



**CREATIVE TYPES!** These McKenzie-Smith students finished in the top three of a recent nationwide Remembrance Day poster and poetry contest. Acton's contest was run by the Legion. From left: Paige Killick (second, black and white poster); Ben Elliott (first, B & W poster); Jenn Schultz (first, poetry); Becca Behling (third, colour poster); Rachel Chattillon (third, B & W poster); Tara Kirk (third, poetry); Chris Inns (second, poetry); and Andrea Adams (second, colour poster). Missing was Chris Lee, who finished first in the colour poster division. (Doug Harrison photo)

## Sprowl named to quarry team

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The Acton Tanner

Acton's Mac Sprowl, frustrated by 25 years of problems he blames on blasting done at the Acton Quarry, has been named by the Province as one of two citizens to sit on a quarry committee.

Sprowl replaces Acton's Doris Mittwollen, who recently resigned

from the committee which was set up to deal with concerns and complaints at the United Aggregates (UAL) quarry, south of Acton.

Sprowl lives on Churchill Road South, about a half-mile from the quarry. He said he is unsure what he will be able to accomplish on the committee because, "to my knowledge UAL, or the previous

owner, have never admitted that blasting has caused any damage."

Since 1968 Sprowl has had to replace at least a dozen cracked and broken windows and do plaster work - damage he claims was caused by quarry blasting.

Sprowl said after complaining about the damage, the Province set up monitoring equipment at his home and measured a blast.

The monitoring indicated that the blasting was within acceptable limits and officials told him the cracked windows and plaster he experienced was caused by his house settling.

"I don't really buy this sophisticated testing stuff," Sprowl said.

"It's just a little bit unbelievable and frustrating, but maybe I can get some answers by working with this committee."



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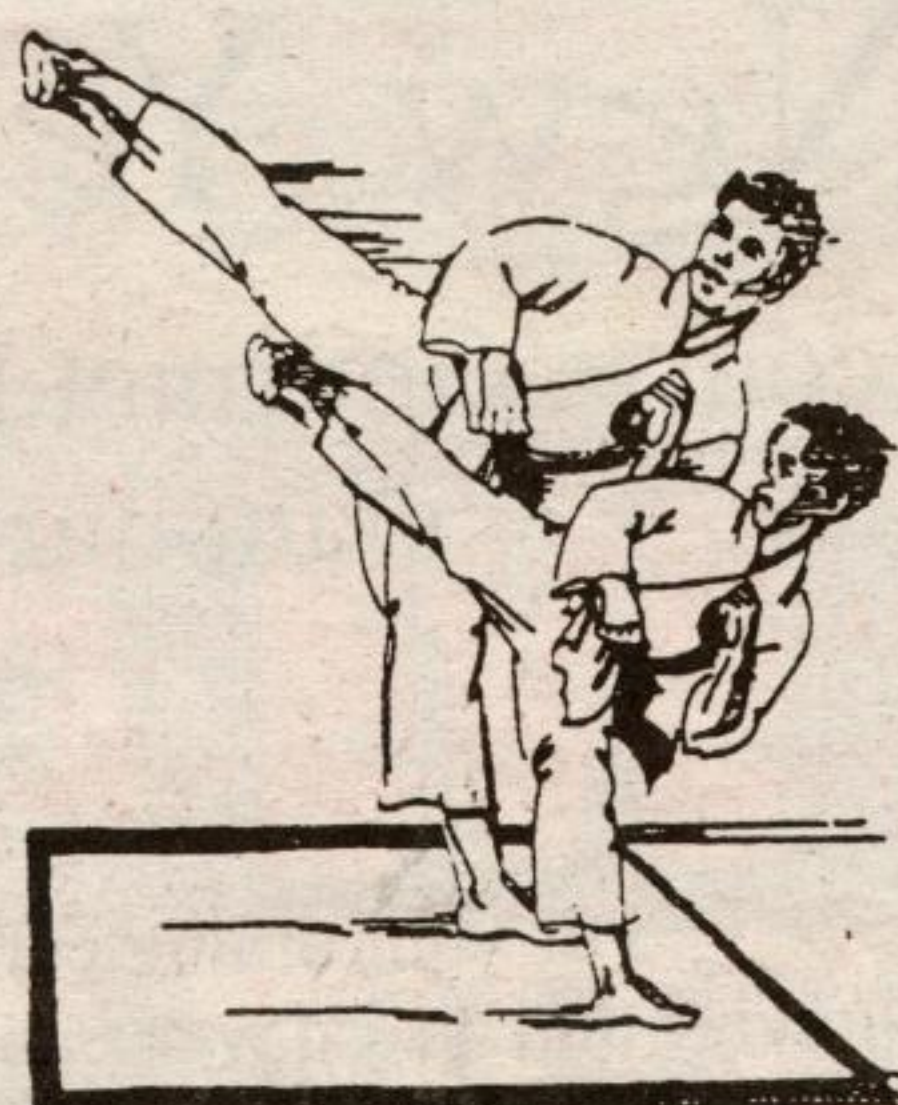
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## NEWS SHORTS

### Smoke Shoppe held up

Acton residents and shopkeepers are still shaking their heads following a 6 pm hold-up at Mill Street's Village Variety last Tuesday.

Police are looking for a white male in his late teens or early 20s after a man entered the store - known as "the Smoke Shoppe" to many - and forced a clerk to hand over an undetermined amount of cash. The man, who was wearing a toque on his head and a scarf wrapped around his face, punched the clerk in the mouth before dragging her over to open the cash register. The employee suffered a cut upper lip as a result of the punch.

No weapons were used and the thief fled on foot after the robbery.

Halton Police are investigating the crime.

### Industrial break-in

A thief made off with a General Electric telephone answering machine after an after-hours break-in at Jet Industrial on Commerce Crescent last week.

The break-in occurred sometime between 2:30 pm on Dec. 4 and 6:30 am on Dec. 5. Entry was gained by forcing open the front door of the industrial company.

The answering machine is valued at \$200.

### Mischief, theft charges laid

A Churchill Road man has been charged after he reported to police that his 1984 Pontiac was stolen from in front of a Kingham Road home in early November.

Upon further investigation Halton Police learned that the 19-year-old man's car was not stolen. Further, police say that the man had unlawfully taken licence plates from another car, a 1994 Pontiac that had been parked on Agnes Street, near John.

The man has been charged with public mischief and theft under \$1,000.

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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"This (skate-sharpening) service has to be offered to the hockey players and pleasure skaters in Acton."

— Steve Prentice, AMHA exec and letter-writer, Page 4

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