

# GRAPE VINE

## Motorcycles fixed

If you're ever stuck getting parts for motorcycles that are now collector's items, a new store in Acton can probably help. Flathead Indian Motorcycle Shop at 265 Main St. has just opened, and owner Ralph Digirolamo specializes in motorcycles built before 1960.

Ralph rebuilds old Harleys and Indian models and, if he can't hunt down the parts, rebuilds them from scratch. The shop has been open a month and is across the street from Leathertown Lumber.

## Bird lover

Neighbours say the painting of the front of Mill Street's Doll Emporium won't be finished until the owner's babies leave the nest.

The owner discovered a bird's nest by the top left corner of her store-front and didn't have the heart to disturb the nest, so the scaffolding was taken down.

The pink paint won't be covering the bare patch of wood you see until the baby birds grow and leave their nest.

## Missing Harry

The squirrels he once fed on his daily walks still miss Harry Chamberlain, and so do townspeople. His sister Elsie has passed along word to local merchants he will be

out of hospital soon following a recent bad fall.

## Just sports cards?

Last week a lady brought boxes of TV Guides she has been collecting since Day 1 to the Sports Card Connection on Mill Street. She had every issue since 1951, and owner Gene Clarke remarked how surprising it is that people will collect anything.

He noted they also don't always realize when they have something collectable and valuable and throw it away. If you come across any really old TV Guides while cleaning your attic give him a call before throwing them out.

## Acton souvenir shop

The first place the Japanese exchange students went in Acton was the post office, and they weren't looking for Elvis stamps.

They did want souvenirs to take home, and when the organizer of the visit gave one of the girls the choice of one regular stamp or two pretty stamps, she took the pretty stamps. Considering the cost of the trip, stamp collecting is getting more expensive every year.

## Finish school

Teen moms who never got their high school diploma can sign up now to get their certificate at no cost. Child care is provided free of charge while they get their degree.

Classes run from Monday to Friday, 1 to 4 pm. Phone Acton Baptist Church at 853-0690 for more information and get signed up now for the September session.



**IN WITH THE NEW:** Demik Construction of Hamilton was busy on Friday installing three 40,000-litre gas tanks on the old Beaver gas station site. A new Beaver station with a car wash, along with a Tim Hortons, will occupy the site, which is set to be complete by the first week of September. (Doug Harrison photo)

# Warm welcome for Japanese students

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The Acton Tanner

It's been a week of surprises for the 38 Japanese exchange students visiting Acton and area.

Having just left a country so crowded only millionaires can afford to play on scarce golf courses, the local communities that residents consider small seem like storybook fantasies to the Japanese.

"They are just overwhelmed by the size of the country. They say again and again how big the country is," said organizer Marilyn Rognvaldson Monday, reviewing her students' first impressions. "When she took the seven students in the Acton group to Acton's IGA store last week "they were just amazed at how big it was. I told them it's not that big, but one of the girls said, 'In Japan this is very big.'"

After being introduced to their beaming host families last Tuesday at Georgetown High School, one student mixed the few English words she knew with delicate gestures to indicate she had read about Canada being cold.

Instead it turned out to be as warm as the welcome they received after their 26-hour trip from Tokyo. "They were whipped by the time they were picked up by

their host families," recalled Rognvaldson.

"When the host families came in I didn't know which were more thrilled, scared and excited — the host families or the students. The families were craning their necks and trying to dodge around each other to match pictures with faces.

There was this mad scramble to get to each other that was really touching," she said.

Last week the students had everything from a backyard Acton barbecue to a tourists' eye-view of Niagara Falls. This week will include stops at a local McDonalds.

## Government has spawned hatred

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work out their differences with common sense until the governments stepped in and began to pit one against the other. The funding of minority groups and legislation that puts white males in the position of second class citizens have done more to spawn hatred than anything else ever could have done.

If a person truly is bigoted, it is doubtful if his feelings can be changed by legislation and why should he be harassed anyway for his feelings? If a person commits a crime against someone he should be punished for that crime. Who cares what his reason was for doing it? I suspect that the reason for suggesting that persons accused of racism should be presumed guilty is that there would be so many more convictions if that were

the case. More convictions would hopefully pacify activists who are currently making accusations of racism against just about everybody.

If there is any remote possibility that the kindness, tolerance and generosity of Canadians is to be rewarded with laws that violate our freedom to be presumed innocent, then it is indeed time to close our doors to immigrants. While racism is a heinous crime, if it exists here to a small degree, it still can't be as bad as the conditions which drove the immigrants from their native countries.

I would like to know what Ontario needs a Human Rights Commission for anyway when we have a Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

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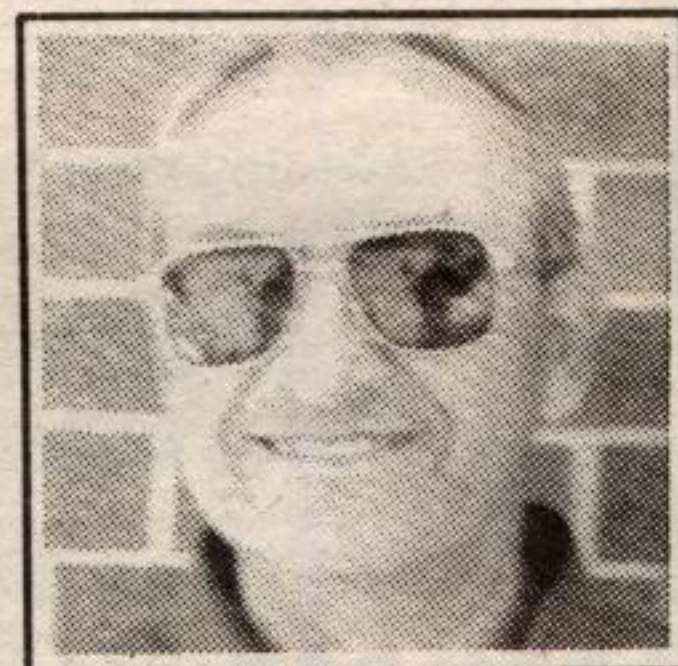
What is your favourite summer-time drink?



"Water. It's very refreshing and good for you. There used to be really good water in Acton when we lived here 23 years ago. I drink about six glasses through day and night, but I try for more."  
Doris Scoyne, former Acton resident

"I like 7-Up. It's basically refreshing. It's got that lemon taste and it's good as long as it's cold. I drink it about two or three times a week maximum and it's best after a round of golf; better than beer."

Murray Scoyne, former Acton resident



"Vodka and lemonade. It's a good sipping drink, refreshing and light. I have about one a night after work, depending on how hot it is."

Kathy Vandermeer, Wellington Street

"Orange Crush. I like the taste and buy it about three times a week and drink about four or five cans. Usually I get it after playing soccer."

Donald Hilton, Main Street

