



How does it fit? Andrew Kriit, left, and Paul Sankey fit racing helmets on their heads at the Acton Sabres garage sale Saturday morning.

Clergy Comment

By Andy King

I was struck by a story late last week in one of the local newspapers declaring that more extras were needed—and were expected to turn out—for continued filming of the Terry Fox movie near Georgetown. Many local residents have been eager to take advantage of this chance to hit the silver screen. And why not? Movies are glamorous; just to have a camera pointed at you, whether or not you will be anything more than a vague, anonymous face, has a certain thrill to it. Besides, this is a movie about a genuine hero, a young man whose dedication and courage continue to inspire us more than a year after his death.

I hope the movie achieves success; even more, I continue to wish Terry's cause great success. But what struck me was the fact—nothing new about it, either—that people will so eagerly flock to take part in a film in which they personally will get little or no credit. An extra just fills up the holes in a crowd scene. No names in lights. No million-dollar contracts. No

footprints in the sidewalk at Hollywood and Vine. But movies never lack for people to join in the crowd, once the need has been publicized.

For high-profile causes, Christian churches often see something similar happen. If it is a demonstration to protest nuclear weapons, or a rally to support equal rights for women, the bodies will be there. And that is well and good; such large-scale social issues are important; the bodies are needed. But I often wonder how many people would flock to join those crowds if there were fewer cameras pointed at them. Is it the glamour of the great causes that attracts what looks like mass support?

What Terry Fox did for cancer research—and for a whole nation—almost goes beyond praise. And the support for his cause, shown in such things as the coming 10-kilometre runs to raise money, continues to be gratifyingly strong. But it was a glamour event; it was a high profile. It's sort of an "in" thing to contribute to the Terry Fox fund, as it has become sort of "in" to

protest oppression in El Salvador or nuclear weapons anywhere. That doesn't mean we ought to stop!

Such things deserve attention. But just as important—and far more valuable—and of greater significance, especially, to God, is the Christian work for God's causes that is done in silence. It is the donation of money that no one may know about; it is the letter of concern written and mailed with no fanfare; it is the prayer said in private that counts the most in the long run. And often it is the cause for which there is very little media attention that needs a lot of concern. Who continues to think of single mothers on welfare in Canada when there are now thousands of homeless and injured civilians to care for in Lebanon? Both ought to remain in Christian prayers and giving. Christians must not abandon any of the necessary work that God calls us to do on behalf of peace, justice and love. But let us give ourselves as much to the humble tasks of love as to the glamorous ones. Let us seek our praise not from persons, but from God.

Board pays tribute to Minnie Bennett

Halton Board of Education Thursday night paid tribute to the late M.Z. Bennett, who died last month on her 102nd birthday.

Acton trustee Arlene Bruce read the following:

"It is my privilege to pay tribute to an outstanding teacher and principal from Halton's past and a greatly loved and highly esteemed educator in the Acton Public School for 32 years—Miss Minnie Bennett. She died on August 5, the day of her 102nd birthday.

"Miss Bennett's career began in 1901 in a one-room country school in Erin Township called Woodside with no training and no experience. Later, graduating from the Toronto Normal School with her teaching credentials she embarked on a dedicated path of service to her community through her work with the children.

"In 1907 she moved to the Acton Public School where she was to spend the next 32 years—26 of them as principal. That school no longer exists, having been replaced by the Robert Little School, but her influence remains timeless.

"She retired in 1939—just at the brink of World War II with its upheaval and its aftermath of change. She retired just prior to the insidious invasion of television (bringing the world's ugliness and tragedy into our living rooms). Those years of her teaching career were vastly different from today's world as you are very aware.

"Most of her students would have lived in a relatively secure, uncomplicated environment of family, church

and school and from this a child was molded. Survival and comfort required hard work on everyone's part and was thus a way of life. Esteemed values, (not always evident today) such as obedience and respect for one's elders, was recognized and supported by parents, teachers, Sunday School leaders, etc. A common front existed to combat the obvious evils of the day—which stemmed mainly from pool halls and beer parlors.

"A basic school program of reading, writing and arithmetic built on the cornerstones of the work ethic and sound moral values provided the necessary education to get along in life and a good school could do a successful job of it.

"Miss Bennett ran an outstandingly successful school. She earned the respect and gratitude of all who came under her influence. She not only taught the rudiments of exemplary living, she practised them. And in a period when educators had to present a rather strict forbidding face to their students, she also allowed the deeply human side of her character to surface. Her discipline was strict but also wisely and fairly dispensed.

Her demands were great but so was her encouragement. One school inspector wrote that "No other principal or teacher has had such a lasting and uplifting influence on graduates."

"The town of Acton honored Miss Bennett by selecting her as Citizen of the Year in 1964 and her name will be kept alive through

one of our Acton schools. The M.Z. Bennett Public School. Her achievements will not be forgotten by us and we, as trustees of this school system recognize and appreciate the model she set—to provide outstanding education to meet today's needs and thus keep alive the principles for which she stood.

"I close with a personal thank you to a great woman."

Approve apartments

Halton Hills Committee of Adjustment recently approved two apartments being created on the second floor of the Halton Community Credit Union building on Queen St.

Originally three apartments were planned but it was changed to two. Until about two years ago the second floor of the building was used for office space. There will be one entrance to the three bedroom apartment but two for the two bedroom unit.

September has been proclaimed Canadian Institute for the Blind (CNIB) month in Acton.

The CNIB drive, under direction of Vic Bristow for the 13th year, runs the entire month. In his letter to Mayor Peter Pomeroy Bristow referred to him as the "Mayor of Acton" and asked Halton Hills to proclaim the month and help the CNIB drive hit its target of \$4,000.



There was something for everyone at the Firefighters' Picnic Sunday at the Scout Hall. Children and grandchildren of the volunteers enjoyed races.



Ann Ridley participated in the kick the shoe contest during the Firefighters' Picnic Sunday at the Scout Hall.

Dublin W.L. Discuss display for fair

by Laura Dennis

Thursday, August 14, was a good evening for the monthly meeting of Dublin Women's Institute, and it was also picnic night. A choice selection of foods were enjoyed by all at the home of Mrs. Wallace Lasby, 30 Side Road and the Fourth Line, Nassagaweya.

Several games were played under the leadership of Mrs. Duncan Moffat and Mrs. T. Frankland. Unfortunately, Mrs. A. Near and Mrs. L. Wood, the other members of the Committee, were unable to be present.

"Say it now" was the timely verse used by Mrs. H. Besley, president, in opening the meeting.

We had lots of fun with the answer to the roll call, as read by Mrs. J. McLean, secretary. It was "something Mother Nature gave me that I'd like to give back." Most of the ladies had a "beef".

Displays at Milton and Acton Fairs were discussed, and Mrs. J. Kranendónk and Mrs. A. Murchison will arrange the Acton booth. The promotion booth will be set up by Mrs. E. North, Mrs. J. McLean and Mrs. W. Lasby.

Warmly welcomed were some of the 4-H girls who had been trained by Joan Johns and Jean McLean in the art of "bread-making". The girls attending the meeting were Jennifer McLean, Kathy Johns, Rina Blaakman, Jackie Lloyd, Joanne Robbins and Sarah Beaton. These girls are from Dublin North 4-H Club, and all have enjoyed the practical course very much.

Chairmen of standing committees, Mrs. A. Murchison and Mrs. C. Armstrong, gave reports on safety and visiting, respectively.

Mrs. W. Britton was welcomed back at the meeting following a long illness.

The history of the former northern part of Nassagaweya Township is being recorded and will be preserved for all time. Officers have been named for the new Association, with Melvin Storey as president, and Mrs. R. Anderson, as secretary. Mrs. W. Lasby gave a full account of the interest and good work being done by many in compiling this commendable history.

The ladies intently followed Mrs. M. Nellis in her interesting talk when she took them on a verbal tour to the Maritimes, where she went in June. She had accompanied several ladies from Central Wellington Women's Institutes to attend sessions of the Federated Women's Institute Convention at Fredericton, N.B. It was a very enjoyable experience with many side trips. Travelling in some of the eastern states on the return trip was enjoyed too.

A couple of games were played following the program and Mrs. W. McIntyre, as courtesy convener, thanked Mrs. Lasby, the hostess, and everyone who took part in the picnic-meeting.

At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Lasby and daughter, Cathy, served coffee and squares.

Welcome Wagon great

Dear Sir:

I am writing in response to the story in last week's issue concerning the Welcome Wagon.

When we bought our home in Acton I was surprised but pleased to be visited by the Welcome Wagon. Although I have been a lifelong resident of Acton I enjoyed the visit.

I was told of new business starting up in this area and was given many various vouchers to use in the downtown stores. All of these were greatly appreciated.

So I hope that these ladies do not

feel that visiting lifelong members of the community is a waste of time. It is not, it is a friendly gesture.

When my son was born I was fortunate enough to have the Welcome Wagon visit again (I was unaware of this service). They came again bearing many gifts and discount coupons from local business. All of these also appreciated.

So I would like to thank all the local business who contributed and say keep up the good work ladies, you are definitely an asset to our community.

Sandra McGinn

Our readers write

Letter defending vandals leaves reader appalled

Dear Sir:

While not in the habit of writing to newspapers, I felt compelled to respond to a reader's letter published in your August 25 edition.

As an interested citizen of Acton I am appalled by the views of a Mr. Ed McMullen regarding vandalism in our downtown section, for make no mistake, destroying private property (i.e. breaking windows) is just that—vandalism, and should not be defended.

The tone of Mr. McMullen's letter seems to suggest that Mr. Stachyra got exactly what he deserved. Surely no responsible citizen could subscribe to this view!

Furthermore, to assume that Mr. Stachyra and another merchant Mr. Nielsen do not like teenagers simply because they are opposed to loiterers and upset by persons who destroy their property is utterly ridiculous! Where is the logic in this assumption? I simply cannot understand how anyone could possibly jump to such a conclusion!

Since I do not know either Mr. Stachyra or Mr. Nielsen personally other than having done business in their stores, I will have to take Mr. McMullen's word for it that they emigrated to Acton because of greater opportunity in a free Canada.

However, in my opinion, freedom entails responsibility and responsible people do not break the law. Responsible people do not hurl rocks etc. through store windows as a form of protest.

If there is a law in this town

against loitering and if certain individuals choose to ignore that law, then they should be prepared to suffer the consequences. (i.e. receive tickets).

If Mr. McMullen and the individuals he defends disagree with existing laws then they can work to have these laws changed. Protests can take the form of lawful petitions etc., they don't have to and shouldn't involve breaking windows!

Mr. McMullen seems to feel that these "teenagers" (as he refers to them) need some place of their own where they can meet and associate, free from so-called harassment by police and downtown merchants.

I would like to respond to this statement in two parts. First of all I am not convinced that this "teenage" loitering problem. Many of the people I have seen hanging around downtown are not teenagers. They are young men in their early to mid twenties.

Secondly, why can't these individuals meet and associate in their own homes or at existing public parks around town?

Why do buildings need to be torn down to make a small park in the downtown section for them?

Finally, while I know absolutely nothing about Mr. McMullen or what business he is in, I could not help but feel after having read his letter, that he is more interested in the establishment of an arcade in the old A and B building than he is concerned about the youth of this town!

Sincerely,
Heather Rognvaldson

Acton woman warns of garage sale thieves

Dear Sir,

With all the talk of how often crime happens these days, I would like to point out one type that most people don't even think of—Theft at Garage Sales.

Being an enterprising person, I gathered together all of my unwanted "treasures" and decided to hold a garage sale. As far as I was concerned, I had the situation well organized and under control.

However, I never anticipated a thief. I never suspected that anyone would stoop so low as to steal at a garage sale. Evidently I was wrong, and had I even realized the possibility I would have organized things differently.

I recommend that anyone anticipating having a garage sale organize their merchandise so that the expensive items are all together on one table and under as much super-

vision as possible. Perhaps get a friend or neighbor just to stand around and watch things for a while when you are busy with your customers during the peak selling time.

Although the Remington razor that was stolen from my garage sale was only priced at \$10. (and I would have taken less if anyone was interested in bargaining), it is the principle of the thing, and I hope this letter will warn others and prevent this type of theft from going any further.

Had I caught the person who stole my razor, they would have had a close shave with the law as I would not have hesitated to call the Police as theft is no matter where it occurs, whether in a store or in your driveway.

Yours very truly,
(Mrs.) Brenda Schrempf
97 Bower Ave.

Defends Acton teens

Dear Sir,

Re: Mr. McMullen's letter in the Free Press August 25.

It was good to hear someone speak up for the teenagers in Acton for once.

I agree with him, there is nowhere for the teenagers to meet in this town. Not even a movie theatre for them to go to. The kids have to go to Georgetown or Guelph and that is where they will spend their money—not in Acton.

They don't have to be making trouble—all they have to do is stand on a street corner and they get a ticket for that.

Now they are getting tickets for

riding their bikes without lights and jaywalking.

I've seen many adults doing all of these things, but have any of them been fined? I think not.

Instead of putting these kids down all the time, lets try putting ourselves in their places. They can't find work and I know a lot of them do try so how do you expect them to pay these fines?

Certainly the parents can't afford to pay these fines for them because of all the short-time working and lay-offs.

Yours Sincerely,
A concerned parent,
Mrs. M. Hughes

Support for youths

Thanks to Mr. Ed McMullen for his defence of our young people. Most of them have jobs and are really not bad kids at all.

I too believe the police have been over zealous, almost to the point of harassment and getting even is the name of the game.

However Mr. McMullen's sugges-

tion for a park may not work either. On September 7 some of our young men will be appearing in Milton Court charged with being in the park after hours, on a very hot summer night.

We could perhaps hire a ped piper and get rid of them all?
M. Slater

Trinity Sea Scouts join Guelph Lake group



Acton Trinity Sea Scouts have joined the Guelph Lake Aquatic Federation.

by Jean Layman

Second Acton Trinity Sea Scouts recently became members of the "Guelph Lake Aquatic Federation", a group that deals directly with Guelph Lake Conservation Authority.

This allowing the Sea Scouts to sail two or three times a week, time and weather permitting.

The Sea Scout troop now has 21 members with leaders Steve Ormsby, Terry Bridge, Gord Corcoran and junior leader Paul Smith in charge.

Glen Helkaa designed a boat trailer which he built with the help of Terry Bridge. The trailer was designed to haul the troops sailing boats and canoes which consist of three Optimists, two Whippers, one Chaser and four canoes.

Mr. Helkaa is a Beaver leader with 2nd Acton Trinity, but has a son in the Sea Scouts, so he attends regularly as a parent helper.

The Sea Scouts will be able to earn the Anchor, Achievement badge, then go on to the Sailing Badge which is a Challenge Badge.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of Scouting and with the dedication of all leaders in North Halton District "The Spirit Will Live On." The principles are basic guidelines and especially the Sea Scouts are well disciplined for safety at all times.

Audrey Urganhart ends long career

Audrey Urganhart retired from her position with the Halton Hills Hydro Commission this summer, ending a career which spanned over 30 years.

In 1951, Mrs. Urganhart started work for the Acton Public Utilities Commission (PUC), and also did some work for the town, as both were in the same office.

With the formation of Acton Hydro in 1960, she was made secretary-treasurer, a post she held until the formation of Halton Hills Hydro in 1980. Among the reams of work she faced as secretary-treasurer was her attendance at all the monthly commission meetings.

In her 31 years on the job, Mrs. Urganhart saw many changes, but the largest change from an office point of view was the computerization of the payroll and the billing systems.

Her plans for retirement—much the same as newly retired co-worker Doug Mason. She just plans to take it easy.

Youth charged

A 16-year-old Acton youth has been charged in connection with a break-in at the Home Hardware Store, 43 Mill St. in Acton.

According to Halton Police reports, the break-in occurred Saturday, shortly after midnight. Nothing was taken from the store. Less than an hour later, the suspect was arrested in the area. He will appear in court Sept. 22.

Cash stolen

A large amount of cash was taken from an apartment on Ransom St. last week when thieves broke into the home, according to Halton Police reports.

The front door of the apartment was forced and \$8,000 in cash taken sometime between August 23 and 29, police report. Occupants of the apartment were away at the time of the break-in.

As courtesy convener, thanked Mrs. Lasby, the hostess, and everyone who took part in the picnic-meeting.

At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Lasby and daughter, Cathy, served coffee and squares.

Memories of little Kim

Sleep, little one, on your pallet of flowers,
Angels are guarding your rest,
No longer need for a vigil like ours,
Jesus has answered our quest.

When you awaken, your eyes will behold
What a magnificent view,
Glorious vista, the city of gold,
Paradise opened for you.

Dream your food dreams in your mansion on high,
Sweet as the heart of a rose,
Jesus is near you with vigilant eye,
Nothing shall mar your repose.

Tribute of beauty, to make Heaven complete,
New voice to sweeten Heaven's choir,
We bring our treasure to lay at Christ's feet,
Surrendering to His desire.

Sharing with Jesus the answer to why,
Reading the thought of His heart,
Now you are satisfied; could we deny
This so essential a part?
Happy and hopeful, life still a

delight,
Never a word of regret—
"Don't worry, dear ones, for I'll be all right!"—
Can we her courage forget?

God hath His mysteries veiled from our eye,
Only His called ones may know;
Love watches o'er them and love cannot die,
This we assuredly know.

Jesus who wept at the tomb of a friend
Knows the heartbreak that we feel;
Tells us His secret, death is not the end,
This only He can reveal.

We trust His promise. "If it were not so,
I would have told you," He said,
Then can we doubt Him when loved ones must go,
Though life has seemingly fled?

Time is now ageless, the years come and go;
Sleep, little loved one, sleep on,
God needed darlings as pure as the snow,
So He called Kimberly Dawn,
Great-great Aunt Isabel.