

GRAPE VINE

Elizabeth's Fashions folds

The poor economy, a desire to work less and a change in family circumstances combined to force the closing of Elizabeth's Fashions and the Sears outlet on Mill Street.

Cheryl Donoghue, who ran the store four years for her mother Elizabeth, said it was a tough decision because they don't want to disappoint their loyal customers. "We do have a number of Acton shoppers who already come to the Georgetown store and we hope more will make the drive."

Sears officials are currently scouting out possible new locations for the catalogue outlet. Elizabeth's will close Saturday, Jan. 30 and Sears hopes to have a new location for the first of February.

Good News!

Rumours among local duffers that Blue Springs Golf pro Shelley Woolner had left Acton are untrue.

Woolner, and assistant pro Bob McClure of Acton, are spending the winter playing golf at the Indoor Sports Dome in Oakville.

Woolner is operating her winter golf school at the dome and will be back at Blue Springs in spring.

I can see clearly now

People in developing countries will be seeing better, thanks to the generosity of Acton residents who donated their old eyeglasses to the Acton Lions' "Give the Gift of

Sight" campaign.

The glasses will be checked and repaired and sent to poor countries for people who can't afford them.

Safety check

Wouldn't it be nice to have somebody looking out for you? Well, Acton's letter carriers are prepared to do just that.

In conjunction with Acton Social Services and Information Centre (ASSIC), the posties have set up Letter Carriers Alert.

If you register with the program, letter carriers will watch for mail or newspapers left at your door, or other signs that you might need help. This will be reported to ASSIC officials, who will make sure you receive help.

Those eligible include seniors and disabled persons door-to-door or rural postal delivery.

For information call 853-3310.

Education is ageless

From computers to mathematics to communications, the Halton Board of Education's winter to summer adult continuing education program has something for everyone.

Registration is underway for the credit and non-credit programs, offered at 24 locations in Halton.

For a program guide, or information, call 878-1240.

Want to help?

Energetic and committed volunteers are needed to help out at Acton's Oasis social-recreation program for people with mental health problems.

The group meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Saturdays in the Beardmore plant. For details call Kim at 853-4477.



STAR CARRIERS: Tanner carriers, clockwise from left rear: Becky Chapman, Jamie Birrell, Emily Barens, Greg Barens and Eddy Hess receive their prizes for being the top sellers of Tanner subscriptions during our recent drive. Congratulations and thank-you to all our hard-working carriers. (Paul Nolan photo)

Trashy television a real turn-off

Did something this morning I never do and that was to watch TV talk shows. Actually I turned on the TV to find out what the temperature was (-10) and flipped the channel and caught the Jerry Springer Show where he was interviewing two young girls. One was a topless dancer and the other, a topless bachelor party girl who had her boyfriend with her. Then halfway through, three men came on who made their living by nudeness -- one was an accountant, another a bartender and the third was a housekeeper who went to work and took their clothes off. My, My!

Then Sally Raphael came on with her show based on Love Is Where You Find It. She interviewed a couple where the man was 92 and the woman 42 -- she was a former Playboy Bunny. Then the next couple was a woman of 30-something and her husband wobbled on the stage and he was 97. The third couple was where the live-in boyfriend was 21 years younger than she. How can people waste their time watching garbage like that? Then in the evening,

there's nothing but violence, crime, and sex shows. No wonder there is so much mayhem in the world. I'm sure a lot of the crimes today copy what is seen on TV. I'm no prude but I think we can do without a lot of the junk that is on TV these days.

As a smoker, and I have been for 50 years, I feel I am being discriminated against. Doesn't the Bill of Rights apply to us? Heck, if everyone stopped smoking there'd be a real outcry -- taxes and the cost of living would go sky high. Every time I buy a carton of cigarettes I'm putting about \$50 into the government coffers. In one year the government gets over seven billion dollars from the sale of cigarettes. If that goes, where will the money

come from, you non-smokers?

Sure you say the medical system will be affected because of cancer and emphysema but right now I'd say it will increase because of AIDS. The medical costs are up too because of people and doctors who abuse the system. I go to the doctor once, or at the most twice a year -- I do go for my annual examination -- and from observation I am lot healthier than a lot of other people whom I'm subsidizing by my habit.

People are dying from cancer who have never put a cigarette in their mouth and it's not from second -- hand smoke but it's from our environment -- car exhaust, diesel fumes and yes, maybe even from volcanic eruptions which they blame our bad weather on -- it gives off a lot of sulphuric gas so it too must affect our health.

I would however advise the young people not to start smoking -- it's an expensive addiction and one very hard to break.

But enough of moralizing or whatever; I've got to go clean off my car so I can go bowling.

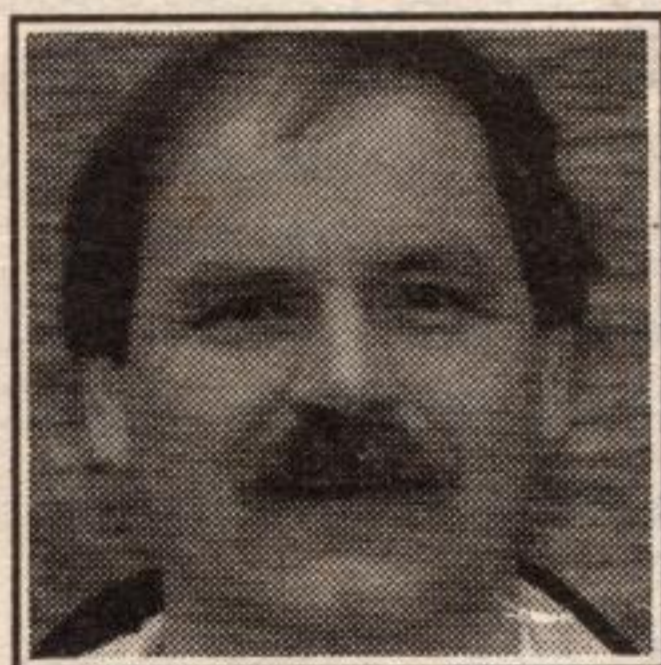
Seniors Scene

With Pat Giguere



HEY!

Do you think the Town should extend garbage collection to the rural area?



"I live in town and my taxes help pay for the garbage collection. I think if the rural area gets regular pickup, they should pay for it the same as we do in town."

Al Cunneynworth, Main Street



"I think that everybody should pay the same amount for each bag of garbage they want to get rid of. If the rural people want regular collection, they should pay like we do."

Henry Harmsma, Agnes Street



"I think the Town should do whatever will get the garbage off the street. Look at all junk along the roads. Charging rural people to get rid of their garbage will make it worse."

Joyce Smith, Elizabeth Drive



"Everyone pays taxes and where you live should not make a difference in how much you pay. I think rural residents should pay their fair share."

Joan Hannaby, John Street

Branch 197 represented at District Curling

LEGION NEWS

BY MIKE MATTOCKS

Margaret Beetham missed out on the Lonnie Draw on Jan. 9, which means it is really starting to climb. The carry-over for next week is \$1,187. Nice win for someone.

Euchre winners on Jan. 7 were: Louise Lindsay, Max Storey, Mike Manuel, Helen Quinn and Lille Given.

Meat Draw winners on Jan. 9: Early Bird — Gord McCutcheon and Pearl Baker.

Regular Draws — Reta Rowsell, Gord McCutcheon, Bill Shierds, Bonnie Kirkwood, Bill Allen, Joan Conway, Bill Allen, Annette Koen,

Jean Earl, Dave Capperault, Ed Edison and Roy Wedge.

Large Prize — M. Shorty.

District Curling

Branch 197 was represented by two teams in the District B Curling Bonspiel on Jan. 9. Peter Vidler, Bob Reid, Carl Rosenquest and Mike Mattocks formed one team, while Ron Sheehan, Al Avery, Gerry Dick and Gus Jeffrey were on the other team. Congratulations to Peter Vidler's team, who came home as winners of the District B event. This team is now eligible to play in the Provincials in



February.

Coming Events

Jan. 16: Ladies Auxiliary Dinner — This dinner is in appreciation for the contribution of the Ladies Auxiliary during

the year. The dinner is served by the executive of the branch.

Jan. 31: Super Bowl Party — This is a great way to participate in Super Bowl Sunday, without a mess to clean up the next day. It is not too late to sign up for the dinner at \$5 each. Dinner tickets cut-off is on Jan. 23, so make sure you sign up for the dinner now.

See you at the Branch!