# McAfee, Wilson families revel in card collecting

BY DOUG HARRISON The Acton Tanner

No longer does Marty McAfee leave his belongings scattered all over his Acton home.

A few years back, the 21-yearold could admit to having 12 Wayne Gretzky rookie cards that are presently valued at \$700.

That was before they were tossed into the fireplace by his mother, who became fed up with the cards on display all around the house.

'They're in my room now; lock and key," says a smiling McAfee, who works part-time for Gene and Janet Clarke of Sports Card Connection on Mill Street East. He claims to have 150,000 mostly National Hockey League and National Basketball Association cards

from his five years of collecting.

McAfee's most expensive card is that of The Great One, his favourite player.

"I like his attitude toward the game and the way he promotes it," says McAfee, who picked up his 13th Gretzky card from Gene. "Hockey wouldn't be what it is without him."

If Gretzky retired in the near future, the card's value would jump \$50 to \$100, says Gene.

Two years ago; McAfee received a Los Angeles Kings hockey stick with all the players' names adorning it, courtesy of his aunt, who knows former King player John Tonelli.

"I kind of knew I was getting it, but it was still a surprise," he states. McAfee lists his best trade as

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1. Are you sure not to hide house keys under doormats,

2. Did you check basement windows, garage windows,

3. Did you make a list of all your valuables, with serial

4. Did you arrange to leave a car in the driveway and to

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numbers whenever possible, and keep this list in your safety

"I can get a better deal here than at card shows," admits McAfee of Sports Card Connection and adds, "working here I get a percentage off as well."

He has been to a number of shows in Toronto, Cambridge and Guelph and finds the card dealers easier to confront now as opposed to past years.

"They're trying to be more honest in giving you a fair price," he says, while adding he'll collect cards "forever" and that 3 and 4year-old kids are even involving themselves in the collecting craze.

Jim Wilson and his two sons, Matthew, 12, and Josh, 13, have made collecting a family affair as they own 50,000 sports and nonsports cards.

Matthew mentions he has about

100 comic books and considers his favourite to be the Death of Superman issue that his dad gave him last Christmas. He and his brother also collect stamps.

"The boys were given a box of cards from their uncle, found out its worth and we got started," said Jim, 37, who started collecting cards at 8 and says he probably had all Bobby Orr's and Bobby Hull's cards. "Back then I just flung them against the wall, he shrugs.

"I do it for the kids. I'll probably never sell the cards and when I die I'll leave them for the boys."

The boys covet rookie cards of ex-teammates (with St. Louis Blues) Brett Hull and Adam Oates, presently valued at \$90 and \$45, respectively.

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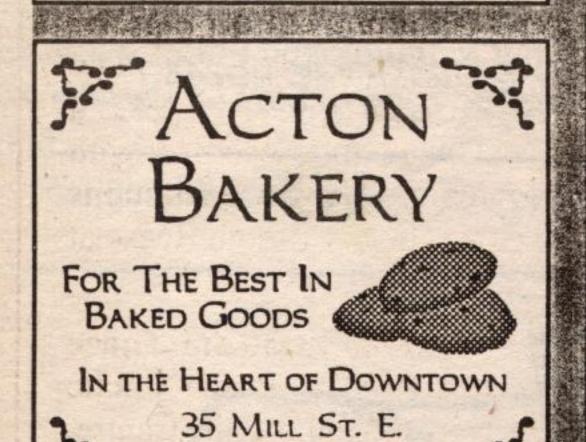
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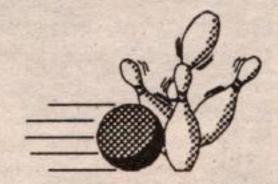
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To soothe the hot burning, use cool compresses soaked in water or milk. Spray the area with a first aid spray to prevent infection and relieve the pain. Once the burn has cooled, you can spread on the burn cream.

Creams and foams sold to treat hemorroids are surprisingly effective for sunburns. If the burn starts to seriously blister or bubble, you should see a doctor.

To avoid burns altogether, use a strong sunscreen when you are out in the sun. Or better yet, stay out of the sun's harmful rays during the mid-day period.

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