

On the Leavell



With Helen

There certainly wasn't a shortage of Acton news in the April issue of The Halton Report, a small newspaper put out by Matthew Fischer, director of the Region's Business Development Department.

On the front page of the four page paper was a story about Beardmore and Co.

President Peter Dunham is quoted throughout the story, which gives a short history on the company, as well as a quick peek into the future.

He tells of exporting to Australia, Europe, the Middle East, South America and the USA, as well as some exports to Italy, the United Kingdom and Hong Kong.

A photograph of a local woman working is also included in the paper.

And Beardmore isn't the only local firm spotlighted in the newspaper. Keates-Geissler, Pipe Organ Company is the subject of a fairly lengthy story. The story entitled "It's Music To The Ears" tells of the success of the Acton firm which in these times of unemployment and plant closures and cutbacks has seen staff quadruple in 11 years, with time booked up to 1985.

The story also tells of their expansion into the American market, and their hopes for the future. As well, the reader is offered a little insight into a market which produces goods capable of lasting a couple hundred years.

—That's some warranty.

Mike Manes, RR 1 Guelph won \$286 in the Acton Volunteer Firefighters 50/50 draw recently.

At least one person's faith in the younger generation has been restored. Dan Hitchcock, of Rockwood, recently told us that he left his wallet at the Bank of Nova Scotia last week, and it was found, and returned, by two Acton boys, John Andres and Rick Kroes. Dan's faith took a sharp upturn after the incident, and he heartily thanked them for their honesty and integrity.

Only in Acton, you say?

The Coles were pretty busy with company from England and Rochester last week. Jessie, and nephew Hartley and wife Irma entertained Stan and Marion Keidz and their two children, Matthew and Kate, from Rochester N.Y., and Mario's mother and father Mr. and Mrs. Bet Trull, of Cheltenham, England.

The family visited relatives here and attended a family get-together, which, at least on report says, kept the neighbors up until 2 a.m. with "raucous noise."

While in the area, the company visited Ontario Place, which impressed all of them, tried to visit Wonderland, but it was closed, took in African Lion Safari in Rockton, and on Sunday, the Trulls paid a visit to Cheltenham, Ontario, that quiet village which sits along the Credit River and enjoyed the comparison between it and Cheltenham, England, where Mr. Trull was with the police until his retirement. Ironically enough, they live on Kidnappers Lane in Cheltenham, which is a fitting address for anyone from Scotland Yard.

They returned to the Kendz home in Rochester, New York, Sunday evening, full of beer and pretzels and good Canadian cheer. Marion met her American husband when she worked for the British Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Shirley and Brydon Hunter had a very nice surprise for their 30th wedding anniversary Monday.

Their two daughters, Cathy Forbes and Cheryl Savage decided to hold a dinner and party at Cheryl's home in Brampton in honor of their parents. Stymied as to what to get the couple, they pooled their pennies and flew their brother David home from Calgary for the big event.

It was the first time he had seen his folks in about three years.

His attendance at the party was kept secret, right up until Shirley and Brydon walked into Cheryl's house Saturday evening.

From the sounds of it, they sure had a good anniversary.

The Air Canada disaster over Cincinnati last week struck a personal note in Acton.

Heather Whiting's brother, Jim Morison, was supposed to be on the flight with his fellow band member Stan Rogers, who was killed in the fire which claimed 23 lives.

Jim has been playing with Rogers for about two years, and the group was just on the verge of hitting the big time when the tragedy occurred.

According to Heather, of Kingham Rd. the folk group was engaged in a festival in Texas last week. Stan stayed behind to tie up loose ends, while Jim, homesick for his wife and new born baby left a day ahead of schedule.

You can imagine Heather's fears when she heard the name Rogers among the dead, and thought her brother was on the flight, as they always travelled together.

This Sunday S.G. Bennett will be inducted into the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame at the museum in Milton. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett of Ballinafad were well known for their farming in this area. Mr. Bennett was also a leading industrialist.

People really ought to read past the headlines. Last week's story on people maybe paying their hydro bills at the Town office was misinterpreted by some readers. We heard a lot of people went to the Town office in the Y building last week trying to pay their hydro bills.

Legion happenings

By Al McKerracher

During the past week, to reciprocate Branch 120's direction of our local election during the May meeting, a team from Branch 197 went to Georgetown to conduct the election of their 1983-84 executive.

On Decoration Day, June 5, our president, Comrade Len Shone, with the assistance of Comrade Ab Irwin and other volunteers, planted red geraniums on the graves of those to whom this day is especially dedicated.

Remember to keep the date of June 17 in mind when the initiation of new members will take place followed by entertainment in the Games Room where Partis Sound will provide the music. As this is an effort to make this occasion more meaningful, let's give this evening our full support.

Saturday June 11 will see the return of Kent Tocher to the Games Room for entertainment, so take a break from those hectic spring outdoor activities and enjoy an evening at the Branch.

Ladies' Auxiliary by Jean Elden

Our June meeting was well represented and the new executive were in office. We closed the meeting for the summer with a smorgasboard, the girls bringing an appetizing dish each.

Fern Shultis retired from office after 29 years on the executive, but she will still be a working member, and help whenever she can. Fern is a Life Member.

Ruth Courtney retired from the bingo convenor post after eight years and she will also be missed for the many hours she put into the job.

Ten thousand dollars was donated to the branch for remodelling the lounge.

Joan McKnight volunteered to decorate the Legion graves on Decoration Day.

Gloria Moore and Marg Dunn will present cheques to the graduates of McKenzie Smith and St. Joseph Schools from the Ladies' Auxiliary.

We are planning a Bus tour to the U.S. in October.

The girls are going to Belleville to play euchre and a team to Copper Cliff. Good Luck girls and bring back a trophy. See you at the banquet girls.

Three car accident

Two Georgetown people and one Acton person were involved in a three car collision that resulted in about \$2,500 total damage Sunday evening.

Police say Paul Long, 17, of Georgetown was driving north on Trafalgar Road, south of 15 Sideroad, intending to overtake a car also going northbound driven by John Coburn, 68, of Georgetown.

The cars collided and went into a ditch on the side of the road. A third car, driven by Jan Kunc, 43, of Acton, sustained no damage, as he veered off the road to avoid the collision.

The only person to sustain injuries was passenger Ray Coburn, 61, of Georgetown, who had minimal injuries.



Betty Altonby, from the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary plants flowers at the grave of a late member Sunday as part of a small Decoration Day observance.



Fred Allan helped with the flowers Sunday at Fairview Cemetery for Decoration Day.

Obituary

Mary Whelan

A seven-and-a-half year resident of Acton died in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, May 21, following a four month illness.

Mary Whelan 90, of 69 Church St. East was admitted to hospital following a stroke. Throughout her time in the hospital she remained cheerful and an inspiration to all who attended her. She never complained and was generous and thankful for the smallest service.

Born in Pickering on February 9, 1903, Mrs. Whelan was the daughter of the late Patrick Ryan and Sarah Jane Douglas. On October 27, 1914, in St. Basil's Church, Toronto, she became the wife of Patrick Whelan. The couple made their home in Toronto, and Mrs. Whelan lived in the same house for 61 years. Her husband died in 1947.

Seven years ago, Mrs. Whelan came to Acton to make her home with her daughter Bernadette. She also has another daughter, Mrs. Louis Gibbons (Kay) in Gilford, Ontario.

Father Ralph Diodati officiated at the funeral held at St. Joseph's Church, Acton. Interment was at Marymount Cemetery, Guelph.

Pallbearers were son-in-law Louis Gibbons, Gilford, grandsons Patrick Gibbons, and Wayne Boon of Toronto, and Bruce Gowan, Mississauga and friends Frank Sweeney of Scarborough and Ted Moyle, Acton.

Obituary

Elliott Patterson

Following an illness of one week, Albert Elliott Patterson of R.R. 3 Acton passed away suddenly at Guelph General Hospital on Tuesday May 10 at the age of 77.

He was born in Erin Township, son of the late Robert Patterson and Mary Carlisle, and spent his childhood and early youth in Eramosa Township.

On October 2, 1943, he was married to Jean Mann of Erin Township and farmed on the Mann century farm on the Second Line until retiring there for the past four years.

Mr. Patterson was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton.

He is survived by his wife, and brothers Arthur of Bryson City, North Carolina, Wilbur of Rockwood, Russell of Acton, and was predeceased by two brothers, Alldon and Ross.

The funeral service was held at the Shoemaker Funeral Home and was conducted by Rev. Graeme Duncan of Brampton.

Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Acton. Pallbearers were Patterson nephews—William, Robert, Harvey, Alan, Douglas and Brian.

Churchill

Church observes 145th anniversary

by J. Turner

Churchill Community Church celebrated its 145th Anniversary as a place of worship on Sunday May 29. Both morning and evening services were well attended to hear Rev. Emrys Jenkins, the regular minister who is a splendid speaker. Special music was provided by the choir assisted by six male voices conscripted from the congregation. Emrys Jenkins Sr. sang a solo, "Teach Me to Pray" at the evening service, and Jack Denny sang a solo at each service, "Nearer My God, to Thee" and "Thanks Be to God". Keith Barber, cello, and John Duenk, cornet, assisted organist Marie Anderson. The Sacrament of Baptism

was celebrated Sunday, June 5, at Churchill. Little Vincent Warren Soutiere, infant son of Jan and Terry Soutiere, Fourth Line, was introduced to the congregation and baptized by Rev. Jenkins. Sisters Laurel, 4, and Kelly 2, were brought into the ceremony and received a blessing too. Special guests were Jan's parents from Scarborough, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Manning, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Manning, and family, friends from Streetsville.

Sunday is set for the annual Sunday School picnic. After church service at 10 the bus will load at 10.30 for the picnic grounds at Kelso.

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