

GRAPE VINE

Waikiki Wally

Lucky Wally Ella of Acton and wife Doris are heading to the hot, sunny beaches of Hawaii after winning first prize in the Acton and Georgetown seniors' fund raising lottery.

Second prize, a four-day trip to Las Vegas for two, went to Marg O'Flaherty and Josie Tost, both of Georgetown.

The winning names were drawn by Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller on New Year's Eve at the Civic Centre in Georgetown.

The draw was organized by Acton and Georgetown seniors to raise money for seniors centres in both towns. Acton's share, \$2,500, will help turn the old Bower Avenue firehall into a seniors' centre.

Willow Lane changing hands

The legal wheels are in motion involving the sale of Acton's Willow Lane Natural Foods.

Marj and Vince Thornton are retiring to Warton and Annie and Harry Kerkhof are "checking out" the business for a month after making an offer to buy it.

Annie will be familiar to shoppers as she has been a customer since it opened 13 years ago.

The store was originally called Emily's Natural Foods but was renamed in a customer contest 11 years ago.

Owner Marj Thornton says Annie is working behind the coun-

ter and "trying it out" to see if she likes it.

Harry Kerkhof says the deal is still at a very preliminary stage but he hopes it all goes through.

Clothing store moving?

The owner of an Acton clothing store is seriously considering a request to move to a rural Guelph speciality store which is planning an expansion.

The proposal is in the very preliminary stages but the Mill Street merchant says the move may happen because there is not enough business to keep him in town.

Business as usual at X-Ray

The uncertainty continues for staff at the Acton X-Ray clinic on Mill Street. Late in the summer, the owners, Diagnostic Imaging Associates (DIA) of Windsor, told staff the clinic would be sold.

As the sale deadline was extended at least three times, worried staff complained they were being kept in the dark, and still are.

Insiders report talks between DIA and an interested radiologist are continuing, so a sale may still be in the works.

Calling all couch potatoes

Fitness is just a toll-free phone call away for out-of-shape Actonites.

The YMCA's fitness classes are underway but there is still time to sign up for the 10-week session.

There are classes Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9 to 10 at St. Alban's Church. The evening classes, which are co-ed, are Monday and Wednesday nights from 7 to 8 pm at McKenzie-Smith School.

Babysitting is available and the one-class-a-week cost is \$35.31.

For more information call 1-800-265-2689.



DIAMOND DAMSELS: Acton's Marguerite Spielvogel (nee Ryder) who supplied this photo to the Tanner, fondly remembers her teammates on the Halton County Ladies' Softball team of 1925. The team won the Guelph Winter Fair Tournament and the Mercury Cup that year. Shown here, front row from left, are Lottie Mason (Acton), Glayds Bymerman, Kate Norton, Babe Thompson, Thelma Lamb and Hazel Mason (Acton). Middle row from left, Marguerite Ryder (Acton), Stella Elsley, Reta Tost, Verna Campbell and Betty Drysdale. Back row, from left, manager B. Randall, Violet Rumley (Acton) and county agricultural representative R.R. Fleming.

What Christmas is all about

Well, it's all over for another year. Santa came, 1993 is upon us and now comes the paying of the bills. It's sad too that all the beauty of the Christmas lights has disappeared. Mine are still up but will come down after Little Christmas. We sure need something to cheer us in this dismal weather.

Went to bed New Year's Eve thinking, "Shux, I didn't win the trip to Hawaii," sponsored by the Acton-Georgetown senior centres committees but was happy to hear that Acton's Wally Ella had. The trip to Las Vegas was won by J. Toast of Georgetown.

The Acton Golden Age Club

meetings began on Jan. 5. Don't forget to bring a \$5 gift for the auction to be held on Wed., Jan. 20.

To get back to Christmas, I received a lot of lovely things from family and friends, but the one that really got to me was a little box, very prettily wrapped, with a tag that read:

Seniors Scene

With Pat Giguere



*This is a very special gift
That you can never see.
The reason it's so special is
It's just for you from me.*

*Whenever you are lonely
Or even feeling blue.
You only have to hold this gift
And know I think of you.*

*You never can unwrap it.
Please leave the ribbon tied
Just hold the box close to your heart
It's filled with love inside.*

And that's what Christmas is all about. Love of god and love of your fellow man.

Loonie draw tops \$1,037 this week!

Well the information on the Loonie Draw is the same. Nobody enjoyed the prize money for extra Christmas presents. This week J.J. Jennings's name was pulled and had not signed in. The carry-over is now \$1,037, and if that isn't something positive to start out the New Year with, I don't know what is.

Euchre during the holiday period was cancelled, but will start again on Thursday, Jan. 7. We are attracting quite a crowd from other legions, so come on out and take the opportunity to make some new friends.

Meat Draw Winners on Jan. 2 — Early Bird Draws, Gord McCutcheon, won both draws.

Regular Winners — Dan Dolliver, John McNabb, Dave Thompson, Rita Rowsell, Allison Willmott, Gloria Barker, Ken Hilditch, Herb Spitzer, Margaret Spitzer, Pat Chamberlain, Jean Earle and Merle Deare.

Large Prize Winner — Dave Thompson.



Coming Events:

January 9 — Zone Cribbage, Branch 197.

January 16 — Ladies Auxiliary Dinner.

January 31 — Super Bowl Party — Pre-sold tickets available for a hot meal at \$5 each. Please buy your meal tickets ahead of time, so

we have some idea of quantities. Tickets are available at the bar until Jan. 23.

Special Note

January 11, 1993. This is our first General Meeting of 1993 and it would be nice to see a strong response from our membership. This Branch belongs to each and every member, and there is no better way to find out what is going on, than to attend a General Meeting. Mark it on your calendar, and come out. Again, the date is Monday, January 11.

Best Wishes to you and yours for a Happy New Year!
See you at the Branch!

HEY!

Do you think 1993 will be a better year?

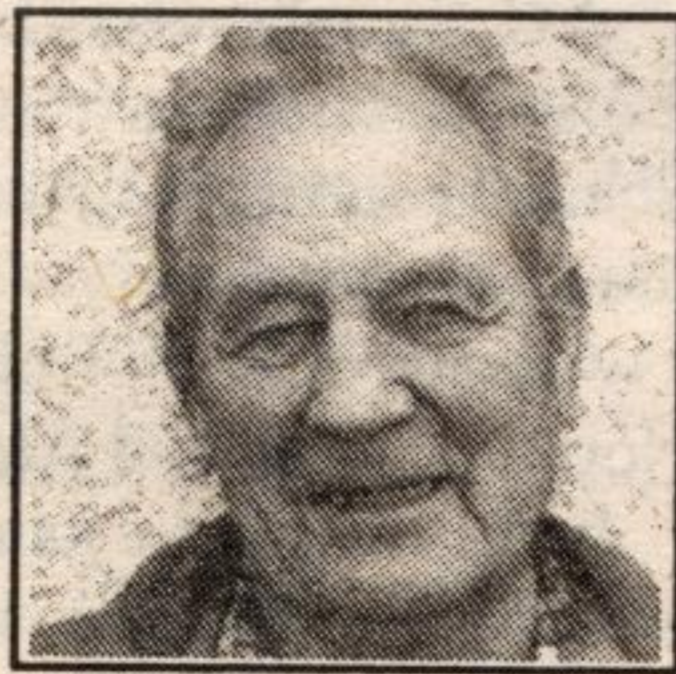


"I believe it will be a better year all 'round and I hope so too. I don't believe it can get any worse — it has to get better. You have to be optimistic; you can't go around down all the time. You have to be up."

Bob Heaps, R.R. 3, Acton

"I'm always optimistic. I like to look ahead and think that everything will be OK. I'm a plumber by trade and things have been really good for me but, for some, it's been a tough go. I don't think things can get any worse."

Walter Barlow, Church Street



"I just hope it's a better year than this one was. I didn't have a really bad year but my boyfriend was laid off until March. I'm at home with two kids. Things are bound to get better because I don't think they can get much worse."

Marlene Filder, Churchill Road

"Oh, I hope it's a good year. I think it will be. It can't get any worse. Personally I don't know anyone who had a really tough time but the overall general economic picture is not good. I suppose it could get worse, but I hope not."

Barbara Berry, Cobblehill Road



Dear Editor,
"On behalf of all the agencies, community groups, and individuals involved in the provision of Christmas Hampers for the needy,

I would like to express sincerest thanks to a very generous community. You gave food, toys, monetary gifts, and a host of other items, all wrapped in love and caring concern. Just over 300 families in town are the recipients of your goodwill. Thank You to the citizens of our town for your unselfish interest in the needs of others.

Wade Budgell, Captain Salvation Army