

# Food shortage over — for now

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The Acton Tanner

"It was like a party all day long!"

By noon Saturday, half-way through the garage sale fundraiser to stock empty FoodShare shelves with meals for Acton's needy, FoodShare Coordinator Loretta Duclos labeled the effort a great success and compared it to a party.

"Our target was \$500 and we raised it by 1:30 pm, so we were very pleased," said Duclos of the 9 am to 4 pm garage sale in the olde Hide House parking lot.

"I had goose bumps and tears in my eyes when I heard. It's so desperately needed this time of year with the bare shelves and the need out there," she said.

Total cash raised was \$582.60, plus 178 pounds of donated food worth \$300.

A break-in last month at FoodShare turned a critical food shortage into an emergency, with only baby food left on the shelves. But with Saturday's cash and food donations, and a contribution by a hot dog stand set up nearby, the garage sale raised nearly \$900.

Duclos praised the 10 FoodShare volunteers for the high spirits and dedication she said was typical of the group, and praised the community for their continued generosity in such tough economic times.

"The people were wonderful. Many dropped off cash donations and didn't ask for anything,

brought food donations and didn't ask for anything, or traded food for the garage sale items," said Duclos.

Puzzles, books, and knick-knacks were the fastest sellers, and volunteers started loading the items at 6:30 that morning. They brought seven pick-up trucks of items, and when the sale ended had about two-and-a-half truck-loads left, mostly furniture.

Former FoodShare coordinator, Sandra Snyder, said the donations keep coming but the need is always there, so she hoped another fund-raiser could be organized this summer.



**BUSY HANDS:** Colouring door knob dials was just one project at the Library's Friday afternoon Arts and Crafts Drop-in last week. Busy were, left to right, Mallory Dayman, 9, Sarah Angell, 10, and Jennifer Gerrow, 10. (Tim Morgetroyd photo)

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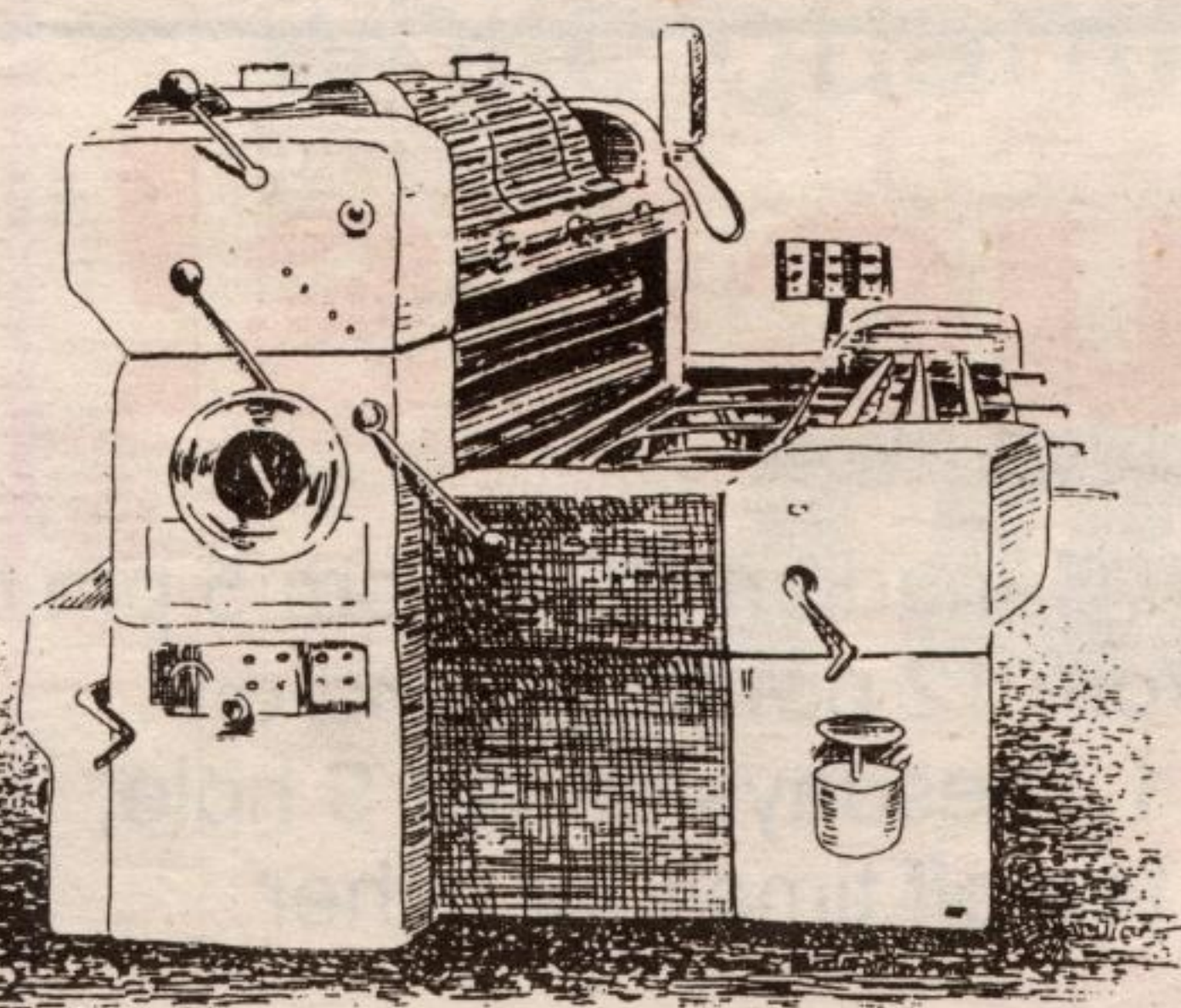
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# NEWS SHORTS

## Acton man jailed

A 27-year-old Acton man has been charged with assaulting a 33-year-old Georgetown woman Friday morning, and failing to comply with parole, police say.

Police report the woman suffered scratches and bruises during the assault in her Georgetown home in the early hours of July 9, during what police describe as a domestic situation.

The accused was arrested Friday evening and taken to 11 Division's jail, where he has been held for a bail hearing this week.

## Car vandalized

A red 1991 Pontiac Grand Prix parked on Acton Boulevard was found covered with green paint Friday morning, police say.

A woman woke up to discover her car vandalized as she went to get in the vehicle at 6:30 am. Police report the red vehicle had been vandalized by someone who poured thick green paint all over the roof, windshield and hood.

The woman had to clean off the paint and go to her car dealer for new windshield wipers and minor parts. The investigation is continuing.

## CD Player stolen

The thief who broke into a vehicle parked on Acton Boulevard Sunday afternoon got away with a Sony portable CD player and accessories, police say.

Police report the break-in occurred between noon and 6 pm. The total value of stolen merchandise is \$500.

Police provided no other details of the crime, and are still investigating.

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