



Derek Dawkins and Joel Plink had the time of their lives on this ride.

Our readers write

P.D. day letter contained "ridiculous statements"

Dear Sir:

I was very disappointed when I read last week's Free Press. I opened it with great expectations hoping to see the pictures of our new school which were taken by Helen Murray. Instead, I see a large caption about teachers "goofing off" on their PD day, September 7.

Perhaps if you had published the pictures Mr. Lamarche could have seen the results of the teachers' work and would not have been so rude as to suggest that teachers do not care for their students.

Mr. Lamarche's letter contained many ridiculous statements. He stated that the school boards should monitor PD days. They do monitor these days. I think Mr. Lamarche should find out a few facts before he makes any statements. As for his suggestion that teachers visit a penal institution, I would be quite willing to visit one if Mr. Lamarche would be willing to take over a classroom for a day. He might learn something about the true job of the teacher.

Respectfully,
Peg Graham

P.S. I feel the picture of my students working would have made more interesting news than Mr. Lamarche's letter. It also would help create a closer bond between the home and the school. Hopefully the paper will get their priorities straight.

Editor's Note: We feel we do have our priorities straight. Mr. Lamarche is a citizen of Acton and had an opinion to express. This

Student praises teachers, defends P.D. day need

Dear Sir:

I wish to voice my opinion concerning the letter by Gerald Lamarche (September 15).

Dear Mr. Lamarche:

I see first-hand what the life of a teacher is like. As I was growing up, I missed the mother daughter relationship I should have had because my mother was taking a university course to better enable herself to help her child.

I also see my mother using about half of her summer to work on programs that make school subjects fun and interesting as well as educational for your child.

When school does start, I am expected to do the supper dishes and other housework so that my mother is able to mark stacks of notebooks and tests, or prepare for special activities that she thinks your child will learn from and enjoy.

On September 7, there was a professional development day so that all the teachers could program the year's activities. For your information, each teacher is required to participate in the day's meetings.

paper aims to be a forum for the exchange of opinions and ideas, even controversial opinions and ideas. The paper publishes all signed letters, space permitting, regardless of content, editing libel and slander. Weeks when we receive many letters, as has been happening the last few weeks, some may be held over for publication the next week.

As for the photos taken at the new St. Joseph's School, the photo assignment was designed at some point to show the community Acton's newest school, not so much the children at work. This photo spread was taken as a This Week Thru the Lens feature. Staff of this newspaper often takes photos for this weekly feature weeks before they are intended for publication, that way we will always have one ready. It so happened the week we took the pictures at St. Joseph's we also covered a news event involving a number of photos of local residents, the Lorne School reunion - so that was published as This Week Thru the Lens. In addition, St. Joseph's was previously the subject of a photo feature a few weeks before the opening of school and has been in the news quite a bit of late.

Lastly the letter writer seems to forget the photo feature, story and additional photos we published in our September 8 issue showing teachers at local schools preparing for the return of classes. We don't know if it promoted a closer bond between home and school, but could have just as easily as more photos of children in class.

This day enables the teachers to know exactly what they are doing the minute your child walks through the school's doors.

I feel that teachers are doing a great job and need parents behind them to support them throughout the school year.

As a student myself I do not feel that it is the teacher's fault that many young people are in penal institutions today. Instead, I believe that because of most teachers a lot of teenagers are not in these places.

Teachers are required to teach your child the necessary knowledge set by the board's rules. As well as that job, they become social workers, guidance counsellors, referees, and most of all friends to your child.

Why not say thank-you to these wonderful people instead of complaining about them, "not doing their job", when the whole story is not known.

Carolyn Gibson
Grade 12 student
Acton High School
and a teacher's daughter!

Y building could be another town hall

Open Letter to Citizens of Acton:

Much has been "said" about the young people of Acton on street corners and the older folk who need recreational space.

There is a small but dedicated group of Actonians who do care and who give generously of their time and talents in an endeavor to provide Acton with such a facility—the Murray Memorial YMCA.

Most citizens do not realize that Acton is the smallest town in Ontario to have its own Y Building and that building does not receive any funding beyond what its volunteers and premises use generate.

The members of the Acton Y Board, along with the Y's Men and the Y's Menettes are all unpaid volunteers who are seeking to raise the funds necessary to upgrade the

Y Building and its facilities within to service not only the "teens" through "The Mug", but all levels of society. All your local Y organizations are in desperate need of new members. If the citizens of Acton do not act now and enable us to make vital repairs, it is not inconceivable that the Murry Memorial Y will go the way of the Town Hall in the not too distant future.

Remember the Y belongs to the people of Acton. It is your Y and we need your help to keep it operational. Interested and concerned citizens may contact the Y Board via Pat Jones 853-3054. Please don't allow your Y to become another "old Town Hall".

Sincerely,
Pat Jones
Y Board Secretary
and Concerned Citizen

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On the Leavell

With Helen



Acton High School graduate Rick Rocher has moved back to this part of the country after teaching in La Pas Manitoba for two years. Rick is now teaching at Elora and living in Fergus.

He was an Ontario scholar and later on the dean's list of Guelph University for academic achievement.

Rick was in town on the weekend having fun at the fair.

Another former Acton area resident home for the fair was Denise Dilbey.

Friday night, Denise was crowned first runner-up to Miss Acton Fall Fair. She is living in Toronto, but comes home on the weekends.

Denise is teaching karate to both men and women in Toronto. She earned her brown belt while living in Japan for a year as a Rotary exchange student, returning at the end of June.

In addition to teaching karate, Denise is also a student at Humber College.

Also at the fair was Kathleen (Dills) Bledsoe and her husband Dave. Kath, the daughter of Kay and Dave Dills, is now living in Brampton and working for NCR in Toronto.

Dave and Alma Swetman were also familiar faces at the park this weekend, as well as numerous others.

Mr. and Mrs. Cam McNabb of Markham and Mr. and Mrs. Peter McNabb of Nassau visited with Jean Leishman over the weekend.

Fred Kentner's rooster John Rowe placed third in the first-ever rooster crowing contest at the fair. According to John's daughter, Jennifer Alton, Fred named the rooster after her father because "it crows so much!"

Birthday greetings go out to Terry Grubbe who turned 38-years-old on Sunday.

Winners of the Lions club draw at the fair were: microwave oven, Chris Brading, RR 1 Puslinch; freezer, Sylvia Conley, 45 Mill Rd. N., Brampton; barbecue, K.A. Jones, RR 1,

Inglewood; bicycle, Ruth Connolly, Brampton; and the mystery draw-\$25 IGA voucher and \$25 from the Lions, E.F. Foley, Brampton.

The Lorne Scots Regimental Museum in Brampton established two years ago, needs help in completing their collection. They would like an officer type World War One uniform and one or more cap badges as worn by the Lorne Rifles (Scottish) from 1901 to 1938.

Anyone able and willing to donate these items is asked to call 451-2144 or 459-5392 (Brampton).

Any other artifacts, pictures or books related to any Branch of the service, but in particular anything dealing with the Peel-Halton area, would also be very much appreciated.

The Acton chapters of the IODE are co-sponsoring the Eighth Annual Ontario IODE golf tournament today (Wednesday) at the Guelph Cullen Club.

The Guelph Chapters of the IODE are the other sponsors.

The Tourney is open to IODE members and their friends and has attracted entrants from Acton, Blenheim, Bradford, Brantford, Burlington, Cornwall, Goderich, Guelph, Hepworth, Kitchener, London, Orangeville, Owen Sound, Toronto, and Waterloo.

Daphne Knappman, of Acton, won the Ladies' Fair Board framed crewel work picture in a draw on the weekend.

Happy Birthday best wishes go to Tracey Tyler who celebrated her 21st birthday on Sunday.

Joyce Nicoles of Toronto won the Y's Live Pig Draw at the Fair. Lloyd Broostad sold her ticket, which was the very last one sold.

And even more of a coincidence, John Manes won the Rotary Beef Draw. John is the cousin of last year's winner Dave Manes, and the son of Rotarian Dave Manes (another Dave). It's always embarrassing to groups when relatives win, much less two years in a row. However, everyone who has a ticket has just as much chance of winning as anyone else. Anyone who is crying "fix" obviously has had nothing whatever to do with a draw before. Let's face it, if the draw was fixed, would it be made to look so obvious?

There was a tragic note just prior to the fair this year. One poor lady reported to the fair board office that her rooster was the best crower around. He crowed from dawn to dusk,

and would have won the rooster crowing contest hands down. Unfortunately, Thursday night, less than 24 hours from the contest, her rooster suffered a fatal heart attack.

The women were terribly upset by her pet's death. She had had him for several years.

Fair . . . (Continued from page 1)

As usual, there was a fall fair dance Saturday evening.

Attendance was up on Sunday, although it is not known by just how much. At 11 a.m., the rabbit and cavies show was held in the poultry barn. It is sanctioned by the Dominion Rabbit Breeders Association. The midway was opened at noon, and the dairy show, English Horse Show, Western Horse Show and model boat races got underway.

At 1 p.m. the pet show for those 15 years and under, and the antique tractor pull and 4 x 4 pull were held.

The Battle of the Acton Stars at 2 p.m. proved to be a great success. The Acton Teachers' team won the \$100 prize money, and in turn donated their winnings to the Acton Social Services and Information Centre.

This is the first year this was held, and seven teams competed in outlandish semi-athletic events ranging from a tricycle race to a dart throw. Competitors even had to put out a candle flame with a sink stopper dangling from a string tied around their waists.

The \$100 prize money was donated by the Fair Board and was specified at the beginning of the competitions it was to be donated to a charity.

In second place was the Business People's team, with the Firemen's team in third place. The Service Club team was fourth and in fifth spot was the Acton Free Press. In sixth place was the Theta Phi Sorority, and Halton Hills Council in last place.

Top winner in the ladies' Division was Diane Evans for most points. To win the top spot, one must have entered all the categories.

For the second year in a row, Kay Alger won the most points in the Domestic Science class, and Diane Evans and Judith Woodburn tied for first place in the new class of eggs. Also for the second year in a row, Rick Van Fleet earned the most points in the canned and preserved products, and Diane Evans won for the plants and flowers. Tiju Jago took the most points in the junior exhibits for the second year and Bev Brock won the home craft section. Virginia Hulme had the most points in the crafts and hobbies.

In the school children's work, Adrienne Kovacs had the best essay, and was also the top girl exhibitor. A close runner-up was Shannon Johnson. Top boy was Steve Morris.

No hearing date set

There is still no date set for the Ontario Conservation Review Board hearing for the Acton Town Hall.

Shirley Milligan said they are still trying to arrange a date which will be good for all interested parties.

The hearing was to be held September 16, but was postponed when one insertion of the hearing notice was missed in the Free Press. The notice must run three consecutive weeks.

It would appear the hearing won't be held now until November.

Remand adjourned

The remand to set a trial date for Richard Holmes has been adjourned until next Monday.

Holmes was to appear in Milton Provincial Court this past Monday morning. However, because he is in custody in Hamilton-Wentworth Detention Centre his case was adjourned one week.

Holmes is charged with causing a disturbance, assault with intent to resist arrest and breach of recognizance in connection with an incident involving a Halton Regional Police officer one night the past summer in downtown Acton.

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