Still searching for missing music

BY DOUG HARRISON The Acton Tanner

It seems that Trinity United Church has unwittingly become an organ donor - or an least an organ music donor.

In a recent article in the church news publication The Observer, "a short, balding, middle-aged, untalented church organist with bad teeth" was reported to have taken about \$500 worth of George Elliott's organ music from the Mill Street church.

In a recent interview, Elliott, organist at the church since 1956,

said he knew the name of the wanted gentleman, who has red hair and is in his 40s. He lives in St. Catharines, where he began snatching music from Vineland Church last summer. The man is now sought by the St. Catharines Police and the St. Catharines Chapter of the Royal Canadian College of Organists.

"He has been in jail for this before, but he's out and up to this (stealing) again," reported Elliott, who thinks the thief entered St. John's Anglican Church in Rockwood after his Acton visit.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES DUE TO EVENT

- Acton Fire Fighters Association -

- Annual Acton Santa Claus Parade -

On Monday, June 13, 1994, the Council for The

corporation of the Town of Halton Hills intends to

enact a by-law authorizing the temporary closure of

various roads within the municipality for the purpose

of the Annual Acton Santa Claus Parade, as follows:

The Council Meeting will commence at 7pm on Mon-

day, June 13, 1994, in the Council Chambers, Civic

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will hear, in person, any person who claims to be

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Saturday, November 19, 1994

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Council Meeting.

The bizarre happenings at Trinity United Church began on a Tuesday morning shortly after Elliott completed his morning practice and left the church around noon.

Gail Manuel, secretary at the church, mentioned that a man with decayed teeth had been looking for Elliott, but no one realized the music was missing until the next morning.

The man identified himself as Dr. Kenneth Walker, a doctor Manuel knows of in Niagara Falls, but who didn't resemble the said gentleman.

"He seemed to know Gail and the minister were the only people in the church," reported Elliott, "so he proceeded via the backstairs to the organ.

"He's probably employed by a smaller church with a small choir that doesn't pay much and he can't afford to get his teeth fixed," Elliott told The Observer.

The 65-year-old retired biochemistry professor added that "about 50 per cent of the music that was taken is out-of-print and irreplaceable. And what I can replace is expensive, because I bought it years ago for \$5 and now it's \$17."

Elliott, who is also bandmaster for the Acton Citizens' Band, noted he never labelled his music, but is now stamping all material.

"But I'll probably never lose anything again," he said.

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MOM'S GIFT: Betty Woods, left, won a floral arrangement in a Mother's Day draw at Andy's Restaurant. Maria Katsilieris, Andy's daughter, presented the prize. (Doug Harrison photo)



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WINNING MOM: Andy's Restaurant recently held its Mother's Day draw for a floral arrangement. Acton's Julia Roehrig, who is the Acton Co-op Nursery School president, was one of two lucky winners. Denise Katsilieris presented the prize to her. (Doug Harrison photo)

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Merchants' photo June 4

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All local business owners are being urged to join in the photo at 9 am on Saturday, June 4.

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