

On the Leavell

With Helen



An Acton family has made international news—unfortunately the address given was Toronto.

The story in the February 8 issue of Weekly World News is entitled "Jackpot Mom didn't believe good news," and is about the Wirth's family win of \$100,000 in Wintario.

The story recounted how the Wirth's son Jim was watching the draw on television and told his mother Shelagh he thought they had won money. Good old Mom was sceptical until she saw the news that night.

"And there's one thing for sure—I'll never doubt my son's word again. He's terrific!"

Mothers and pre-schoolers who just have to get out of the house, but may not necessarily have the finances or the opportunity, are invited to a special program Wednesday mornings at the Acton Y, from 10 to 11:30.

There will be a social time, and guest speakers are being lined up.

Single parents, young unmarried mothers, those unemployed etc. are invited to attend. There is no registration, but a Y membership (for \$7 a year) is necessary.

Two paintings by local artist Richard Berghammer will be the highlight of the second annual Rotary Auction February 24 at the Acton Band Hall.

Berghammer has sold work all over the world and donates 60 per cent of his paintings to charities, such as the CNIB. He has work at the Georgetown Library and Cultural Centre.

Berghammer is well known for his three dimensional leather pictures. One such work, a six foot leather painting showed two bull elk fighting for the domination of the herd and took 650 hours to complete.

Berghammer lives in Brampton, but is Canadian

Sales Co-ordinator for T.D. Williamson in Georgetown. Tickets for the sale can be purchased at Jug City and IGA. Wine and cheese will be available.

500 Club winners for February 5 were: 216 Gavin McKay; 277 May Laing; 175 John Wagg; 252 Tom Thompson; and 84 Pat Kirton.

Winners for February 12 were: 75 Ivy Hall; 236 Val Williamson; 439 Jeannine Fisher; 185 Mick Holmes; and 497 Bill Fisher.

The renovations of the town hall have posed more than a few parking problems for Acton Volunteer Firefighters. Because of this, the parking on the west side of Willow St. between Mill and St. Alban's Drive has been changed to authorized vehicles only. I know this takes away spots for those heading downtown, and results in you having to walk a block or two more, but to the firefighters, those spots could mean the difference between life and death.

The Authorized Parking Signs went up last week and I noticed they have been completely ignored by drivers.

Not willing to walk an extra block? Remember, it could be your house burning down while the firefighters are trying to find a spot to park their cars.

You've heard the old saying "Love is blind." Well, Louise Harmsma is beginning to think it's true too.

For the 10th year in a row, Louise has received a Valentine Card from a mysterious admirer. Each year for the past 10 years, it has been signed exactly the same way—"love, from me," in exactly the same hand-writing, and always postmarked in Acton.

Louise doesn't have a clue who sends the cards, but admits she would be disappointed if they ever stopped.

Family to hospital after fire

A fire which originated in a television set in the living room of an apartment at 38 Mill St. East caused about \$2,000 damage early Monday morning.

According to Staff Sgt. Les Graham of the Halton Regional Police, five people were taken to the hospital and treated for smoke inhalation. In the apartment were Gus

Georganes, 48, his wife Nicki, 45, children Lisa, 15, and George, 12, and family friend Rose McDonald, 20. Staff Sgt. Graham said that one person woke up and attempted to

carry the television down the stairs and outside, but could not go through the door. Police broke through the locked door and extinguished the fire.



Firefighters were called to a Mill St. apartment early Monday morning because of a smoldering TV.

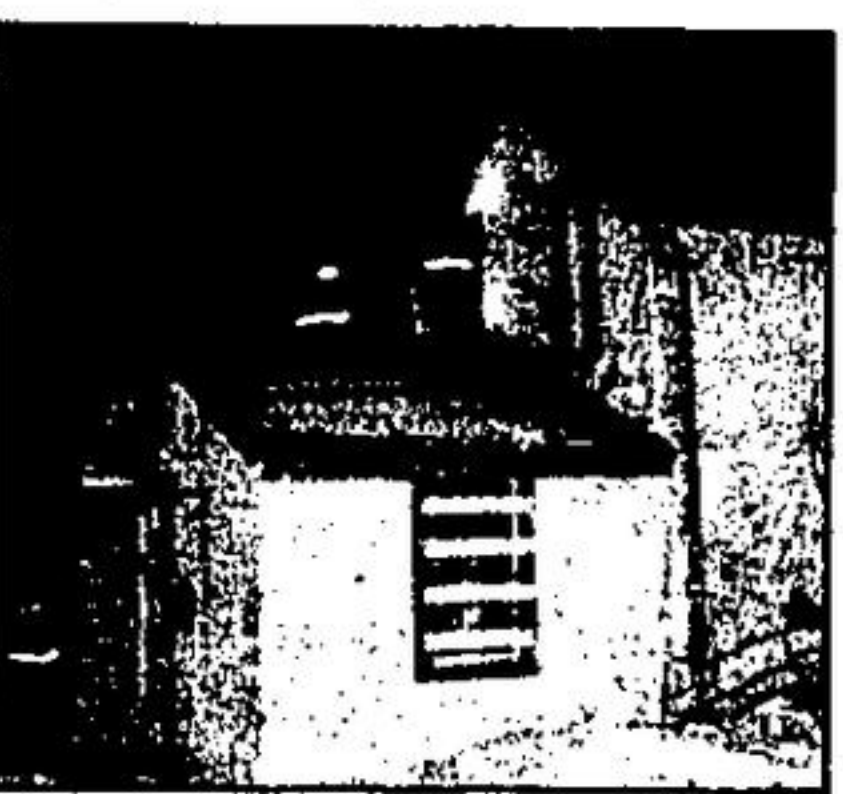
Smouldering panelling

Panelling on the second floor of an unoccupied residence owned by Fread Construction at 12 Main St. North was smouldering Saturday evening, but was extinguished by firefighters.

Smoke in basement

Two new hot water tanks on the tank in a basement of a home on Mill St. East are suspected to be the cause of smoke in the basement, reported to the fire department Friday night.

According to Deputy Chief Bob Hyde of the Halton Hills Fire Department, it is not uncommon for the tanks to emit smoke when they are first used. There was no damage and no injuries.



Acton firefighters found smouldering wall panels in this unoccupied house at the back of the IGA's parking lot when they responded to the call Saturday night.

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