

# GRAPE VINE

## Waldie is honoured

Acton's Joan Waldie is one of 20 Ontario seniors to be honoured with a lieutenant governor's award in recognition of community work.

"It was a great shock," Joan told *The Tanner* on Thursday. "I didn't know there was such an award, but I am aware of Acton's needs. Acton's a fine little town with great people. I'm proud for Acton, not for me."

Waldie, who begins a vacation this week in Scotland, will miss the reception at Queen's Park in Toronto next Tuesday.

For many years, Joan has been an integral part of Acton Food-Share, including time as co-ordinator. She also worked with the Horticultural Society and helped to establish a community garden in Acton.

## Peddle close to mark

Shana Peddle, the first Acton Ambassador named at last year's Fall Fair, is confident she'll secure the remaining \$100 needed to participate in August's Miss Teen Toronto Pageant.

The 16-year-old Acton High student recently sent letters to 100 Acton businesses and said on Monday that \$400 had been raised from two family businesses and four others, including Acton IGA, TimBri Teahouse, the Rotary Club and A Touch of Class.

"Money is always a problem,"

she said, "but it's nice when local businesses can help someone out."

## Flower beds are filled!

On Saturday, Max MacSween put the finishing touches on the flower bed in front of Ed's In 'N' Out variety store to complete the Acton Horticultural Society's work in the downtown area.

Most flower beds were planted last week, while the hanging baskets were installed on the weekend, said Max, Society president.

Those involved in the planting included Phyllis Patrick, Joyce Pickles, Steve and Nina Palichuk, Christine Czuchnicki, Doreen Boyle, Korin Borzic, Madge Turner, Olga Thompson and Trina Virgin.

Also, the Society will run a garden tour this Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm at various members' home gardens. The cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members. Call Max at 853-0001 for details.

## Score one for M-S

McKenzie-Smith sports teams hope to shoot the lights out come September, and they'll have a new state-of-the-art \$3,300 scoreboard to keep track of their efforts.

The new 8' x 4' board will accommodate all sports, including a 24-second basketball shot clock, says phys-ed head Dave Walker, who recently went door-to-door to Acton businesses soliciting donations.

A wall plaque below the scoreboard at the north end of the gym will list the contributing local businesses. They include Acton IGA, Tim Hortons, Acton's Drechsel family, Dan Dolliver Land Surveyor, Subway, Andy's Restaurant, Remax and *The Tanner*.



**OPENING SOON!** These Acton Seniors Centre committee members gathered last Wednesday to show off their new home at the arena. The official grand opening is slated for this Saturday. From left: Councillor Gerald Rennie, Eileen Dix, centre co-ordinator Adriana Lawless, Pat Giguere, Barb Crawford, Henry Kroes, Al Crawford and Councillor Rick Bonnette. The grand opening runs from 2 pm to 4 pm with the ceremony at 2:30. (Doug Harrison photo)

# Zipiddy dooh dah, zipiddy yea!

Remember the Centennial song? "Give me a place to stand, and a place to grow." Well, now we call that place *On-Tory-oh!*

I know it's considered bad form to gloat, but I'm not as bad as one Actonite who, around 9 on Thursday night, put a homemade sign on his lawn. On one side it said, *Oh Happy Days!* and on the other, *The Wicked Witch is Dead.* I wish I had thought of that.

I watched the election results on the big screen at the Station Hotel, with a diverse group of people. Brad, the trucker, came up with the best line of the night. When a majority Harris government was forecast, he declared, "We've finally turned Gorky Park back into Queen's Park."

The whining and forecasts of gloom and doom by the defeated left-wing types achieved new lows in broadcast journalism. Isn't it amazing that the Harris win, with 45 per cent of the vote, was immediately countered by pointing out that 55 per cent voted against him.

When the Rae gang fluked to power with 30-something per cent, it was proclaimed as "a victory for the people." Well, the people have spoken loud and clear on what they think of Rae's "victory" in 1990. They weren't about to shoot themselves in the foot again.

Here are some random observations from our eclectic group:

*We were somewhat concerned about the size of the majority.* A working majority would have been OK, but we hope the level-headed Conservatives will work hard to ensure the party doesn't fall into the trap of believing they know best and can do no wrong.

*We were all surprised at the local results.* We thought Chudleigh would win, but not by a 3-to-1 advantage over Liberal Walt Elliot. Chudleigh took over 60 per cent of the vote. Congratulations to Ted and his campaign staff.

*I didn't think the NDP would get 17 seats.* I couldn't believe Shelley Martel won in Sudbury, although her margin shrank from over 10,000 votes last election to around 1,000. Same with Marion Boyd (whose office approved the Karla Homolka deal) in London. I thought those two would be toast.

## The Way I See It

With Mike O'Leary



*I thought Alex McKee of the Family Coalition Party would have done better.* I think he may have fallen victim to the advertising blitz of the last 10 days, which obviously drove a lot of voters into the Conservative camp.

There was a humorous moment on the CBC when they mistakenly declared the FCP had won in St. Catharines. I thought Stephen Lewis was going to go apoplectic. "How could they do that?" he asked incredulously. Funny — a lot of us were asking that same question five years ago.

If there is one lesson I hope all politicians take from this election, it's this: attack ads don't work. Didn't work in the last federal election and didn't work in this one. We don't respond well to American-style hysteria. It goes against the basic Canadian psyche and sense of fair play.

If Canadians were graded, one comment on our report card would be, "Plays well with others." We don't believe in the Bogeyman and we react poorly to those who try to convince us he exists.

Now, Banshees are a different matter, as any Irish grandmother will attest to. But that's a story for another day.

There is no secret to success in politics these days. You must listen to the people, declare your intentions, and stay the course. Simply, that's what the Tories did.

Bob Rae started out promising us he wouldn't make any promises. Question: Does that mean if

he was re-elected (shudder) and he did *anything*, he would be breaking his promise? He ended up promising us Armageddon.

Rightly or wrongly, the Liberals were perceived as not having enough substance. We're not buying the "definite maybe" approach any more. Our favourite colour isn't plaid.

Plain fact and plain truth — that's what we're looking for. It remains to be seen if that's what we got. If not, we'll try again in four years or so, with new players. It's our game, you know. Politics belongs to the people.

Ya' gotta love Harris's first day. Photo-Raedar and employment (in)equity are on the block. Hey Ted, maybe you should get Al Paladini to sell the Raedar vans to Alberta. 'Cause any Paladini who gets photo-Raedar out of my province, is a pal of mine!"

We should all congratulate everyone who ran for office. It takes a lot of courage to hang your views out there for everyone to take a shot at. I thank every candidate for their participation.

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Keep Saturday morning free. The Acton Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a gigantic garage and warehouse sale.

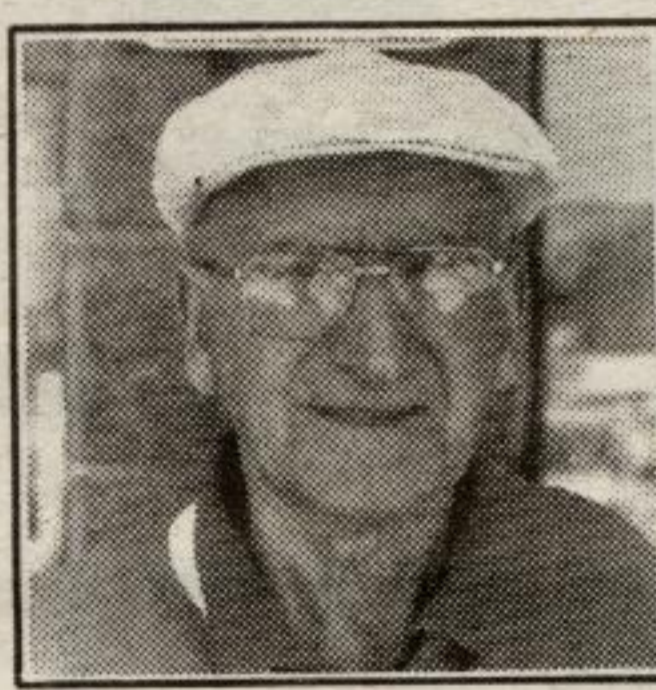
Great new gift items (at less than wholesale prices) plus a ton of one-owner, low mileage, household goods. (Darn — no Raedar vans.) Proceeds go to K. of C. charities, one of which is the Arthritis Society.

We'll be at the old Free Press building at 59 Willow St. N. Hours are 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. My neighbours in the building are also planning some activities.

Coffee, pop and barbecued sausages will be available. Hope to see you there!

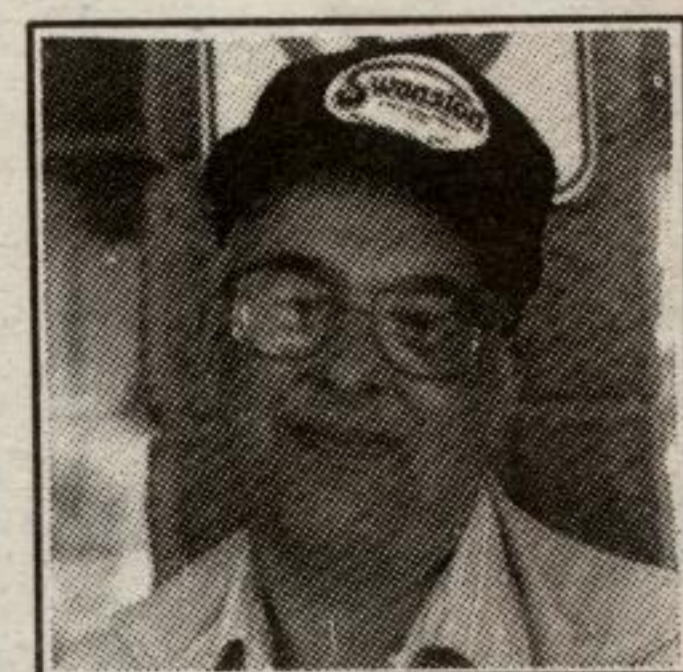
# HEY!

*Are you excited about Ontario's new government?*



"The Tories can't be any worse than the other parties. We'll see if Mike Harris keeps his promises. I think people are disillusioned with politics now, because they've been deceived so often. It was time for a change."  
**Jim Pope, Main Street**

"Yes! Anything's better than the NDP. Mike Harris is intelligent and means business. I think welfare recipients should work for their money and I think one should get a job on merit, not because they're a minority."  
**April McNamara, Greenore Crescent**



"Yes. I think the Tories know how to work with small business. Mike Harris will be a strong leader. It was hard to choose between (local Tory) Ted Chudleigh and Walt Elliot. But Chudleigh showed he could start from the bottom of business and be successful."  
**John DeBlauw, Campbellville**

"Sure. Nothing could be as bad as the NDP. If Mike Harris does what he says, it will be good for Ontario. I think all able-bodied people should work. You can't get free money today."  
**Diana Gunn, Guelph Street**



## Same time last year ...

Midland's Terry Condon shot a 75 to take the low gross title at the Murr Memorial golf tourney at Blue Springs ... M.Z. Bennett's Alex Adwan took second place in a national competition which saw students make toys with recycled materials ... Steve Turkosz and Amanda Bonnell were named top athletes at Acton High.