

Visions of Terry fuel battle with cancer

by Pam Douglas

While most people across the country sympathized with Terry Fox during his final days in a hospital bed in Vancouver, Lorne Doberthien could empathize.

"I knew what he was feeling because I'd been there," says Doberthien, and Acton resident and businessman.

"I knew how hopeless and helpless you feel and it must have been twice as difficult for Terry, who had to carry the weight of all Canada with him."

Doberthien lost a leg to cancer 10 years ago and then underwent three operations when a spot was found on his lung.

He was one of the many who greeted Fox when he ran through Acton in 1980 during his Marathon of Hope. At a banquet later in Georgetown, Doberthien found himself alone with Fox talking about their bouts with the disease.

After Fox learned Doberthien had been clear of a recurrence for three years, he responded with, "Oh, you're cured," Doberthien recalls.

"I said, 'I hope so, but I'm not sure,'" says Doberthien.

"I got the distinct impression that he wasn't going for check-ups."

"He was a very intense young man,"



If anyone could empathize with Terry Fox in his inspiring struggle to overcome the cancer that had afflicted him and jog across Canada in spite of it, Acton businessman Lorne Doberthien could. A cancer victim himself, Doberthien had an opportunity to talk privately with Terry during his visit to Halton Hills. He recalls that memorable occasion in an interview with the Free Press.

recalls Doberthien of Fox. "He had set his goal and he was striving for it, doing 26 miles a day.

"I can still see him going up the street with the gait that anyone with an artificial leg has."

Doberthien congratulates the man currently emulating Terry, Steve Fonyo, calling his cross-country trek, "commendable."

"Every individual (suffering from cancer) goes into a marathon of some sort, to live," he says.

How important is it to carry on the

"dream" and participate in Terry Fox Runs like the one held locally every year?

Well, when it was first discovered Doberthien had the disease, the survival rate was zero per cent to five per cent. Today, 10 years later, it's up to 60 per cent.

"The disease is so prevalent and horrifying," says Doberthien. "He (Fox) is the nucleus everyone can cling to fight this horrible disease."

Doberthien doesn't think there will be a miraculous cure discovered for the disease. It will be eliminated gradually as ways are found to cure or eliminate the disease altogether, he says.

Articulate, bright and sensitive, Doberthien seems to have derived something out of his battle with cancer.

He returns to the hospital for a check-up every six months. He often encounters people suffering from the same problem as he and he tries to instill some hope in them.

"It's tough, but we can handle it, can't we?" he asked an 11-year-old boy he met once.

The little boy nodded and said, "Yup." "And that's the way it is," says Doberthien. "You have to do the best you can with what you've got."

Balloon ride awaits winner of draw

A newly-designed Terry Fox Run flag will fly over the Acton High School this Sunday as walkers, runners and joggers assemble for the fourth annual run for cancer research.

New Miss Acton Fall Fair Linda Thomson will join Citizen of the Year Dr. David van der Bent to formally open the Run at 8 a.m. on the high school track.

Organizers are hoping to raise \$15,000 this year in Acton, regarded as one of the best per-capita contributors to the cause.

That means that upwards of 300 participants must bring their pledge sheets, available at a number of local businesses and banks, to the track Sunday morning to make their laps.

And coaxing them to help keep the

memory of young Terry Fox and his Marathon of Hope alive will be some special treats arranged by the organizers. Al Russell of the Ballooney has offered to take one lucky participant aloft in his hot air balloon at some future date. Organizer Paul Murr said the winner's name will be drawn at random Sunday from a list of participants.

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Fair was history in the making

More than 15,000 flood fairgrounds to reaffirm Acton's status as one of best fairs going



Linda Thomson, an 18-year-old charmer attending Grade 13 at Acton High School, fulfilled a five-year old dream by entering the 1984 Miss Acton Fall Fair competition Friday and capped it off nicely by winning over 18 other contestants. First runner-up Laura Brillinger (left) and second runner-up Lorraine Robinson (right) joined Linda's predecessor, Miss Acton 1984 Laura Jansen, for a formal portrait of the new queen by Free Press and Fair Board photographer Ted Brown.

By JENNIFER ALTON

The papal visit and the birth of a son to Prince Charles and Diana was history in the making worldwide, but here at home, Acton Fair was making history too.

Although final figures are not yet available, this year's Acton Fall Fair is expected to be among the best ever held. Exceeding last

year's attendance, an estimated 15,000 people passed through the gates, slightly less than 1982's record crowd.

Bright skies and chilly autumn temperatures brought out throngs of fair-goers for the 71st annual fair, cited as one of the best "B" class fairs in the province.

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Hockey team lacked players

It's 'goodbye Sabres'

By MARK HOLMES

The Acton Junior "B" Sabres have bitten the dust.

After rallying from near extinction last July, the Sabres were well on the road to recovery with solid management, a brighter financial picture and the backing of the AMHA.

Now, because of lack of local hockey players, the Junior "B" team is finished for good.

According to the Sabres president Bruce Cargill, the programs were ready to be printed, the organization was once again financially sound, the team had superior coaching staff and management and within 14 days there would have been several imported players that could have made the Sabres a contending team this season.

The unseen and insurmountable problem was that the 12 local players needed are not available.

"I can't pinpoint any specific reason why there weren't more local boys coming out to practices," said Cargill. "I know a few were going to school out of town and would only be available on weekends but other than that I can't see why we didn't have more players coming out."

Carol Robinson, secretary of the AMHA, said she received a call from Cargill Sunday night and, while she said she was extremely disappointed in the failure of the Sabres, she didn't think there was anything that could be done to save the team now.

The OHA has been notified that the Sabres are finished.

Cargill said the equipment will be put into storage until there is another team that can use it and expenses incurred by the team so

far this year will be absorbed by the organization.

Cargill also remarked that the hockey players are now free to join any team they choose.

"I'm really sorry to see the Sabres fold after all the work that has gone into saving the team. The people I really feel for are the boys coming out of the Midget division this year who, at this point and time, will have nowhere to continue playing hockey."

With serious surgical operations being cancelled for lack of the right kind of blood, local Red Cross organizers are urging everyone to attend this Saturday's donor clinic at the Acton Legion.

Indusmin is sponsoring the evening clinic, set for 5 to 8:30 p.m. For further information, call Alice Schreiber at 853-0681.

Urgent need for donations

Firefighters resuscitate heart victim

The fire department responded to a resuscitation call for a heart attack victim early Sept. 14 on Clare Ct.

Region set to extend exemption

Hide House Sunday opening could go to Supreme Court

Halton regional council is today (Wednesday) expected to extend the Olde Hide House's Sunday opening exemption, but the decision could be challenged before the Supreme Court.

With a court ruling expected any day on the constitutionality of Ontario's Retail Business Holidays Act, council will consider an administration and finance committee

recommendation extending the Hide House exemption, first granted two years ago, to September, 1986.

Hide House co-proprietor Steve Dawkins and solicitor Gordon Chapman will reiterate a presentation they made to the committee last Wednesday in which it was noted that the Eastern Ave. store-restaurant-crafts studio complex attracts 70 per cent of its

customers from outside Halton.

Thus, Dawkins told the committee, the Hide House represents "a major building block" for the Region's tourism-promotion ambitions. In order to qualify for exemption under the Act, owners must prove that their Sunday operations are essential to the development of a local tourist industry.

But just what is and what is not essential is being questioned by the Toronto-based People for Sunday Association, formerly the Lord's Day Alliance, founded in 1889.

Noting that his Association chose not to challenge the Hide House exemption granted two years ago, executive committee member Les Kingdon told this newspaper that if the exemption is extended by regional bylaw today, despite the Association's objections, it could be challenged at the Supreme Court level. The Association has challenged "20 or 30" such bylaws in recent years, he said, and enjoys substantial success because the courts tend to agree with its interpretation of the key word "essential."

Basing its arguments on Bible teachings that the Sabbath should be a day of rest as well as on the modern sociological reasons why those teachings should be heeded, the Association suggests that the only stores

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Cabinet post for Otto

Two local MPs have received ministerial positions in Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's biggest-ever cabinet.

Otto Jelinek, representing Halton and Perrin Beatty, representing the Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe riding have joined 38 other Tory ministers in Ottawa.

Jelinek, a former world figure skating gold medalist will assume the duties of minister of amateur sport and fitness while Beatty will be battling for beleaguered taxpayers as national revenue minister.

Jelinek, 44, was elected to parliament in 1974 and is on the right wing of the Conservative Party. The 10 year political

veteran, now that he has been named to a cabinet position, may find it easier to fulfill his campaign promise of bringing VIA rail services back to Acton and other small centres that lost the service under Liberal leadership.

Beatty, 34, will get a chance to improve the tax-collection policies he opposed while serving as Conservative watchdog on the department.

Beatty was elected 12 years ago at age 22 and seven years ago began serving as minister of state for the treasury board during the brief Tory reign.

Niether Tory cabinet minister was available for comment before press time.



WILD, BLUE YONDER AWAITS

Commanding Officer Jack Seeler (left) and training officer Tom Jerrard (right) congratulate Warrant Officer First Class Darren Harvey as they present him with the official flag of the newly-formed 197 Air Cadets Squadron. The squadron "look off" last week with an inaugural meeting. See page A3.