

## WORD'S WORTH

With Eric Balkind



### Oh! Oh! Our slip is showing

Received a thoughtful comment from "An interested hometown reader" whose letter you can read elsewhere on this page. As the result, I checked back over the story in question — Ms. Carolyn Gibson's time and experiences in Japan and, no doubt about it, our reader has a point.

The article on Carolyn (in the Aug. 18 edition) concentrated on what she had learned, during her stay, which would help her to bridge the gap between two different cultures; but readers certainly did not learn much about the daily round of life in Japan; in that regard, we missed the mark. Sometime when Ms. Gibson is back in town we hope to visit with her again and — that will be a different story.

By the way, readers who knew what they were looking at, may have recognised (from our photo) the fact that Carolyn earned a much-coveted black belt at Judo during her two year stay. In a sport which is, in Japan, largely the domain of men and boys this was no small accomplishment for a young, fair-haired western woman. Well done, Carolyn.

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Great to read that finally, the NHL board of governors is instigating a long overdue, crackdown on fighting in the NHL. In my opinion they haven't gone far enough; fighting in the league should be banned — period! Those players who insist on fighting should be given a free set of gloves and redirected towards the nearest convenient, boxing ring.

Apart from the fact that I enjoy watching games of skill which are not spoiled by goon tactics, I am even more concerned at the example set for young players by the roughnecks and boors, in so many of today's spectator sports.

The likes of Mike Peluso and Stu Grimson have nothing of value to teach our youth and we would surely be better off without them. Of course, we could put an end to the crummy sportsmanship demonstrated by such folk with the addition of one simple action — requisition 10% of their money everytime they step way out of line. In other words — shape up or go broke!

Come to think about it, by taking such an approach we could pay for the new, Acton arena in no time flat. Think about it.

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Hate to see the end of summer but September is here today and, just three weeks from now, the Acton Agricultural Society will be waiting to welcome you to our own, fall fair. did you know that 1992 is the 200th anniversary of fairs in Ontario? Be sure you join us at the Acton Fall Fair on the weekend of Sept. 18, 19 and 20 for the greatest show in town.

## Wit & Wisdom

Just when you thought you knew it all, someone comes along with a new definition (perhaps we should say interpretation or even convolution) for a wellknown word. Try the following on for size and you'll know what we mean.

**Acrobat** — The only man who can do what everyone else would like to do — pat himself on the back.

**Block** — The distance between some people's ears.

**Canoe** — An object that acts like a small boy — it behaves better when paddled from the rear.

**Dough** — A misnomer for money; dough sticks to your fingers.

**Egotist** — A man who is fascinated with himself.

**Fisherman** — One who drops the fish a line but seldom hears from them.

**Hide and sick** — A game played on any ocean liner by the passengers.

**Lend me your ears** — A phrase used by Marc Antony and the parents of ten million six-year-olds.



## LETTERS

### Reader wants more

Dear Editor:

I look forward to the Tanner arriving every Tuesday and I read it page by page.

I was interested in the article on Carolyn Gibson as it was really news to learn that she had been in

### Quick Response

The Town of Acton ...

Does someone out there recognise these few words? They are just a small part of an anonymous letter sent our way. We are delighted to receive letters but all letters must be signed. Kindly note however, that on request and where appropriate, we do protect the identity of writers.

Editor

### Acton Legion Branch 197 News

BY MIKE MATTOCKS

W. A. McEachren's name was pulled for the Weekly Loonie Draw. Unfortunately, he was not signed in so the carry-over now becomes \$159.

Winners of the Aug. 22 Meat Draw were:

Early Birds: J. Window, H. Badham.

Regular Draws: E. Cooper, F. Shultis, J. Window (3), J. Mountford, A. Irwin, M. Piehl, J. Robson, A. Green, J. Arnold, M. Higgins.

Large Prize: F. Power.

Euchre Winners Aug. 13 were:

Japan for two years; I was pleased to hear that she arrived home safely.

However, I wanted to read more. i.e., is the normal school day different than in Ontario? Do the children behave differently? Was the food different? How was her social life while there?

An interested Hometown reader  
Frances Marcoux

P.S. Please keep the interesting articles on our home-grown people coming.



The News We  
Print Has  
Something for  
Everyone

I. Nicholls, D. Tournour, E. Thatcher, T. Barden, E. Hower.

### Sports Events

Acton's Mens' and Ladies' Industrial Dart League sign-up sheets are now posted. Please sign up early to allow the executive to set the format.

Men' Draw Doubles on Sept. 15 and 22. League starts on Sept. 29.

### Entertainment

Sept. 19 — Elimination Draw and Dance  
Tickets are \$5 each, available at the bar. \$1450. in prizes. Dance to the music of the Peel Regional Band.

See you at the Branch!

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