



YOU'RE GETTING WARM! Acton Librarian Marie Vickery assists young Emma Feather, 2, play pin-the-nose-on-the-clown during the *Tales for 2s* program on Friday at the Acton Library. The six-week session on Fridays is full, but another program in January is promised. (Doug Harrison photo)

Hood returns to 'referee roots'

BY DOUG HARRISON
The Acton Tanner

For 21 years, retired National Hockey League referee Bruce Hood travelled so many miles through many big-league cities.

But the 59-year-old Oakville resident always held a soft spot for small towns, especially Acton.

Here, in the late 1950s, Hood was groomed for his officiating career, overseeing Junior Farmer Hockey League games at the Acton Community Centre.

Off the ice some 10 years later, Hood ran a drive-in restaurant on Hwy. 7. And his brother, Murray, ran the old Acton Billiards pool hall where Remax now sits, at the corner of Mill and Main streets.

"Acton was the first town I came to, when as teenagers, you went visiting other towns," reflected Hood in a recent interview. "I like the small town. There's more enthusiasm than in the big city."

Years ago, Hood also played intermediate hockey and refereed lacrosse in Acton. He even recalled his hitch-hiking trips after games here, particularly his first ride on the back of a motorcycle.

"What a feeling," remembered Hood.

And now he's back, this time in an off-ice role after purchasing Acton Travel from Robert Warrington this past summer.

"I see potential here," said the owner of Bruce Hood Acton Travel. "People will support the business because we support the community. We're very creative and like to make things happen."

In his short time here, Hood, who also owns Bruce Hood Milton Travel and another agency in Oakville, has already involved himself in local charity golf tournaments, along with Rotary Club and Seniors' Centre happenings.

Hood would like to develop the Acton business to make it "all things to all people."

"When the area expands, we'll be here ahead of time to expand

with it," he said, adding the Mill Street office has been refurbished, including ceiling work, carpeting, painting and a sports wall based on Hood's officiating career (highlighted with a framed picture of his calling of Bobby Orr's overtime winning goal against St. Louis in the 1969-70 Stanley Cup final).

A native of Freelon, Hood's objective is to give quality service to Actonites. He's carrying out that commitment by acquiring the most up-to-date equipment in the travel business and recently sent the retained staff of Acton Travel to a training session in Toronto.

The agency prides itself on lining up corporate business travel, along with group packages (a trip to Montreal to see the Canadiens is a favourite). They are known as "the vacation, cruise and business travel specialists," said Hood.

Chudleigh appointed

Ted Chudleigh, MPP for Halton-North, was named yesterday (Tuesday) to both the Finance and Economic Affairs and the Resources Development committees for the provincial government.

Chudleigh commented that "I am very pleased and honoured to have been chosen to serve on these committees."

"The finance assignment is one that I look forward to, as I assist the government in delivering a prosperous future for all Ontarians."

Chudleigh added, "My position on the Resources committee will allow me to apply my years of experience in the agriculture and food industry."



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Ceremony attracts 140

LEGION LADIES

BY OLIVE ELLERBY

The October meeting of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary brought out 22 members.

After the opening ceremonies, president Eva Cutting thanked Lucy Synott and her committee for their superb job of arranging our 50th Anniversary celebrations.

The evening was attended by 140 members and guests. Kent Tocher serenaded us during the cocktail hour and supplied background music during dinner.

Zone Commander Ethel Eastwood and assistant Muriel Peck presented trillium pins to 15 past presidents. Later, we were entertained by the hilarious trio, The Paul Brothers and Shirley.

Continuing on, with the meet-

ing, Pat Peterson, our new sports officer, informed us that Team "B" bowling won their first outing and now go on to play in Brantford on Nov. 18. Good luck girls!

Lots of social activities coming up this fall. Give Pat a call if you are interested in participating.

A social euchre is scheduled for Oct. 21 here in Acton. Baking is needed for the occasion.

Bev Boisvenue presented four applications for membership. These ladies will be initiated at our November meeting.

The Sunnybrook vets will be our guests Sunday afternoon. Come out and make them feel welcome. Help is needed in the lounge and later serving dinner.

Be sure to mark Nov. 5 on your calendars. Remembrance Day services are early this year.

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