



REMEMBER... the old red brick factory which existed on what is now a parking lot bordered by Mill, Church, Eastern and Fellows Streets? When this photo was taken more than 60 years ago in 1935, it was the home of Hewetson Shoes Limited. It later became Force Electric when when Hewetson Shoes consolidated their operation in Brampton. Recognize any of the employees? Here's some of the names - you supply the rest. In front row: Ruth and Elzeena Gibson, Fred McCleary, Mona Smith, Alice Coles. Middle row: Lloyd Masales, Thos Gibbons, "Tinny" Masales, Bob O'Hara, Lawrence Leatham. Back row: Vic Elliott, Fred Coles, Tom Elliott. Quite a few are still around.

# GRAPE VINE

Marjorie regularly appears on the television shows "Canadian Gardening" and "The Guerrilla Gardener," and was host of the "Let's Get Growing" program for eight years. Her topic will be container gardening including window boxes and hanging and balcony baskets.

Everyone is welcome to the meeting, to be held next Tuesday (April 16) at 7:30 pm at Knox Presbyterian Church.

## Photos wanted!

The Acton Tanner would like to make Page 7 the place to show readers your vintage photos.

We're looking for photographs of people and places in Acton and the surrounding area which will bring back many memories to people when they see them.

You can drop off your photos at our office at 12 Church St. E. during business hours Monday to Friday. Please include any information such as names of the people in your photos, where it was taken and when it was taken. Make sure your name and phone number are also included so we can contact you to pick up your photos once we've used them.

## Container gardening

Renowned horticulturist Marjorie Mason Hogue will be speaking at the next meeting of the Acton Horticultural Society.

## Library winners

The Rivers family of Acton are the winners of the Family Scavenger Hunt run by the Acton Public Library over the March Break.

Andy's Family Dining and Pizzeria donated a pizza meal for Christopher, Ali, Jackie, Tommy and their parents Gerry and Sue Rivers.

Part of the scavenger hunt asked for 100 of any one item. The library was also trying to collect 100 food items through the month of March to be donated to Acton FoodShare.

The Rivers family solved both problems by bringing in 100 packages of instant oatmeal, which made the total of food items collected at the library to 156.

Winners of the Create-A-Story contest were Lynn Watson, Stephanie van Dinther and Beth Clayton.

# Money talks - the rest walk

So now we know who, in the public service, makes over \$100,000. And the purpose of this exercise would be? I found very few surprises as I went over the list.

I was initially astounded at the number of people in the "\$100,000 Club" who worked for Ontario Hydro. But when you stop to consider the number of engineers, nuclear physicists and the like who work there, the numbers seem to make sense. Hydro has to compete for the best people. I don't know about you but I wouldn't want someone making \$15.75 an hour designing nuclear reactors.

There was a big fooforah made out of the head guy at Sick Kid's making over \$500,000. C'mon folks, Sick Children's Hospital is a world-renowned institution. They raise a fantastic amount of money not only to treat children, but to conduct research, teach, develop new surgical procedures and so on. I have had a child in Sick Kid's and my niece is in there now. I think everyone in the place should be the highest paid in their profession. You get what you pay for. When it comes to children, is money ever an issue?

When your plane is on final approach to Pearson Airport in the middle of a thunderstorm with vicious crosswinds, do you say to yourself, "I wonder how much that pilot makes?" Of course not. You want the best, most expensive pilot in the world. In these days of cutbacks and tough times, shouldn't Sick Kid's have the best pilots available? 'Nuff said.

If anything, I was surprised at the small number of "hundred-granders" in the Halton public and separate school boards. Both administrators were in - that's to be expected. The public board had three superintendents in "The Club" while the Catholic board had none. I was surprised that there were no high school principals on the list.

When you consider the size of the public service, I didn't think the numbers of "hundred-granders" was out of line. A few seemed peculiar, but overall, as Shakespeare wrote, it was "much ado about nothing."

I was more upset about Centennial College's staff getting three paid days off because they were incon-

## The Way I See It

With Mike O'Leary



veniented by construction delays when going home. Now *that* was stupid and wasteful spending!

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Chances are, dear reader, that Chief Justice Roy McMurtry has declared you a racist. He has decreed that there is systemic racism across the province. Defense attorneys will now have the right to question jurors about racial bias. I assume that if you claim to have no bias, then they'll assume you are a liar as well.

It is unclear if a Caucasian defendant will be able to question a black juror regarding his racial bias. How about Indians, Chinese, Irish, Natives, Jews, French, homosexuals, left-handed people...? The list goes on and on. Is McMurtry saying that a black defendant can only get justice if they have an all-black jury? If so, should a white defendant have an all-white jury? Or does saying that make me a racist? What if we have a defendant, a black Ethiopian Jew for instance, and we can't find 12 others to serve on the jury?

Funny, I could have sworn we got rid of the NDP and their "race industry" agenda. Decisions like this only drive a wedge between people. I am flabbergasted this decision could come from Roy McMurtry. I thought we were all equal in this country. I'm confused, but somewhere Dudley Laws is smiling.

Also on the justice (?) front, Federal Solicitor-General Herb Gray officially gave a "heartfelt apology" to the inmates on Kingston's Prison

for Women (P.F.W.) for the now infamous "strip search" by the riot squad. Personally, I think Herb Gray is a senile old fart who should resign. He and Warren Allmand are most responsible for the intolerable state of our justice system today.

A system that deposits violent pedophiles within blocks of four Toronto schools. A system that will see the "devil" comfortably ensconced in a townhouse in the next few months. In Kitchener, yet.

Gray is also talking about cash payouts to inmates of P.F.W. who were involved in this incident. I trust the money will come out of his gold-plated pension because there will be hell to pay if it comes out of taxes. If Gray gets his way, the prisons will be intolerable places for guards and other workers. Inmates will create incidents to cash in on Gray's stupidity.

How are guards supposed to suppress a riot? Next time, maybe they should send Gray, Rock and Allmand in with an olive branch. I'm positive they'd be able to diffuse the situation with diplomacy and tact. And we'd be rid of them once and for all.

I've never heard the government apologize to the families of children murdered by repeat offenders. Not only do they *not* get any pay-offs for their losses, they are left to fight their own government for justice, out of their own pockets. The Liberal party's priority seems clear on this issue. The murderers come first; the murdered don't count.

MP Julian Reed should be ashamed of his government's inactivity in changing the justice system to protect the innocent.

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The good news was that the Easter Bunny made it to Acton this year. The bad news is that Santa drove him around. Will spring ever come?

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I am a community newspaper - in a great community. And I'm proud of it.



## Same time last year ...

Acton mother Susan Grierson is shocked to find syringes and needles for sale at Bargains Bazaar ... Volunteer fire fighters extinguish a fire at the old pumping station at the Beardmore tannery ... Students Kate Hendry, Jennifer Schultz, Ryan Telford and Brian Field are recognized for outstanding achievement.