

GRAPE VINE

Acton Fall Fair planning underway

The Acton Agricultural Society, which is primarily concerned with the Acton Fall Fair, held their annual meeting at Knox Church on Saturday. Approximately 50 people attended.

Former vice-president Janis Fread was elected to be the new president of the society, with Jim Warrington as vice-president and Ron White as the new second vice-president.

The new committee has not had time to formally set their agenda, but Janis says she hopes to make this year's operations a little more profitable.

The Fall Fair cannot be expanded much more because of space limitations, but they hope to add at least two or three new events and improve the quality of current exhibits.

"Of course, whatever profit we make gets plowed right back into the fair. If we make a better profit then we can afford to bring in more expensive displays or demonstrations. So that's our whole focus - to put the profits right back and make it a better fair next year," Janis said.

Speaking of kids!

Acton's Linda Ellis is the registrar for an upcoming series of workshops for parents, educators and

all those fascinated with pre-school and junior children.

The 18th annual Shoreline Conference, on Saturday, March 5 at the University of Toronto's Mississauga (Erindale) campus, will feature a number of popular speakers. Topics include *The Terrible 2s, 3s and 4s; Making TV Work for You* and *Make Your Child a Lifetime Reader*.

The conference promises to send you back to your family or school "recharged with a new perspective of the development of children."

For registration info, call Linda at 853-0264.

Desperate for date swirls

The doors are still shut at Acton Bakery, and we're getting hungry!

Recently the Mill Street bakery's owners locked the doors to the popular shop, and they apparently have no intention of returning.

On Thursday we spoke to landlord Carmela Zenga, who previously operated Melina Bakery on the site. Carmela said that while another bakery may open, it won't be immediately.

Children's author here

Author Sarah Yates will be at the Acton Library tomorrow (Thursday) to meet local fans. The author of *Can't You Be Still* and *Nobody Knows* will be bringing along her puppets to animate her reading.

According to the library, preschoolers especially will enjoy this presentation, which begins at 10:45 am.

For more info you can call the library at 853-0301.



CHRISTIANS UNITE: Acton ministers united for a special "Service of Christian Unity" held at the Legion Sunday. Shown here, from left are Rev. Andrew Asbil, St. Alban's Anglican Church; Rev. Claude West, Evangel Pentacostal Tabernacle; Rev. Emrys Jenkins, Churchill Community Church; Rev. Craig Cribar, Knox Presbyterian Church; Rev. Adrian VanGiessen, Beth El Christian Reformed Church; Lt. Darlene and Lt. Jim Anderson, Salvation Army; Rev. Ella Taylor Walsh, Trinity United Church and Rev. Tom Cullen, Acton Baptist Church. (Lori Frechette photo)

Are we becoming ungovernable?

Traditionally, our citizens have been fairly easy to govern. But the golden days of politics seem to be over, as Canadians across the country are screaming blue murder over government waste and mismanagement. We are starting to hold politicians accountable for their actions.

This new empowering of the people started with the GST. In spite of the fact that over 80 per cent of the people were against it, Garth Turner and the rest of that bunch rammed it through. "We know better," they said, "You people don't understand these things."

Well, we understand how to vote, and damn near wiped out the Tories. The Liberals would do well to reflect on this before the budget comes down in a few weeks. We're overtaxed, we've had enough, we're not going to take it anymore, and we don't forget.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the black market for cigarettes and booze. Sources tell me that legitimate sales of cigarettes and liquor are off 25 to 30 per cent or more. Sure, some people have quit but the majority of those pur-

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chases are now going to the black market.

The situation has gotten so bad that the Feds are said to be negotiating with the Provinces to lower taxes on cigarettes. They hope to recoup some of the sales (and taxes) now going to illegal imports.

Some say we should toughen tax law enforcement. Don't you remember the previous Revenue Minister threatening this? The people were laughing in the streets.

Paul Martin said recently, that we would support extra taxes in the next budget if the money was going to help the unemployed. What is this guy smoking? The government says they have no money. Well neither do we! The way I see it, the Federal, Provin-

cial, Regional and Town governments better learn to do with less, because we don't have one more red cent to give them.

Canadians have demonstrated that they will not accept any more taxes, of any kind. If the governments go ahead and institute them, we'll figure out a way to get around them.

The Liberals should forget about listening to "Industry leaders, academics and union chiefs" regarding tax increases. The real people are at local coffee shops, Senior's Centres or unemployment offices. Government should get their direction from the folks who are paying the freight.

Should you get involved in this? You bet you should - it's your survival at stake. I watched a TV show a few weeks ago about a black civil rights worker in the '50s, and one line struck me. He said, "If you see a good fight, get into it."

You can call our MP Julian Reed at 1-800-363-6178. Tell him you can't - you won't - pay any more taxes. You can make a difference.

HEY!

What grade would you give the Liberal government?



"B+. They're doing exactly what they said they were going to do. I'm going to give them some time. I'm disappointed our government just didn't boot (Markham MP) Jag Bhaduria. The government needs a tighter reign on themselves."
Donna Rossi, R.R. 3, Acton

"A. I've seen the Conservatives in power too many times and everytime they're in, nothing gets done. When the Liberals were in, there was all kinds of work done. They should have screened Jag Bhaduria."
Mitch Momot, Rockwood



"C. I'm not terribly impressed so far. Bhaduria should have been better researched. They really blew that. You have to be sure of an MP's background if he or she is going to be the leader of the country."
Arlene Bruce, Coles Court

"B. I think it's a little early to tell, but the Liberals are more down-to-earth than the Conservatives. I think they're doing a good job."
Charles Wright, Churchill Road S.

