

## Standing on the corner, watching all the ?'s go by

Hey man, I've spent TEN good years in Acton, not two, as stated in the Aug. 11 issue. We'll blame the production room gremlins for that inaccuracy.

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Had fun at the Leathertown Festival acting, along with Ina Peterson, as a tour-guide on the double-decker bus. I learned a lot about this little town and the homes along the route. The bus itself was built in England in 1965 and was brought to Canada this year. Also sold tickets on the Golden Age Club Draw and want to thank all those who bought. It was great talking to and watching people; also got a bang out of all the painted faces of the youngsters - wonder if mom had a hard time to get them to wash it all off?

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Talking of people-watching, I used to envy the men who could stand on the street corners doing just that because it's something I couldn't do. A woman standing on a street corner meant only one

### Seniors Scene

With Pat Giguere



thing — she sure wasn't watching people. I remember getting my husband to park on the main street so I could sit in the car while he went in for a beer. People passed by talking to themselves, poor clothes or beautiful, in a hurry or just sauntering along. And then came the Mall! Ah, there a woman can sit down to rest or have a cigarette (yeah, I'm one of those "sinful" people) or just people watch. It's great!

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That was quite a storm we had a week ago, Friday night. Kinda scary! Went over to the corner store around nine to see the sun going down in full glory and looked back over my shoulder to see dark-

ness and lightning. Weird! But weirder still was the story I heard of a lady driving home to Milton who saw a beautiful rainbow and lightning at the same time. It all reminded me of a time I was on my way to Calgary at the end of June driving along one minute in sunshine, then through a snowstorm and then into more sunshine. You couldn't see a hand in front of you yet you wouldn't dare pull-over because you didn't know if there was a car there already. The weather sure is fickle but it's a good subject for conversation.

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They say that writers get their best ideas during the night and so should keep a note pad and pencil beside the bed; that's what I should have done last night. I had subjects come to mind to put in this article but right now I can't remember what they were. Ah well, c'est la vie!

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Acton Golden Age Club will resume meetings on Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 2 pm, at the Luxton Hall, in St. Alban's Anglican Church in Acton. It is requested that you put your dues in an envelope which has your name, address and telephone number written on it.

Wednesday, Sept. 16, the meeting will be preceded by a potluck supper at 6 pm. Normally, our meetings are held on the third Wednesday each month at 7.30 pm. We welcome seniors (60 years and over) to join us.



Acton Children's Librarian Marie Vickery presents 11-year-old Rachelle Taylor with a T-shirt for reading the most books of the 117 Acton children who joined the Summer Reading Club. Rachelle, of Elmore Drive, read 37 books. (Frances Niblock photo)

## Acton Parent-Aid group strikes delicate balance

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

On a regular basis, parents of teens attending Acton High get together to compare notes and commiserate on the trials and tribulations of raising teenagers.

In the four months since it began, the Parent-aid support group has provided a forum for frustrated parents to discuss and share their experiences with raising teens.

Halton Board of Education social worker Harvey Lemon says the group started with a few parents who wanted someone to talk to who was facing the same thorny, teen issues of balancing controls and responsibility, dealing with substance abuse, truancy and peer pressures.

"The parents remind each other that they aren't the worst parents in the world if they handle something badly. They trade stories and suggestions to help each other deal with their teens in a positive manner," Lemon said last week. The group's main goal is to help parents maintain good communications with their teens, not to give up on them and to help and encourage other parents.

The group's next meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 16 at Acton High School.

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