

Golf club to sue Counc. Heaton

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Acton Tanner

Rural Councillor Rob Heaton has not responded to a request for an apology and retraction and so will be sued under the Libel and Slander Act by the owners of Acton's Blue Springs Golf Club.

In a notice served on Heaton on

June 2, a lawyer acting for Blue Springs warned Heaton if he did not issue a "clear and unequivocal apology and retraction" within 10 days of being served with the notice, a statement of claim naming him as defendant would be filed.

Heaton riled Blue Springs owner Don Dawkins during a May

8 Council meeting when he said: "It's also come to my attention that there's some Town letterhead bouncing around out there in the public domain, with three councillors and the former mayor's signature concerning this property (Blue Springs), and I'm not sure if that's going to cause some problems for these councillors to be voting or discussing this property in the future. So, maybe we should get some legal interpretation about that as well."

Blue Springs presently has an application before the Town for three club houses with 120 overnight accommodation units at the golf course.

In the letter to Heaton, Blue Springs' lawyer V. William Andreou said there were untrue, disparaging and defamatory imputations in Heaton's comments, which were directed at his clients and reflected on their personal, business and professional reputations. He claims they amount to a very serious libel.

Although the deadline for a response from Heaton passed almost two weeks ago, Don Dawkins said on Monday that they had not yet commenced any action.

"We wanted simply to give every opportunity for Heaton to do what he could to avoid us proceeding with the case," Dawkins explained.

"The cut-off point has long passed and it's simply a matter of fitting it in with other priorities for both our attorney and ourselves."

Heaton did not return two telephone messages from *The Tanner* to discuss the matter. When questioned on Monday, he would only say, "I have been told not to talk to you."



GOING ONCE ... Auctioneer Nora Savage takes bids on a clock held by Miriam Savage at Acton Co-op Nursery School's closing auction on Saturday at the M.Z. Bennett gym. (Eve Martin photo)

Father's Day Special
15% off all Dish Gardens

Huge Selection
of
Fresh Flowers



75 Mill Street East • Acton
(519) 853-5534 • 1-800-635-7460
Open Sundays

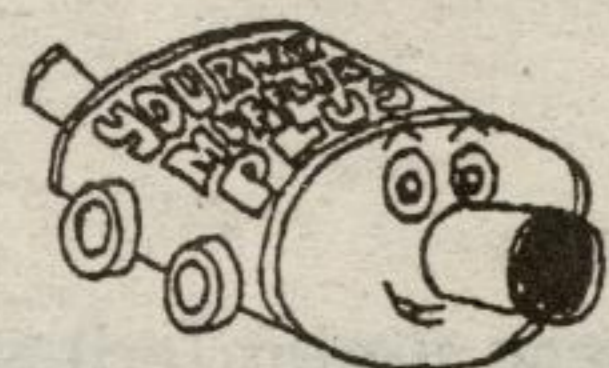
Located beside Al & Al's Red Brand Meats

Everyday Special
Carnations \$7.99 a dozen



Open: Tues.-Thurs. 9:30-6 / Fri. 9:30-7
Sat. 9:30-5:30 / Sun. 10-2 / Closed: Mondays

We're Acton's Only
Exhaust Specialists!



- Custom Pipe Bending
- Licensed Safety Inspection

YOURWAY MUFFLER PLUS
17 Agnes St., Acton • 853-0900



Steven Smelt
Rockwood, Ont. N0B 2K0
(519) 856-2450

Win financial freedom!



REGAL
CAPITAL
GROUP

Branch Address:
153 Union St. East
Waterloo, Ont. N2J 1C4

Costume
Rentals

Halloween &
Special Events



Over 3,000
Costumes!

Open Saturdays, 8am to 4pm
And Other Times by Appt.

SUIT YOURSELF
856-4550

NEWS SHORTS

Rash of petty thefts

A number of petty thefts over the past week have victims frustrated and police searching for the culprits.

Last Wednesday at 3 pm, someone stole a handicapped parking permit from a vehicle parked in the IGA lot.

A Tidey Avenue resident reported the theft of a mailbox sometime between midnight and 7 am Saturday. The mailbox was decorated with hand-painted horses and is valued at \$100.

Tools worth \$700 were taken from the shed of a McDonald Boulevard home some time over the weekend.

And the gas cap and licence plate of a 1985 Audi, parked on Division Street overnight Sunday, were stolen. Value is \$50.

Crimestoppers asks for help

Investigators in Acton have asked Crime Stoppers solve the theft of a motorcycle that occurred last October.

On Oct. 28 of last year, two men in a white cube van pulled into the parking lot of a Maria Street apartment building. The suspects loaded a brand-new motorcycle that was parked there into their truck and drove off.

Stolen was a 1994 Harley Davidson Electra Glide Classic that was valued at \$21,000.

One culprit was described as male, white, with a heavy build and long dark hair. The second suspect was also a white male.

Phone Crime Stoppers at 1-800-668-5151 if you have any information about this crime; you could be eligible for a cash reward and you need not give your name.

Kids start fire

Firefighters put out a small fire that started along an old fence at the "frog pond" behind Poplar Avenue on Friday night at approximately 9:48.

The fire department believes the fire was started by youths who had been playing in the area.

Firefighters ready to help

Firefighters were called to a possible rescue at a motor vehicle accident on the Third Line north of Hwy. 7 on Saturday night.

By the time they arrived, at 8:15 pm, the occupant of the car was already out of the car, with the help of a passerby.

A similar situation occurred on Monday at 5:24 pm, at the Fourth Line and 5 Sideroad in Erin Township.

Acton firefighters were again called to rescue an accident victim trapped in his vehicle, but by the time they arrived on the scene, the occupant was already removed and on his way to hospital by ambulance.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Acton's a fine little town with great people. I'm proud for Acton, not for me."

— Joan Waldie, provincial award-winner, Page 7

DID YOU KNOW?

Take note: Mosquitoes prefer blue over all other colours. Ouch!

Knights of
Columbus

are sponsoring a

Giant Community
Garage &
Warehouse Sale

Saturday, June 17th
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
59 Willow Street North

at the old Free Press/Baxter Labs Building

Food, fun & good stuff at low prices!

Trout Fishing Pond
for the kids at Users Rent All!