



Susan Auty leads her fitness class at the Acton Band Hall twice a week.

This week thru the lens
Shaping up for the holidays



Pauline Diamond dances to the up-beat music at the ladies' fitness program held at the Acton Band Hall.

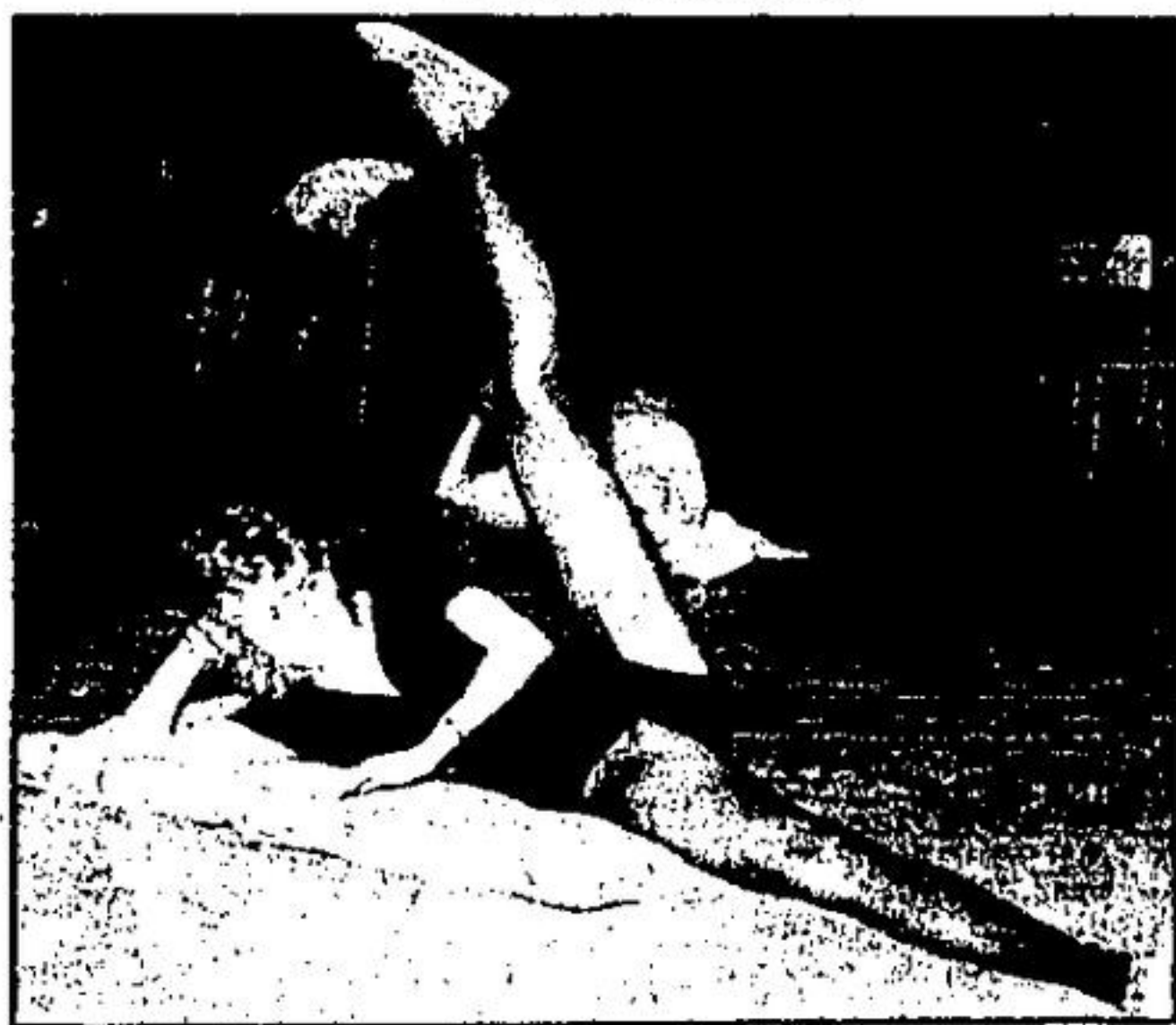


Shelly Winter (foreground) and Sue Dodds do a few leg lifts at a ladies' fitness class.



Sue Dodds does a few warm-ups at the Ladies' Fitness work-outs at the Acton Band Hall twice a week.

Susan Auty puts gals in her fitness class at the Band Hall through their paces as they shaped up for the holidays. The course will resume in the New Year.



Lillian Graham also practices leg lifts.



Lillian Graham moves to the music at the ladies' fitness class held at the Acton Band Hall twice a week.

Fold Parking Authority - Town to take over

Halton Hills Parking Authority has folded, and their function will be taken over by the Town.

A letter from Sandy MacKenzie, long time member of the Parking Authority, said the Authority regrettably suggests the disbanding of the agency.

He pointed out he and Bob Gougeon have served for 15 years, but with the growth of the Town and the inclusion of Acton downtown, felt they could no longer continue without affecting their own businesses.

The Authority has used the money from the parking meters to operate, but since there are no parking meters in Acton, the money was being generated only in Georgetown. The Parking Authority members foresaw increasing problems maintaining both downtowns.

Clerk Administrator Ken Richardson said the Authority had a great deal of trouble finding a representative from Acton, and had been running the operation themselves. He noted Acton Business Improvement Area has been looking after some of the responsibility of parking, as has the BIA in Georgetown which has assisted financially in snow-plowing parking lots.

He noted Town staff is now collecting from the meters, and the treasury depart-

ment is rolling the coins. "We felt it would be more coordinated if the Town staff looks after it all."

Richardson pointed out money would have to be spent on the Wesleyan Street lot and at 6 Church Street, where the Grey house is to be demolished.

Councillor Mike Armstrong said Gougeon and MacKenzie have served for 15 years and emphasized they received no pay whatsoever. "I hope staff will give the same type of dedication these men did." He suggested some further recognition should be given.

Council accepted the resignations with regret and backed Armstrong's statements about the service of Gougeon and MacKenzie to the community.

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Christmas play is well attended

A large crowd graced the school auditorium for the annual Christmas concert recently. The students enacted their parts exceptionally well. Lori Van Manen welcomed the audience with "Smiles of Welcome"; and Janice Root favored with a piano solo, which was followed by the primary play, The Christmas Pig. That pig grew up to be such a pet no one had the heart to cook him for Christmas dinner.

The Junior play, The Merry Metric Mess, saw Santa get so mixed up in the metric chemistry set, that it took the computer to set him free. The nativity play, by grade 7, was written by Connie McKinnon and Tammy Swackhamer.

Lori Van Manen and Debbie Sinclair played carols on their accordions between scenes, and colorful baton displays were given by Tracy and Sherri Coutts and Leigh Ann Coutts.

The 50 voice choir, directed by Mrs. Anne Smith, gave their usual good performance, and the closing speech by Deanne Louth brought a pleasant evening to an end.

George and Margaret Fletcher and Bobby, attended the Beardmore Christmas party at Acton Legion hall. There were games for the children, followed by lunch and ice cream.

Vehicle hits garage

Halton Regional Police estimate \$1,000 damage was done to a garage by an unknown vehicle in a private driveway at an RR 3 Acton home.

Police figure someone entered the driveway, which was ice and snow covered, and while trying to exit the vehicle moved forward and struck the front of the garage, pushing in the wall. The vehicle and driver then fled the scene.

Wanderer may have been in the driveway earlier in the day.

Clergy Comment

by Captain Wilson Ferrin

One of the prominent parts of our Christmas celebrations includes the Christmas tree. I find it quite interesting to observe that there are some similarities between the Christmas Tree and the Calvary Tree (the Cross where Jesus died for our sins).

Let us observe the Tree itself. Is the Christmas Tree a symbol of mankind's way of trying to coat over, with glitter and glamor, what the realities were on the Calvary Tree? The tree which at Christmas is glamorous, becomes a gruesome reality of our true need at Easter, of A Saviour.

Then there are the lights we use to decorate the Christmas Tree. It can be a beautiful symbol of Jesus Christ, the light of the World, or it can represent the glitter of the world without Christ. Yet, the Calvary Tree does not have MAN-MADE lights on it, but a God-Given human light to shed new hope into a dark world of sin.

Then we observe the presents under the Christmas Tree. They can be representative of the gifts the Wisemen brought to the Baby Jesus and our gift to Him. Or it can represent mankind's empty giving once a year. A ritualistic act - not a repentant act of ourselves to God.

The best gift to mankind may have been given at Christmas, by the Birth of Christ but the supreme gift was, I feel, given at Easter by the death and resurrection of Christ for mankind's sin.

St. Matthew 1:21; 'And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus; for he shall save His people from their sins.' (KJV)

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