

Acton Food Share in a "crisis situation"

By Oksana Buhel

Food banks are all suffering from difficult economic times, and Acton Food Share is no exception.

The food bank has until Dec. 31 to move out of its existing location at the old Beardmore buildings on Elgin St. in Acton. Maple Leaf Foods, which owns the property, announced Sept. 22 it will not be offering lease-renewal for the companies and organizations located on the property.

"We're looking at different solutions," explained Joan Waldie, director of the Acton Food Share board. She added there is "one hope" which is

being pursued, but nothing concrete has been settled.

She said the possible facility is much smaller than the existing one, and as a result, the food share will no longer be able to offer clothing or furniture.

Waldie was also concerned about the costs involved with relocating. "Our funds are quite low," she said, "and moving will be expensive."

Waldie has nothing but praise for the current landlord. "Maple Leaf Foods has been very, very good to us," she insisted.

Relocation and financial worries are still only a part of Acton Food share's concerns.

"Unlike the large food banks, we cannot donate enough for a two-week period," Waldie said. "We can only give enough for three or four days, depending on the size of the family."

Food bank organizers are hoping attention drawn to the situation of food banks and its recipients last Sunday, designated National Food Day, will persist.

Waldie is issuing letters to local churches and organizations, stating Acton Food Share is in a "crisis situation." She said she has seen an increase in single mothers who are depending on the food bank.

In three years, Acton Food Share has helped 5,586 families, 4,908 children and 5,658 adults. Approximately 10 volunteers help distribute supplies, but additional volunteers come in periodically to help out.

"We've had people who used to be recipients of Acton Food Share coming back a few years later and donating food and money," she commended. "Others have gone back to school or for retraining." Waldie read out several letters from grateful recipients, all praising the food bank and its work.

"It's really heartwarming work," Waldie concluded.

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Card of Thanks

Tom Gross, Tricia and Mike Banks, Jackie and Eric Ross, would like to express their sincere thanks to all those friends and neighbours who sent food to the home, sent floral tributes, phone calls, letters and cards of sympathy, and to those who made contributions to the various charities in remembrance of the loss of a wonderful wife, sister and daughter, Deborah Lea.

We would like to pay special thanks to the Jones and Son Funeral Home, and specially to Jim Jones, who came out of retirement, to help with the funeral arrangements. We would like to thank the Rev. Peter Barrow for conducting such a warm and understanding service. We would like to extend our special thanks to the Erwin Wittich family for the reception that they held at their home after the funeral.

We leave Debbie to rest in the peace of Jesus until that day when we can all be together in eternal life.

She walked in beauty - always loving - always loved.

Veterans made welcome at Branch 120

By M.G. Tutty

P.R.O. Ladies Auxiliary Branch 120

On Sunday, Nadene Bradley, 1st Vice-President Ladies Auxiliary and Chairman of Veterans Day, Ladies Auxiliary President Monica Southon and Branch 120 President Bob McNeilly, on behalf of all our members, welcomed 34 veterans, accompanied by Red Cross volunteers from Sunnybrook Hospital to our annual Veterans Day, held in the Club Room of the Branch.

The Milton Seniors Orchestra entertained all with songs from the "good ole days". Mr. Gilbert English, 102 years, from Georgetown, accompanied by his son, George, Mr. Jack Caplan, 95 years, a Vancouver resident for many years, both WW1 veterans, along with former Navy Lt. Doug Taylor, 76 years, from Guelph, former medic Ernest Rogers, 76 years and Hugh D. Chessum,

Ladies Auxiliary

71 years, both from Toronto, were among our guests who enjoyed the dinner prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Mina Armstrong, Red Cross volunteer, thanked the Branch and Ladies Auxiliary for the wonderful afternoon the veterans enjoyed and all were looking forward to next year's visit. Mina closed her kind remarks with the following "May sharing and caring add life to your years and years to your life."

Veterans Day Chairman, Nadene Bradley thanked one and all, Branch and Ladies Auxiliary for their help in making the day the success it was.

Don't forget, ladies, your general meeting will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. Love to see you all there!

Friday, Oct. 29 Ladies Auxiliary Pub Night - tickets for this entertaining evening are going—going—just about

gone!

In closing this report I would like to congratulate Barbie Jo Reid and Marion McGugan who won zone prizes at the social darts held last Saturday at Brampton. We had five dart teams entered but better luck next time, ladies, as the Georgetown teams did not enter the winners' circle. Bramalea B came 1st, Bramalea E came 2nd and Oakville C came 3rd and high score of 140 Bramalea.

Saturday, Oct. 30, Social Crib in Brampton: Nov. 13/Social Crib in Brampton and Nov. 27 District Bowling in Brantford — Echo Lanes two shifts.

It is with sorrow that we report the passing of long time Ladies Auxiliary member Anne Henney, in her 98th year. "Servant of God, well done, Thy Glorious warfares past, The battle's fought, The

victory won, and Thou art crowned at last." We extend our sympathy to her family.

Dance tickets going fast

By Betty Sojka

The service this past Sunday at the United Church was extra special. Michael and Cameron, sons of Elaine and David Short, were baptized.

Mrs. Betty Kooperdraad held the October Women's Institute meeting at her home. This evening meeting had Doreen Burt presiding over it. Ada Kirkwood held a quiz on herbs and spices. Current events was given by Alma Sinclair, who also gave the motto, "A vision come true because someone resolves to see it through". Besides regular business, much of the meeting was taken up with the discussion of the upcoming W.I. area meeting.

The euchre crowd grew a little from the last one to eight tables, which pleased organizers.

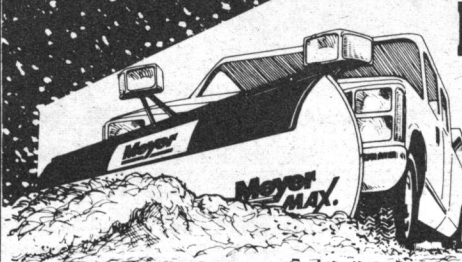
Alice MacDonald's score of 86 gave her the High Lady's prize. There was a tie for 2nd place in High Lady's when Cathy Humphries and Pat Taillifer both had a score of 91. Dave Humphries' 90 points earned him second place. The booby prize went to Norma Elliott whose score was 52. These are all great close scores. Lovely sandwiches and desserts provided by Jean Buston and Marlene Burnett were very much enjoyed.

Ballinafad News

The Halloween Dance tickets are going awfully fast. It would be wise to slip into the Ballinafad General Store to pick yours up. The way they are going, there may not

be any left to sell at the door on dance night, Oct. 30. The fun starts at 9 p.m. and tickets are only \$7.50 per person. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes in a variety of categories. J.V. will be the D.J. for the night.

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The Media: Many thanks to the sports desks of Halton Hills This Week and The Georgetown Independent for excellent coverage over the season.

Our Volunteers: It could not have happened without the commitment and participation of our many coaches, managers, convenors and referees. To all of you our deepest appreciation and thanks. A special recognition to our convenors: Rhonda Velten, Judy Latto-Hall, Ruth Taylor, Elaine Edwards, June Roy, Helen Bilik and to our referee convenor Rick Timmings.

The Executive: The season ran smoothly due to the hard work of the present executive - Steven Lee (president), Roger Roy (V.P. Girls & Acting President), Peter Heald (Boys Commissioner), Gail Houghton (Registrar), Cathy Jubenville (Treasurer), June Roy (Girls Commissioner), Rick Timmings (Referee Organizer), Bruce Murchison (Equipment), Christine Williams (Secretary), Lindsay Baines, George Baines, Colin Royce (Directors).

Please note our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for November 3rd, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. at Alcott Arena. Everyone who wishes to participate next season should attend and volunteer. We will be electing the executive at this meeting and anyone interested in a position should attend.