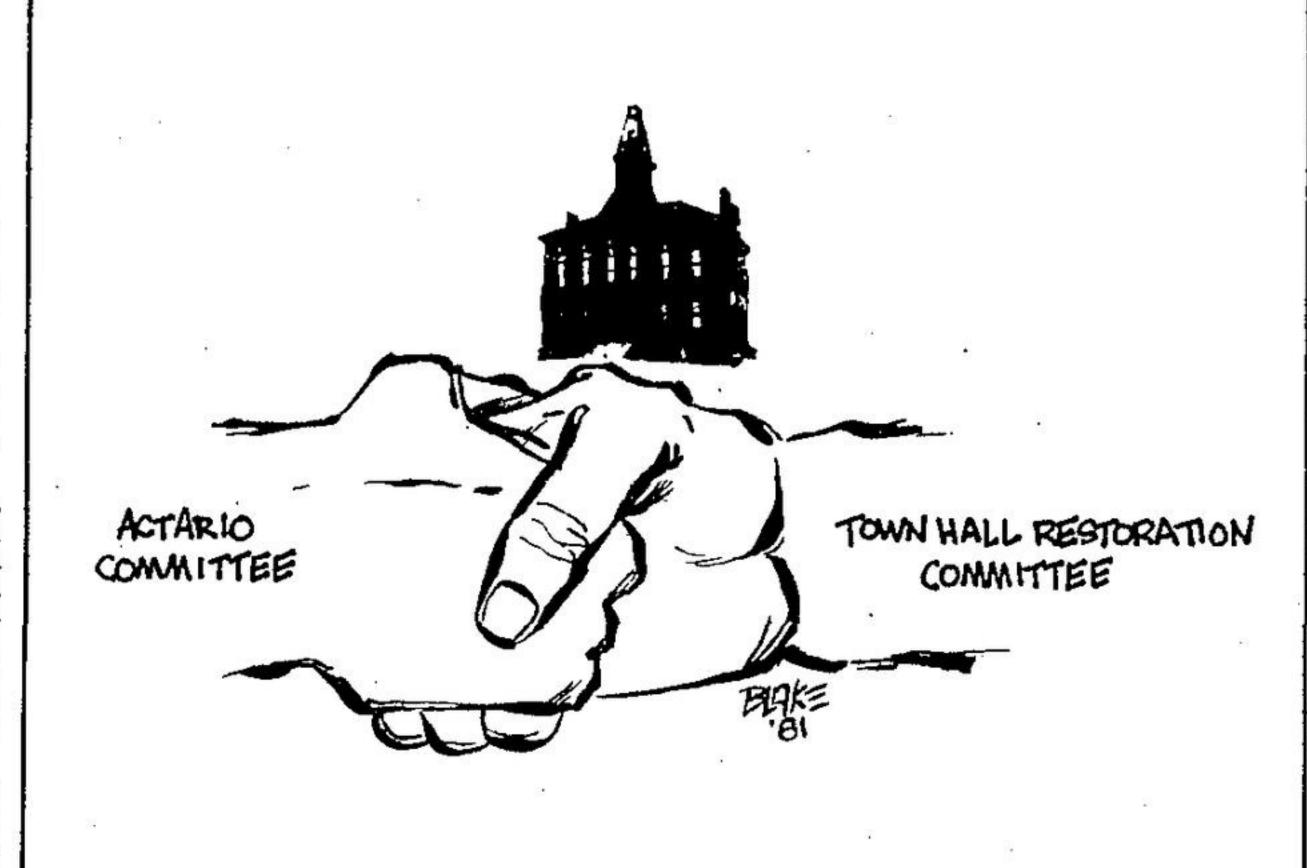
Bonnie Mitchell

"Children Learn What They Live."

makes people feel special, and

parroting ideas.

the odds.





Visiting in the Acton area recently was Mrs. Tom Shields, (Lorraine) of Hillsborough, North Carolina. With her was Mrs. Bill Shields of Raleigh, North

Shields managed Disston Saw in Acton. They lived on a farm next to Acton Meadows Golf Course. After school Todd Shields taught music and turned planes for Mr. Watson. Jeff was the athlete and played soccer and hockey in Acton. He is now completing his degree in physical education. Tim is in high school in Hillsborough. Their mother Lorraine is well known in Acton and was active in the community, Trintly United Church and the E.C. Drury

Visiting with Mary and Pat McKenzie for the Thanksgiving hollday were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tryssensar (Kathryn), Ryan and Lindsey of

The first draw of the 500 Club was made this weekned. \$50 winners were: 464 B.J. Legale; and 465 Pete Van Dam.

Well known Acton area Karen Hilfman, and her husband Alan Millson held the grand opening of their new business The Woodbee recently. People came from as far away as France and England, and some made special trips from all over southern Ontario. Some 200 people turned out, which is hope-

Local entrepreneur Ted Tyler has further branced out. Now in addition to the travel and transport business, Ted

Ted states (with some exasperation) that about eight weeks ago a stray dog made a home under an abandoned car at the back of his Highway 7 property. No sooner had the canine bedded down, but she gave birth to 10 (count 'em 10)

pupples. Ted, his staff and neighbors have sort of accepted responsibility for

Now, eight weeks later, all but three pupples have been given away (one went to the Tyler family). Ted is willing to give the cute little critters to a good home, but it must be a parent who picks up the animal. He has heard almost every story, excuse and outright lie from youngsters in order to be given a puppy, but Ted wants to speak to a parent. He wants to make sure the dogs

go to a good home, and are welcomed. He says they are very well behaved. extremely cute and loveable, but he can't figure out what mixture they are. They come in all shapes and sizes. colors and personalities.

Anyone interested in having one of the few remaining pups is welcome to call Ted or drop in to Tyler Travel and see them for yourself.

Soap opera fans from all over the area will be flocking to Stone Road Mall this Saturday to see John McCafferty, who plays Billie Joe Wright, and Caryn Richman, who plays Elena Dekker in

the soap opera "Texas". It's John's second trip to the mall in a little over a month. He dropped by for the Marathon of Hope Charity Auction September 12 and raised over \$2,000 in

Terry Fox's memory. John and Caryn will be on hand to answer questions and sign autographs for everyone who missed them before.

In the small world department. Hubby Gord returned Sunday from a week's vacation to Washington D.C. and other American spots. It seemed like he barely got on the road when he had lunch with an Acton couple in

Cooperstown New York. Gord was enjoying the Baseball Hall of Fame, when he spotted his predecessor, former Free Press editor Hartley Coles and wife Irma, also view-. ing the exhibits. The trio browsed for a while and then lunched in a nearby

Gord also visited Gloversville, New York, which has a Leathertown theme. His visit proved to to be very infor-

restuarant.

And speaking of Gord, he joined a new club on Sunday-the 30s set. He shares his big day with our infamous Prime Minister, Pierre Trudeau, who turned a little more than 30.

You can always tell Christmas is coming when the Acton Arts and Crafts

Back issues

10 years ago

October 20, 1971

Acton lost one of its most prominent citizens and industrialists when Norman J. Braida died at Guelph General Hospital Saturday, October 16 after a brief illness. Voted the outstanding Toronto Star newspaper carrier in the district, John Kingsmill of 94 Longfield Rd., Acton was among 69 boys and girls honored at a recent banquet in the Westbury Hotel,

About 200 friends and relatives greeted Mrs. Ward Ruddell on her 90th birthday Saturday night.

Toronto.

Evangel Pentecostal Tabernacle, 33 Churchill Road N. is holding special revival services beginning October 26 at 8 p.m. and continuing through Sunday, October 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Middleton are back after a pleasant holiday in Montreal.

David Sprosten of Toronto and formerly of Acton has left for Europe. He had been working in Acton for the past couple of weeks before acting as best man at the wedding of long-time friend John Dowding and Marle Timbers.

20 years ago

October 19, 1961

Acton's Community Centre Fund has been boosted by \$200, the fulfillment of a pledge and months of combined efforts by determined pupils at the Robert Little School made this possible.

Tenders have been called for an estimated \$55,000 liquor store to be erected In Acton on Queen St. E. next to Grant Motors.

Cheers echoed throughout the high school auditorium Friday night as student council members were named during a special dance at the school; Mary Beth Elliott, president by acclamation introduced the following members who will assist her throughout the coming year; vice president Terry Hamilton; secretary Jill Hurst, and treasurer Andrew Smith.

50 years ago

October 22, 1931

Mr. W. O. Brownridge, who is always among the largest exhibitors at Acton Fall Fair and usually carries off a lot of prizes with his Berkshire hogs, has had quite a successful year this season. He has won 64 firsts, 24 seconds and three third prizes on Berkshire hogs but has not yet made a summary of his total prizes won at the various fairs.

At the meeting of the United Church Young People's on Monday evening Miss Stephenson, the new president was in charge. Items on the musical part of the programme included community singing conducted by Messrs. D. Taylor and Grenville Masales; a plano duet by the Misses Masons and selections by the seven-piece orchestra Mrs. J. J. Stewart and Miss Odbert gave elecutionary numbers.

75 years ago

Last Thursday evening, the occasion of the banquet given by Acton Lodge 100F and the presentation by W. S. Johnson Esq., Grand Master of Ontario, of the silver trophy won at the contest in Toronto in August, the day of the big parade of Oddfellows, will long be remembered by the brethren here. After a meeting in the lodge rooms, all adjourned to the town hall for the banquet and speeches followed by music. Mrs. G. C. Clark was the caterer, ably assisted by a number of dainty lady waltresses. Covers were laid for 85.

The way lights have been turned off here and there in town since the cutting out of the flat rate and the installation of meters is noticeable.

A most brutal fight took place in the drill shed, witnessed by several citizens who desire to be respectable. It should not have been permitted

The Ontario Bank has falled, and the business has been taken over by the Bank of Montreal. The other banks have guaranteed full payment to depositors.

100 years ago

October 20, 1881

The business prospects of our village are at present better and more encouraging than has been the case for several years previous and a new and stirring spirit of enterprise has inaugurated advancement on all sides. A considerable number of families have moved into our village, the influx being so large and rapid that every dwelling house in the corporation, regardless of the condition, has become tenanted, while some of the more commodious have been used for two or three families. A move must be made in the matter of the erection of more houses. A number of our capitalists in town could very profitably invest money in the erection of houses to rent for say \$5 to \$8 per month.

Public School teachers of the county attended the convention in Acton with the president, Mr. Robert Little, Public School Inspector, in charge. The meetings began on Thursday and ended on Saturday. Many interesting papers were given, on Music, Teachers' salaries, Mistakes in reading, discipline, statics and Physical Georgraphy. Over 70 teachers attended. The next convention will be in February.

Carolina. From 1959 until it was sold Tom Mother offers thoughts on son cut from hockey team

School in Milton.

Listowel, Ontario.

fully an indication of things to come.

is in the husbandry business raising a litter of pupples.

ship and return thanks to God. Many people hear Jesus Christ

eagerly when He says: "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavyladen, and I will give you rest." But when Jesus goes on to say: "Take My Yoke upon you and learn from Me. . . ," far too many people turn a

You need God. There is a hoping, a longing, a desperate need for God in each one of us. How do you respond when God calls? We all need a Community of love in which to worship our loving God. Please worship regularly in the Church of your

Clergy Comment

column two weeks ago. As he

that we encounter God. But unfortunately, many people, like King Saul of Israel, during times of pressure, go their own way without consulting God.

When Romans built their great wall across the North of England, to guard against the flerce northern Tribes, they placed at intervals of a mile apart, towers rising above the ordinanry level of the wall; and there soldiers were set to stand and watch. And when God built the battlements of our human life. He

placed at eveery seventh day a tower, a day thrust up above life's common levels, for the safeguard of our souls. Sunday, the day to wor-

by Rev. Art Tribe I was thankful that Rev. John Robertson shared with us about his wilderness experience in this pointed out, it is often in these wilderness experiences (marriage breakdown, the loss of a job, etc.)