

## Ongoing saga of my friendly raccoon

After attending the 60th wedding anniversary of Jean and Bruce Leitch I came home, and as it was such a nice day, changed into my work clothes to clean up my balcony.

### Seniors Scene

With Pat Giguere



I had all the furniture covered in plastic and piled up in one corner over which I had draped the carpet in a very haphazard fashion. I no-

ticed that one part had fallen off and thought maybe the wind had caught it, but on second thought maybe it was that smart raccoon.

Well, you can imagine my surprise when I pulled the carpet back and the raccoon scampered off to hide amongst the furniture. Ah, that was a problem — what should I do? So I pulled the furniture out a bit and the raccoon took off. I checked the balcony next door and it wasn't to be seen. I went on to uncover the furniture, vacuum the rug and put everything in place. Then got out the Lysol spray and sprayed the furniture and the rug.

I checked over the next few days and there's been no sign of the cute little beastie. I'm sure it was miffed when it had no carpet to curl up and sleep under in the daytime.

I had been warned they could be dangerous but this one just

seemed to be scared stiff. Guess I was lucky.

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Monday was the final day of the bowling season for the Acton Golden Age Club with fun bowling in the afternoon and a banquet at night. The Golden Age Club is affiliated with the Ontario Five-Pin Bowlers Association and the National Golden Age Bowlers Club.

It was a successful '92-93 season with the Cardinals, consisting of Grace Robertson (captain), Pearl Baker, Willmer Davidson, Ruby Sullivan, Annie Leslie and Christina Robertson, with 181 as Ladies' High Average and George Lee with 175 as Men's High Average. Ladies' Single went to Pat Giguere with a 250 and Men's to Ross Smart with a score of 269. Ladies High Single with handicap

went to Anna Arnold with 288, while Wes Fountain took the Men's High Single with handicap with a score of 304. Bill Thompson with 529 and Kathleen Tulk with 623 came out as winners of the High Triples and Jane Hodge with 720 and Orv Brown with 733 came out on top of the High Triples with handicap.

The incoming executive for the '93-94 season is: president — May Hoare; secretary — Pat Giguere and treasurer — Alice Leech, with team captains being Kathleen Tulk, Jessie Roden, Elma Braida, Ilio Marzo and Pat Giguere.

## A Novel Idea at M.Z.

### M.Z. BENNETT NEWS

BY LUCAS GREEN

M.Z. Bennett is in the middle of preparations for a big school-wide production called "A Novel Idea." Mrs. Mattell's Grade 1 and 2 class and Mr. Mashinter's Grade 4 class have teamed up to present a scene from the novel "Anne of Green Gables." Ms. Dunnet's Grade 1 and 2 and Mr. Waitson's Grade 4 and 5 class are doing something from "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." Mrs. Bannerman's class and Mrs. Spencer's class have joined to present parts of "Oliver Twist." Mrs. Graham's and Miss Lawson's classes have worked hard on some interesting songs and dances from "The Little Mermaid."

Teachers and students are all busy making props and costumes, practicing lines and rehearsing the songs and dances for each presentation. Mr. Snider, our principal, is becoming very polished at juggling his many jobs. Between pianist, song director, assisting in carpentry, stage building, etc., he hardly has time to do his real job. Actually he has shown himself to be a miracle man, for everything is functioning smoothly even with all the upset in routine.

The students at M.Z. Bennett, the teachers and the students yet to attend M.Z. Bennett owe a huge amount to Mr. Shrubsole and Mr. Waitson. They have been the driving force behind the creation of a beautiful new stage which we can take down when necessary and then reassemble when needed. We realize that it has taken much extra time and energy to do this and we thank them. Another big "Thank You" is extended to all of the wonderful parents who so kindly helped with anything teachers and students needed.

Our Big Event, "A Novel Idea," takes place both Wednesday and Thursday nights, May 5 and 6.

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## Spring Bicycle Safety

It's spring time in Acton and that means it's time to get that bicycle out, pump up those tires, oil that chain, tighten those brakes, then you will be ready to enjoy the season!

The bicycle season can be enjoyed by all if the safety rules are followed. Parents, it is up to you to set the example, remember under the Highway Traffic Act, a bicycle is a vehicle and is subject to the same rules of the road as an automobile. For example, a bicycle must stop at a stop sign or a red light, and must be ridden on the right side of the road. Riding two on a bicycle is an offence, as is attaching oneself to a vehicle. All these rules of the road are subject to a penalty of \$90 or a juvenile court appearance.

The Town of Halton Hills has also enacted by-laws which affect the operation of bicycles. By-law 84-1, part II, section 4, states "no person shall drive a bicycle along any sidewalk."

A breach of these by-laws can result in a fine of \$55 for each offence. I hope all the bicycle riders will follow the rules and have a safe season.

Now I am going home to practice for the third annual, 15-kilometre, Halton Hills Bike-A-Thon, being held on May 30!

Watch this spot next week for a complete list of the Rules of the Road.

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