

Medals come as a surprise to Acton recipients

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 guard, Esther Taylor is much more than that, as most Actonians know. The Main St. North woman is a native of Plymouth, England, who served as secretary-treasurer of the Acton and Halton Hills library boards for five years and as librarian for 26 years.

She helps schoolchildren cross Main St. at School Lane two days a week, a job she's done gladly for the past ten years. And much to the delight of the children and other animal-lovers, she makes daily trips to Fairy Lake to ensure that the swans and ducks have plenty to eat through the lean

winter months.
 Taylor calls her two-year stint on the old Acton town council (she was the community's first woman councillor) "a learning experience." She was a reporter for a Guelph newspaper for another 15 years.
 Another Main St. North resident, John

Toebes recalls being in on the ground floor of the local soccer league when it started about seven years ago. He served as secretary for three or four years as well as taking keen interest in minor hockey.
 Toebes has been president of Legion-sponsored house league hockey for almost a decade and before that coached the local Bantams.

Wilda MacDougall spent 40 years on various Community Club projects while neighbor Betty Marshall is another Homemaking Club volunteer leader who also helped with the restoration of her church.
 Rockwood's Lloyd Dyer is profiled elsewhere in this issue.

Ella Alexander of Kenneth Ave. in Erin was a founding member of the Reye's Syndrome Foundation of Canada; Evelyn O'Sullivan of Main St. chairs the library board and leads local Brownies;
 Lloyd Lang of RR 2 Hillsburgh is a past president of the Erin Agricultural Society; Maureen McFee has several times served as president of her Women's Institute; Fred Overland maintains the grounds of Victoria Park and drives cancer patients to their hospital appointments.

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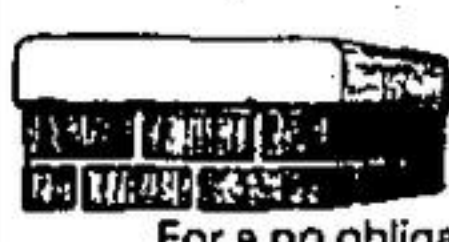
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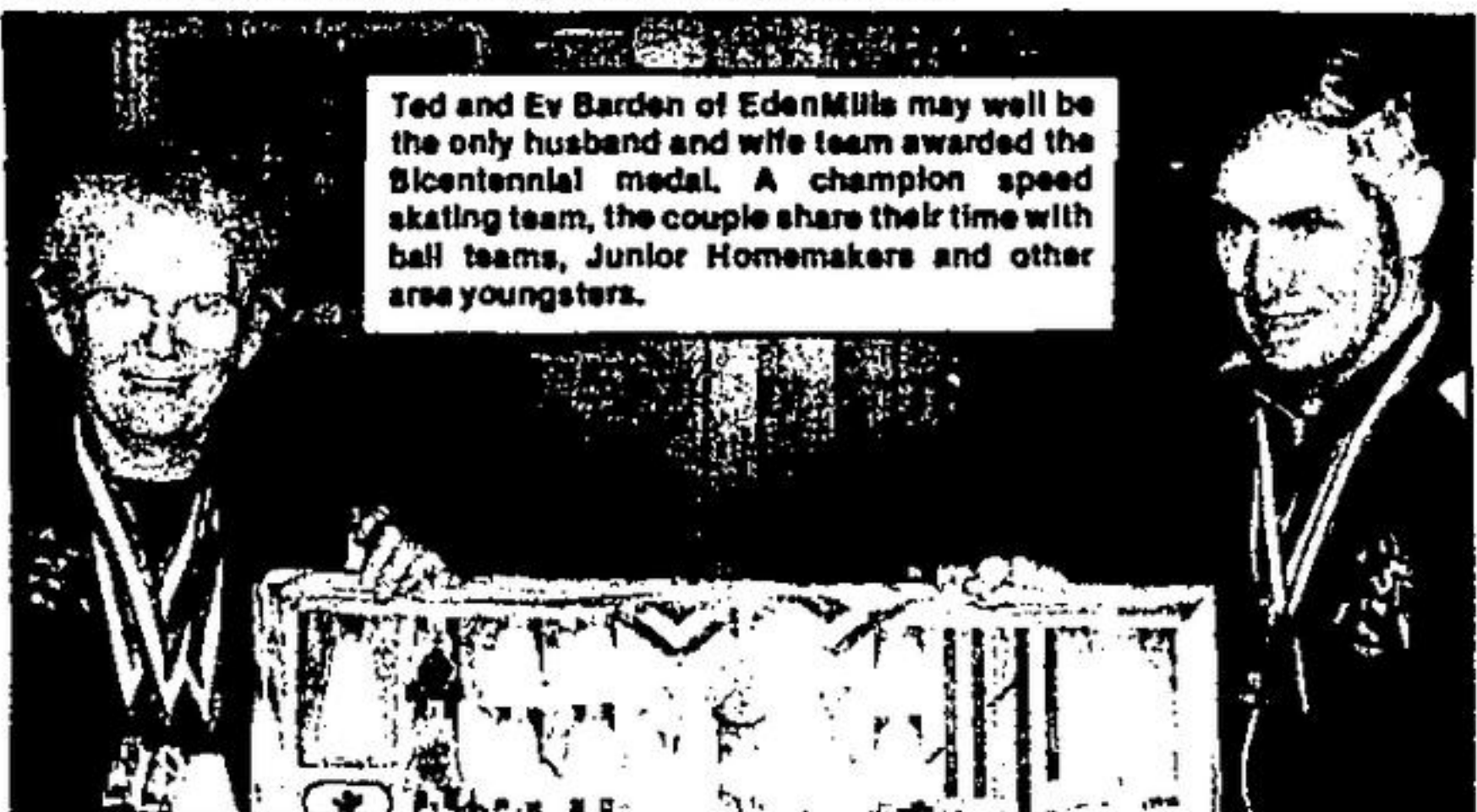
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Ted and Ev Barden of Eden Mills may well be the only husband and wife team awarded the Bicentennial medal. A champion speed skating team, the couple share their time with ball teams, Junior Homemakers and other area youngsters.

Seniors, women help with crime prevention

Women and seniors can help reduce the opportunity for others to commit crimes against them by using common sense and being aware of crime prevention pointers.

That's the message contained in two checklists compiled by the Ministry of the Solicitor General of Ontario focussing on crimeproofing for seniors and women.

Crimeproofing is the theme developed by the Ministry to convey a positive, pro-active approach to crime prevention during Crime Prevention Week in Ontario, Nov. 4 to 10.

According to Solicitor General George Taylor, "Crimeproofing for women and seniors is particularly important as these two groups are often viewed by criminals as being easy targets."

The Ministry has produced these checklists to increase women's and seniors' awareness of how they can become involved in crimeproofing.

Crime prevention pointers and techniques for women and seniors will also be among topics explored as part of a series of public Crimeproofing Seminars being held around the province during Crime Prevention Week. Other topics include auto theft, drug and alcohol abuse, break and enter, fraud and farm and cottage related crimes.

Although often a matter of common sense and awareness, many crimeproofing techniques are sometimes overlooked or ignored because of the time or effort involved. "The convenience to you of keeping a spare house key hidden under a mat or in a flower pot is a convenience to thieves as well," Mr. Taylor says. "Crooks know more hiding places than you."

Uncommon precautions, such as using a lipstick and the windshield of a parked car to visibly write the licence plate number of a car you suspect to be following you, are also given.

Crimeproofing checklists for women and seniors are available through local and provincial police offices and many community service groups.

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