

# Awards night a big hit! Historical Society 'preserves, shares history' of Acton area

## LEGION NEWS

BY JOYCE BUCHANAN  
P.R.O. Branch 197

Weekly bridge had four tables on Wednesday. Congratulations to winners Mabel Barkman, Pauline Symon and Yvonne Hamilton.

Euchre had 18½ tables on Thursday. First place winner was Warren Schenk, second place was A. MacDonald, third place was Elmer Ferrier and fourth place went to Bev Ellis. Hidden score was Dorothy Presniak.

Saturday meat draw early birds

were Gary Munday and Corinne Osprey. Regular draw winners were Rupe Harmer, Ed Morgan, Ed Molody, Tony Rouse, John Toebe, Eva Cutting, Debbie Lindsay, Bill Titus, Annamarie Lowin, Corinne Osprey, Grant Allan and Harold Badham. Big winner was John Ramsbottom.

We had some dart players competing in Erin over the weekend in the Alf Oates Tournament.

Have you registered for horse-shoes yet? They hope to get started by the first of May. It is open to everyone and the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

The cribbage league has a dance on April 29 from 9 pm to 1 am. At only \$5 per couple, and with the Peel Police Band to keep you on the dance floor, it should be fun.

Mark April 8 on your calendar. That is the date for our next ham roll, beginning at 1 pm. You could win an Easter dinner. We are also expecting a bus tour that afternoon, so come on down and help welcome them to our Branch.

Once again, I sadly report the passing of not one, but three of our members. Comrades Sonny Rognavoldson, Reg Campbell and Keith Livermore all passed away last week, Keith while in Florida. Our sympathies to their families.

The Anniversary and Awards event on Sunday was successful, with over 200 in attendance. There were only a few who were not able to pick up their awards. I will have a listing for you next week.

To all who helped, the executive is very grateful. Thanks again. See you at the Branch!

BY DOUG HARRISON  
The Acton Tanner

Have you ever wondered where you could find historical pictures and papers dating back to the 1820s? Ever wondered who came up with street names of new subdivisions in town?

A typical meeting of the Esquesing Historical Society might give you the answers.

The Historical Society has met on the second Wednesday of every month for the better part of 19 years, since they formed in 1975.

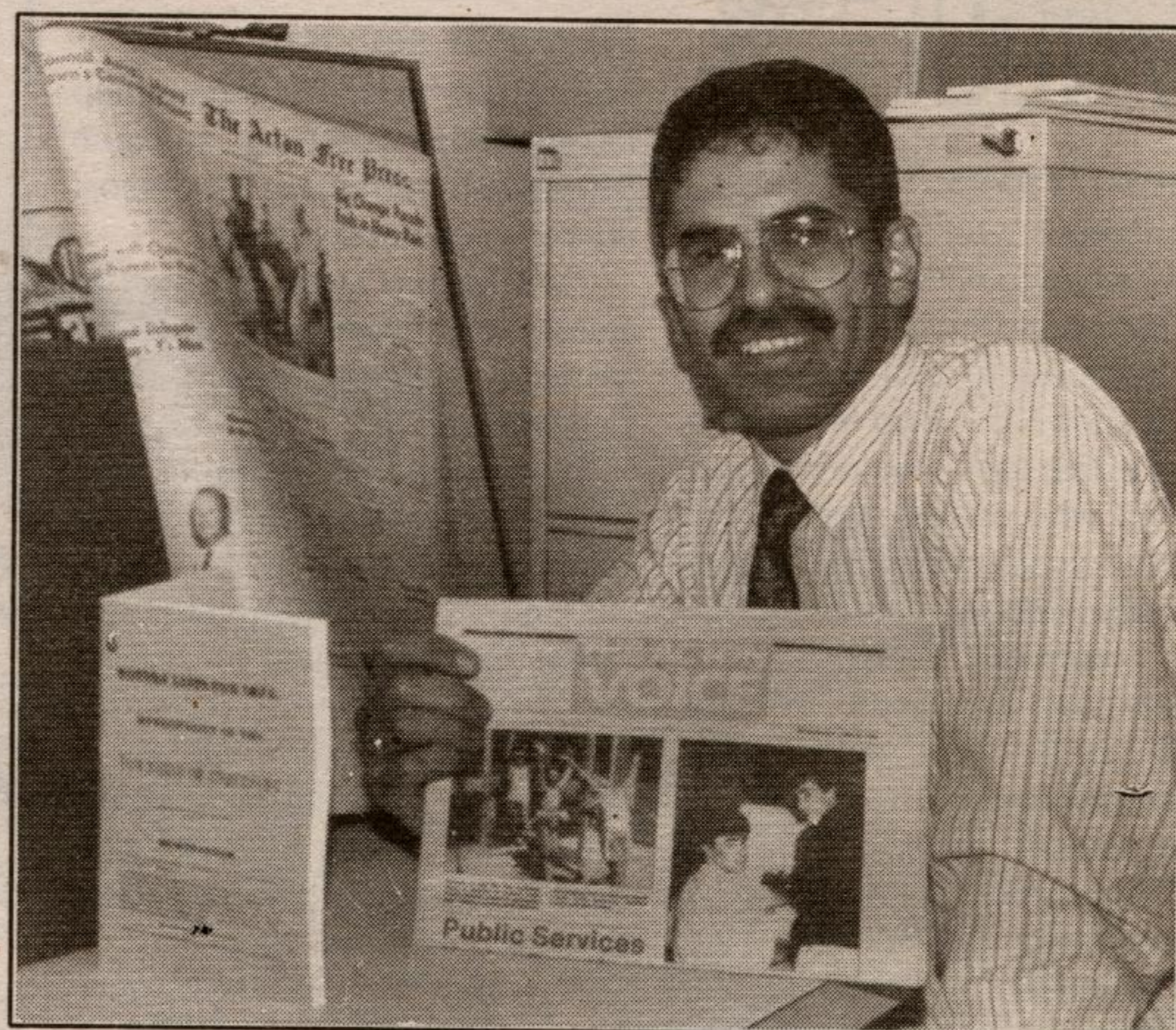
At that time, with the introduction of Regional government, there were many mislaid local records that the Town thought weren't important. But the Society thought otherwise, according to archivist Mark Rowe.

"We're here to preserve history and share it, because a lot of paper documents get thrown out," says Rowe, who adds the local Historical Society — which falls under the Ontario Historical Society umbrella — has a paid membership of 100, about 20 of whom reside in Acton.

"Everyone is interested in history. It's neat to have a collection and to find out things you don't know."

The Society had three meetings in Acton last year to discuss Speyside, Crewson's Corners, the Tannery and historical names.

"Our best meetings are ones related to local history," Rowe, 38, says. "We also have general



**FIRST EDITION!** Historical Society archivist Mark Rowe shows the first edition of *The Acton Voice*, which was operated by Tanner publisher Paul Nolan in the mid-'80s.

topics such as radial railways.

Rowe, a Grade 6 and 7 teacher at St. Francis Assisi Separate School in Georgetown and a history buff, became interested in the Historical Society in 1982 after writing a book about the history of Boy Scouting in Acton.

He's in charge of keeping the archive material in the Georgetown Library. The collection includes a photograph collection of 10,000, saved from the garbage, courtesy of the *Halton Hills Herald*.

"Some people join for history's sake and others for personal rea-

sons," Rowe states.

In addition to their historical focus, the Society has the privilege of suggesting street names for new subdivisions in Halton Hills. However, Town Council has final approval.

"We don't want our streets to be like Brampton with cutesy names," contends Rowe. "We want them to reflect the history of the community."

Anyone interested in joining the Society can write to P.O. Box 50, Georgetown, L7G 4T1. A one-year membership is just \$8.

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Most mineral salts originate from the fertilizer fed to the houseplants, but they can also arise from tap water. Fertilizer given to plants may not always be completely used by the plant and over time they build up in the soil. Therefore, the more you fertilize a plant, or leave it in the same pot of soil, the greater the accumulation of salts. Obviously, a plant with visible symptoms of salt accumulation should not be fertilized. This would only make the situation worse.

At the first sign of salt build-up the soil should be leached out. Salts are soluble and can therefore be leached out of the soil. Slowly running water through the soil for an extended period of time would accomplish this. However, in severe cases leaching the soil will be of no value. The soil will have to be replaced with fresh soil.

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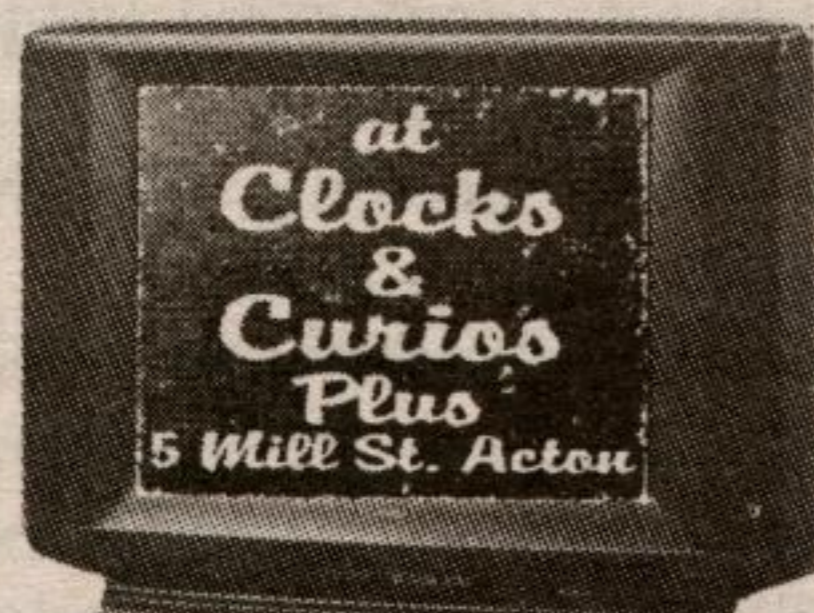
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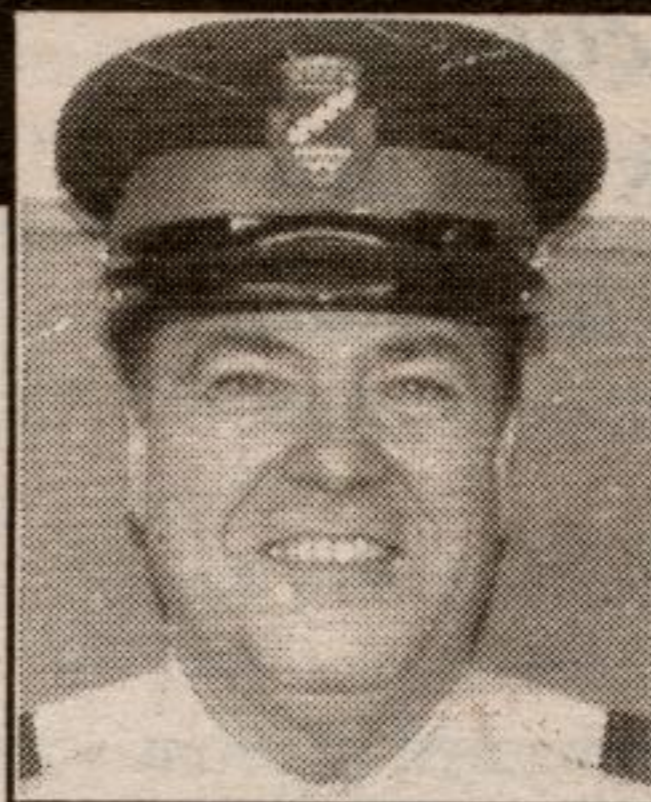
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