

**In your opinion**

**Are women suited for combat?**



**Brent Phee** "Oh yeah. I don't really have anything against it. I figure if they want to go, let them." **ROB SCARROW**, 15, of Georgetown said.

"I think it's a question of choice, if they want to," **ROY RUDIGER** of Georgetown said. "I can't think of any reason why they shouldn't." He said there were women in combat positions during the last war.

"Geeze, I never really thought about it," **BRENT PHEE** of Georgetown said. "I guess it's all right, with women's liberation and all. In World War Two they used to work in the factories. Why not go out now into combat?"

"I don't really think so," **BUD SNOW** of Georgetown said. "I don't think it's a woman's place to be. It's okay if they do behind the lines work." He added it would be okay if women nurses or doctors were in the combat zones.

"I'd say no, because women aren't able to handle the physical stress. Mentally yes, but physically, they won't ever be that strong," **LINDA LEE** of Georgetown said.

**Hard worker  
Mary moving  
to England**

By **MID BRUNSKI**  
Herald Special

One of our best workers and very good friend, Mary Bowers is moving to England. Yes - to stay. We are all going to miss her. Mary has always been ready and willing to contribute her time and talents to the auxiliary whenever asked.

I have been looking back to the times we have worked together and I find that Mary has worked twice as much as I have. Helping in the background for the Christmas parties, our booth at the fair, funeral services, socials, dances etc. Mary the annual Christmas party will never be the same without you, I know that Santa will miss you too. And whoever will take your place at the annual bazaar? You will be a hard act to follow. We'll miss you working the banquets and for the skits you performed in, for the overall fun and nonsense (frivolity) of you and your faithfulness to your auxiliary.

Your participation in sports, helping with the veterans from Sunny-brooke; Mary did you realize how much you gave to your auxiliary? You will be sorely missed by your many friends and comrades and we wish you only the best of fortune in your new life. God bless you.

Zone darts was held Saturday Jan. 4 at Georgetown and the following teams were the winners: 1st Georgetown "A" team of Gwyneth Thompson, Jean Reid, Lottie Bottoms and Sharron Middleton. 2nd Georgetown "E" team of Barb Charles, Nellie Bell, Louise James and Sheila Hicks. 3rd Bramalea. Don't forget zone cribbage at Port Credit Jan. 18.

I'm happy to report that all our ladies are home from hospital and we welcome them back. Good health to you all. Don't forget our meeting tomorrow night Thursday Jan. 16. We would like to see a good turnout for this one.

**REMINDER TO MEMBERS:** The Bacardi tour, Feb. 11. A deposit of \$5 is required before Jan. 16.

**Next job for Acton hall  
second floor renovations**

By **ANI PEDERIAN**  
Herald Staff

Now that there's a tenant in the renovated Acton town hall, spirits are up over the lengthy renovation project begun in 1983.

Restoration project leader Ted Tyler said he was looking forward to finishing off the upstairs of the century-old building so that community groups can make use of it.

Shortly before the new year, the Acton Social Services and Information Centre moved into the ground floor of the town hall from their previous location on Acton's Mill Street.

"We're happy we got the information centre there," Mr. Tyler said. "It's nice to have a tenant. They're happy too."

Local seniors are interested in making use of the auditorium on the second floor for their get-togethers, the Heritage Acton chairman said.

Although Mr. Tyler has had offers that would break up the large auditorium into smaller rooms upstairs, he has turned them down. He wants the town to have an assembly hall.

Finishing off the upstairs of the town hall costs money. Donations are still coming in, Mr. Tyler said. There's also another \$20,000 allocated by the Ontario Heritage Foundation to come in.

To try and raise funds for the remaining renovation work, the Acton Residents Group has organized a Valentine's Day dance Feb. 15.

Shirley Corson said she's hoping to raise at least \$1,000 through the dance.

It's being held at the Sit-N-Bull Pub and Restaurant on Mill Street and tickets are \$25 a couple. You can get them from Ted Tyler at 853-1554, Gordon Dawe Realty at 853-3790 or from Mrs. Corson at 853-3766.

"Every little bit helps," Mrs. Corson said. "It would be nice if the town hall were completed and there were grass and trees around it."

So far, \$250,000 has been spent on the building, including the first \$2 to buy it from the town. Mr. Tyler said he couldn't estimate how much more money is needed to bring the Willow Street building up to scratch.

"We just keep plugging away when we have the money," he said. "It's a long drawn-out process. We feel a lot better now we've got a tenant."

The new tenant not only helps by bringing in an income to the town hall, but it also makes Acton merchants happy by increasing traffic flow which creates more downtown business, Mr. Tyler said.

Heritage Acton is hoping to sell back the building to the town. Mr. Tyler said he would offer it back for half the purchasing price, \$1.

Mr. Tyler would like to see a board of directors set up to operate the town hall, similar to the library board with the Halton Hills Libraries.

He said that since Heritage Acton bought the building, the town hasn't put in a cent towards restoring the town hall, even charging approximately \$1,100 for a renovation permit.

"The time has come that it would be better for us and the town, if the town owned their building again," Mr. Tyler said.

Work remaining on the building includes boxing in the beams and drywalling them, some plaster coating, sanding the floor and getting a stage that can be tucked away when it's not being used.

**Old Stone School  
next Heritage goal?**

Now that the town hall is nearly completed in Acton, is Heritage Acton interested in taking on the old Stone School on School Lane?

"My first reaction was, 'No bloody way,'" Heritage Acton Chairman Ted Tyler told The Herald. After some thought, Mr. Tyler said the group may take on that challenge, but only with the town's support.

"I can't understand why council doesn't back more people like us. Hell, you'll never get cheaper labor than for free," Mr. Tyler said.

Heritage Acton is a non-profit body governed by provincial laws with a board of directors consisting of Acton citizens.

He said he'd like this second restoration project start up with money from town council.

"I think it was awful that we had to pay for a renovation permit for the town hall," Mr. Tyler said. "Hell, we could have used the money (\$1,100). The Cultural Centre didn't have to beg like we did."

Now that the town hall project is almost finished, there's a more positive outlook towards the work of Heritage Acton, he said.

Residents who had opposed renovating the century-old building have come around and told him, "We didn't think you were going to do it," Mr. Tyler said. "Now they can see something and that it's being used."

"There's nothing worse than renovating an old building and letting it sit for the pigeons," he added.

Although co-operation from town staff was commendable during the renovation work on the Acton town hall, Mr. Tyler would like to see more of it.

"I think the town staff could have co-operated even more. I can't fault the people in the departments, but there was no direction from council to bend over backwards," the chairman said.

**Valentine dance**

Want to take your sweetheart out for a special time? Why not get tickets for the Valentine's Day dance Feb. 15 at the Sit-N-Bull Pub and Restaurant? The Acton Residents Group is hosting a hot buffet and live entertainment for \$25 a couple.

The live entertainment will be a band playing fifties and sixties music. Mrs. Corson said there will also be door prizes. "It's a good excuse to buy a new dress," she laughed. For tickets, call Ted Tyler at 853-1554, Gordon Dawe Realty at 853-3790 or Mrs. Corson at 853-3766.

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