

GRAPE VINE

seat at all three shows for a \$15 total.

Stop by the ASSIC booth at the Fair for more info.

Glass gallery opens

Reed's Gallery of Stained Glass will soon be open for business.

Owner Geri Reed will specialize in custom-made stained glass pieces, but she'll also stock the decorative artwork. You'll also be able to order your stained glass supplies through Geri.

The Brock Street woman, who's known for her pieces based on Disney characters, plans to offer classes (in Rene's Flowers Mill Street shop) to Acton residents soon.

For more info call 853-2114.

Retirement dinner

Ron McKnight, dispatcher at the Town, called us with a reminder of this weekend's retirement dinner for public works superintendent Frank Morette.

Morette, who's spent the last 33 years with the municipality, will be honoured Saturday (Sept. 18) at Holy Cross church auditorium in Georgetown.

For more info, call Ron at 873-2600, ext. 370.

Curling season starting

Chris Snow, of the Acton Curling Club, reports that the club's big Open House Week is slated for Oct. 12 to 16.

Chris says that members of the club will soon be paying visits to their new neighbours in the Lasby Lane development to introduce them to the facilities.

You can reach Chris at 853-1384.

Bring food along

When you head out to the Fall Fair this weekend, why not bring along a few items for Acton FoodShare?

The Acton Agricultural Society has agreed to allow our community food bank to set up a drum inside the front gates at Prospect Park on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and you can drop off your non-perishable food items on your way to the midway.

It's the first year for this arrangement, which is really a great way for Actonites to demonstrate their sense of community and caring while participating in the town's "event of the year."

Smiles come to town

Some terrific entertainment is coming to Acton soon, and it's guaranteed to put a smile on everyone's face.

The Smile Theatre Company of Toronto has been booked to present three musical plays at Acton High in the coming months. The musicals are fund-raisers for Acton Social Services and Information Centre, but also qualify as "community-builders" because of their positive, constructive themes.

The first presentation, titled "Bea, Moo and Mumsie," comes highly recommended, so you'll have to phone soon to reserve tickets (ASSIC, 853-3310). Tickets are \$6 each, or you can reserve a



FALL FAIR PREP: The Acton Citizens' Band, gearing up for the annual Fall Fair, belted out some easy-listening music to Acton music lovers at the Legion on Sunday. (Lori Frechette photo)

Time for a reality check

Finally, the federal election has been called and our political leaders are off and running. The next six weeks should be very interesting since, rather than try to out-promise the other, our leaders will be trying to convince us who is the biggest cheapskate. The years of compounding deficits have finally caught up to those who govern us and the "kitty" is empty. The time for a reality check has arrived.

This could very well be the most important election since Confederation. We will have to trust this government to lead us to the threshold of a new millennium. They will also have to lead us out of the current economic morass, encourage job creation through sound policies and try to restore hope to the upcoming generation, who are beginning to despair at ever finding rewarding employment.

One heartening trend (I think I see) is the resolve of the people to "take back" this election. For weeks we have heard that this election is for the Tories to win or the Liberals to lose. Instead, the leaders are being challenged by the people at every turn. It seems we are no longer prepared to let the politicians set the agenda. This election will be fought on our terms, but only if we all get involved. I sincerely hope this happens. It's about time!

We will all have ample opportu-

The Way I See It

With Mike O'Leary



nity over the next six weeks to examine official party positions. We'll certainly hear lots of promises, claims, accusations and baffle-gab.

They tell us that this is the worst recession/depression since the '30s. With this in mind, I thought it might be interesting to take a famous political promise from those days and see how today's parties might re-state it. The promise — "WE'LL put a chicken in every pot." Following is how the different parties might phrase that today, at least, the way I see it.

CONSERVATIVE PARTY — Polls say you want a chicken; we'll give you one. After being elected, we'll cut the Premiers off the pot so trust us to decide what you deserve.

LIBERAL PARTY — We'll give you two geese. Provinces and municipalities will provide a pot and together government will cook your goose.

N.D.P. — We're taking the chicken, we're taking the pot, and since you don't need it, we're taking the stove.

REFORM PARTY — Everyone gets three-quarters of a chicken, the constitutional right to own a pot and a referendum on whether politicians are fish or foul.

LIBERTARIAN PARTY — Everyone should have a chicken and a pot. You figure out how to get them.

GREEN PARTY — You don't need a chicken or a pot. If you're hungry, stroll out to a field and graze.

ANIMAL RIGHTS PARTY — Chickens have rights too and we want them to vote on the pot issue.

FEMINIST PARTY — Pots are okay and chickens are okay as long as it's clearly understood that we aren't cooking the damn things.

NATIONAL PARTY — Chickens and pots are more symbols of U.S. dominance of our economy. Munch on moose.

RHINOPARTY — We wanted to run a turkey in this riding but someone else beat us to it. We've been fowled.

N.O.R.M.L. PARTY — Hey man, smoke the pot, kick back, and listen to that chicken siiiing.

Only one thing is certain: If we the voters don't get interested and involved in this election, no one will have a pot to p— in or a chicken to throw it at.

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'Yer welcome!

HEY! Were you happy to see the Hide House re-open?



"Very pleased. It brings tourists and people into town and helps the shopkeepers here. I occasionally visit to buy coats. It's nice to see cars outside the building again."

Marjorie Campbell, Churchill Road

"I just moved to the area and I didn't notice a difference (when it was closed). It's pretty important because it's the main industry in town. It's a big deal when something that big closes. It's good for the economy."

Rick Soutar, Main Street

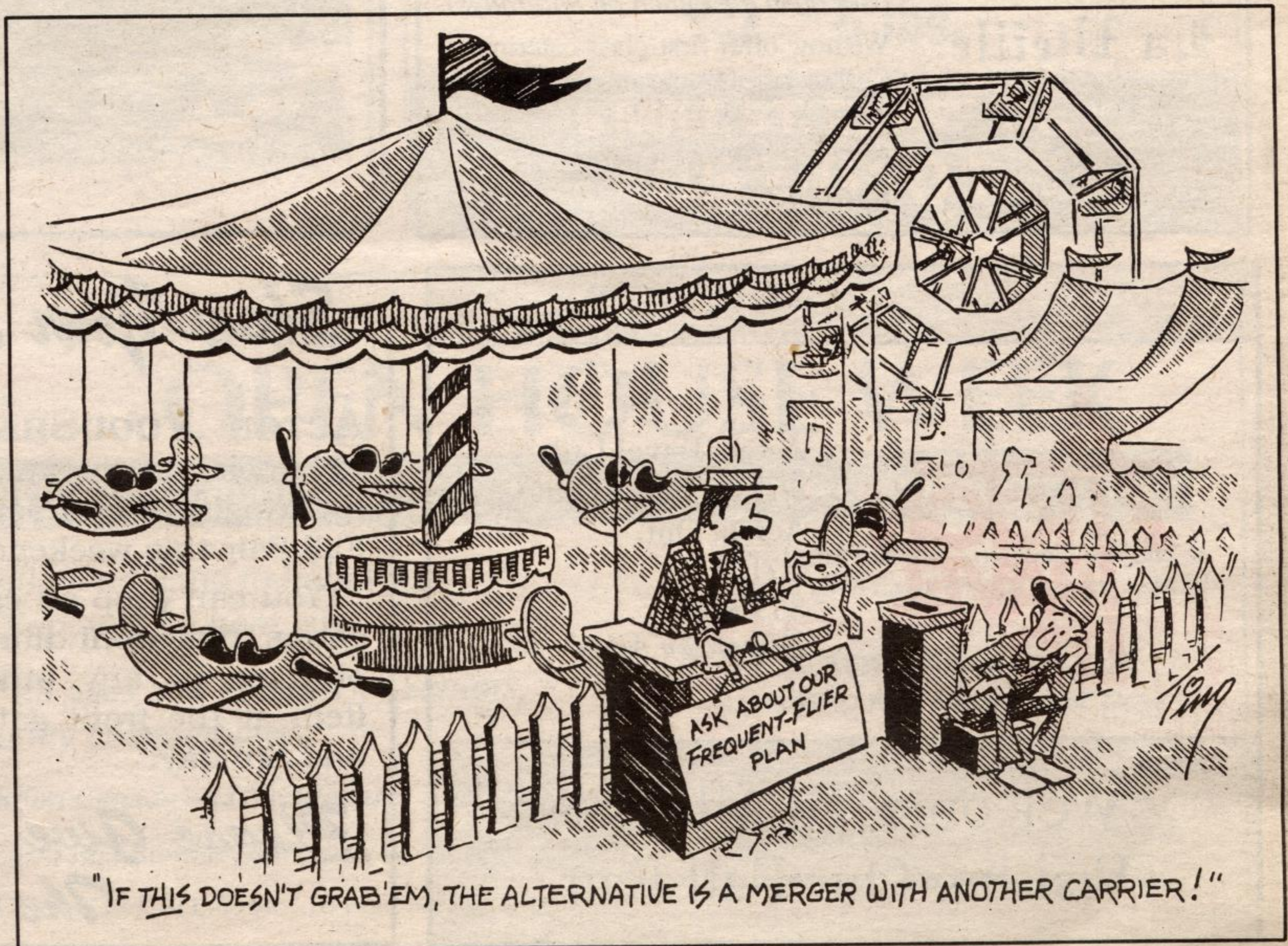
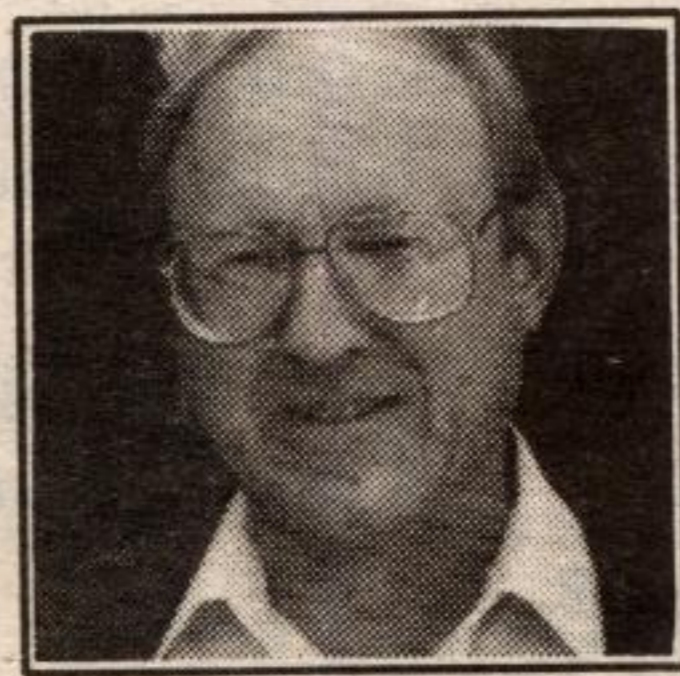


"Yes. I've been back to it once to see what they did and I bought some moccasins. There's basically the same stuff. The Hide House is the talk of the town."

Monica Moore, Greenore Crescent

"It's encouraging. It's a good lift for Acton in these economic times. I hoped Jack Tanner's Table would open because it brought people in and it was a nice combination — shopping and dining. The spinoff helps the rest of the town."

Doug Tucker, Hydro employee



"IF THIS DOESN'T GRAB 'EM, THE ALTERNATIVE IS A MERGER WITH ANOTHER CARRIER!"