

Judy Starkey (right) from The Patchworks, Limehouse, was one of the artisans who sold their work at Cultural Centre on the weekend.

Legion happenings

by Jean Bladen
 The December meeting of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary was well attended with 43 members present.
 Mae Hoare was initiated as a new member of the auxiliary.
 Legion president Len Shone was at our meeting and spoke highly of the auxiliary and all the work we do. He also gave some new recommendations and suggestions.
 Fruit baskets will be delivered by auxiliary members to the rest homes.
 The children's Christmas party will be held December 18.
 The dinner for the auxiliary will be on January 14. It is hosted by the Branch and we will exchange gifts, as we always do.
 Open euchre will be held on Wednesday, December 21 at 7.30 p.m. and everyone is welcome. Turkeys, cakes, etc. will be given as prizes.
 A \$200 cheque was donated to the Golden Agers for a bus trip.

A television will be donated to Sunnybrook Hospital. Eva William won the draw at our meeting on December 1.
 Bowling was held in Brampton on December 3. Acton "A" came first with Agnes McGinnis getting the high triple as well as high single. Congratulations to Acton "A" and Agnes.
 As for our other team, they had a good time and are looking forward to the next bowling day.
 by Al McKerracher
 On Saturday, December 10, the Annual Turkey Roll will be held with proceedings due to commence at 2 p.m. DJ George will be on hand in the evening to provide music for your dancing pleasure.
 The Cribbage League is now well into the season with "C Records" in top spot with 69 points, followed by the "69ers" with 67 and "A.M. Construction" in third with 64.

Council pledges always keep a Town office open in Acton

Halton Hills councillors unanimously pledged Monday night to always do everything possible to ensure there is an office in Acton where citizens can pay their tax bills.
 Councillor Rick Bonnette, backed by Georgetown's John McDonald, sprung the surprise motion on council Monday night.
 Council passed the following motion: "Whereas council has always endeavored to maintain a local Town office in the ward one area, under the leadership of past mayors, be it therefore resolved that council for the Town of Halton Hills by resolution commits itself to do everything possible to ensure there will always remain an office for Acton citizens to pay their taxes locally."
 While all councillors voted for the resolution, it was almost shelved.
 Georgetown Councillor Harry Levy said the motion was being thrown at council and it should be given a lot of consideration. He asked that it be deferred. A number of councillors backed deferral, but not enough to prevent council from dealing with Bonnette's request.
 Bonnette said he was bringing the motion

that night because it was Mayor Peter Pottery's last meeting as a member of council and he had pledged often that as long as he was mayor there'd always be an office in Acton where people could pay their tax bills.
 There was uncertainty in Acton with the mayor departing and Actonians always appreciated the office and the mayor's commitment to the community. He said the motion would solve community concern regardless of who the next mayor happens to be.
 Councillor Phil Carney also voiced support for Bonnette's motion. He said it was incumbent on councillors to let Actonians know they have their "interests at heart."
 He said if a municipal complex is built it would still be in nobody's interest to insist people from Acton go to this building to pay their taxes.
 McDonald said he was pleased to second the motion, adding council has an "obligation" to Acton.
 Levy said he had no problem with keeping the Acton office open but he still felt there were facts and figures which required further thought. At the same time he felt no Actonian should be denied the service of a Town office in their community.
 He cautioned he hoped councillors weren't taking the matter lightly and realized what they were doing.

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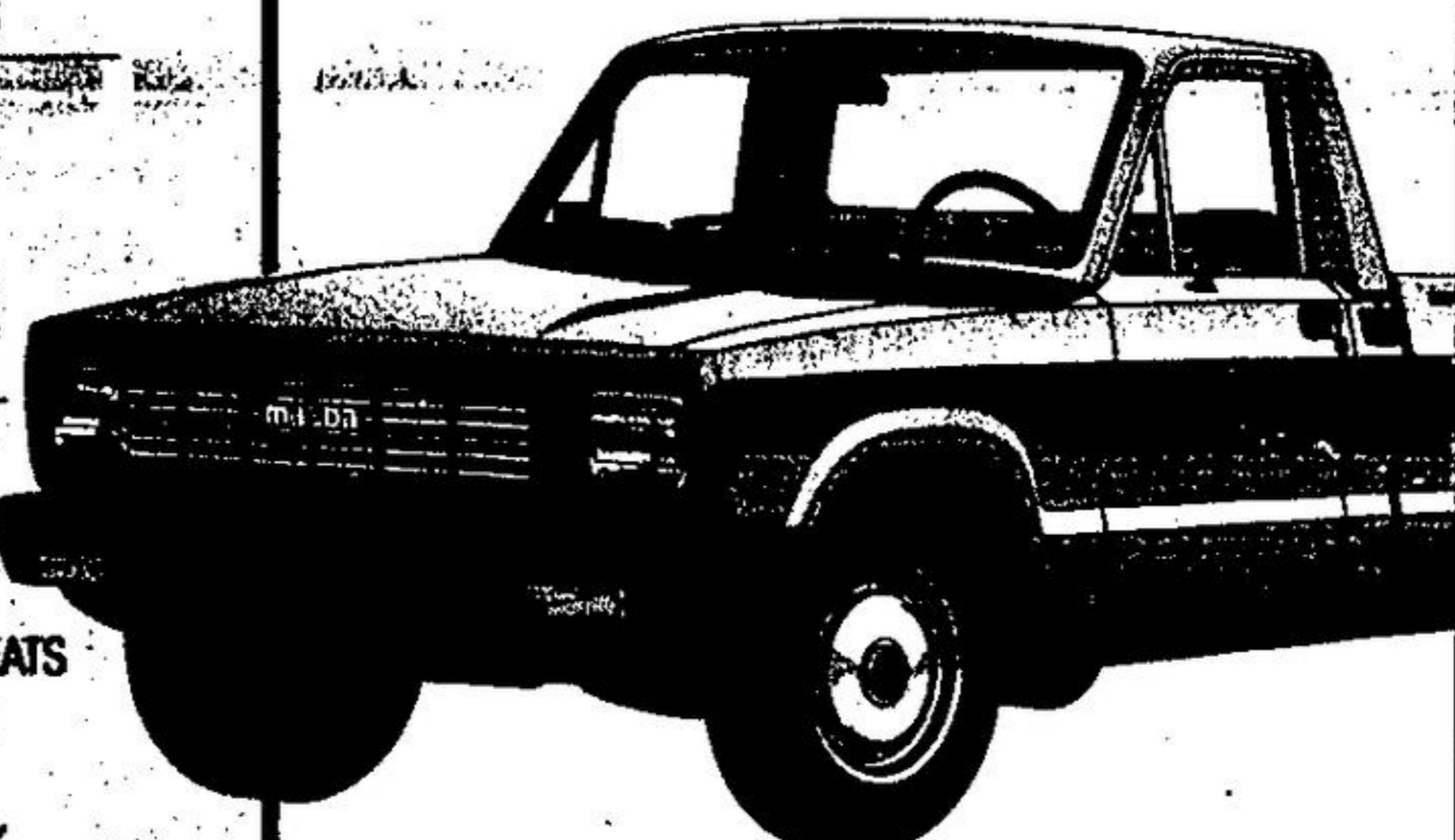
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Cancer . . .

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woman had been killed in a car accident. She realized then only she can live her own life.

Over the course of several months, Ria says she visited every faith healer she could find. But nothing seemed to be working. Finally, she put everything related to cancer away and decided to resume her life, if not just for her family's sake. This was a tremendous relief for the children, she recalls. Even though the cancer had pulled them closer as a unit, they were glad to be rid of the constant reminder.

Eventually, Ria learned to live one day at a time. When this happened, the anxiety was gone. In frustration, she exonerated herself from the problem and put herself in God's hands. Only He could change it, so it was up to Him. She immediately felt a sense of relief, which has prevailed every since.

Ria is no longer afraid to die. At first she was terrified. She cried day and night, and it hurt her too much to even look at photographs of her children. Every birthday, or Christmas, was treated as the last. But now, she sets goals for herself, and refuses to succumb until the goal is reached. She had to see her daughter married, and she did. Then she had to see her book published, which she has. Now she is waiting for the birth of her first grandchild in January. After that it will be to see its first smile, and then to see it sit up, and then walk. They are only short goals, but she is too realistic to set long term goals.

Doctors are baffled by Ria's determination she says. They have accused her of not facing death, but she denies this. After all, she's still alive, and that's what counts. She currently has six tumors which have broken through her abdomen and doctors can't help her she states. They have never seen anything like it. She should be dead, they keep telling her.

Constant pain
 Ria has not been without pain in three years. Her morphine helps ease it a bit, but it is not always enough. She admits that even now she sometimes feels it is not worth it, and she wishes she could die. But these slumps don't last long. Deep down, she says, she believes she is going to be cured. Miracles have happened before, why can't one happen to her?

In the meantime, Ria takes an Indian herb called Essiac in her nightly tea. She is part of a study of 200 Canadians by Dr. Matthew Diamond, to watch the life span of those taking the herb. After two-and-a-half years, Ria is already considered a success.

Lines of Life reflects Ria's life—her zest for it since she was 14, her loves, her overabundance of courage and strength, and her communion with God.

Ria's outlook on life is the same as Doris Day's. Que sera, sera. (Whatever will be, will be.) Every day she gets out of bed is a bonus to her, and every sunrise she sees is a testimonial to her convictions.

Churchill

Decorate tree Friday evening

by Barb Crawford
 Despite the inclement weather there was good attendance at church for advent services conducted by Mr. Craig Rumble.

There are several events taking place at church these next few weeks.

Decorating of the Christmas Tree by the children will take place on Friday, December 9 at 7.30 p.m. followed by cookies and sandwiches. As well as christenings, White Gift Sunday is on December 11 during the regular church service at 11.00 a.m. Our special Christmas Candlelight Service is at 7.30 p.m. that evening.

The CCCW will hold their December meeting at the home of Irene Swackhamer on Tuesday, December 13 with pot luck dinner at 7.30 p.m.

Jesus' Birthday Celebration will be on December 18 at 11 a.m. with the cake and sandwiches served for lunch. Santa's gifts will be distributed after the service.

A special Christmas Eve Service will be held at 7.30 p.m. There will be no church services on Christmas Day. Congratulations to Kevin Denny (5) and Dwayne Rhynold (6) who both celebrated birthdays on December 4.

Congratulations also to Frank Freeman who recently celebrated his 88th birthday. A special "thank you" to the Rotary and the Legion for the lovely Christmas dinner enjoyed recently by several senior citizens from this area and the thoughtful gifts that were received.