

GRAPE VINE

Check it out

The new Miracle Discount Store beside Mr. Mugs in the IGA plaza opened Saturday and is selling drastically reduced items from stores that are going out of business.

Prices are great but one clerk says they don't know what they'll be selling week to week since they never know what store will be liquidating stock next.

She is sure that there will be a little bit of everything, and wishes the store could have opened a few weeks earlier because dresses that would have been popular for graduation would have flown out of the store, with prices like \$29.99 for dresses originally marked at \$169 and \$149.

Part-time

The host family for a Japanese student staying in Acton were surprised when their student told them that back in Japan she only had a part-time job.

They were surprised by her definition of part-time: 10 am to 10 pm Saturday and Sunday, and three weekdays 6 pm to 11 pm while she is also going to university.

Lost and found

It was reported recently in an article about the Sports Card Connection that only two hockey card companies, Topps Hockey and Topps Stadium, were going to manufacture cards for the 1993 to 1994 season.

But eight other companies plan to manufacture cards this season: O-Pee-Chee Premier, Parkhurst, Score Pinnacle, Leaf, Score, Topps Premier, Fleer Ultra and Upper Deck.

Hide and seek

The comet Swift-Tuttle, which is expected overhead Aug. 11, is being accused by some astronomers in England of suddenly playing hide and seek so well they insist it will not arrive for another year.

For several years it has vanished, then appeared suddenly in telescopes, and the closer it gets to earth the more unpredictable it becomes.

Other astronomers disagree, so this evening (Wednesday) could still be the night to see a spectacular meteor shower if the comet's tail passes through earth's orbit.

Sign up

A petition protesting the freezing of economic growth in Acton was dropped off at *The Tanner* last week. Whoever left it didn't leave their name, but *The Tanner* will have it at the reception desk if anyone wants to come up and sign.

Harry's home

Harry Chamberlain's sister is telling people Harry will be out of hospital on or before Friday the 13th (Aug. 13).

He will be coming home hopefully before that unlucky day, now that he has recovered from a bad fall on the Willow Street sidewalk.



BIRTHDAY WISH: Former Acton resident Anna Miller celebrated her 100th birthday Saturday in Guelph. She poses with her three great-grandsons, from left Jeff Miller, 12, Dennis Miller, 28, and John Miller, 14. (Tim Morgetroyd photo)

Loved ones the best birthday gift for ex-Acton resident

BY TIM MORGETROYD
The Acton Tanner

"I feel on top of the world!"

Those words summed up the feelings Saturday of a woman who lived in Acton almost 30 years — a long time unless, like her, you are celebrating your 100th birthday.

Anna Miller, a resident from 1963 to 1992, was surrounded by about 150 relatives and friends from across North America at the nursing home in the Guelph hospital she now calls home.

ask for on such a special day.

"It's really marvelous. I appreciate all the loved ones, relatives and friends, who came from such a distance. That's the best part about today."

Born in Brule, Wisconsin, she lived near Owen Sound working as a housekeeper before moving to Acton. Her husband died in 1947 and their only son has passed away, but two grandsons and three great-grandsons were among the well-wishers.

she wants today," said great-grandson John, 14. "She has a really great memory, and I learned more about my Dad and Grandpa talking to her than from anyone else."

Her youngest great-grandson, 12-year-old Jeff, proudly boasts Anna still crochets every day, making Afghans and pillows, and is now working on a bedspread like the one she made for him and his brother John.

"She's great. She can tell me things about the olden days, all the changes from the horse and buggy to the Lamborghini."

One day at a time

"I hardly know what to say, it's sort of unbelievable to reach it and I don't really think about it," admitted the birthday girl. "I try to take one day at a time."

"It's really beyond me," she smiled, "that so many people came from so far."

Miller said her visitors were the greatest birthday gift she could

Double birthday

Her oldest great-grandson Dennis, 28, says he and Anna celebrate their birthdays together. One year they couldn't when she was in the hospital: "So she didn't grow a year older as far as she was concerned." Without both birthdays being celebrated weeks later, she would consider this her 99th birthday.

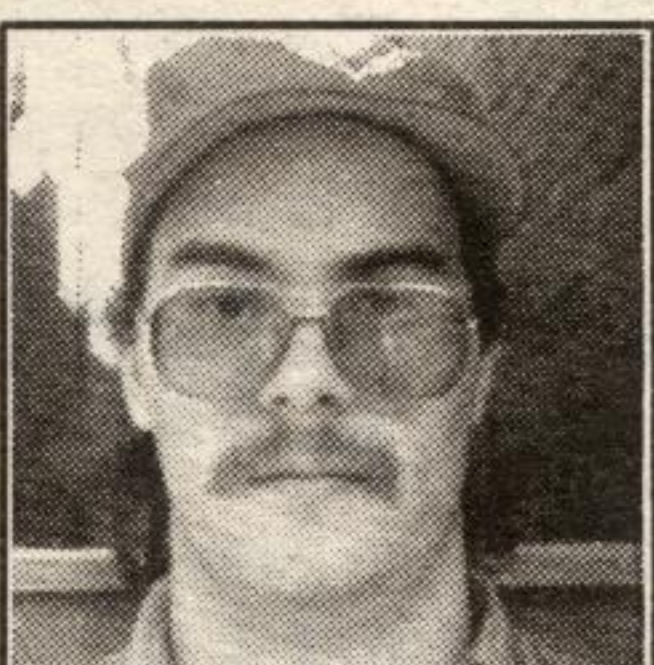
"As far as I'm concerned, she deserves as much attention as

A good place to be

Born the year Henry Ford invented his first car, the Ferris wheel was invented, farm land was 50 cents an acre, and Sirloin steak cost 19 cents a pound, she "enjoyed living in Acton, and now I'm enjoying being here at the home. It's a good place to be when you need care."

HEY!

How far do you think the Blue Jays will go this season?



"I'd like to say they will make it to the World Series, but the Yankees have a good shot. If they get past them they have a good shot. The pitching will have to come around and the offence is there. Rickey Henderson's speed is going to be good."

Michael Arnott, Maria Street

"I think they'll go to the World Series and beat San Francisco. They're playing so good now and I think the pitching and hitting will be the key to them getting to the World Series. Pat Borders is my favourite and I think he'll get MVP again."

Erin Wolter, Kingham Road



"They'll probably win their division. They're playing good right now and even though they don't have Dave Winfield, they have Devon White. He's a good outfielder and can hit well. He's fast too. Rickey Henderson is one of the best outfielders."

Torin Doppelt, Cook Street

"They won't go to the World Series because we don't have Jimmy Key. He was the key to the future. I think Key and the Yankees will stop the Jays. The Jays won't win two years in a row, but it would be nice. It would help the economy."

Barb DeGraaf, Rockwood

