

Baker and Looker excited about serving community

BUSINESS PROFILE

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David Baker and Patrick Looker are gearing up to provide a competitive and successful business for Acton. As owner of Yourway Muffler Plus on Agnes Street, Baker hopes to bring his customers the best possible service for the best possible prices.

Baker and his wife has been a member of the Acton community for 13 years. He enjoys the outdoors and fishing in his little, but valuable, spare time.

Patrick Looker, Yourway's mechanic, has been a citizen of Georgetown for over a year and lived in Brampton for more than 15 years. Both Baker and Looker are familiar with the community and the needs of the public.

"Yourway Muffler Plus does general repairs; anything that can fall apart on a car we can fix. We have a licensed Class-A mechanic with a diesel and propane endorse-

ment," says an excited Baker of his company.

When asked what was meant by "Yourway Muffler," Baker quickly replies, "Just as the name states. That's why I named it that way. When the customer comes in, we'll do our very best to do it their way. I am sick and tired of the major muffler shops that tell me it has to be done a certain way, when the customer who is paying should have some say in how it is to be done."

Baker enthusiastically says, "I hope to provide the community with better service or at least equal service to any place they can get. We're providing something that doesn't exist in Acton, so instead

of 'It's worth the drive to Acton,' why leave — since I can do it right here."

As a citizen of Acton, Baker is concerned about the local people and businesses. "I can't expect Acton to support me unless I'm willing to support Acton. So as I see it, the businesses in general should try to buy locally when they can."

Only the future knows what is in store for the newly operating service shop, but Baker is optimistic about his chances of creating a successful business that may lead to further franchises, while supplying his customers with quality workmanship for reasonable prices.



BIRTHDAY WISH: Pearl Baker and her husband Colin were all smiles on Sunday at the Acton Legion as Pearl celebrated her 80th birthday. (Lori Frechette photo)

Exchange student enjoying Acton

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Acton District High School recently welcomed a new exchange student from Germany. Dagmar Susanne Munnich is originally from Remscheied Germany, but for the next year she will be living with Dave Boycott and his family.

Dagmar is currently enrolled in Grade 12 and during her year at Acton High, she will be studying English, physics, math, chemistry and world religions, along with learning and understanding the Canadian culture and the community of Acton.

Although Dagmar has only been in Acton for three weeks, she has made an impression on most of the students and teachers for her willingness and effort to communicate with others. She has blended in so well with the other students that she looks right at home.

"They help me very much if I have questions or don't understand something," says Dagmar of Acton's staff and students.

"The students are nice and very friendly. Sometimes students just come up to me asking 'how'd you like the game today?' I think they are really nice. I like the school; I like that you have sports teams because in Germany there isn't any."

Dagmar got her first taste of the Acton community at the annual Fall Fair. She was really impressed by this occasion and is looking forward to participate in upcoming events in the school and in the community.

Dave Boycott, a teacher at Acton High, is enthusiastic about this exchange program. "Our

school and myself benefit (from this program) because she is from a different cultural background; it's interesting as well as informative. The material that she shares with us as a family and most certainly with classmates and people

around the school will benefit everyone socially. And you just learn more about different cultures and countries."

Dagmar is the second exchange student to come to Acton in the past three years.

Getting your car ready for winter

Hi Folks! I'm new to *The Tanner*. My name is Patrick Looker and I bring to you about 20 years experience in the automotive trade.

I started my apprenticeship at Little Bros. Ford in Weston, Ont. I received my Class-A Mechanics' licence at Little Bros. Ford and since then I have worked in truck shops and even taught auto mechanics at Centennial College.

Each week I'll relate auto tips and advice to our readers.

Winterizing your auto for safe

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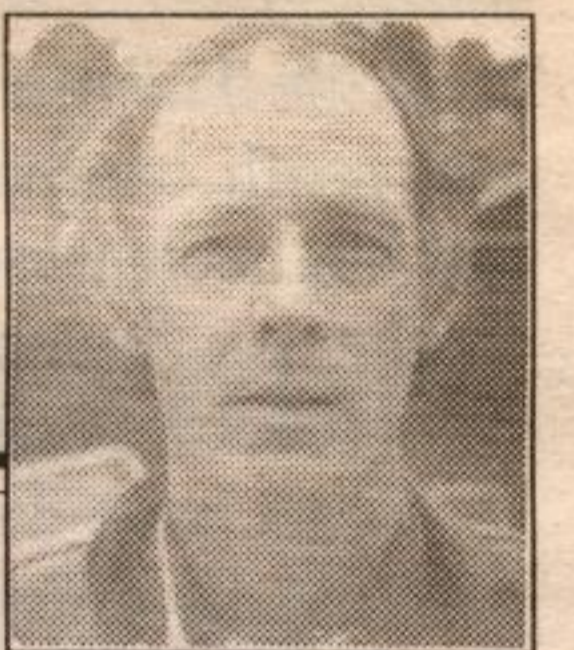
Make sure you have a spare tire and working jack in the trunk.

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Bye for now.

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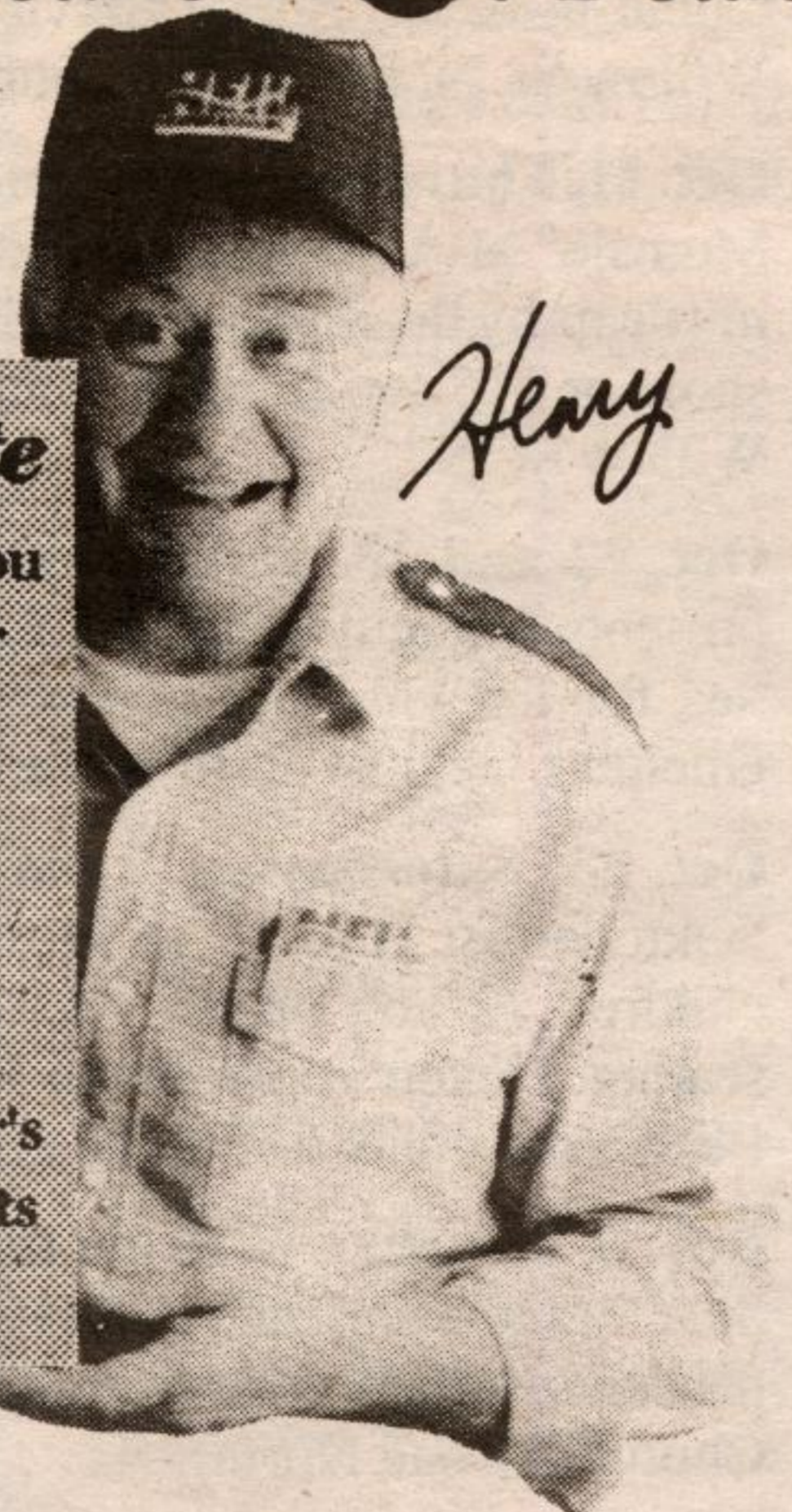
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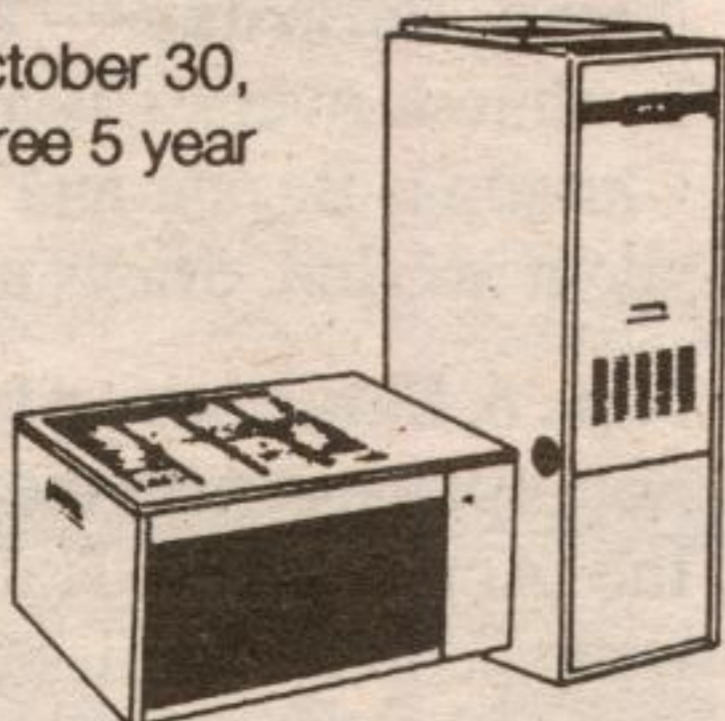
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