

GRAPE VINE

Trunk Sale a real hit!

Action for Acton's first community trunk sale, held Saturday morning in the parking lot across from the Hide House, was a smashing success, according to organizer Jack Carpenter.

"It was a great kick-off and it should just keep getting better," said Jack at noon on Saturday.

The Trunk Sale will go again this Saturday morning, beginning at 9 am. And word is, there will even be a pair of Rolls Royces on display!

Torch Run this Saturday

At 11:30 this Saturday, volunteers will be marching through town to raise money for the Ontario Special Olympics Torch Run '94.

Halton Police, the O.P.P., R.C.M.P. and Maplehurst Corrections officers will all be participating in the event, collecting loonies and any loose change from people along the course, which stretches from the Hide House to Prospect Park.

This is not a race; the idea is to attract attention to the Special Olympics cause.

Acton business at show

Halton Region's ISO 9000 Workshop and Trade Show is a sell-out with a waiting list of eager attendees, according to Sandra Nuhn at the Region offices.

Williams & Associates, Acton's

own ISO consulting firm, will be participating in the trade show portion of next Tuesday's event, and they'll be exhibiting their software products and consulting services.

The 200-plus attendance for this workshop and trade show demonstrates the growing popularity of ISO 9000 standards and their applicability to local businesses, according to David Williams, of Williams & Associates.

Playshop picnic

Acton's ever-popular Preschool Playshop will be having their Annual Picnic at Prospect Park next Tuesday from 10 til noon and Wednesday from 12:30 to 2:30.

The whole family is invited to join in the fun.

Race relations group

A citizens' "cultural awareness" committee wants to know if you are concerned with racial harmony in your community.

The North Halton Citizens Cultural Awareness Committee will meet on Thursday, June 9 at 8 pm in the Community Room at the police station in Georgetown. All are invited to hear featured speaker Const. Mike Brown, race relations researcher for the Halton Regional Police.

For more info you can call Elizabeth at 853-2911.

Line dancing at AHS

Participants in the Town's line dancing class at Acton High will be showing off their newly-learned steps in the school cafeteria Wednesday from 7 to 8 pm until June 1.

The group will be calling in for Participation Day too!



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation for 29 Grade 8 students was held at St. Joseph's Church on Thursday. Prior to confirmation, the students went on a retreat at Rocky Ridge Ranch. (Doug Harrison photo)

Friday the 13th strikes again

Sometimes, the exuberance of youth can contribute to a cause-and-effect situation that our kids would never want to happen. Such a condition occurred on the evening of Friday, May 13.

The *Acton Tanner* reported last week that Councillor Rennie was preparing a report on a "loud and raucous" house party that was held in town. He is looking at the police response and numbers of celebrants.

I would like to tell you about an accident that occurred that night and how this type of party can have spin-off consequences that none would think of.

Several of the neighbours were out on their porches that evening watching the comings and goings. There was a certain tension building, which is only natural when a party involving between 100-150 kids is happening in a usually quiet neighborhood.

When the police arrived, some of the kids scattered and started to run into nearby back yards. Running between houses, a couple banged into a metal trailer and made a heck of a racket. This was when fate dealt itself into the game.

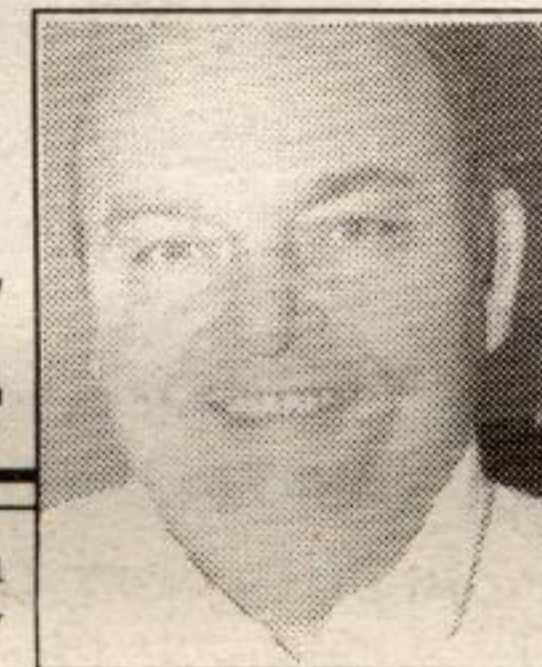
One homeowner, concerned that his property or car was being vandalized, started off the porch. His wife followed him. She slipped on the steps and plunged several feet to the flagstone walk. She scraped up her face and hands pretty good but the most serious damage was done to her knee-cap.

That night, this gentle lady underwent over three hours of surgery. A piece of her thigh bone had to be grafted onto her knee in an effort to rebuild it. She was a week in the hospital, will be six weeks or so on crutches with physiotherapy to follow. Like I said, cause-and-effect.

I don't contend for one minute that the kids at that party wanted this to happen or would knowingly cause the accident. We have, generally speaking, good kids in this town. I doubt that there are 100 bad kids in all of Acton and district and they weren't all on

The Way I See It

With Mike O'Leary



Mill Street 12 days ago.

The homeowners are both lifelong Acton residents and, I'm proud to say, friends of mine. The lady is shy and didn't want to have her name used. She doesn't want to become the centre-piece of the ongoing investigation regarding the party and is quick to point out that the two incidents are not related. She doesn't blame the kids — I think she blames herself and I wish she wouldn't.

Why do these things always happen to the best of us? My friend is a wife, mother and grandmother, in addition to being a caring and generous member of our community. After this year's vicious winter, both she and her husband were looking forward to summer and more good times at their cottage.

I know it'll take more than a bum knee to keep her down — she'll handle this the same way she has handled other obstacles in life. She will draw on her inner strength, borrow some encouragement from family and friends and carry on with life on her terms. Where some would perceive this injury as a barrier, she'll consider it little more than a speed bump. (Top that Karen!)

Perhaps some good can come out of this incident if kids will learn that sometimes situations can escalate out of control. If your young ones were at this party on Friday the 13th, make them aware of this accident. There is a good opportunity here for parents to discuss private property with our young and to also graphically illustrate what can happen when we don't have respect for the rights of others.

If any readers would like to know what your rights are re noise complaints or other property laws

contact Constable Bill Riddle 853-2050. The policy can only do so much without citizen assistance.

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis has not been a public figure for over three decades but spite of this, her death has left a void which will be impossible to fill. With her passing, the Camelot chapter of history is closed and it appears that the whole world is in mourning.

Everyone 39 something, or older, can remember where they were when President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas. Indelibly imprinted on our minds was the bravery, dignity and decorum of Mrs. Kennedy.

The Kennedy's were my generations' declaration of confidence in the future. Most of the leaders before Kennedy were senior statesmen or war leaders. In John Kennedy we saw someone with his feet firmly planted in history but looking forward and to the skies of the future. Do you remember his pledge to put man on the moon in 10 years. The world rejoiced as we watched those first tentative steps from "Tranquillity Base." Lee Harvey Oswald stole that optimism from the world.

Jackie, in her bloodstained pink suit, seemed to give us all a lift. If she could carry on, could we do less?

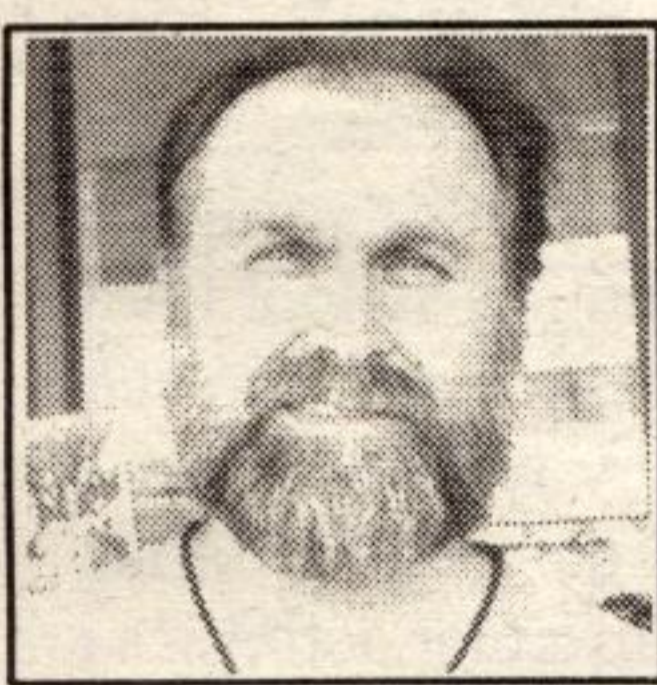
The memories of the funeral are still fresh in my mind. I can see her marching behind the coffin, Bobby Kennedy beside her, muffled drums and the horse with boots reversed in the stirrups. A warrior's tribute, only outdone by her actions which were, to my mind, the greatest tribute one person could pay to another.

I will remember Jackie as the woman who showed the world the meaning of the words dignity and honour. After everything she'd been through, it doesn't seem right that cancer should claim her at a young 64. She was buried in Arlington cemetery beside John Kennedy.

God bless them both.

HEY!

Do you ever tire of listening to Don Cherry?



"No, I like watching him. He's always controversial and quite a knowledgeable and colourful guy. He knows what he's talking about in most cases and holds your interest."
Ernie Walker, Church Street



"I love Don Cherry! That's who I wait for when I watch hockey. I like the way he talks. He tells it like it is and keeps me interested in the game."
Reta Rowsell, Jeffery Avenue



"No. He makes the show. He adds colour to the show and there isn't anyone to replace him. Have you ever watched TSN broadcasts? It's like Tom Brokaw doing play-by-play — pretty boring."
Chris Lone, Cobblehill Road



"No. He adds a lot of colour to the game with his controversial comments. He's part of hockey. It used to be Foster Hewitt on Hockey Night in Canada, but Cherry has taken over now."
Connie Burt, Cobblehill Road