

GRAPE VINE

Acton's original name contest is 'history'

Many thanks to all entrants in our Grapevine "History Quiz" last week. Acton's original name was "Danville" and Marj Loutett is the lucky winner of a dozen donuts from Tim Horton's on Queen Street.

Marj's name was drawn from seven correct entries. Those other callers, who also deserve recognition, were: Kristy Goy, Elsie Halladay, Jennifer Haslam, Donna McIsaac, Marie Vickery and Angela Warwick.

Many callers claimed that our original name was Adamsville, and that answer is almost correct. You see, it all depends on your definition of the founding of our community.

Our original source contended that Rev. Ezra Adams founded the town back in 1823. However, after some debate among our editorial staff, we've decided to defer final authority to the text *Acton's Early Days*, which states:

"The village was first called Danville, which name was derived from a young man who was a clerk in the first dry goods store, established here by Wheeler Green. The first grocery store was established by Miller Hemstreet, who set up the first sign post in the community, bearing the wording *Danville Grocery*, by Miller Hemstreet.

"Adamsville was the next name

the community bore. This name was derived from the first settlers here, Zenas, Rufus and Ezra Adams."

One reader, Sharon Steckley, answered "Esquesing." Again, almost correct. However, we could not find any indication of this community being referred to specifically as Esquesing.

This contest was so much fun, we're doing it again. (Next week!)

Frizzell runs again

Incumbent Hydro Commission member Dorson "Dobbie" Frizzell will be seeking re-election this fall.

Frizzell, a Cobblehill Road resident, is closing out his first three-year term representing Ward 1 (Acton) and presently is Commission chair.

The Acton Legion member, who is also a life member with the volunteer firefighters in town, says his top priority continues to be "holding down hydro rates for customers."

Dobbie has 42 years of experience in the hydro business, which includes working with his son Jim at Frizzell Electric.

Halton Hills residents will elect four Hydro Commission members this November, in conjunction with the municipal election.

Chamber trailer open

The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce will be opening its Tourism Trailer tomorrow (Thursday).

The trailer will be located at Trinity United Church, at 70 Mill St. E. Local tourism information, along with Festival Country and provincial brochures, will be available free of charge seven days a week, from 10 to 4.



COOKIN' WITH GAS! Marsha Batchelor was the lucky winner of a new gas barbecue recently at Acton IGA. Here supermarket manager Kelly McArthur, left, and produce manager John Manes present Marsha with her Fiesta Classic. (Doug Harrison photo)

Acton 2024, and you are there

Have you ever noticed that columnists tend to comment on things that have already happened? At best, we foretell events in the near future based on current activities. We at *The Tanner* are never satisfied to follow the pack so we thought we'd give you an insight to the news 30 years from now — the way I see it.

(Georgetown) — Clive Hasballs, chairbeing of the eternal and everlasting Acton Fish Study Commission, today celebrated his 25th year directing this important environmental effort. He paid special tribute to those who began this work over 32 years ago. "Without the dedication and prospection of those dedicated few," he said, "my family and I might have had to find real jobs."

Clive is very defensive when anyone suggests the study seems to be dragging. "Rubbish," he snorts. "Why, it took almost six years for the consultants to agree on what constitutes a fish. Just when we think we're getting close to a real number, the damn fish spawn and we have to start all over again," he explained. "We'll spend all of our time and your money, until we get this right. I hope my son will soon graduate and give us a fresh perspective," he noted, smiling.

Mayor Bill Mussell, when told of Clive's comments, had to be restrained by council as he tried to rush the committee offices carrying a shotgun. "I'll finish that fish-breath son-of-a-leech once and for all," he muttered as they carted him away.

Acton developers, who have cofunded the studies, are still optimistic they will get approval to build. "We hope to be able to offer a real nice 250 square foot starter house for under \$3-million," a spokesman said.

Spectators at the Prospect Park Arena will now be issued poles and asked to hold up the roof during activities, said a spokesperson for Rec. and Parks.

Council has scheduled further debates.

(Toronto) — Ding White, Chairthingie of the Provincial Department of Education, today released his administration's new reading and writing guidelines.

Mr. White, a student when children were tested in 1994 and were found to be 90 per cent literate, is known to be a futurist. He contends that, for the 10 per cent to be fulfilled, the most effective course is for the 90 per cent to become illiterate. "I kudn't kare les if they can wread or rite," he said. "They need to nough

The Way I See It

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how to listen to a kumputer," he explained. "This leves us tyme to divelup a trooly well rownded inndividguel," he proclaimed. Parent groups are said to be uneasy about this new direction.

(Brampton) — In the last days of his N.D.P. government, Bob Rae established the world's first non-profit bank. The First People's Bank of Ontario recently held their annual meeting where they were addressed by chairwhatever Drivel Know-Nothing.

Mr. Know-Nothing stressed that his bank had never made a penny, never collected on a loan and never made a good decision. He was especially proud of the former lack of accomplishment. "We're getting the money into the hands of people who have absolutely no intention of ever paying it back," he boasted. "In our 29 years, we have consistently lost over 10-billion dollars each year," he announced. The crowd, all of whom were paid \$5,000 each to attend or were there to fulfill parole conditions, applauded wildly.

Mr. Know-Nothing announced an especially ambitious five-year plan. "We hope to be able to throw enough money away in five years that we can bankrupt this Province. We won't rest until everyone in Ontario is broke and on welfare. Then, we'll all be in the same boat."

Reporters present were struck with a chilling sense of deja vu.

(Ottawa) — Mark Herewego, federal Immigration Minister recently commented on the case of Whip Chainsaw. Mr. Chainsaw has been convicted of 46 murders, 156 rapes, 321 armed robberies, 49 home invasions and nine cases of rustling since he was ordered deported 26 years ago.

"I think he was just misunderstood," said Mr. Herewego. "I'm not at all convinced there was any solid criminal intent. It seems to me that Mr. Chainsaw was frustrated because he didn't have his own corporate jet. Canadian society has failed him."

"The fact Mr. Chainsaw swore in court that he and his family have always voted Liberal had nothing to do with my decision," Herewego is

reported as saying. Mr. Chainsaw was recently released on a \$263 bond.

As an expression of Canada's apology for past treatment, Mr. Chainsaw was given \$4-million in cash, Mulroney's old DC-10, a Buick, a charge account at Lulu's House of Pleasure and the keys to 24 Sussex Dr.

"All Canadians are embarrassed with our treatment of immigrant-criminals," Herewego said. "I hope the actions of my government will prove once and for all that we are trying very hard to attract and keep the worst criminals we can find. We have observed that honest, hard working people tend to criticize politicians and we've had enough of that. Hardened criminals hardly ever criticize the government," he observed.

(Montreal) — Butch Lesard, Separatist leader, today declared that, should his party win the 22nd annual referendum, Quebec will separate from North America. "Europe is where the action is," he said, "and there's a whole bunch of other people who speak French and stuff over there."

"The trouble with North America is that there are too damn many North Americans over here. We have never thought of ourselves as being part of this continent so Quebec intends to join Europe," reasoned Lesard. "We'll be an island," he said, "just like England."

When reminded that Quebec was landlocked, Lesard unveiled his plan to cut Quebec away from its neighbours, float it out to Hudson's Bay and anchor it beside Newfoundland. "C'est simple — non?" he asked.

Reporters chipped in to buy him some good drugs.

(Vancouver) — Gay Rights activist Robin Svenson recently announced his 32nd private members bill aimed at changing Canadian society.

Accompanied to the press conference by his lovely wife, Ralph, Svenson outlined his proposed legislation that would outlaw the use of the words "Mom" and "Dad." He proposes that both words be replaced with the single title "careprovider."

"This will end the discriminatory practice of kids assigning a traditional sexist role to either parent," Svenson explained.

Observers give Svenson's bill little chance of becoming law, and predict it will die in committee, like the other 31.

I can hardly wait to see how close I am!

HEY!

Should a hike in personal income tax replace the GST?



"No. We pay enough taxes. You don't miss it off the GST, you miss it off your pay cheque. Government should cut spending in the proper areas — like limousines and taking wives on business trips."

Loireann Mastro, Kingham Road



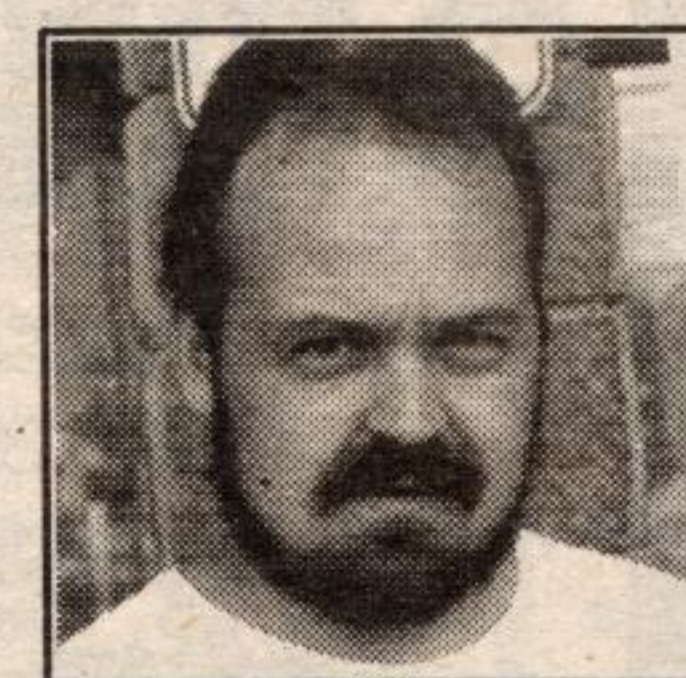
"It doesn't matter what you do, because we'll get hit with it anyway. We're not losing it (the GST), just re-naming it. It's still getting tacked on somewhere else."

Erik Peterson, Danville Crescent



"No. Income tax is too high at the present time. You have to raise the money from somewhere, but I don't think income tax is the answer. Social programs should be reformed."

Ann Montgomery, Kingham Road



"No. The government gets enough money, so why should they take mine. Before it was a hidden tax and now they want to take it out of my wage. The money should be taken out of Chretien's wage."

Brad DeForest, Kingham Road