

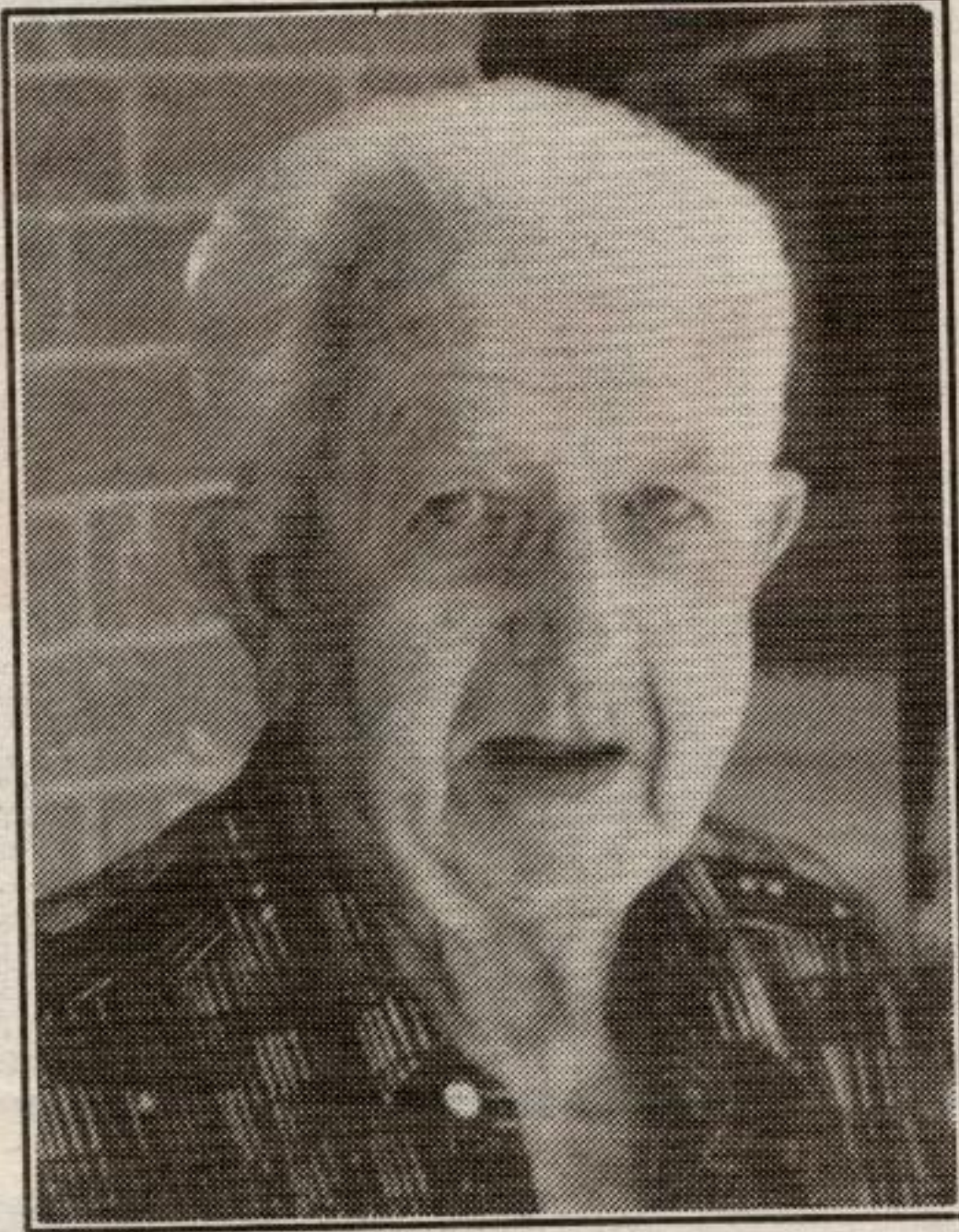
Acton loses one of its true sportsmen

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Some things in life just don't seem right.

Like Major League Baseball's eighth work stoppage in 22 years. And with it, the passing of one of its great followers — Acton's own Grenville (Tinnie) Masales.

Tinnie, who died at the age of 89, just hours before the last pitch was thrown on Thursday night, might have been our town's biggest Toronto baseball booster. He witnessed his first big league game in 1918 and captained the 1922 Halton County Junior baseball champions from Acton.



TINNIE MASALES

"He was a wonderful man. He went so quick, which is good really, rather than suffering. He loved children. He had so many nieces and nephews and he was good to all of them," said Tinnie's niece, Betty Hardie, on Monday from her Guelph residence.

She continued to reminisce about the times she would join Tinnie at the old Dominion Hotel for a drink and watch the Arthur Godfrey Show. "He was a good man and so dedicated to his baseball games."

Whether it was while he played on the town intermediate baseball team in 1923 or when he tuned into Blue Jay radio voices Tom Cheek or Jerry Howarth.

"Every Friday I came to Acton and for the last year, I would bring him his copy of *USA Today's Baseball Weekly*," Betty, 68, mentioned. Fittingly, the man who was called "Tin Whistle" because he

before his death (Aug. 6) and told him "you've seen the Blue Jays win two World Series, you might see a third."

"When I left him he was coming along well. His sore left ankle was healing ... but I guess it must have been his time," she remarked.

Betty, who's a former 53-year resident of Acton and past employee at the Liquor Store on Queen Street, came here every Friday to grocery shop for Tinnie. "I'll miss that the most. He gave me the money and a list and I went," she said.

From 1919 to 1969, Tinnie worked 55-hour weeks at the Beardmore warehouse, where the olde Hide House now sits. The only time the hard worker took time off was a two-week period while nursing a broken right arm and ankle incurred during a town intermediate baseball game.

And in 1980, after 25 years of coaching young Acton bowlers,

used to whistle through his teeth and was later dubbed "Tinnie," was buried with his Jays cap and baseball cards of his favourite Bluebird Roberto Alomar at his side.

"They were really nice, something he treasured," said Betty. "He was a like a father to me when I lived with my grandparents."

Prior to his death, Betty was planning a special 90th birthday party for the man known to most as "Uncle Tinnie," for Sept. 11 at the Acton Legion. When he turned 85, Tinnie celebrated his day at the Band Hall with family and friends.

"The Acton Legion Choraliers sang for him and then he got up and joined them," recalled Betty, who added that Tinnie — who was an honorary Legion member and sang tenor — was buried with his Choralier jacket.

Betty visited Tinnie the Friday

"Uncle Tinnie" retired. In his last Tuesday night league game in 1983 he took high single.

"He always had a loonie for the kids if they needed it and bought them candy. He loved kids. He was never mean to anyone and worked hard all his life. He was a good man," Betty explained.

Strike!

It's a sure sign of fall: Acton Bowling Lanes will soon be open for the new season.

Registration for both youth and adult bowling leagues takes place next Saturday from 9 to noon and the Lanes will be open to the public on Sept. 2.



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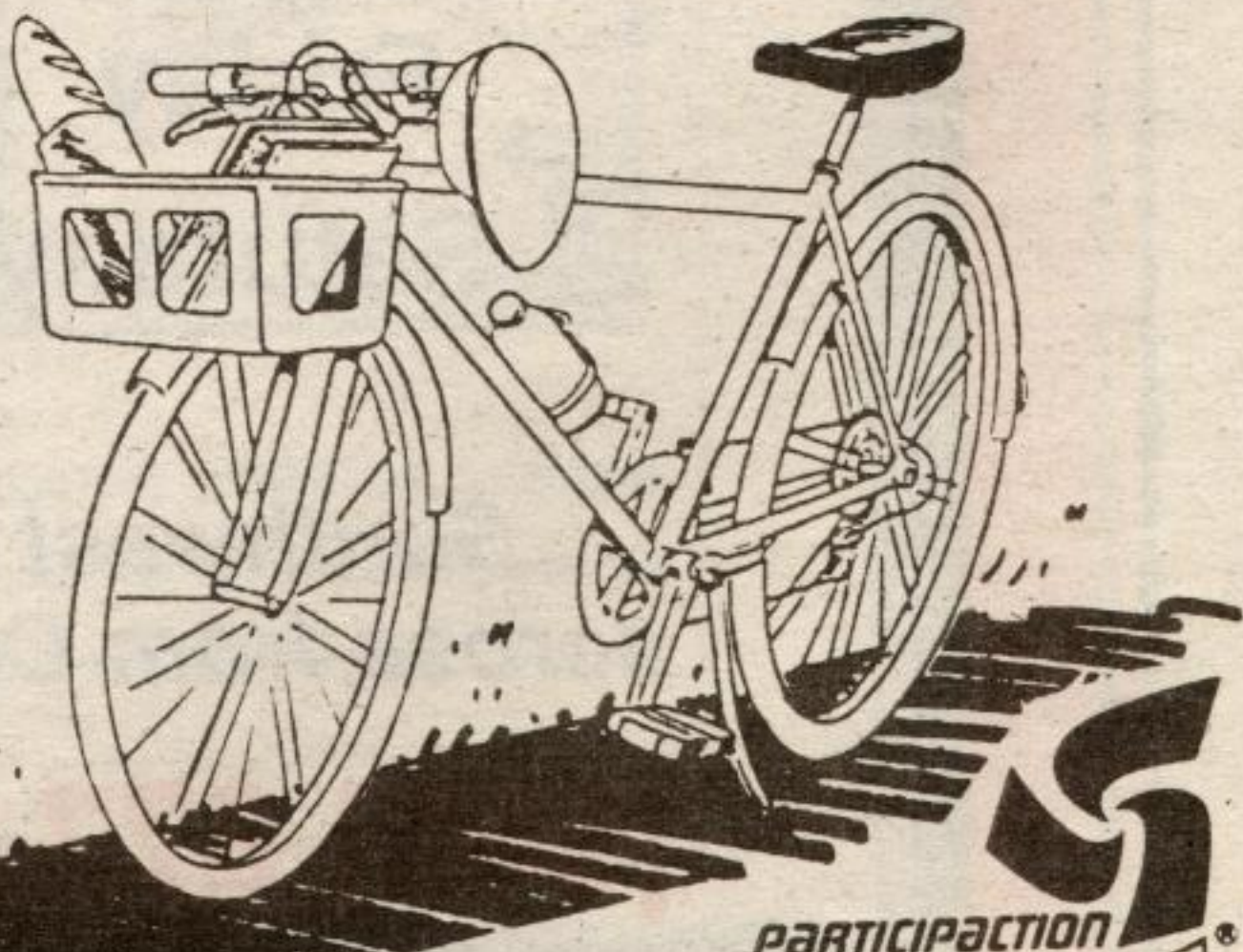
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