

## On the Leavell

With Helen



There's lots of winners from recent draws to tell you about, so here goes:

From the Leathertown Market Ciderfest, K. Van Klink, 40 Acton Blvd. won an oil painting in an Eastern Star draw.

From the fall fair: Pat Massey, Rockwood; M.J. Ryder, Timmons; J. Schuts, Guelph; and Dorores Tyler, Acton; won in the Sasco Aloe Vera Products draw. Marjorie Lillie and Edna Kennedy are the local distributors. Elly Tuitman, RR 4 Acton, won first place in the High School year book raffle. Ron Heller, RR 2, Guelph, took second prize and Mrs. McRae, RR 4 Acton took third.

There's a local Acton girl who is recuperating from major surgery who collects key chains. She currently has over 400, and friends thought it would help her recovery if she could be pre-occupied counting and looking at new ones.

I'm not going to release her name in respect of her privacy, but anyone who has any key chains which may be suitable for a collection and would like to donate it to the cause can drop them off here at the Free Press, to my attention, and I'll make sure they get to her.

The Rockwood Conservation Area has the second highest revenue and attendance of the Grand River Conservation Areas. Brant Conservation Area is at the head of the list. Rockwood's increase was \$21,256, as of August 21, compared with other increases of from \$1,000 to \$12,000.

McKenzie-Smith Middle

School is holding an open house on October 4, (next Tuesday), which will include tours of the school and an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher. Parents will also be able to participate in the Book Fair which runs from October 3 to 6.

Betty McIntyre and I would like to thank the person who almost ran us over in the crosswalk Friday night. Thank him? Sure for not waiting one second longer before he became impatient and pulled out of the line of traffic waiting for us. He surely would have hit us.

Stepping into the crosswalk at the Mill and Willow St. corner is dangerous enough. However, one feels pretty secure when the first car stops. Well, he did, and was waiting for us to cross. Nice polite fellow. However, the creep behind him couldn't be bothered waiting, literally yanked his car into the oncoming lane (which had no traffic in it because they were waiting for us) and drove down the wrong side of the road and turned left onto Willow St. south.

I'm sure the witnesses to this atrocity were just as shocked and horrified as Betty and I. We were half-way across the road and had to step back to avoid being hit.

The incident didn't scare me, or even anger me—until later. The more I thought about it, the more I realized what an idiot the guy was, and the anger I became.

So if you see an older, brown large car driven by a guy in his mid 30s with a moustache behind the wheel, near the crosswalk, run don't walk.

## Leukemia turns agnostic into new Trinity minister

A traumatic experience with leukemia was the beginning of a new life for Don Matheson, and now 13 years later he looks forward to a happy life in Acton as head of Trinity United Church.

In 1970, Acton's newest minister was in his first year of teaching high school in Saskatchewan, when tragedy struck, he developed leukemia. He doesn't hesitate to admit he was an agnostic at the time having abandoned the church while he was in university. However, after only 15 months of marriage he found his world crumbling around him. All his dreams for the future were smashed, and at the age of 27 he was full of anger and fear.

Rev. Matheson was immediately placed in a very aggressive chemotherapy program and luckily soon after went into remission. He is still in remission.

Finishing out the school teaching year, Rev. Matheson felt he needed to explore certain questions of life—of suffering and evil. He entered theological college to find the answers and before he knew it he was a minister with four charges near Markham, Ontario.

His first year of college was very interesting. Rev. Matheson reveals. He discovered one can be a person of faith in the darkness, and he could be less than perfect and still believe.

In 1973, he became concerned about the cancer clinic in Saskatoon, so he and his wife moved to Toronto to be near Princess Margaret Hospital. While lucky enough to be in remission, he still needs to be close to a good hospital.

Rev. Matheson completed his theological degree in Toronto and got a job at a United Church in Toronto as an assistant. He was turned down for ordination, ironically because he couldn't pass the medical for the pension plan. One year later, in 1977 he tried again and the Church decided to make an exception and he was ordained.

Markham was his first posting, in keeping



Rev. Don Matheson

with his rule of being within an hour's drive of Princess Margaret.

After a year in Markham, Rev. Matheson was transferred to Brampton's St. Pauls Church, where he was an associate minister for five years. He worked with two other ministers.

But recently, Rev. Matheson felt he wanted to be on his own, he wanted the buck to stop with him. Acton seemed to be the ideal location, and he was needed after Rev. Andy King was transferred to Malton in June.

Arriving in town at the beginning of the month, Rev. Matheson is looking forward to a fruitful and happy relationship between himself and the congregation. He admits he wanted to be in a congregation like Acton. He wants to direct the energy of the members and then marshal it.

In the next while, Rev. Matheson says he has two sets of very big shoes to fill. Rev. King, and Rev. Chuck Beaton before him both have left voids in the local church and Rev. Matheson knows he has tough acts to follow.

"I cannot be a Chuck Beaton or Andy King," he admits, "I can only be a Don Matheson."

## Police beat

Two Acton banks had windows broken on the weekend. The Bank of Nova Scotia on Mill St. had a rock thrown through the front door window valued at \$150, sometime Friday night. The Bank of Montreal, also on Mill St. had a cement block thrown through a window valued at \$400, at about 4.40 a.m. on Sunday. A 15-year-old Acton youth was charged in connection with the second incident.

Robert Little School on School Lane had a rock thrown through a window on Saturday morning. Two boys, aged 8 and 10-years were found to be responsible and were handed over to their parents. Damage was set at \$15.

A 24-year-old Esquesing Township man had his licence suspended for 12-hours after he was stopped at about 1.30 a.m. Saturday on Mill St. After giving a breath sample to the police he was found to have a blood-alcohol reading of .05-.08 milligrams.

A 38-year-old Acton man was charged with assault causing bodily harm as a result of an incident at the Sit 'n' Bull Tavern on Mill St. at about 11.15 p.m. Saturday.

The victim was a 27-year-old Georgetown man who was involved in an incident inside the tavern and suffered injuries while being ejected. He received a broken nose and a cut to his left-side ribs which required 12 stitches to close.

Two Acton men, aged 24 and 21-years were charged with mischief as a result of an incident outside the tavern. While investigating the assault inside the Sit 'n' Bull Tavern, their

cruiser had paint scratched off of the roof with keys.

A 60-year-old Acton man was charged with public nudity on Friday at about 3.15 p.m. The accused was observed in the back yard of a residence on Mill St.

A 45-year-old Acton man was charged with impaired driving after being stopped for a traffic violation on Church St. last Wednesday.

A break and enter occurred at a vacant house at RR 1 last Wednesday. The home is a large estate formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Bennett and presently owned by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. Several panes of glass were broken, with damage estimated at \$75. There was nothing stolen.

Halton Police have laid three charges against a 24-year-old area man as a result of a single car accident on August 20.

Police said the man suffered a broken leg when the vehicle he was driving left the road, struck a mail box and then veered back across the road and struck a tree.

The driver was taken to Guelph Hospital where a blood sample was taken that showed there was over 80 millilitres per 200 millilitres of alcohol in the man's system.

As a result of the accident, which occurred north of Highway 7 on Acton's First Line, the driver was charged with impaired driving, operating a vehicle without a licence and failing to wear a seatbelt.

No one else was hurt in the accident which caused \$4,000 to the vehicle.

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