

Are you 18-years-old or older and find yourself with nothing to do evenings? Or you want to get some exercise, but not in the sit-up sort of way. Well, why not try playing softball this summer.

Players are needed to comprise a sixth team in the Acton Ladies' Recreational Softball League. Anyone interested in exercise, fun and fellowship is asked to contact Karen Smith at 853-2771 after 6 p.m., before March 23.

On the Leavell

With Helen



There's a new program beginning in Milton which might be of interest to local residents.

Living with Cancer, group discussions for patients, family and friends, begin at Milton Hospital tomorrow (Thursday) at 7:30.

There will be group discussions led by health professionals, working as volunteers, who will help to: discuss misconceptions regarding the disease and its treatment; introduce patients and families who are living with cancer; give support in coping with the emotional and social problems often associated with cancer; and provide practical guidance.

Susan Kuechler at 853-0324 or Elinor Shannon at 878-1876 have further information.

Transportation will be provided if needed.

And from the La Leche League of Acton: "If you have considered breast-feeding your baby but have some questions, contact the La Leche League of Acton. This month's meeting will be held on Monday at 8 p.m. at Trinity United Church, Acton. The discussion for the evening will include encouragement and information on how to establish a happy nursing relationship. Nursing babies are always welcome. For further information call 878-4803 or 856-9935."

I recently learned that the Acton league also holds classes in Milton and are very highly recommended. It is nice to know that a larger centre has to rely on an Acton group.

We've all had our bad days, and I always say bad things happen in threes. Why then did I recently experience an entire week of misfortunes?

It started on Saturday morning when I had to spend \$17 on a new headlight for my car. I expected it to be about \$10. Then a matter of hours later I get the news my sister was in a serious car accident in Calgary. About 16 hours later, my car pulled a temper tantrum and wouldn't work. On a Sunday with no garages open, and I'm in Collingwood. Good old Dad got it going, but I refused to drive 75 miles with a paper clip propelling my six-year-old vehicle. I traded jalopies with him until he could get a new battery put in it. Believe me, there is a big difference between my sub-compact and his big boat. I spent a month's budget for gas in three days.

My mother went in the hospital on Tuesday for what was to be a fairly simple operation, and ended up having major surgery, stemming from injuries in a car accident 15 years before.

Seconds after my father pulled away from our rendezvous point in Orangeville, where we switched cars Wednesday, my windshield wipers refused to move. I coped, but barely.

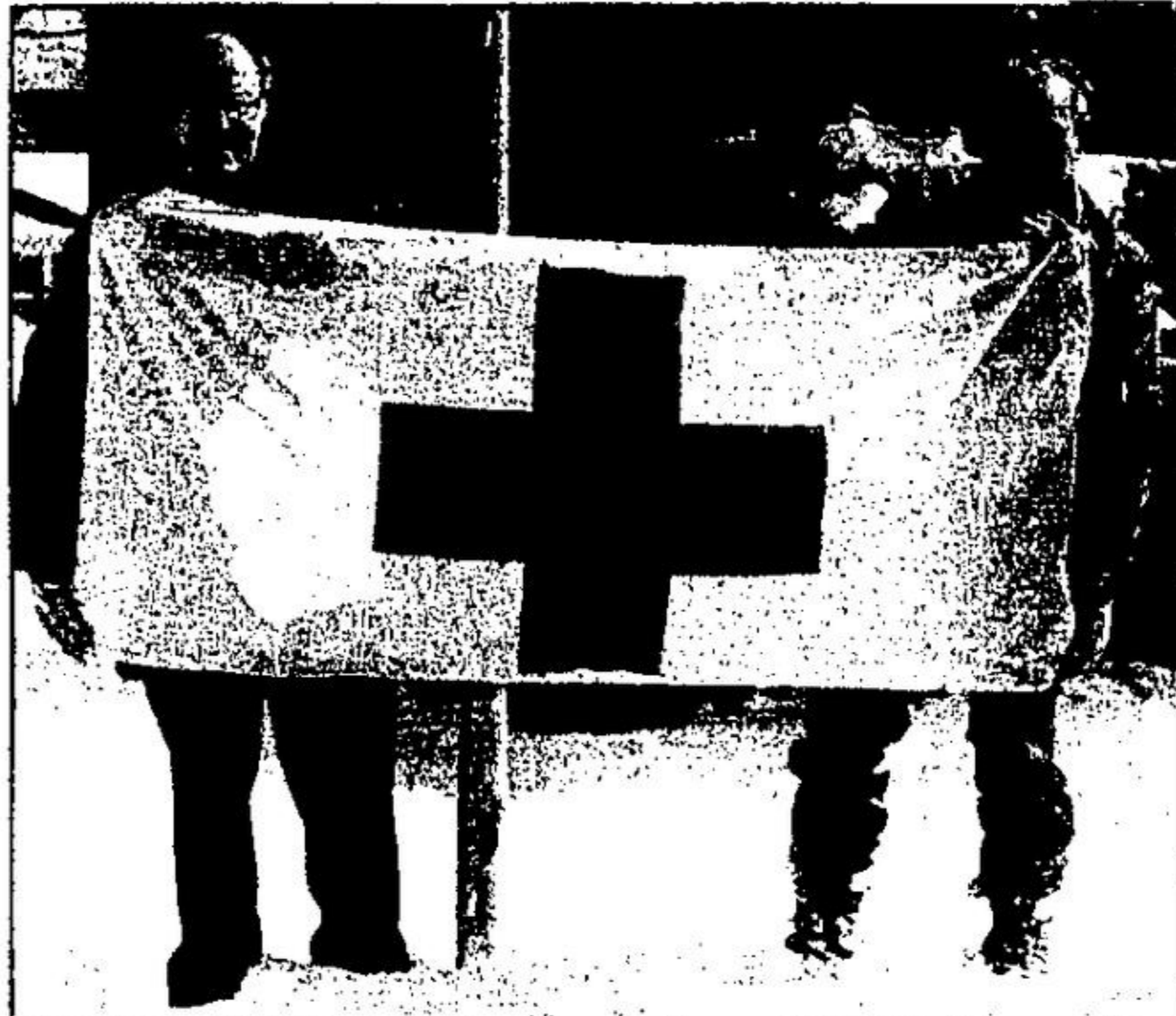
Later that night I was pulled over by the police, half a block from home. She thought I had the wrong sticker on my plate. I was terrified she would somehow know my wipers weren't working and take me in.

Thursday, I stayed home and didn't venture farther than the mailbox. Friday was going good until I found myself in Rockwood in the rain—with an appointment to get my wipers fixed on Monday. But not to worry. I know this area like the back of my hand. I zipped down Harris St. and was going to go down the First Line and sneak home the back way, avoiding the traffic of the highway. I stopped every mile to pull my dead blades up to clear my window and was doing very well.

But naturally I missed the First Line and was horrified when Highway 25 loomed ahead of me. In desperation I decided to turn around, and pulled a U turn. The road looked wide enough, the snow plows had kindly pushed the snow back way past the shoulder and I was homefree—I thought. Turns out there was no shoulder on that road, only a ditch full of snow, which was nice and even, and deceiving, with the road. An hour, and \$20 later, I waved goodbye to the tow truck. Trying to remain my mature, patient, calm self, I grabbed my wiper blade and pulled it up to clear my window for the return trip home. It snapped off in my hand.

I was soaked, cold, tired, and broke, and this did nothing to raise my spirits. I made it home in one piece, didn't kick the dog or yell at my husband, nor did I say anything bad against the car that has served me so well for more than half a decade.

That was all more than a week ago. So far, knock wood, nothing has happened to the car or me since then. My wipers are fixed, my lights are working, my car is starting, I'll never pull a U turn again, and more than everything, I have learned the value of a good horse and buggy.



Ben Jongtsma, campaign chairman of the Acton Red Cross Society and Fritz Dellaan, president raised the Society's flag recently to mark the beginning of Red Cross month. Canvasers are out going door to door in this month to raise funds.

Orpheus choir back at Knox

The Hamilton Orpheus Male Choir are making a return visit to Acton with a concert this Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Knox Presbyterian Church.

This return visit is by popular demand and the audience is in for an evening of great music and singing. The choir will be presenting a new program and will be singing some of the arrangements they will be singing in Britain later this year when they will be the first Canadian choir to appear at the Royal Albert Hall singing with 1,000 voices.

Tickets for this Saturday's concert are \$5 and include refreshments after the concert. They are available at the Foodland, Lakeview Centre and members of the Knox Church Choir and Walker Masonic Lodge.

The choir under the direction of Lyn Harry has a membership of over 70 and offers one of the best musical concerts available in Ontario that can be enjoyed by all ages.

The proceeds of the concert will assist in getting the choir to Britain and represent Canada.

Leathertown market weekend will become big Bicentennial celebration

Heritage Acton, The Acton Chamber of Commerce and Acton BIA will be joining forces to bring residents and visitors alike the best Leathertown Market and Ciderfest yet this summer.

Head of the Chamber's tourism development committee, Bill Cook, revealed the tentative plans formulated so far by the three community organizations at a recent board meeting.

The Chamber, BIA and town hall group have already approached Halton Hills Bicentennial committee seeking \$4,400 in funding for the end of August weekend.

Of course there will be a big market filling Mill St., hopefully even bigger and better than last year's market.

But this year there will be not just a repeat of last year's attractions around town, but much more.

For example they hope to have a leather trade show at the arena as well as a display showing how leather was made in the old days, including antique equipment.

Sporting events are on tap for the park and a swimming and boating regatta on Fairy Lake. Canoe races are another possibility.

The Y's Men have held their Biathlon on Canada Day weekend in the past, this year it

is hoped that event will be moved to the last weekend of August to coincide with the market weekend.

A rodeo is another tentative attraction for the big weekend, as well as a street dance.

Hot air balloon rides, helicopter trips and ultralight aircraft displays are also planned.

Cook said they hope every community group will participate in this Bicentennial celebration in Acton, adding there's a chance of a grant being used to hire some "casual labor" through Sheridan College.

Student labor would reduce the work load for volunteers.

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